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EDUCATION

Ph.D. **UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**
Doctorate, Political Science & International Affairs *Expected 2024*

M.S.W. **UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO (SUNY), SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**
Master's of Social Work *2013*
Thesis Title: *Housestaff Impressions: Resident physician reactions to potential unionization*

B.S. **CORNELL UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF INDUSTRIAL & LABOR RELATIONS**
Bachelor's of Science, Industrial & Labor Relations *2010*

AWARDS & HONORS

40 UNDER 40 - GEORGIA'S BEST AND BRIGHTEST (2020)
Georgia Trend Magazine

30 UNDER 30 - GEORGIA NONPROFIT LEADERS (2016)
Georgia Center for Non-Profits

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE (2013)
University at Buffalo (SUNY)

TERESE EUSANIO MEMORIAL AWARD (2013)
University at Buffalo (SUNY)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

HEALTHY MOTHERS, HEALTHY BABIES COALITION OF GEORGIA

Executive Director | April 2016 - August 2020

- Grew organizational revenue by 57% in four years.
- Increased active foundation partnerships from two to 14.
- Developed a management team of three to support a statewide team of 22.
- Formed strong operational and strategic partnerships with key organizations.
- Advanced our profile as a trusted convener and resource partner in the region.

HIGHLIGHT: *Restructured advocacy and research programs and provided training for staff and stakeholders to intentionally utilize racial justice & health equity lens.*

**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE
(CONTINUED)**

GEORGIA WATCH (ATLANTA, GA)

*Director of Community Education & Financial Protection |
August 2014 - April 2016*

- Secured first foundation funding for financial protection programs on behalf of the organization.
- Designed, implemented and managed educational programming.
- Implemented organizational policy and legislative agenda at the Georgia General Assembly.

HIGHLIGHT: *Led a project with the Attorney General's Office to conduct focus groups at Georgia military installations and to publish a Georgia Military Consumer Protection Guide.*

THE CARTER CENTER (ATLANTA, GA)

Program Associate | September 2013 - August 2014

- Coordinated the implementation of transparency and accountability projects relating to the advancement of women's access to government-held information in multiple developing countries (Global Access to Information Program).

Research Assistant | May - August 2013

- Created content and secured buy-in for culturally appropriate Crisis Intervention Training program in collaboration with Liberia National Police (Mental Health Program).

HIGHLIGHT: *Convened ministry officials and key stakeholders in Liberia to implement recommendations and provide gender sensitivity training to agency staff.*

LIFE CYCLES CENTER (BUFFALO, NY)

Program Coordinator | July 2011 - December 2012

- Maintained consistent educational programming around natural birth, family planning, as well as support groups.
- Managed doula certification program and related workshops for refugee women.

BUFFALO MIDWIFERY SERVICES (BUFFALO, NY)

Policy Coordinator | July 2011 - July 2012

- Promoted access to midwifery model care through outreach and education.
- Provided strategic recommendations for civic engagement of practicing midwives in affecting policy changes toward improving healthy birth outcomes.

**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE
(CONTINUED)**

COMMITTEE OF INTERNS AND RESIDENTS (NEW YORK, NY)

Organizer | July 2010 - July 2011

- Alleviated work-life tensions for resident physicians and improved patient care through collective bargaining.
- Collaborated with community organizations and leaders to promote policy change.
- Planned major events and internal training on organizing and labor education.

**INTERNSHIPS &
OTHER EXPERIENCE**

THE CARTER CENTER (ATLANTA, GA)

Graduate Research Assistant | January - May 2013

- Supported multiple research and programmatic efforts for the Liberia Mental Health Program, the Georgia Mental Health Policy Program & the Rosalyn Carter Mental Health in Journalism Fellowship.

PRIDE CENTER OF WESTERN NEW YORK (BUFFALO, NY)

Graduate Intern | 2011-2012

- Evaluated agency programs including external LGBTQ cultural competency training, support groups, and substance-abuse prevention.

OFFICE OF LABOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (ITHACA, NY)

Research Assistant | July 2009 - May 2010

- Conducted surveys with present and former union organizers regarding their campaign experiences between 1999 - 2003. Data was used in a comprehensive report on the current state of the Labor Movement at the request of the United State's Congress and Union Nationals.
- Digitized relevant documents to create a database of unfair labor practice charges for public research.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION (NEW DELHI, INDIA)

Research Assistant | February - June 2009

- First Cornell student to work as an intern for the ILO Sub-Regional field office in New Delhi.
- Prepared reports on the status of the girl child, government initiatives and ILO field-work pertaining to child labor.
- Updated statistics relevant to the progress of the UN Millennium Development Goals for the Southeast Asia region.

PUBLICATIONS
(FIRST AUTHOR)

Blasingame, E., Whitfield, M., Mack, A., & DiGirolamo, S. (2019, October), *What's Missing: An Evidence Informed Toolkit for Comprehensive Prenatal Education*, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia. Retrieved from <http://hmhbg.org/wp-content/uploads/FINAL-TOOLKIT.pdf>

Blasingame, E. (2016), *Errors, Fraud & Arbitrary Fees: A Secret Shopper Study of Paid Tax Preparation Services In Southwest Atlanta*, Georgia Watch. Retrieved from <https://www.georgiawatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Errors-Fraud-Arbitrary-Fees-Final-Formatted-Report.pdf>

Blasingame, E. & Neuman L. (2014, October 17), *Women and the Right of Access to Information in Liberia*, The Carter Center. Retrieved from <https://www.cartercenter.org/resources/pdfs/peace/ati/women-and-ati-10172014.pdf>

PUBLICATIONS
(SECOND AUTHOR)

Kohrt, B.A., Blasingame, E., Compton, M.T, Dakana, S.F., Dossen, B., Lang, F., Strode, P., and Cooper, J., (2015), *Adapting the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Model of Police-Mental Health Collaboration in a Low-Income, Post-Conflict Country: Curriculum Development in Liberia, West Africa*, American Journal of Public Health, 105, e73_e80, <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH/2014.302394>

Whitfield, M. & Blasingame, E., (2019, January), *An Evaluation of Current Prenatal Education Availability and Receptivity to Online Education in the State of Georgia*, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia. Retrieved from <http://hmhbg.org/wp-content/uploads/Master-Report.pdf>

PUBLICATIONS
(OTHER)

Hernandez, N.D., Dorsey, J., Glass, D.M., Pope, E., Worthy, N., Blasingame, E., Gooding, J., Braxton, P., Whitfield, M., Dotson, Y. (2019, November), *Community-Engaged Approaches to Address the Ethical Concerns of Maternal Mental Health Disparities Research*. Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved 30(5), 12-20. doi:10.1353/hpu.2019.0110.

State of the State of Maternal and Infant Health in Georgia (2016, September 27), Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia.

SELECTED GRANTS

United Health Foundation, Operational Funding, \$750,000 (2020)

Dobbs Foundation, Program and Research Funding, *Building Capacity of Prenatal Educators & Providers in Georgia*, \$75,000 (2019-2020)

Georgia Health Foundation, Research Funding, *Data to Action Project*, \$15,000 (2020)

Jesse Parker Williams Foundation, Research & Advocacy Funding, *Data to Impact Project*, \$30,000 (2019-2020)

United Way of Greater Atlanta, Program & Advocacy Funding, *Building Perinatal Support Professionals Project*, \$112,000 (2018-2019) & \$102,000 (2019-2020)

Fulton DeKalb Hospital Authority, Program Funding, *Maternal & Infant Health Summits*, \$40,600 (2019-2020)

Georgia Health Foundation, Research Funding, *An Evaluation of Current Prenatal Education Availability and Receptivity to Online Education in the State of Georgia*, \$10,000 (2017-2018)

Anthem Foundation, Program Funding, *Prenatal Education Access*, \$20,000 (2016-2017) & \$26,000 (2018-2019)

Healthcare Georgia Foundation, Program Funding, *Improving Access & Quality of Prenatal Education in Georgia*, \$50,000 (2016)

Annie E. Casey Foundation, Research Funding, *Errors, Fraud & Arbitrary Fees: A Secret Shopper Study of Paid Tax Preparation Services In Southwest Atlanta* \$25,000 (2016)

MEDIA (RADIO)

Scott R. (2020, January 6), *A Closer Look*, WABE News, Retrieved from <https://www.wabe.org/episode/closer-look-4/> (Radio)

Whitehead, S. (2019, March 7), *Who's On Medicaid In Georgia? It Might Not Be Who You Think*, WABE News. Retrieved from <https://www.wabe.org/whos-on-medicaid-in-georgia-it-might-not-be-who-you-think/> (Radio)

Burress, J. & Scott R. (2016, April 11), *A Closer Look*, WABE News, Retrieved from <https://www.wabe.org/episode/closer-look-temple-grandin-recruiting-teachers-and-more/> (Radio)

Chen, L. & Headlee C. (2016, April 15), *Widespread Lack Of Regulation In Atlanta's Paid Tax Prep Services*, *On Second Thought*, GPB News, Retrieved from <https://www.gpbnews.org/post/widespread-lack-regulation-atlantas-paid-tax-prep-services> (Radio)

Miller, A. (2020, June 27), [Considerable action on health bills puts cap on interrupted session](#), Georgia Health News. Retrived from www.georgiahealthnews.com

Miller, A. (2020, June 22), [Worrisome budget cuts ahead for the state's health programs](#), Georgia Health News. Retrived from www.georgiahealthnews.com

Bunch, R. (2020, March 11), [House OKs Medicaid extension for new moms](#), Valdosta Daily Times. Retrived from www.valdostadailytimes.com/

Hallerman, T. (2020, March 5), [Georgia GOP leaders embrace plan to reduce maternal deaths](#), *Atlanta Journal Constitution*. Retrived from www.ajc.com

Whitehead, S. (2020, January 8), [Ga. Lawmakers Release Recommendations To Reduce State's High Maternal Mortality Rate](#), WABE. Retrived from www.wabe.org

Nolin, J. (2020, January 7), [Lawmakers propose extended health care for new moms to stem deaths](#), *Georgia Recorder*. Retrived from georgiarecorder.com

Miller, A. (2019, November 14), [Georgia gets an 'F' grade in preventing preterm births](#), *Georgia Health News*. Retrived from www.georgiahealthnews.com

Nolin, J. (2019, September 17), [State budget cuts won't deter Morehouse maternal mortality study](#), *Georgia Recorder*. Retrieved from georgiarecorder.com

Miller, A. (2019, May 22), [Study: Medicaid Expansion Can Save Lives Of Infants, Moms](#), *Georgia Health News*. Retrieved from www.georgiahealthnews.com

Mitchell, K. (2019, March 7). [Survey points to education as key to healthier babies and mothers](#), *The Champion*. Retrieved from thechampionnewspaper.com

Miller, A. (2018, August 31), [New tax break urged to help health of working poor in Georgia](#), *Georgia Health News*. Retrived from www.georgiahealthnews.com

Miller, A. (2018, March 6), [Legislation would help guide patients on birthing hospitals](#), *Georgia Health News*. Retrived from www.georgiahealthnews.com

Miller, A. (2017, December 1), [Possible bright spot in Georgia's grim infant mortality picture](#), *Georgia Health News*, Retrived from www.georgiahealthnews.com

MEDIA
(PRINT & ONLINE)

Miller, A. (2017, October 16), [An alarming trend: Premature births go up in Georgia](#), *Georgia Health News*. Retrieved from www.georgiahealthnews.com

Miller, A. (2016, October 19), [State fares poorly again in infant, maternal health](#), *Georgia Health News*. retrieved from www.georgiahealthnews.com

Goldthrite, S. (2013), [A Commitment to Strength](#), *Mosaics, News from the University at Buffalo School of Social Work*. Retrieved from socialwork.buffalo.edu

**SELECTED
PRESENTATIONS**

Women Powered Prosperity

Georgia Budget & Policy Institute (Panelist)
Atlanta, GA - September, 2019

2019 Georgia Legislative Session Recap

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia
Webinar - March, 2019

The State Of Women: Annual Advocacy Breakfast

Junior League of Atlanta (Panelist)
Atlanta, GA - February, 2019

Leadership and Management in Social Work

Guest Lecture - SW8300, Georgia State University
Atlanta, GA - November, 2018

Unpacking the Affordable Care Act and its Impact in Georgia

State of the Public's Health Conference
University of Georgia
Athens, GA - October, 2015

Tax Implications and the Affordable Care Act

National Association of Social Workers GA Chapter Conference
Atlanta, GA - October, 2015

State Policy & Legislative Update - Consumer Financial Products

Georgia Consortium for Personal Finance Literacy Day at the
Capitol & Proclamation Ceremony
Atlanta, GA - January, 2015 & 2016

**LEADERSHIP
TRAINING**

Zell Miller Leadership Institute (2020)

LEAD Atlanta (2019)

Annie E. Casey Foundation, Child Health Policy Fellow (2018 - 2019)

New Leaders Council - Atlanta Chapter (2016)

**COMMUNITY
SERVICE**

**CITY OF ATLANTA COMMISSION ON WOMEN
ATLANTA, GA**

Post 3 at Large Appointee, Treasurer, 2017 - Current

**POSTPARTUM SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL -
GEORGIA CHAPTER**

Board of Directors, 2017 - Current

**ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION COMMUNITY ADVISORY
COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GA**

Board of Directors, 2015

**ADAIR PARK TODAY
ATLANTA, GA**

*Communications Chair (2015), Events Chair (2016) &
Volunteer (2015 - Current)
Parks Chair (2020 - Current)*

**CHARIS CIRCLE
ATLANTA, GA**

Board of Directors (2015)

**WATERMARGIN COOPERATIVE
ITHACA, NY**

Board of Directors (2011-2013)

**CORNELL WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER
ITHACA, NY**

Board of Directors (2007 - 2010)

**PROFESSIONAL
ADVISORY
ROLES**

**GEORGIA MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE
ACTION COMMITTEE (GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
HEALTH)**

2018 - 2019

**GEORGIA ORAL HEALTH COALITION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2018 - 2020**

**GEORGIA PERINATAL QUALITY COLLABORATIVE (GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH)**

2017- 2020