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## EDUCATION

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- 2017      **Arizona State University**, Tempe, Arizona  
**School of Human Evolution and Social Change**  
PhD, Global Health
- 2011      **Des Moines University**, Des Moines, Iowa  
**College of Health Sciences**  
Master of Public Health
- 2009      **Des Moines University**, Des Moines, Iowa  
**College of Health Sciences**  
Master of Health Care Administration
- 2007      **The University of Iowa**, Iowa City, Iowa  
**Henry B. Tippie College of Business**  
Bachelor of Business Administration, Management & Organizations  
French minor

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2017-present      **Georgia State University**, Atlanta, Georgia  
**Clinical Assistant Professor, School of Public Health**  
*Teach various courses in the undergraduate bachelor of science in public health program:*
- PH 2000: Introduction to Public Health; face to face format and online formats
  - PH 3035: Introduction to Maternal and Child Health; face to face format
  - PH 3040: Public Health Careers and Professions; face to face format
  - PH 3800: Poverty, Social Justice & Health; online format
  - PH 4991 & PH 4992: Signature Experience; face to face format
  - PH 4880: Study Abroad-Dominican Republic faculty co-lead
  - PH 4880: Study Abroad-Indonesia faculty lead
  - PH 7425: Maternal and Child Health; face to face
  - PH 8910: Directed Reading
  - Developed new elective course for instruction (PH 3800)
  - Designed new study abroad program to Indonesia; first GSU program in Indonesia
  - Facilitated and currently manage GSU partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
  - Facilitated and oversaw student project with MedShare (Clean Birthing Kit survey design)
- 2016-2017      **Mercyhurst University**, Erie, Pennsylvania  
**Instructor, Department of Public Health**

*Taught various courses in the bachelor of science in public health program:*

- Foundations of Public Health (100-level); face-to-face format
- Health Education (200-level); face-to-face format
- Global Health (200-level); face-to-face and online formats
- Social Determinants of Health (200-level); face-to-face format
- Haiti, Poverty and Global Health (400-level); face-to-face format
- Designed and led new travel course to Haiti
- Created very first web course in Public Health department (Global Health)

2012-2017 **Mesa Community College, Mesa, Arizona**  
**Adjunct Faculty, Department of Anthropology**

*Taught various courses:*

- Introduction to Global Health (100-level); online and face-to-face format
- Women in Other Cultures (200-level); face to face format

2011-2013 **Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona**  
**Teaching Assistant, School of Human Evolution & Social Change**

*Assistant taught various courses:*

- Poverty, Social Justice & Global Health (400-level); online & hybrid formats
- Introduction to Global Health (100-level); online format
- Human Sexuality (200-level); online format

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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2017 **American Institutes for Research, Port au Prince, Haiti**

*Consultant, \$6 million, three-year USAID-funded child protection project*

- Three month contract to support wrap up of first year research activities and formulation of second year work plan
- Provide insight and technical expertise to AIR team
- Support partnerships between AIR, USAID, Haitian government, WHO and community stakeholders

2015-2016 **Johnson & Johnson**

*Consultant, reducing tuberculosis among garment factory workers in south Asia*

- Selected to consult as part of a team on strategies to increase TB surveillance activities and treatment adherence in Indonesian, Vietnamese and Bangladeshi garment factory workers

2013-2014 **Visitation Hospital Foundation, Nashville, Tennessee and Petite Riviere de Nippes, Haiti**  
**Executive Director**

*Provide guidance and assistance to VHF leadership and staff regarding operational efficiency and effective health care delivery, both domestically and abroad in Haiti. Develop partnerships with international collaborators. Expand composition and capacity of donor base. Write grants for organizational public health initiatives.*

- Oversaw primary care clinic in Haiti with 36 staff members and 20,000 annual patient visits
- Secured two-year grant to start a community health worker program
- Secured grant to hire skilled birth attendants

- 2012 **International Breast Cancer Research Foundation**, Khulna Division, Bangladesh  
**Consultant**  
*Oversaw strategic planning process for Amader Gram Breast Care Clinics. Collaborated with clinic staff to develop sustainable business and fundraising practices.*
- Oversaw 5 strategic planning initiatives
  - Provided basic business development and training support to clinic managers
  - Increased operating margin from 10% to 40%
- 2009-2011 **Mercy Medical Center**, Clinton, Iowa  
**Community Health Needs Assessment Coordinator**  
*Facilitate completion of the Community Health Needs Assessment for organization. Compile data, opinions, and observations regarding health status of community. Conduct qualitative and quantitative research on status, conditions, and trends that affect minority, at-risk, and special needs populations.*
- Led executive steering team committee commissioned to develop needs assessment
  - Facilitated and conducted community focus groups to record internal and external opinions
  - Identified gaps in health services and designed solutions that aligned with 3-year strategic plan
  - Coordinated 2012-2014 strategic plan for 342-bed hospital in conjunction with VP of Business Development
- Program Director & Community Outreach Coordinator**  
*Created, designed and implemented marketing materials for Home Care, Hospice, and Home Medical Equipment service lines. Continuously evaluated strategic plan and identified new business development and market opportunities. Maintained key provider relationships and developed strategies to increase referral patterns.*

## **AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2019 **Georgia State University Office for International Initiatives**  
*Study Abroad site visit funding to Indonesia, \$2,000*
- Recipient of funding to conduct site visit for new study abroad program development
- 2016 **United States Agency for International Development Research & Innovation Fellowship**  
Jakarta, Indonesia  
*Community-Based Tuberculosis Program Fellow*
- Assessed knowledge, attitudes and behaviors of community health workers in a community-based tuberculosis program
- 2012 **United States Department of State Title VIII Recipient: Critical Languages Scholar**
- Received funding to study the Bosnian, Serbian & Croatian languages

## **PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Peer reviewed**

Mensah-Armstrong, B., and **McCool, S.** (2019). *Global health security challenges: A focus on developing countries*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Armstrong-Mensah, E., Ramsey-White, K., Pavão, C.A.O., **McCool, S.**, and Bohannon, K. (2017). HIV/AIDS prevention: Reducing social stigma to facilitate prevention in the developing world. *Madridge Journal of AIDS*, 1(1), 12-16.

### **Conference Presentations**

Ryan, E., & **McCool, S.** (2020, June). *Reducing maternal mortality in Bangladesh by task shifting for increased inclusivity in the midwifery care continuum*. Poster session to be presented at the International Confederation of Midwives conference in Bali, Indonesia.

McCool, S. (2018, April). *The importance of collective action in Haiti: Barriers and benefits*. Good Birth Network Symposium, Port au Prince, Haiti.

McCool, S. (2017, April). *Collective action among NGOs working in maternal and child health in Haiti*. Poster session presented at the Consortium of Universities in Global Health, Washington, D.C.

### **Non-peer reviewed**

Fortune, K., Mujica, O, Zacarias, F...**McCool, S.**...Velezboer-Salcedo, M. (2012). *Health in the Americas*. Contributor to World Health Organization/Pan American Health Organization quinquennial publication, Chapter 2: The Social Determinants of Health.

### **Media**

Prabhu, M.T. (2019, July 30). Abortions in Georgia decline by nearly 20% in past 25 years. Atlanta Journal Constitution. [link](#)

Bates, M. (2019, February 11). Natural disasters and public health. *IEEE Pulse Magazine*. [Link](#)

McCool, S. (2017, October 23). The long-term public health impacts of natural disasters. *The Saporta Report*. [link](#).

### **Invited Presentations**

McCool, S. (2020, April). *Bridging research and practice in global health*. Invited presentation for the GSU Community Psychology Brown Bag Series.

McCool, S. (2020, February). *Maternal Health & Reproductive Justice in Georgia*. Invited presentation for GSU H-STAT student group.

McCool, S. (2019, October). *Cultural Sensitivity in Healthcare*. Invited presentation for the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

McCool, S. (2019, September). *Equality in Healthcare*. Invited panelist for the St. Jude's Children's Hospital Collegiate Event at GSU.

## **STUDENT SUPERVISION: CAPSTONE/THESIS/PRACTICUM**

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Ms. Daena Mann. MPH Thesis at Georgia State University. The interrelationship between malaria and undernutrition among under-five children in Nigeria, 2018. (2020).

Ms. Diene Kaba. MPH Capstone at Georgia State University. Establishment of National Public Health Institutes (NPHIs) and Universal Health Coverage: Is there a relationship? (2019).

Mr. Joseph Madden. MPH Practicum at Georgia State University. Good Birth Network survey design and implementation. (2019)

Mr. Joseph Madden. MPH Thesis at Georgia State University (committee member). Evaluating strategies for community-sourced photography for mapping alcohol adverts in the urban slums in Kampala, Uganda. (2019)

Ms. Allison Weidemann. MS Global Health Master's project at Arizona State University. "Improving communication between traditional birth attendants and skilled birth attendants in Haiti to reduce maternal mortality." (2014)

Ms. Margaret Galvez, MPH Capstone at Des Moines University. "Recommendations for starting a community health worker program in Haiti." Included grant research and submission. (2014)

Ms. Paula Campbell. MPH Practicum at Vanderbilt University. "Sexual and reproductive health needs assessment in Petite Riviere de Nippes, Haiti." (2013)

Ms. Shazia Qureshy. MPH Capstone at Des Moines University. "Recommendations for improving water and sanitation in Petite Riviere de Nippes, Haiti." (2013)

Ms. Lauren Brown. MPH Capstone at Des Moines University. "Recommendations for improving maternal and child health in Petite Riviere de Nippes, Haiti." (2013)

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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- **French**, Intermediate reading, writing & speaking
- **Haitian Creole**, Beginner reading, writing & speaking

## **INTERNAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

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- **UNFPA partnership**, Facilitated GSU partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (2019-present)
- **DrPH Program**, Admissions Committee (2018-present)
- **DrPH Program**, Programs Committee (2019-present)
- **Bachelor of Science in Public Health Curriculum Committee**, Chair (2019-present)
- **Fulbright Conference**, Track Facilitator, Georgia State University, (2018)
- **Assessment Reviewer**, Georgia State University, (2017-2018)

## **EXTERNAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

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- **MedShare**, Program Committee member, (2019-present)

- **American Journal of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine**, ad-hoc reviewer (2019-present)
- **Good Birth Network**, Advisory Board, (2018-present)
- **Global Health ATL**, member, Disease Eradication & Economic Development (2018-present)
- **Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration**, Site judge for simulation competition, (2018)
- **Consortium of Universities in Global Health**, member
- **Consortium of Universities in Global Health**, conference reviewer (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)