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Summary of Professional Characteristics

Dr. Scott has over twenty years of experience as a public health practitioner and academician, working with non-profit organizations at the local and national level, as well as governmental health agencies. She is a Certified Health Education Specialist and Certified Sexuality Educator and remains active in the American Public Health Association, the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality and The American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists. Dr. Scott has worked with a variety of organizations, primarily addressing the sexual health needs of adolescents, young adults, women and MSM populations. She received her Ph.D. in Health Studies/Community Health from Texas Woman's University in 2004. She received both her MPH and BS from Indiana University. Her research interests are focused on sexuality and reproductive health specific to adolescents and women.

EDUCATION

Sexual Health Certificate	University of Michigan, 2019 Sexuality Counseling and Sexuality Education
Doctor of Philosophy	Texas Woman's University, 2004 Health Studies Area of Concentration: Community Health
Master of Public Health	Indiana University, 1997 Community Health Bloomington, Indiana
Bachelor of Science	Indiana University, 1995 Applied Health Science Bloomington, Indiana

CERTIFICATION

Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES®)
Certified Sexuality Educator (AASECT)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Adolescent Health Behaviors
Women's Health and Wellness
Sexuality and Reproductive Health
Public Health Workforce Development

TEACHING and ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Graduate Degree Program

Visiting Associate Professor
Jackson State University, College of Health Sciences
Behavioral & Environment Health Department
2023 – Present

Associate Dean, Public Health Practice and Continuing Education
Walden University, College of Health Sciences, School of Health Sciences
2018 – 2023

- PUBH 8990 - Applied Practice Experience

Adjunct Faculty, Widener University, Center for Human Sexuality Studies
Fall 2020

- HSED-643-A_20/FA: Theories of Development and Education in Human Sexuality

Faculty Member, MPH and MHA Practicum Coordinator
Walden University, College of Health Sciences, School of Health Sciences
2009 - 2018

- PUBH 6638 - Practicum I: Field Experience in Public Health
- PUBH 6639 - Practicum II: Capstone Experience in Public Health

Adjunct Professor
University of North Texas, Dallas Campus
Fall Semester 2016

- Introduction to Public Health

Interim Academic Program Director
MS Health Informatics, MS Clinical Research Administration
Walden University, College of Health Sciences, School of Health Sciences
2014 - 2015

- Health Informatics Practicum

Adjunct Faculty
A. T. Still University of Health Sciences, School of Health Management
2005-2007

- Public Health Educational Concepts
- Needs and Capacity Assessment Strategies
- Systems Thinking for Public Health Environments
- Introduction to Public Health Concepts

Course Development

Walden University, School of Health Sciences

- Applied Practice Experience
- Sexual Health and Well-being
- Practicum I: Field Experience in Public Health
- Practicum II: Field Experience and Applied Project in Public Health

- A. T. Still University of Health Sciences, School of Health Management
- Systems Thinking for Public Health Environments, 2006

Guest Lecturer
University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth,
Summer 2005

- Culture, Race, Ethnicity and Health

Undergraduate Degree Program

Adjunct Instructor
University of North Texas, Dallas Campus, Department of Life Sciences
Introduction to Public Health, Fall 2016

Teaching Assistant
Texas Woman's University, Department of Health Studies, Spring 2003
Cultural Diversity and the Health Consumer

Instructor
Texas Woman's University, Department of Health Studies, Spring 2001
Fitness and Health

Teaching Assistant
Indiana University, Department of Applied Health Science, HPER 1997
Human Sexuality

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE:

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|----------------|---|
| 2020 – Present | Director of Programs, HRSA/SAMHSA Programs
Abounding Prosperity, Inc. Dallas, Texas |
| 2008 – 2009 | Program Manager, Community Health
Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, Headquarters |
| 2006 - 2008 | Assistant Director, Public Health Preparedness
Dallas County Health and Human Services, Dallas, Texas |
| 2004-2006 | Public Health Manager, Public Health Preparedness
Dallas County Health and Human Services, Dallas, Texas |
| 2003-2004 | Professional Health Planner – 13 months March - April
Ryan White Planning Council of the Dallas Area
Ryan Consortium of North Texas
Dallas County Health and Human Services, Dallas, Texas |
| 2002-2003 | Biostatistician/HIV Prevention Specialist, TX SCSN Project
Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas |

2001-2001 Project Coordinator, Extending Boundaries Project
Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas

1999-2001 Project Director, HIV Programs
LaSima Foundation, Inc., Dallas, Texas

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS:

Perkins, J.S. (2014). In W. McCollum (Ed.) *How to Use Emotional Intelligence, Cultural Intelligence and Spiritual Intelligence to Mentor Doctoral learners*. (pp 403-416) Fort Washington, MD

McMillian, J.S. (2004), Perceptions, attitudes and behaviors of African American adolescent females exposed to sexually explicit music videos. Doctoral Dissertation, May 2004

PRESENTATIONS and PUBLIC SPEAKING:

Peer Reviewed

Scott, J, Evans, N. C. (2024, April 19-20). TogetHER – Bundled Interventions Encourage Improved Health Outcomes for Black Women [oral presentation]. The Biomedical HIV Prevention Summit, Seattle, WA, United States.

Heath, C., Rajabiun, S., Sprague-Martinez, L., Downes, A., Jacques, G., Dakin, A., **Scott, J.**, Dongala, A., Lewis-Chery, S. (September 6-9, 2023) RWHAP Black Women First Initiative: Promoting Care for Women, by Women [oral presentation]. United States Conference on HIV/AIDS, Washington, DC, United States.

Evans, N. C., **Scott, J.**, Curry, M. & Shaw-Ridley, M. (2023, November 16-19). *Bundled interventions for black women living with HIV: Lessons learned* [poster presentation]. Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, United States.
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:3751d180-3efa-49e5-a476-430db0fe58db>

Steward WT, Elwood, Fields A, He H, **Perkins JS**, Tobe CJ. Closing linkage-to-care gaps for clients in Ryan White Program Clinics: the SPNS Rapid Start Initiative. [oral presentation]. 2022 Ryan White Conference on HIV Care & Treatment. Washington DC. August 25, 2022.

Perkins, JS, Hunter-Wright, J., Flowers, P. & Myers, K. (2021) HIV/HCV Testing and Linkage to Care within Black MSM Baby Boomers in Southern Dallas County: A FOCUS Project. [poster presentation]. 149th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting (October 24-27, 2021) Virtual.

Peer Reviewed (Co-authorship with student)

Perkins, JS, Johnson, K. & Alli, A. (2020) A CBO's Journey to Expansion of HIV/HCV Testing and LTC. [oral presentation]. SYNChronicity 2020. (September 8-11, 2020) Virtual.

Dixon, R. & **Perkins JS**, (2015). African American and Latino Youth Views on Accessing Reproductive Health Services. [oral presentation]. 143rd American Public Health Association Annual Meeting (October 31-November 4), Chicago, Illinois.

Fleming, T. & Perkins JS, (2012). Evaluating fidelity; The role of program and organizational structure in replication outcomes. [oral presentation]. 140th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting (October 27-31), San Francisco, California.

Shaw, M., McMillian, JS, Murray, M. & Rollins, B. (November 2006). Distorted perceptions of sexuality in the Black community: Implications for family wellness (Symposium). 2006 SSSS Annual Meeting, Sexual Fantasies versus Realities: Implications for Sexual Research and Practice. The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, (November 9-12) Las Vegas, Nevada.

Non-Peer Reviewed

Perkins, JS (2020) Black Women with HIV Initiative, Abounding Prosperity, Inc. Special Projects of National Significance Convening. Health Resources & Services Administration, Virtual.

McMillian JS (2007, July). Public Health Preparedness Update for Dallas County. Dallas County Public Health Advisory Committee Meeting. Dallas County Health and Human Services, Dallas, TX.

McMillian, JS (2004, January) Nuts and Bolts of Community Planning. Ryan White Planning Council and Consortium of North Texas. Dallas County Health and Human Services, Dallas, TX.

McMillian, JS (2002, September) Planning and Conducting Focus Groups. Lubbock-Midland/Odessa Local Area Needs Assessment Task Force Meeting. Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need, Lubbock, TX.

McMillian, JS (2000, June) Accessing Technology to Enhance Community Awareness. Center for Health Policy, Development Issues Facing Women With HIV/AIDS: A Leadership Training Institute, San Antonio, Texas.

McMillian, JS (1999, October) Developing Effective Outreach Programs for African American Women. Oklahoma State Conference on HIV/AIDS, Oklahoma City, OK.

ACADEMIC MENTORING, Walden University

Chair: Doctoral Dissertation

Tammi Fleming-White, 2010-2012	Completed
Rena Dixon, 2010 – 2014	Completed
Edwin Guobadia, 2010 –2015	Completed
Crystal Terry, 2012 – 2016	Completed

Member: Doctoral Dissertation

Tia Jeffery	Completed 2014
Alminda D'Agostino	Completed 2014
Jessie Tudor	Completed 2013
Patricia Peters	Completed 2012
Jonas Nguh	Completed 2011

SERVICE

- Objective Review Committee
Health Resources Services Administration
Grant Proposal Review for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Funding 2021
- Objective Review Committee
Health Resources Services Administration
Grant Proposal Review for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Funding 2020
- Abstract Reviewer
American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists, 2020 Annual Conference, Tampa, Florida
- Objective Review Committee
Health Resources Services Administration
Grant Proposal Review for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Funding 2019
- Annual Meeting Trustee
68th Annual Meeting of the Society for Public Health Education, 2017 Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado
- Abstract Reviewer
142st Meeting of the American Public Health Association, 2014 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Scientific Review Committee
The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, 2013 Annual Meeting, San Diego, California
- Abstract Reviewer
141st Meeting of the American Public Health Association, 2013 Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts
- Book Proposal/Chapter Reviewer, 2012-2013
Sage Publications Inc., Thousand Oaks, California
- Scientific Review Committee
The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, 2012 Annual Meeting, Tampa, Florida
- Abstract Reviewer
140th Meeting of the American Public Health Association, 2012 San Francisco, California
- Judge, Student Poster Presentations
The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, 2011 Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas
- Scientific Review Committee
The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, 2011 Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas
- Moderator: Early Sexual Experiences: Contexts and Impact.

138th Meeting of the American Public Health Association, 2010 Denver, Colorado

- Baylor Research Institute, Institutional BioSafety Review Committee, Dallas, Texas Member, 2007- 2014
- Dallas County Public Health Advisory Committee, Dallas, Texas Member, 2004 – 2008
- North Central Texas HIV Prevention Planning Group Member, Interventions Committee 2003
- Ryan White HSPC/Consortium of the Dallas Area Vice-Chair, Minority Access Committee, 2000 Member, Minority Access Committee, 1999

RESEARCH PROJECTS/GRANTS:

Project Director

(2023- present), Abounding Prosperity, Inc. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration – Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. Dallas Grants Benefitting Homeless Individuals. (\$500,000)

(2023- present), Abounding Prosperity, Inc. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration – Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. Dallas Minority AIDS Initiative – High Risk Program. (\$500,000)

(2022 – present) Abounding Prosperity, Inc. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration – Center for Mental Health Services. Dallas Minority AIDS Initiative – Service Integration. (\$485,000)

(2022 – present) Abounding Prosperity, Inc. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration – Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. Substance use treatment and harm reduction services for MSM and Transgender populations in Dallas. (\$375,000)

(2021 – present) Abounding Prosperity, Inc. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. HIV Prevention Navigator for Racial/Ethnic Minorities. (\$200,000)

(2020 – 2023) Abounding Prosperity, Inc. TogetHER Project. Health Resources and Services Administration-Special Project of National Significance. Black Women First Initiative. (\$360,000)

(2020 – 2023) Abounding Prosperity, Inc. Rapid Start Project. HRSA-Special Project of National Significance. Rapid Start (\$205,000)

(2020 – present) Abounding Prosperity, Inc. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. HIV Capacity Building Initiative –Youth Focused. (\$257,354)

Funded

Co-writer

(2005) DCHHS Cooperative Agreement for Local Public Health Preparedness and Bioterrorism Response Grant. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through Texas Department of Health. (\$3.2 million)

(2000) The Sankofa Project: A Community-Based Adolescent HIV and Substance Abuse Prevention Program. Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (\$288,137)

(1999) Project 216: Targeted HIV Prevention. Texas Department of Health (\$75,218)

(1999) Targeted Access for Minority Populations. Ryan White Title I via Dallas County Pass Through Grant Funds (\$117,597)

CONSULTING:

(2010 – 2015) Program Evaluation, Women Ready-to-Respond (Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Project) Funded through the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. External evaluator responsible for the development and implementation of process and outcome evaluation activities. The Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Central Texas, Dallas, Texas.

(2011 – 2012) Program Evaluation, More Than a Picnic (Cancer education and screening project) Funded through the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas. External evaluator responsible for the development and implementation of process and outcome evaluation activities. Texas A&M University, Center for Health Disparities, College Station, TX.

(2004-2007) Program Development and Evaluation, Imani Project (Substance Abuse Treatment Project for Ex-offenders) Funded through the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. Assisted in the development of strategic prevention and evaluation framework. LaSima Foundation, Inc. Dallas, Texas

(2004) Focus Group Facilitation, HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Needs Assessment
New Solutions, Inc.

(1999-2000) Program Evaluation, Planning for Title III Early Intervention HIV Care Services
Health Resources Services Administration, LaSima Foundation, Inc. Dallas, Texas

Professional Affiliations

American Public Health Association (current)

The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (current)

American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists (current)

Texas Public Health Association (past)

The Society for Public Health Education, *2017 Annual Meeting Trustee* (past)

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

June 2007 Outstanding Faculty

A. T. Still University of Health Sciences, School of Health Management

January 2002 Department of Health Studies Student Award for Academic Excellence
Texas Woman's University

