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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**CURRENT POSITION**

**Professor**

Department of Community and Behavioral Health  
College of Public Health  
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Faculty of Health Sciences  
American University of Beirut

**EDUCATION**

INSTITUTION (LOCATION)	DEGREE	Completion Date	FIELD OF STUDY
St. Louis University, Missouri School of Public Health	Ph.D.	1997	Health Services Research (Minor: Behavioral Sciences and Health Education)
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill School of Public Health	MPH	1989	Health Behavior and Health Education
University of Iowa Department of Psychology	BS	1987	Psychology

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

INSTITUTION (LOCATION)	Period	Position
University of Iowa College of Public Health Department of Community and Behavioral Health	7/1/2021-	Professor with Tenure
University of Iowa College of Public Health Department of Community and Behavioral Health	8/2017- 6/30/2021	Professor
American University of Beirut (Lebanon) Faculty of Health Sciences	7/2018-present	Adjunct Professor
American University of Beirut (Lebanon) Faculty of Health Sciences Department of Health Promotion and Community Health (formerly Department of Health Behavior and Education)	10/2010-7/2017	Professor

INSTITUTION (LOCATION)	Period	Position
American University of Beirut (Lebanon) Faculty of Health Sciences Department of Health Behavior and Education	10/2004– 9/2010	Associate Professor
American University of Beirut (Lebanon) Faculty of Health Sciences Department of Health Behavior and Education	10/1998-9/2004	Assistant Professor
American University of Beirut (Lebanon) Faculty of Health Sciences Department of Health Behavior and Education	10/1997-9/1998	Part-time Lecturer

#### ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

INSTITUTION (LOCATION)	Period	Position
University of Iowa College of Public Health Department of Community and Behavioral Health	6/2018-6/2020	Interim Department Executive Officer
University of Iowa College of Public Health Department of Community and Behavioral Health	8/2017-6/2022	Director of Graduate Studies
American University of Beirut Provost's Office	1/2016-7/2017	Co-Director The MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program at AUB
American University of Beirut (Lebanon) Faculty of Health Sciences	9/2013—7/2017	Associate Dean for Regional and Global Collaborations
American University of Beirut (Lebanon) Faculty of Health Sciences	11/2010-9/2013	Associate Dean
American University of Beirut (Lebanon) Faculty of Health Sciences	1/2009 -11/2010	Assistant Dean
American University of Beirut (Lebanon) Faculty of Health Sciences	10/2007- 1/2014	Graduate Public Health Program Coordinator
American University of Beirut (Lebanon) Faculty of Health Sciences	10/2000-9/2007	MPH Curriculum Coordinator
American University of Beirut (Lebanon) Faculty of Health Sciences Department of Health Behavior and Education	10/2004 –9/2006	Chairperson
American University of Beirut (Lebanon) Faculty of Health Sciences Department of Health Behavior and Education	10/2000 – 9/2004	Acting Chairperson

#### ACADEMIC HONORS, AWARDS, AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

2024	University of Iowa Board of Regents Award for Faculty Excellence
2023	Advisory Committee Research and Evaluation Team - National Organization of Asian Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence (NAPIESV)

2023	UI College of Public Health Distinguished Faculty (lecture scheduled for April 15, '24)
2023	UI College of Public Health Teaching Award
2022-	Member of the World Health Organization Adolescent Well-being Measurement Expert Group
2021-2023	Co-Chair (with Rodney Linn) – Prevention Research Center network Steering Committee
2020-	Advisory Committee Member – IDRC grant on Economics of Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking – co-PIs: R. Salloum and R. Nakkash.
2019-2020	Member of the World Health Organization, Guidelines Development Group (GDG) for School Health Services
2017	Member of the Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing
2014	Member of the UNDP Arab Human Development Report team
	World Health Organization – Department of Child and Adolescent Health, Geneva, Technical Steering Committee member
2006-2008	AUB Excellence in Teaching Award
2003	PhD Fellowship
July 1993-June 1995	Outstanding Staff Award for Exemplary Work with Volunteers - DeKalb County Board of Health
April 1993	As coordinator of SAFE KIDS of DeKalb, received award for outstanding local coalition from National Safe Kids Campaign - presented by Barbara Bush
May 1992	As coordinator of SAFE KIDS of DeKalb, received award for best State coalition from Safe Kids of Georgia
May 1992	Elected to Delta Omega, Public Health Honor Society
1989	US Public Health Traineeship
1987-1988	

#### Selected Research Grants

CDC (USD 1,000,000/year)	9/30/2024 – 9/29/2029
University of Iowa Prevention Research Center for Rural Health	
<b>Role: PI</b>	
IDPH/CDC 5882BT100 (USD \$983,179)	2022-2025
Public Health Emergency Response: Public Health Emergency Response: COVID-19 Public Health Workforce Supplemental	
<b>Role: Co-I (10%) (PI: V. Miene)</b>	
NNLM 1U24LM014070-01	2021-2025
National All of Us Program Center (NAPC)	
<b>Role: co-I (10%) (PI: Walton)</b>	
NIH/NIMH 1 R34 MH121558-01A1 (USD \$450,000)	2021-2025 (NCE)
Youth as community mental health workers in humanitarian settings: A pilot test of the mechanisms of effect on their own well being	
<b>Role: co-PI (2.16 person months)</b>	
CDC (USD 750,000/year) U48 DP006389 10/1/2019 – 9/29/2025 (NCE)	
University of Iowa Prevention Research Center for Rural Health	
<b>Role: PI as of Jan 1, 2020 (0.60 calendar years)</b>	
CDC/NCIPC (USD 620,000) 1 R49 CE003095-01 08/01/19 – 07/31/25 (NCE) (PI: Cori Peek-Asa)	
The University of Iowa Injury Prevention Research Center (IPRC)	
<b>Role: co-I (1.26 calendar months) (PI: Kari Harland)</b>	

CDC (USD 275,000/year) U48 DP005021-01S4 10/1/2019 – 9/29/2025 (NCE)  
Cancer Prevention and Control Network Collaborating Center  
**Role: Co-I** (0.24 calendar months) (PI: Natoshia Askelson)

Iowa Department of Human Services/DHHS REF-18-004 10/01/22-09/30/25  
Iowa Refugee Health Promotion  
**Role: PI** (2% Person Months) co-PIs: (Amy Weismann, Jonathan Platt)

CDC (USD 500,000) U48 DP006389 5/11/2021 – 5/10/2022  
Connecting Behavioral Science to COVID-19 Vaccine Demand (CBS-CVD) Network  
**Role: Co-I** (0.36 Person Months) (PI: Natoshia Askelson)

Iowa Department of Human Services/DHHS REF-18-004 (USD 68,659) 11/01/17-09/30/22  
Iowa Refugee Health Promotion  
**Role: PI** (1.20 Person Months)

NIH 1 R21 TW011273-01 (\$370,318) 08/01/20-06/30/22  
Building Capacity to Reduce HIV-Related Stigma among Adolescents in Western Kenya  
**Role: co-I** (0.6 person months)

Funeral Service Foundation (\$39,860) 01/22/2021-06/01/2022  
Fatalities Management Workers and COVID-19: stress, coping and wellbeing  
**Role: PI**

NIH/NIMHHD T37MD001453 (USD 189,880) AFIFI (PI) 2/15/2017-12/31/2021  
The University of Iowa MHIRT Program  
**Role: PI** (0.36 Person Months)

IDPH/HRSA 5880CH45 (USD 6,000) 5/1/2021 – 10/30/2021  
Health Equity Qualitative Data Analysis  
**Role: PI** (0.06 Person Months)

University of Iowa Holden Cancer Center (USD \$50,000) 11/1/2019-10/31/2020  
"History repeating itself"? Developing and testing an e-cigarette intervention for University of Iowa undergraduate students  
**Role: PI**

Greater Plains Center for Agricultural Health (USD \$50,000) 8/15/2019-8/15/2020  
Stress, coping, and mental health among Farmers in Iowa  
**Role: PI**

New York University Abu Dhabi (USD 20,000) 4/1/2019-9/30/2020  
Social and Behavioral Aspects of Midwakh Use  
**Role: PI**

NIH/Fogarty 5 D43 TW007261-140 - 5/26/05 – 08/31/21 (USD\$258,420)  
iCREATE: Increasing Capacity in Research in Eastern Europe  
**Role: co-I** (as of May 2019-May 2020) (PI: Cori Peek-Asa) (3.5% effort) (0.42 calendar months)

International Development Research Center (Nov. 1, 2018-Sept. 25, 20120 (USD\$77,529)  
Scoping Study for Regional Research Hubs on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA); and West Africa Regions

**Role: PI**

Iowa Department of Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement (USD 68,659 for 2019-2020)  
Refugee Mental Health Promotion

**Role: co-I** (as of Nov. 2018) ( 0.36 calendar months) (PIs: Will Story and Amy Weisman)

IDPH (USD 18,263)

Indian Hills Housing for Pregnant/Parenting Students Feasibility Study – 2/1/2018-5/31/2018

**Role: PI** (0.3 calendar months)

NIH (USD \$697,602) 5/1/2020-30/4/2021 (funded since 2017)

All of Us University & Coordinating Center (UG4 LM012346-02 Administrative Supplement)

**Role: Co-PI** (25% effort-3 calendar months) (PI: Linda Walton, Co-PI: Colleen Campbell)

CDC (USD 734,000) 1/10/2017-29/9/2019

University of Iowa Prevention Research Center for Rural Health (U48 DP005021)

**Role: Co-I** (0.60 calendar years) (PI: Edith Parker)

CDC (USD 275,000) 1/10/2017-29/9/2019

Cancer Prevention and Control Network Collaborating Center (U48 DP005021-01S4)

**Role: Co-I** (0.24 calendar months) (PI: Natoshia Askelson)

Qatar National Research Foundation – OSRA (USD 49,867.4) 12 months

Parenting and youth in the Arab world: systematic synthesis of the evidence and knowledge gaps

**Role: co-PI** (PI: Lilian Ghandour, co-PI: Elie Akl)

Harvard Medical School Center for Global Health Delivery-Dubai (USD 299,550) 15/06/2016-14/06/2018

A school-based emotional resiliency program for middle school students in Lebanon: Evaluation of implementation and effectiveness in reducing the burden of depression and anxiety

**Role: Co- Investigator** (PI: Fadi Maalouf, co-Is: Anne Becket, Leila Akouri Dirani, Lilian Ghandour, Rima Nakkash, Joumana Ammar)

International Development Research Centre, Canada (USD 4,499,772) 01/06/2012-31/05/2018

Shaping research for health in the Arab World: A systems and network approach to advance knowledge, inform policy, and promote public health

**Role: Co-Principal Investigator** (with FHS Dean Iman Nuwayhid)

And within this grant,

The Tobacco Control Research Group: Testing waterpipe tobacco smoking prevention and intervention (programs) to generate best practices in the region (USD 200,000)

**Role: Co-Principal Investigator** (with Rima Nakkash)

International Development Research Centre, Canada (USD 283,957) 01/10/2013-31/03/2018

Taking research, practice and sponsorship funds from for-profit corporations: Assessing the attitudes and practices of public health professionals

**Role: Co-Investigator** (PI: Rima Nakkash; co-Is: Iman Nuwayhid, Dima Jamali)

International Development Research Centre (USD 261,461) 01/01/2013-30/09/2017

Alcohol control and harm reduction policies in Lebanon: The industry, the market and the young consumer (Lebanon's alcohol control policy: how it is and how it should be)

**Role: Co-Investigator** (PI: Lilian Ghandour; co-Is: Rima Nakkash, Nasser Yassin, Ali Chalak)

Center for Teaching and Learning through AUB URB (USD 7,000) 01/07/2014- 30/06/2015

Expanding Service Learning Experience in Public Health at the Faculty of Health Sciences

**Role: Principal Investigator** (co-Is: Aline Germani, Tamar Kabakian, Mayada Kanj, Judy Makhoul, May Massoud, Martine Najem)

Gates Foundation through a subcontract from the Univ. of Melbourne (USD17,500) 01/03/2015-31/05/2015  
Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health Report – Family Influences on Youth Wellbeing

**Role: Principal Investigator**

Qatar National Research Foundation (USD 622,000) 01/12/2010 – 31/03/2014  
Controlling use of narghile smoking: Testing the impact of a Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) of a School-based prevention program

**Role: Principal Investigator** (co-PI: Ahmad Al Mulla - Hamad Medical Corporation, Qatar; co-Is: Rima Nakkash, Ziyad Mahfoud – AUB; Ibrahim Al Janahi and Al Annoud Al Ansari - Hamad Medical Center, Qatar)

Center for Teaching and Learning through AUB URB (USD 7,000) 01/07/2012- 30/06/2013  
Developing and testing a model for service learning in public health Faculty of Health Sciences, AUB

**Role: Principal Investigator** (co-Is: Aline Germani, Tamar Kabakian, Mayada Kanj, Judy Makhoul, May Massoud, Martine Najem)

AUB University Research Board (USD 9,000) 01/07/2012- 30/06/2013  
Assessing impact of tobacco control policies on attitudes and behaviors: a baseline study and test of a theoretical model

**Role: Co-Investigator** (PI: Rima Nakkash, co-I: Monique Chaaya)

The Lebanese National Council for Scientific Research (USD 6,000) 01/03/2011-29/02/2012  
Risky behaviors and protective factors among youth in Lebanon: A Qualitative Study

**Role: Co-Investigator** (PI: Nasser Yassin, Lilian Ghandour)

Swiss Academy for Development (USD 30,473) 15/05/2009-31/10/2011  
Risky Behaviors and Protective Factors among the Youth in Lebanon: Creating a framework for evidence-based interventions in the prevention of substance use and misuse

**Role: Co-Investigator** (PI: Nasser Yassine, Lilian Ghandour)

AUB University Research board (USD 9,000) 01/10/2009-30/09/2010  
Informing tobacco control policy in Lebanon: Evaluation of the impact of pictorial warning on cigarette packs on initiation of smoking and quitting intentions – a Pilot Study in Greater Beirut

**Role: Co-Principal Investigator** (with Rima Nakkash)

International Development Research Centre, Canada (USD 37,000) 01/03/2009-28/02/2010  
Smoke free policies in Lebanon: lessons learned from existing experiences and recommendations for the future

**Role: Co-Investigator** (PI: Rima Nakkash, co-I: Monique Chaaya)

International Development Research Centre, Canada (USD 63,082) 01/01/2007- 30/03/2010  
Exploring attitudes towards women's narghile smoking (part of the larger RITC IDRC grant to the FHS entitled Determinants & Consequences of Smoking the Narghile: An Extended Research Agenda)

**Role: Principal Investigator** (co-Is: Rima Nakkash, Robin Heath, Mayada Kanj)

Wellcome Trust, UK (USD 371,291) 01/07/2007-31/12/2010  
*Impact of a community based RCT to improve mental health of Palestinian refugee youth*

**Role: Co-Principal Investigator** (with Huda Zurayk, co-Is: Judy Makhoul, Ziyad Mahfoud, Sawsan Abdulrahim, Rima Nakkash, Mayada Kanj)

UNDP / Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy & International Affairs AUB (USD 15,000) 01/01/2009-31/08/2009

*Validation of the concept and measurement of developmental youth assets*

**Role: Co-Principal Investigator** (with Rima Nakkash)

Wellcome Trust, UK (USD \$3,085,075 for whole grant not the subcomponent) 01/01/2005-30/09/2010  
*Adolescent health and wellbeing subcomponent of the larger grant on; Health status, well-being and population change in the ME: A research network approach'*

**Role: Co-Investigator** (PIs: Huda Zurayk, Marwan Khawaja)

Lebanon National Aids Program (through World Bank) (USD 98,210) 01/12/2006-31/7/2008  
*Strengthening National Monitoring, Evaluation, & surveillance systems in Lebanon, Middle East and North Africa Region*

**Role: Co-Investigator** (PI: Kassem Kassak, co-Is: Jocelyn DeJong, Ziyad Mahfoud, Sami Ramia, Danielle Khouri)

AUB University Research Board (USD 8,950) 01/10/2005-30/09/2006  
*Preventing the early initiation of narghile use: Evaluation of a School-based Intervention*

**Role: Principal Investigator** (co-Is: Rima Nakkash, Mayada Kanj)

International Development Research Centre (USD 7,542) 01/08/2004-30/11/2005  
*Public positions towards FCTC-related tobacco control policies in Lebanon*

**Role: Principal Investigator** (co-Is: Monique Chaaya, Kassem Kassak)

International Development Research Centre, Canada (USD 133,001) 01/01/2002 – 30/06/2004

*Tobacco control policies, their implementation, and their implication for the health of argileh users in Lebanon*

**Role: Principal Investigator** (co-PIs: Kassem Kassak, Robin Heath, Abbas El Zein, Judy Makhoul, Ghassan Hamadeh, Samer Jabbour, Norbert Hirschhorn)

World Health Organization and European Union 1999-2002

*Community-based cardiovascular disease prevention project: "Together for the sake of heart and artery health in the Dar El Fatwa area"*

**Role: Co-Investigator** (PI: Mustafa Khogali. Co-Is: Samir Alam, Ibrahim Salti, Mona Shediach-Rizkallah)

MEAwards/Population Council and University Research Board 01/06/2000-31/05/2001

*SIBER: surveillance and intervention for behavioral risks*

**Role: Co-Investigator** (PI: Mona Shediach-Rizkallah, co-Is: Iman Nuwayhid, Abla Sibai, Kassem Kassak, Mayada Kanj, Faysal El Kak, , Nabil Kanaan)

#### Educational Scholarship Grants

MasterCard Foundation (USD 26,070,389) 01/01/2016- 31/07/2025

*Developing youth from Sub-Saharan Africa and the Arab world into engaged citizens through a program of transformative leadership for social and economic change*

**Role: co-PI until 7/20/2017** (with AUB Provost Mohammad Harajli)

World Health Organization, TDR (USD 1,427,389) 15/06/2015- 14/06/2017

*International post graduate training scheme on implementation research*

**Role: co-grant writer**

MasterCard Foundation (USD 494,143/ institution) 01/03/2013-29/02/2016

*A planning study for the establishment of a Global Master's Program in Health and Sustainable Development*

**Role: co-PI** (with Iman Nuwayhid, co-Is: Jocelyn DeJong, Maha Damaj at AUB, Jose Zaghoul, BK Singh, Ana Laura Dengo at EARTH University)

MasterCard Foundation (USD 8,987,955)

28/11/2011- 31/12/2019

Supporting the university education of sixty academically promising yet disadvantaged young people in health-related disciplines (Environmental Health and Medical Laboratory Sciences):

Role: co-Investigator until 7/20/2017 (PI: FHS Dean Iman Nuwayhid)

#### NIH GRANT REVIEW PANEL

June 13-14 2019	P50 Implementation Science for Cancer Control – Developing Centers RFA CA-19-005 / Advanced Centers RFA CA-19-006
April 2 2020	D43 Chronic, Non-Communicable Diseases and Disorders Across the Lifespan: Fogarty International Research Training Award (NCD-LIFESPAN) RFA PAR-18-901
Sept. 23-25, 2020	Ad Hoc Reviewer. Community Influences on Health Behavior Study Section, Healthcare Delivery and Methodologies Integrated Review Group.
Oct. 26, 2022	Special Emphasis Panel/Scientific Review Group 2023/01 ZRG1 HSS-G (50) R. PAR-22-132: Implementation Research to Reduce Noncommunicable Disease Burden in Low- and Middle-Income Countries and Tribal Nations During Critical Life Stages and Key Transition Periods.
March 22, 2023	Special Emphasis Review Panel/Expanding Prevention Strategies for Mental Disorders in Mobile Populations in Humanitarian Crises. RFA-MH-22-180.
Oct. 11-12, 2023	NCI P01 Program Project Review SEP-C Meeting. Scientific Review Group 2024/01 ZCA1 RPRB-H(1) S. PAR-23-059.
Nov. 6-7, 2024	Special Emphasis Review Panel/ ZRG1 HSS-P (50) PAR Panel: Multi-Sectoral Preventive Interventions that Address Social Determinants of Health in Populations that Experience Health Disparities.

#### Publications In Refereed Journals

(\*denotes a student at the time the research was conducted)

#### In the rank of Professor

At the College of Public Health, University of Iowa

1. Sursely AM\*, Kazmerzak D, Appelgate W, Walkner LM, Hiros S, Hileman R, Haines H, Afifi RA. "I feel like my job is to give patients hope" - Perspectives of Community Health Workers and Employers in Iowa: A Mixed Methods Study. BMC Health Services Research. Accepted.
2. Adeagbo O, Badru OA\*, Addo P, Hawkins A\*, Brown MJ, Li X, Afifi RA. Pre-exposure Prophylaxis Uptake among Black/African American Men who have Sex with other Men in Midwestern, United States: A Systematic Review. Frontiers in Public Health- Infectious Diseases: Epidemiology and Prevention. Accepted.
3. Maharani CF, Casteel C, Rohlman D, Afifi R, Baker K, Fethke N. 2025. Practical and Acceptable Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Programs for Small and Medium Sized Businesses (SMBs) in Indonesia. Work: A Journal of Prevention, Assessment, and Rehabilitation. Accepted.
4. Ghandour L, Brown G, Tleis M, Al Masri H, Fares M, Al Halabi F, Najjar Y, Louis B, Afifi RA, Nakkash R. (2024). Structural and political determinants of health among Syrian refugee young adults in the Bekaa, Lebanon: a prospective cohort study of the impact of security raids on perceived discrimination and well-being. BMJ Open. 2024;14(12):e087777.
5. Nakkash R, Fares M, Tleis M, Mugharbil A, Antaby M\*, Al Masri H, Ghandour L, Al Halabi F, Najjar Y, Louis B, Afifi RA (senior author). (2024). Power Sharing in Community-Engaged Research with Syrian Refugees in Lebanon: Using community engagement to shape Intervention Fit to Context. Social Science and Medicine, Mental Health; 6(4): 100358, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmmh.2024.100358>.
6. Fry L\*, Afifi RA, Christophersen JB, Harland KK. (2024). Teen dating violence programming in schools overall and during the COVID-19 pandemic: An exploratory study of Iowa school counselor perceptions. Violence and Gender. 11(4):207-210.
7. Nakkash R, Ghandour L, Brown G, Panter-Brick C, Bomar H\*, Tleis M, Al Masri H, Fares M, Al Halabi F, Najjar Y, Louis B, Hodroj M, Chamoun Y, Zarzour M, Afifi RA (senior & corresponding author). Syrian refugee young adults as community mental health workers implementing Problem Management Plus: Protocol for a pilot



- randomized controlled trial to measure the mechanisms of effect on their own wellbeing, stress and coping. *Contemporary Clinical Trials Communication*. 40, 101325. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.conctc.2024.101325>
8. Bosqui T, Abdulrahim S, **Afifi R**, Betancourt TS, Carr R, Hadfield K, Ismail G, Jordans M, Jabbour S, O'Khazendar K, Marshoud B, Puffer E. (2024). Psychological and Social Suffering of Another Generation of Palestinian Children Living Under Occupation: An Urgent Call to Advocate. *Health and Human Rights Journal*. 26(1): 147-150.
  9. Dubey P\*, Sivakami M, Watkins S, Story W, Baker K, **Afifi RA**. (2024). A Qualitative Inquiry into the Lived Experiences of Menstrual Health and Hygiene in the Transgender and Non-Binary Populations in Urban India. *International Journal of Transgender Health*. 1–17. <https://doi.org/10.1080/26895269.2024.2362915>
  10. Kava CM, Watkins SL, Gilbert PA, Villhauer TJ, Welter T L, **Afifi RA**. E-cigarettes in college: Associations between mental health and e-cigarette use with other substances. *Tobacco Prevention & Cessation*. 2024 May 31;10. doi: 10.18332/tpc/188712.
  11. Najem M, Hussein A, Abed Y, Hamed R\*, Nuwayhid I, Hammad A, **Afifi RA**, Jumaan A. (2024). A Public Health Approach to Rebuilding Health in Gaza – A contribution from the Public Health sub-group to the Amman conference. *Journal of Palestine Studies*. <https://www.palestine-studies.org/en/node/1655305>
  12. Ghandour LA, Anouti S, Lotfi T, Meho L, Kashash R, Al-Akkawi A, Majed AZ, Akl E, **Afifi RA** (corresponding author). (2024). Parenting a high and growing population of youth in the Arab region: A scoping review for an evidence-informed research agenda. *Journal of Adolescent Health*. 75(1), 16–25. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jadohealth.2024.02.033>.
  13. Kibbi R, **Afifi RA**, Pham H\*, Sewell DK, Teahen P, Vander Weg MK. (2024). The 'dirty work' of last responders: Occupational stigma risk and protective factors. *Journal of Occupational & Environmental Hygiene*. Feb 16:1-7. doi: 10.1080/15459624.2024.2302481. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 38363742.
  14. Gauthreaux N, Bucklin RB, Correa A\*, Steere E\*, Pham H\*, **Afifi R**, Askelson NM. (2024). Community and organizational readiness to adopt a physical activity intervention in micropolitan settings. *Health Promotion Practice*; 0(0). doi:10.1177/15248399231221728.
  15. Maldonado A\*, Laroche HH, Sewell DK, **Afifi RA**, Hoffman RM, Baquero B, Gilbert PA. (2024). The association between state characteristics and Latinos' treated hypertension in established and new Latino destination states: A multilevel analysis. *Family and Community Health*. Apr-Jun 01;47(2):151-166.
  16. Guthold R, Newby H, Keogh S, **Afifi RA**, Austrian K, Baird S, Blum RW, Bundy DAP, Deardorff J, Engel D, Klein JD, Kostelecky SM, Mackworth-Young C, Marquez J, Gabhainn SN, Requejo J, Ross DA, Saewyc E, Mohan A. (2023). Developing a global approach for measurement of adolescent well-being. *Journal of Adolescent Health*. 73(6):972-974. (Commentary)
  17. Adeagbo O, Hlongwa M, Tleis M, Dubey P\*, **Afifi R**, Butali A. (2023). Multidisciplinary approach to community engagement in global public health research. *Wellcome Open Research*. 8:429.
  18. **Afifi RA**, Calderon JL\*, Pham H\*, Teahen P, Zarate-Sada S\*, Sewell DK, Vander Weg MW. (2023). Ignored and distressed: A cross-sectional study of the impact of COVID-19 on last responders. *BMC Public Health*. 23, 1637. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-023-16565-z>
  19. Correa A\*, Bucklin B, Pham H\*, Sewell D, **Afifi RA**. (2023). Resident Assistant Stress and Well-Being in the Time of COVID-19. *Journal of American College Health*. Apr 25:1-11. doi: 10.1080/07448481.2023.2201867.
  20. Maldonado A\*, Baquero B, **Afifi R**, Hoffman R, Laroche H, Garcia D, Gilbert P. (2023). Hypertension management among Latinos: A qualitative investigation comparing Latinos experiences in established and new Latino destination states. *Social Science and Medicine: Qualitative Research in Health*. 3: 100250.
  21. Mirzoev T, Topp SM, **Afifi RA**, Fadlallah R, Obi FA, Gilson L. (2022). Conceptual framework for systemic capacity strengthening for health policy and systems research. *BMJ Glob Health*. 7(8):e009764. doi: 10.1136/bmjgh-2022-009764. PMID: 35922082.
  22. Maldonado A\*, Hoffman RM, Baquero B, Sewell DK, Laroche HH, **Afifi R**, Gilbert PA. (2022). Identifying the Social Determinants of Treated Hypertension in New and Established Latino Destination States. *J Immigr Minor Health*. Jul 6. doi: 10.1007/s10903-022-01376-y. Epub ahead of print.
  23. Asikin-Garmager A, Dowd P\*, George S\*, **Afifi RA**. (2022). Integrating user experience evaluation in the development of a web-based Community Engagement Toolkit. *Eval Program Plann*. 91:102048. doi: 10.1016/j.evalprogplan.2022.102048. Epub 2022 Feb 9.

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2. Story WT, **Afifi RA**, Clayden A, Hatungimana D, Ikoba B, Mahanna A, Ottman C, Sharer M, Stoner-Harris T, Weismann A, Kohrt BA. Community-engaged approaches to improving access to psychological support for refugees living in the U.S. Midwest: A feasibility study of Problem Management Plus. Submitted to Health Behavior and Education. *Resubmitted Nov. 2024*.
3. Haines H, Fueling the Future Network Board, Sursely A\*, Diner S\*, Beltran R, Mugharbil S, **Afifi RA**. "Relationships are the most important resource": Network building in the 'Fueling the Future' poverty reduction program in Iowa. Submitted to Preventing Chronic Disease. Dec. 2024.
4. Tura R, DeCoster M, Akther F, Moinul Islam MS, Kamruzzaman AHM, Story WT, Afifi RA. Psychometric Evaluation of a Social Norm Diagnostic Tool to Assess Child Marriage Practices in Bangladesh. Submitted to Global Health: Science and Practice. Jan. 2025.
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1. Walker J, **Afifi RA**, Smith TA, Bayles R. Community-Centered Public Health Practice: Strategies, Tools, and Applications for Advancing Health Equity. Chapter 1 in Akintobi TH & Miles-Richardson S (Eds), Community-Centered Public Health: Strategies, Tools, and Applications for Advancing Health Equity. Springer. 2024.
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8. **Affi Soweid R**, Nakkash R, Nehlawi N, Khogali M (authors). Alam S, Hoeree T, Najjar N, Razum O, & Salti I. (co-authors). Together for Heart Health: An Initiative for Community-based Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factor Prevention and Control. 2002. (MONOGRAPH)

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El Hajj T, **Affi Soweid RA**. Factors associated with violence among Palestinian Refugee youth in an urban area of Beirut. Published in Background papers for the Rabat conference on Youth in the Middle East and North Africa: Expanding Economic Prospects in Urban Areas. December 2006

#### RESEARCH NETWORK COORDINATOR

- Coordinator (Feb. 2018-Sept. 2019) of the **University of Iowa Immigrant and Refugee Health and Wellbeing Research Group (IRHWRG)**. This is a transdisciplinary group of about 30 faculty members and graduate students that aim to enhance immigrant and refugee health and wellbeing through research and practice.
- Co-coordinator with Rima Nakkash (Feb. 2018-Dec. 2019) of the **Governance, Ethics and Conflicts of Interest** in the interaction between corporations and public health research, practice, and policy (GECI-PH) network. This network hosts over 80 members from across the globe. Twitter handle: @geci\_ph.

#### CONFERENCE/WEBINAR PRESENTATIONS

\*DENOTES STUDENT AT THE TIME OF THE RESEARCH

#### International

2025 Gilbert PA, **Affi R**, Armour CD, O'Neal E, Vander Weg W, Watkins SL. The Promise, Practice, and Pitfalls of Holistic Admissions: Lessons Learned at the University of Iowa College of Public Health. To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health. March 19-22, Arlington, VA. (PAG presenting).

2024 Harland K, Fry L\*, Christophersen J, Fleming M, Mozak A, **Affi R**. Assessing fidelity of implementation of Mentors in Violence Prevention components - a case study in Iowa schools. Poster presentation at the 17th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health. Dec. 9-11, 2024, Arlington, VA. (RA presenting)

Nakkash R, Ghandour L, Fares M, Al-Halabi F, Najjar Y, Louis B, Tleis M, Al Masri, Brown G, **Affi R**. Outer Setting influences on pace of implementation: The case of a mental health project among Syrian refugee young adults in Lebanon. Poster presentation at the 17th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health. Dec. 9-11, 2024, Arlington, VA. (RN and RA presenting)

Invited Rotating Station Lead Facilitator: Community-Based Participatory Research Workshop #2, Station: Seeking funding for Community-Based Participatory Research. Sponsored by the University of Iowa Office of Community-Engagement. Nov. 18, 2024, Iowa City, IA.

**Affi R**, Yusef M, Bailly K, Lu B, Haines H, Sursely A, Goedken M. Adapting a youth violence prevention logic model to AAPI youth. Oral presentation at the Annual American Public Health Association Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. Oct. 27-30, 2024. (RA presenting)

Fry L, Christopherson JB, **Afffi R**, Harland K. Teen dating violence prevention programs in schools: Facilitators and barriers to effective implementation of mentors in violence prevention. Poster presentation at the Annual American Public Health Association Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. Oct. 27-30, 2024. (KH and RA presenting)

Walkner L, Ali T, Shehu E, **Afffi R**. Building a health equity training program that fosters a culture of learning in public health practice. *Preconference workshop*. Annual American Public Health Association Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. Oct. 26, 2024. (All of us presented).

Invited Keynote (15 minutes): **Afffi RA**. Changing the narrative – Uplifting strengths of people who are refugees. ACCESS Arab Health Summit. Detroit, MI. Oct. 21-23, 2024.  
<https://www.accesscommunity.org/events/2024-arab-health-summit>

Invited plenary panelist: **Afffi RA** (with Hammad A, Hussein A, Seita, A). Plenary: Re-building Public Health Infrastructure in Gaza. ACCESS Arab Health Summit. Detroit, MI. Oct. 21-23, 2024.  
<https://www.accesscommunity.org/events/2024-arab-health-summit>

Invited panelist: Jim Kim (keynote), panelists: **Rima Afffi**, Alma Brunson, Ben Pohl. Community Conversation about Mental Health, Muscatine Iowa. Muscatine, Iowa. Oct. 10, 2024.  
<https://muscatine.com/events/community-conversation-about-mental-health/>

Aluku NCM, Bin Abdul Baten R, Churu BW, **Afffi RA**, Story WT. Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on religiosity among adolescents in Western Kenya. Oral Presentation at the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. Montreal, CA. Aug. 9-11, 2024. (NCMA presenting).

Adeagbo O, **Afffi R**, Badru O\*, Hawkins A. Pre-exposure Prophylaxis Uptake among Black/African American Men who have Sex with Men in Midwestern, United States: A Systematic Review. In-person Poster Exhibition at AIDS 2024. Munich, Germany: July 22-26, 2024. (AO presented)

Invited Presentation: **Afffi, RA** with Yusuf Mira. Programming: Monitoring and Evaluating our Work. At the National Organization of Asians and Pacific Islanders Ending Sexual Violence (NAPIESV), July 17, 2024.  
<https://www.napiesv.org/event/programming-monitoring-evaluating-our-work/>

Invited Presentation: **Afffi, RA**. Problem Management Plus (PM+): Community, Solidarity, Hope. Oral presentation at the Iowa Statewide PM+ Conference. Iowa City, Iowa. July 16, 2024.

Panel Presentation: House D (Chair), Ulin B, Akintobi T, Hoffman L, Nagel J, **Afffi R**. How do Funders, Researchers, and Community Partners Share in Decision-making to Increase the Relevance, Rigor, and Reach of Prevention Research? Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting. Washington DC. May 28-31, 2024.

**Afffi R**, Leiferman J, Clark, R, Steinman L. Addressing Mental Health across the PRC Network a Call to Action. Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting. Washington DC. May 28-31, 2024.

Schafer C, Anthony J, **Afffi R**. Attainable housing: An effective yet under-addressed upstream health intervention. Oral presentation at the Public Health Conference of Iowa. March 26-27, 2024, Des Moines, Iowa. (all presenting)

Maharani C, **Afffi R**, Ali T, Kitzmann T, Peters N, Shehu E. Lessons learned from the Building Health Equity Webinar series for local public health departments in Iowa. Poster presentation at the Public Health Conference of Iowa. March 26-27, 2024. (CM presenting)

2023

Brown G, Ghandour L, Tleis M, Al Masri H, Fares M, Al Halabi F, Najjar Y, Louis B, **Affifi RA**, Nakkash R. Purported 'security' raids against Syrian refugees in Lebanon: Structural determinants of young adult wellbeing. Poster presentation at the Annual meeting of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, March 13-16, 2024, San Diego, CA.

Invited Presentation: **R. Affifi**. Part of a panel (with Samantha Holmes) on The Rights of the Child, Children and Conflict. Part of UICHR Spring '24 Webinar Series. Feb. 27, 2024. Iowa City, Iowa.

Dubey P, Muthusamy S, Watkins SL, Baker KK, Story WT, **Affifi RA**. A qualitative inquiry into the lived experiences of menstrual health and hygiene among transgender and non-binary populations in urban India. Oral Presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association Annual Conference. Nov. 12-15, 2023. Atlanta, GA. (PD presenting)

Haines H, Sursely A, Tucker Reinders L, Askelson N, Walkner L, **Affifi R**. Harnessing knowledge elevated learnings: Learning from the COVID-19 pandemic through the eyes of the public health workforce. Oral Presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Nov. 12-15, 2023. Atlanta, GA, USA. RAA presenting.

**Affifi R**. Engaging Syrian refugee young adults as community mental health workers in Lebanon: A pilot test of the mechanisms of effect on their own well being. Oral Presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Nov. 12-15, 2023. Atlanta, GA, USA. RAA presenting.

Fry L, Guthrie S, Christophersen JB, **Affifi R**, Harland K. Teen dating violence programming implementation in Iowa schools: Perceptions of school nurses and staff. Poster Presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Nov. 12-15, 2023. Atlanta, GA, USA. RAA presenting.

Sursely A, Kazmerzak D, Appelgate W, Walkner L, Hiros S, Haines H, **Affifi R**. "I feel like my job is to give patients hope" - perspectives of community health workers in Iowa: A mixed methods assessment. Oral Presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Nov. 12-15, 2023. Atlanta, GA, USA. AS presenting.

Story W, Bin Abdul Baten R, Lee A, **Affifi R**, Churu B, Aluku N. Social capital and HIV preventive behaviors among adolescents in western Kenya. an Oral Presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Nov. 12-15, 2023. Atlanta, GA, USA. WS presenting.

Bin Abdul Baten R, Story W, Lee A, **Affifi R**, Churu B, Aluku N. Religiosity and HIV preventive behaviors among adolescents in western Kenya. Oral Presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Nov. 12-15, 2023. Atlanta, GA, USA. NA presenting.

Lee A, Aluku N, Tura R, **Affifi R**, Churu B, Story W. The gendered impact of stigma: How HIV stigma affects HIV prevention behaviors among adolescents in western Kenya. Poster Presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Nov. 12-15, 2023. Atlanta, GA, USA. AL presenting.

**Affifi R**, Aluku N, Ouma J, Ashitiba S, Lee A, Churu B, Story W. Fielding an adolescent HIV-stigma survey in western Kenya: Facilitating data collection through cultural brokers and trust building. Poster Presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Nov. 12-15, 2023. Atlanta, GA, USA. NA presenting.

Invited Keynote: R. Afifi. Power Sharing in Community-Engaged Research: Guiding Fit to Context in Refugee Communities. Community-Based Primary Health Care (CBPHC) Working Group Pre-Conference (online) Workshop of the APHA International Health Section. Nov. 9, 2023.

Dubey P, Sivakami M, Watkins SL, Baker KK, Story WT, **Afifi R**. Lived experiences of menstrual health and hygiene among transgender and non-binary populations in urban India. UNC Water and Health Conference: Science, Policy, and Practice, October 23-25, Chapel Hill, NC. (Poster presentation)

Dubey P, Fry E, Ilavarasan A, Sivakami M, Watkins SL, Baker KK, Story WT, **Afifi R**. Menstrual health and hygiene among transgender and non-binary populations: A global systematic review. UNC Water and Health Conference: Science, Policy, and Practice, October 23-25, Chapel Hill, NC. (Poster presentation)

Asikin-Garmager A, **Afifi R**, Glenn A, Thomas B, Sinemus H, Ramirez SA, Crowhurst K, Brace D, Dennis C, Yager F, Barger R, Walton L. Designing user-centered programming using integrated human center design and community-based engagement approaches: role of evaluation from start to finish. Accepted as an oral presentation at the annual meeting of the American Evaluation Association. Oct. 9-14, Indianapolis, IN. (AAK and DB presenting).

Invited Presentation: R. Afifi. Creating anti-oppression classrooms. Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut, Intellectual Hour for faculty and PhD students. Oct. 10, 2023.

Invited Presentation: R. Afifi. Young adults as community mental health workers in humanitarian settings: A pilot test of the mechanisms of effect on their own well-being. Georgia State University Prevention Research Center Brown Bag Webinar Series. Oct. 5, 2023.

Invited presentation: R. Afifi. Addressing Equity and Structural Factors. Part of a panel presentation entitled: 'Addressing Mental Health Across the PRC Network: Bringing Heart, Mind, and Action Together' by the PRC Mental Health Workgroup (with Jenn Leiferman, Geri Dino, and Liz Aparicio) to the CDC's Mental Health Working group. Oct. 5, 2023.

Dubey P, Muthusamy S, Watkins SL, Baker KK, Story WT, **Afifi R**. Lived experiences of menstrual hygiene management among transgender and non-binary populations in urban India: A qualitative approach. Society for Menstrual Cycle Research Conference, July 20-23, Bethesda, MD. (Oral presentation).

Dubey P, Fry L, Ilavarasan A, Muthusamy S, Baker KK, Story WT, Watkins SL, **Afifi R**. Menstrual hygiene management among transgender and non-binary populations: A global systematic review. Society for Menstrual Cycle Research Conference, July 20-23, Bethesda, MD. (Poster presentation).

Tleis M, Nakkash R, Fares M, Al Masri H, Najjar Y, Al Halabi F, Ghandour L, Louis B, **Afifi R**. Community-engaged research: Strengthening ethical engagement in the context of Syrian refugee communities living in Lebanon. Oral presentation – part of a panel on Community Engagement and Ethical Issues in Global Health Research – at the at the Oxford Global Health and Bioethics International Conference. June 26-27, 2023. Oxford, UK.

Invited panelist: Mental and Physical Health Disparities in Underserved Communities. Panel in the My City, My Health – Iowa City conference. April 28, 2023. <https://www.mycity.health/>

Walkner L, Carter A, Parmater J, Peters N\*, Pettit-Majewski D, **Afifi R** (panel moderator), Building Health Equity in Iowa Public Health Departments. University of Iowa Spotlight presentation. April 26, 2023.

Invited speaker: Addressing mental health in low resource settings. Clinical Psychology Program Clinical Rounds, University of Iowa. April 17, 2023.

**Afifi R**, Tucker Reinders L. "Dedication, Persistence And Resiliency In Spite Of Turmoil": The COVID-19 Pandemic from the Perspective of The Public Health Workforce in Iowa. University of Iowa Spotlight presentation. April 12, 2023.

- Invited seminar presentation: Utilizing Community Based Participatory Approach in Public Health Research. Presented to the Qatar University, College of Health Sciences. March 20, 2023.
- Haines H, Sursely A, Tucker Reinders L, Askelson N, Walkner W, **Affifi R** and the HKEL planning committee. "Dedication, Persistence And Resiliency In Spite Of Turmoil": Learning From The COVID-19 Pandemic Through The Eyes Of The Public Health Workforce. Oral presentation at the Public Health Conference of Iowa, March 2023. Ames, Iowa.
- 2022 Nakkash R, Ghandour L, Tleis M, Fares M, Al-Masri H, Bomar H, Al-Halabi F, Louis B, Najjar Y, **Affifi R**. Power sharing in community-engaged research with Syrian refugees in Lebanon: Using implementation science frameworks to guide fit to context of a young adult community worker intervention. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, March 7-10, 2023, Chicago, IL.
- Invited presentation: NIH Rural Health Seminar 2022 Panelist: NIH Rural Health Seminar-Improving Rural Health through Research Dissemination and Implementation. <https://nimhd.nih.gov/news-events/conferences-events/rural-health.html>. Nov. 17, 2022
- Affifi RA**, Zarate-Sada S\*, Calderon J\*, Teahen P, Vander Weg M, Fry E\*, Peters N\*, Robledo J\*, Pham H\*, Sewell D. "We were the forgotten ones" – Stigma, stress, coping, and wellbeing among last responders during the COVID-19 pandemic. Accepted as a Poster presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual conference. Boston, MA. Nov. 6-9, 2022.
- Affifi R**, Haines H, Sursely A\*, Diner S\*, Jensen E\*, Fueling the Future Coalition Board. 'Fueling the Future', An innovative poverty reduction program in Muscatine Iowa. Accepted as an Oral presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual conference. Boston, MA. Nov. 6-9, 2022.
- Maldonado A\*, Baquero B, **Affifi R**, Hoffman RM, Laroche HH, Garcia DO, Gilbert PA. Place matters: A qualitative investigation comparing hypertension management among Latinos in established and new Latino destination. Accepted as a Poster presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual conference. Boston, MA. Nov. 6-9, 2022. (A. Maldonado presenting).
- Fry E\*, **Affifi R**, Harland K. Teen dating violence programming implementation in Iowa schools: Perceptions of school counselors and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Accepted as a poster presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual conference. Boston, MA. Nov. 6-9, 2022. (E. Fry presenting)
- Gauthreaux N, Thompson H, Morris C, Bucklin R, Tucker Reinders L, Faber E, Vander Weg M, **Affifi R**, Scherer A, Askelson N. The COVID-19 infodemic in rural micropolitan communities in the Midwest: A qualitative analysis of Facebook comments to vaccine advertisements. Accepted as an Oral presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual conference. Boston, MA. Nov. 6-9, 2022. (N. Gauthreaux presenting)
- Invited presentation: **Affifi R**, Watkins SL, Ball C\*. Panelists: Mindsets and Methods Community-engaged Research with Youth. Alliance of Coalitions for Change (AC4C) annual conference 2022. Johnson, Iowa. Nov. 2, 22.
- Invited presentation: **Affifi R**. Reimagining Rural: Shifting Paradigms about Health & Well-Being in the Rural Wisconsin. Annual meeting of the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin. Wisconsin Dells, WI. Aug 26, 2022.
- Nakkash R, **Affifi R**. Engaging Syrian refugee young adults as community mental health workers in Lebanon. Oral presentation (virtual) – part of a panel on Overcoming the Treatment Gap: Reaching Refugee Children

through Community-Based Mental Health Intervention. Presented at the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development (ISSBD). June 19-23, 2022. Rhodes, Greece.

Walkner L, May K\*, Ginn K\*, CisseEgbuonye N, Sesterhenn L, **Afifi R**. Health Equity in Practice: Lessons Learned from Developing and Implementing Health Equity Workforce Development for Local Public Health Staff. Oral presentation at Public Health Conference of Iowa. Ames, Iowa. May 3-5, 2022.

**Afifi R**, Haines H, Tucker-Reinders L, and the HKEL planning committee. Harnessing Knowledge Elevating Learnings: Iowa's Experience Mitigating Covid-19. Oral presentation at Public Health Conference of Iowa. Ames, Iowa. May 3-5, 2022.

**Afifi R**. The Researcher as an Instrument of Deconstruction. Part of a panel presented by Wolfe S, Karamese H\*, Asikin-Garmager A, Afifi R. on Confronting Consequences of Colonialism in Research and Evaluation Approaches. Oral virtual presentation at RDMLA Symposium 2022. April 22, 2022.

2021

Bomar H, Lee AA, Watkins SL, Welter T, Vander Weg M, Afifi A. Challenges of recruiting rural adolescents to participate in e-cigarette research. Poster presentation at the Annual meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco. Baltimore, MA. March 3-5, 2022. (HM presenting)

Wick N\*, **Afifi R**. We don't talk about it: Barriers to PrEP uptake among college students who identify as MSM. Poster presentation (virtual). American Public Health Association Annual conference. Oct. 21, 2021. (N. Wick presenting).

**Afifi R**, Cisse Egbuonye N, May K\*, Pieper F\*, Sesterhenn L, Shultz H, Walkner L. Health equity in practice: Lessons learned from developing and implementing health equity workforce development for local public health department staff. American Public Health Association Annual conference. Oct. 21, 2021. (L Sesterhenn presenting).

Calderon J\*, Teahen P, Pham H\*, Sewell D, Vander Weg M, Zarate-Sada S\*, **Afifi R**. Fatalities management workers COVID-19 related stress, coping, and wellbeing. Poster presentation (virtual). American Public Health Association Annual conference. Oct. 22, 2021. (J. Calderon presenting).

Correa A\*, Buckin R, Pham H\*, Sewell D, **Afifi R**. Resident assistant stress and well-being in the time of COVID-19. Poster presentation (virtual). American Public Health Association Annual conference. Oct. 22, 2021. (A. Correa presenting).

Invited presentation: Afifi R. Meaningful Adolescent and Youth Engagement. Presented at the Multi-stakeholder consultation on programming to promote adolescent well-being for the Eastern Mediterranean Region. June 15, 2021. (Virtual).

**Afifi R**, Teahen P. Fatalities Management Workers COVID-19 related stress, coping and wellbeing: Results of a National survey. Oral Presentation. Iowa Funeral Directors Association. Des Moines, IA. May 2021. (both R. Afifi and P. Teahen presenting)

Teahen P, **Afifi R**. Fatalities Management Workers COVID-19 related stress, coping and wellbeing. Virtual general session and breakout session. ICISF World Congress. May, 2021.

Daly E\*, Evans S\*, Lee A\*, Bucklin R, Maldonado A\*, Berto S, Askelson N, **Afifi R**. Identifying COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Needs in Ottumwa, Iowa. Poster presentation. Public Health Conference of Iowa, Des Moines, IA. April 2021.

Invited presentation: **Afifi R.** Communicating safety to motivate best practices. Oral online presentation at the ASHCA Safety Summit. March 2021.

Sun L\*, Novak NL, Amin K\*, Andino JL\*, Clayden AB\*, Corwin CL, Dukes KC, Ikoba BE\*, McClinton JD\*, Meyer AR\*, Presnall EM\*, Weismann A, Zimmerman M, **Afifi R.** Developing and applying a scoping review protocol to examine immigrant and refugee integration interventions in the Midwestern United States. Presented by LS virtually at the 4th Annual Conference on Migration and Health, Galveston, TX, March 2021.

**Afifi R.** Methodological approaches to meaningful community engagement in stigma research. Part of a Satellite session on 'Advancing Global Health through Cross-Cutting Approaches in Stigma Reduction Research.' Presented virtually at the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) annual conference, March 2021.

Kava C, Watkins SL, Gilbert PA, Villhauer T, Welter TL, **Afifi R.** E-Cigarette Use and the College Experience – Associations between Mental Health and Poly-Substance Use. Virtual poster presentation at the Society for Nicotine and Tobacco Research annual conference, Feb. 2021.

Lee A\*, Haines H, Henry S, **Afifi R.** Perspectives of national interventionalists on the effectiveness and captivating features of adolescent e-cigarette prevention and cessation programs. Virtual poster presentation at the Society for Nicotine and Tobacco Research annual conference, Feb. 2021.

2020 **Afifi R, Lee A\*.** Factors influencing school and participant recruitment for exploratory research on adolescent e-cigarette use. Virtual presentation at the Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network annual conference, Jan. 22, 2021.

**Afifi R.** Fatalities Management Workers COVID-19 related stress, coping and wellbeing. Prevention Research Center Mental Health Workgroup. Jan. 2021

Dubey P\*, El Boukhari N, Vander Weg M, **Afifi R.** Determinants of e-cigarettes among adolescents and young adults: A scoping review of qualitative studies. Presented virtually at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Nov. 2020.

Invited presentation: **Afifi R.** Capstone: The Science of Communicating Effectively for Behavior Change. Oral online presentation at MRASH (Midwest Rural Agriculture Safety and Health) conference. Nov. 2020.

Baquero B, Sewel D, Novak N, Bucklin RS, Maldonado A,\* Askelson N, Daniel-Ulloa J, **Afifi R,** Hanes H, Ross G, Dunn B, Parker EA. Effectiveness of adapting and implementing the Community Guide approaches to promote physical activity in a micropolitan city. Virtual poster presentation (due to COVID-19) at the Society for Behavioral Medicine Annual meeting, April 2020.

**Afifi R,** Kava C, Soule E, Seegmiller L, Westfield T\*, Wick N\*, Gold E\*, Snipes W\*. 'Taking up a new problem' - A qualitative study of the context and determinants of pod-mod e-cigarette use among university students. Virtual poster presentation (due to COVID-19) at the Society for Nicotine and Tobacco Research annual conference, New Orleans, LA, March 2020.

2019 **Afifi R,** El Boukhari N, Nakkash R. When I smoked it, it was like a slap in the face but it felt really good" - Using the PACE model to explore determinants of midwakh use among young adults in Lebanon. Virtual poster presentation (due to COVID-19) at the Society for Nicotine and Tobacco Research annual conference, New Orleans, LA, March 2020.

**Afifi R,** Asikin-Garmager A, Bougard R. Facilitating a Multi-Layer, Multi-Organization Evaluation. Part of a panel titled: *Multi Site and Multi-Level Evaluation of the NNLM All of Us National Program.* Accepted for oral

- presentation at the 2019 American Evaluation Association conference. November 11 - 16, Minneapolis, MN, USA. (co-presented by R Afifi and A. Asikin-Garmager)
- Asikin-Garmager A, George S\*, Dowd P\*, **Afifi R**. Leveraging Technology to Conduct Usability Evaluation of an Online Toolkit. Accepted for oral presentation at the 2019 American Evaluation Association conference. November 11 - 16, Minneapolis, MN, USA. (co-presented by A. Asikin-Garmager & R. Afifi).
- Afifi RA**, UI-IRHWRG. Local responses in new destination communities: Action, research, and advocacy for immigrant wellbeing from the Heartland of America. Oral presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Nov. 2-6, 2019. Philadelphia, PA, USA.  
<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2019/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/444906>.
- Gilbert P, Kava C, **Afifi RA**. High school students rarely use e-cigarettes alone: An analysis polysubstance use by gender and race/ethnicity among adolescents in the USA. Poster presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Nov. 2-6, 2019. Philadelphia, PA, USA.  
<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2019/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/437187>. (PG presenting)
- Afifi R**, Nakkash R, Boukhari N, Al Halabi A. "I fell on the floor the first time I smoked it": Exploring determinants of use of Midwakh among youth in Lebanon. Poster presentation at the SRNT-Europe 19<sup>th</sup> annual conference. Sept. 12-14, 2019. Oslo, Norway. (RN presented).
- 2018 Invited discussant. **Afifi RA**. Paving the Way for Behavioral Economics in the Fourth Industrial Revolution: New Trends and Ethical Concerns. Oral presentation at the BX Arabia 2019: The Arab Summit on Behavioral Economics and Nudging. April 13, 2019. Beirut, Lebanon. <https://nudgelebanon.org/>
- Daniel-Ulloa JD, Maldonado A., Gilbert PA, Bucklin R, **Afifi RA**, Baquero B, Woods-Jaeger B. Changing the Conversation: The Health Equity Advancement Lab's Pedagogy for Public Health. Oral presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Nov. 10-14, 2018. San Diego, CA, USA (JD-U and AM presented). <https://apha.confex.com/apha/2018/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/411796>
- Alaouie H, Ali A, Nakkash R, Malek N, Rachid S, Ahmed MK, Pritom GSM, London L, Knai C, Hirschhorn N, Nuwayhid I, **Afifi RA**. University policies that govern receipt of funds from for-profit corporations: A review of 50 institutions with public health programs worldwide. Oral presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Nov. 10-14, 2018. San Diego, CA, USA. (HA presented).  
<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2018/meetingapp.cgi/Paper/412301>
- Invited speaker: Public Presentation during the First International Meeting on Dokha Tobacco Research. Dokha as an emerging epidemic: What can we learn from global tobacco control? In a panel with T. Eissenberg, Mohammad Al Houkani, Michael Weitzman. Abu Dhabi Nov. 5, 2018.
- McNeill J, **Afifi R**. Cultural Humility – Critical Self Reflection. Presentation at the NNLM All of Us Research Program Cultural Humility and Instructional Design Workshop in Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2017 **Afifi, R**. Public Library Roles in the Health and Well-Being of Their Communities: Partnerships, Strategies, and Impact! Presentation at the Health Information for Public Librarians Symposium, Medical Library Association Annual Meeting. May 18-23. Atlanta, GA, USA.
- Invited keynote: Adolescent and youth health and wellbeing in the MENA region. Translating Research into Scaled Up Action: Evidence Symposium on Adolescents and Youth in MENA. Amman, Jordan. November 21, 2017.



Invited panelist: Comment on the Independent Accountability Panel for the Every Woman, Every Child every Adolescent. Side event at the International Association of Adolescent Health Congress. New Delhi, India - Oct. 28, 2017

**Afifi R**, Germani A, Armoush A\*, Mendonca V, Martinez K. Documenting 'Good Practices' in Adolescent Programming for the MENA region: What do we know about effective youth participation? Poster presentation at the International Association of Adolescent Health Congress. New Delhi, India - Oct. 27-29, 2017.

**Afifi R**, Irani A, Ali A\*, Tamim A, Mokdad A. The impact of place on life and death: life expectancy and death rate differentials for youth in the Arab world. Poster presentation at the International Association of Adolescent Health Congress. New Delhi, India - Oct. 27-29, 2017.

Ghandour L, Chalak A, Anouti S, Nakkash R, Yassin N, **Afifi R**. Youth's perceptions of policy-level factors and their drinking patterns: Data from Lebanon. Poster presentation at the International Association of Adolescent Health Congress. New Delhi, India - Oct. 27-29, 2017.

2016 Invited panelist: Are universities doing enough to foster women leaders? At the MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program Partners Convening, Oct. 26, 2016, East Lansing, MI. Covered by University World News. <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20161028150344794&query=Chinwe>

Invited Keynote: What evidence do we know about adolescent development? At the UNICEF Global Management Team Meeting, June 21, 2016, New York. (Due to missing a flight in London, this presentation was given on my behalf by Judith Diers from UNICEF).

Ghandour, L., Anouti, S., Maalouf, F, and **Afifi R**. Mental health Well-being of Arab Adolescents: Findings from 19 multi-country Global School-based Health Surveys. Poster presentation accepted at the Society of Epidemiological Research (SER) 49th annual meeting. Miami, Florida (June 23, 2016) (LG presented)

2015 Ghandour L., Chalak A., El-Aily Aida, Yassin N., Nakkash R, Tauk M., El Salibi N, Heffron M, **Afifi R**. Alcohol consumption in the Arab region: Alcohol control policies in the Arab region: Where do we stand, and what are the implications for youth harm reduction? Oral presentation at the Momentum for change: research and advocacy reducing alcohol harm conference (GAPC) - Edinburgh, Scotland, (October 7-9, 2015). (LG presented)

Nakkash R, Ghandour L, Nicholas J, Chalak A, Yassin N, **Afifi R**. Alcohol outlet density in Lebanon: Youth access amid a policy void. Poster presentation at the Momentum for change: research and advocacy reducing alcohol harm conference (GAPC) - Edinburgh, Scotland from 7-9 October 2015. (RN presented)

Nakkash R, Ghandour L, **Afifi R**, Chalak A, Al Aili A, Yassin N. It is not my job: Stakeholder's views on youth alcohol harm reduction policy in Lebanon. Oral presentation at the Momentum for change: research and advocacy reducing alcohol harm conference (GAPC) - Edinburgh, Scotland, (October 7-9, 2015). (RN presented)

**Afifi RA**. Waterpipe tobacco smoking interventions: Why current evidence for cigarettes might fail to curb waterpipe tobacco use. Oral presentation as part of a symposium on Waterpipe and Shisha smoking at the 16<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health. Abu Dhabi, March 17-21, 2015.

Bteddini D, **Afifi RA**, Nakkash R. Gender differences in the protective effect of developmental assets in cigarette and waterpipe tobacco use among youth in Lebanon. Poster presentation at the 16<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health. Abu Dhabi, March 17-21, 2015. (DB presented)

Jawad M, **Afifi RA**, Mahfoud Z, Bteddini D, Haddad P, Nakkash R. Characteristics of never waterpipe smokers that put them at increased risk of smoking waterpipe: a cross-sectional study of 6th and 7th graders in Lebanon. Poster presentation at the 16<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health. Abu Dhabi, March 17-21, 2015. (MJ presented).

Ghandour, L., Yassin, N., Nakkash, R., Chalak, A., El Aily, A., Tauk, M., **Afifi, R.** Use of data triangulation for proposing a comprehensive national alcohol control and harm reduction policy: The case of Lebanon. Oral presentation at the 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Public Health. Kolkata, India, (February 11-15, 2015).

Nuwayhid I, **Afifi RA**, DeJong J. A systems-network approach to shape public health research and practice in the Arab world: A paradigm shift. Oral presentation at the 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Public Health, Feb. 11-15, 2015 - Kolkata, India. (RA presented)

Invited speaker: **Afifi RA**. Multi-Sectoral Partnerships to promote NCD prevention and control. Invited Oral Presentation as part of a panel on 'The role of policy interventions in noncommunicable disease prevention and control', at the 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Public Health, Feb. 11-15, 2015 - Kolkata, India.

Bteddini D, **Afifi RA**, Nuwayhid I. Research Networks: fora for capacity building and knowledge production. Oral presentation at the 14<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Public Health, Feb. 11-15, 2015 - Kolkata, India. (DB presented).

Invited panelist: **Afifi RA**. 'Do doctors know best? Who will take care of the world? at Innovations in Global Medical & Health Education (IGMHE) Forum, Jan 18, 2015. Doha, Qatar'

Bteddini D, **Afifi RA**, Nakkash R. A Mixed-Method Approach to Explore Youth Developmental Assets in Lebanon. Oral presentation at the ACCESS 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Health Issues in Arab Communities, March 1-7, 2015. Muscat, Oman. (DB presented)

2014 Zahlan, L., Ghandour, L., Yassin, N., **Afifi, R.**, & Martins, S. S. Nonmedical use of Psychoactive Prescription Drugs among adolescents: What's Waterpipe Smoking Got to do with it? Poster presentation at the 142<sup>nd</sup> APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition. New Orleans, USA, (November 15-19, 2014). (RA presented)

**Afifi RA**, Nakkash R, Bteddini B, Al Mulla A. Implementing a nationwide school-based waterpipe tobacco smoking prevention intervention: Challenges and lessons learned. Poster presentation at the 142<sup>nd</sup> annual American Public Health Association, Nov. 15-19, 2014 – New Orleans LA, USA.

Zahlan L, Ghandour LA, Yassin N, **Afifi RA**, Martins SS. Double Trouble: Exploring the Association between Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking and the Nonmedical Use of Psychoactive Prescription Drugs among Adolescents. Poster presentation (by RA) at the 142<sup>nd</sup> annual American Public Health Association, Nov. 15-19, 2014 – New Orleans LA, USA.

Bteddini D, **Afifi RA**, Nakkash RT. The protective effect of youth developmental assets in cigarette and waterpipe tobacco use: evidence from Lebanon. Oral presentation in 2nd International Waterpipe Smoking Research conference. Oct. 25-27, 2014. Doha, Qatar. (DB presented)

Invited panelist. Part of an international panel organized by IDRC entitled: What is Research Excellence on Health, Environment and Society? Panelists (in alphabetical order): **Rima Afifi**, Peter Daszak, Nancy Doubleday, Pattamaporn Kittayapong, Mario Henry Rodriguez. Panel chair: Dominique Charron. At the EcoHealth 2014: Connections for Health, Ecosystems, and Society Conference. August 11-15, 2014 - Montreal, Canada.

Najem M, **Afffi RA**, Georgi G, Halabi L, Shaima. Community-campus partnerships across borders: does it work? And can it be sustained? The case of a program to enhance access to information and services for youth in Iraq. Presented as a story telling session at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Community Campus Partnerships for Health Conference, April 30-May 3, 2014 -Chicago, Illinois.

2013 Invited plenary panelist. Part of a session entitled: Transformative Learning for Health Equity: working beyond customaries / breaking down the boundaries / opening new possibilities. Panelists (in alphabetical order): **Rima Afffi**, Harvey Fineberg, Francis Omaswa, Charas Suwanwela. At the Prince Mahitol Award Conference (PMAC) on Transformational Learning for Health Equity, Jan 27-31, 2013 - Thailand.

Invited Plenary. **Afffi R**. Youth in the Arab World: Thoughts on Global Forces, Conflicts, Agency and Voice. At the 10<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Adolescent Health. June 10-12, Istanbul, Turkey.

**Afffi R**, Nakkash R, Mahfoud Z, Haddad P, Bteddini, D, Al Mulla A. What are the determinants of the alarming prevalence of waterpipe smoking among 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders in Lebanon? Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, March 13-16, 2013, Boston, MA. USA.

Nakkash R, **Afffi R**, Torossian L, EL Hajj T, Khalil J. Evaluating the role of academics in influencing tobacco control policy. Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, March 13-16, 2013, Boston, MA. USA. (RN presenting).

Haddad P, Mahfoud Z, Al Mulla A, Nakkash R, Karhily R, Janahi I, AL Ansari A, Torossian L, Shuayb L, **Afffi R**. The effect of a school-based intervention program on knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors of waterpipe smoking in Qatar: A pilot study. Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, March 13-16, 2013, Boston, MA. USA. (PH presenting)

2012 Nakkash R, Mahfoud Z, Haddad P, Bteddini D, Jbara L, & **Afffi R**. Testing the impact of a school-based waterpipe use prevention program in Lebanon: Results of an RCT in Lebanon. Poster presentation at the Annual American Public Health Association Annual Meeting 2012: Prevention and Wellness Across the Life Span. Oct 27-31, 2012. San Francisco, CA. (RN presented)

**Afffi R**, Al Mulla A, Mahfoud Z, Haddad P, Torossian L, Shuayb L, Karhily R, Nakkash R. Testing the impact of a school-based waterpipe use prevention program in Qatar: results of a pilot test. Accepted as a poster at the 15<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health, March 20-24 2012. Singapore (ZM presented).

**Afffi R**, Nakkash R, Alaouie H, Haddad P, Nahhas G. How do youth evaluate effectiveness of pictorial health warnings on cigarette packs? Accepted as a poster at the 15<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health, March 20-24 2012. Singapore (RN presented).

Al Mulla A, Karhily R, Torossian L, Shuayb L, Mahfoud Z, Nakkash R, **Afffi R**. Challenges to recruitment and parental consent for child participation in a schoolbased Waterpipe tobacco smoking prevention program in Qatar. Accepted as a poster at the 15<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health, March 20-24 2012. Singapore (AAM presented).

Nakkash R, **Afffi R**, El Hajj T, Khalil J. The role of academics in a tobacco control policy vacuum. Accepted as a poster at the 15<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health, March 20-24 2012. Singapore (RN presented).

Chaaya M, Khalil J, Allameddine M, Nakkash R, **Afffi R**. A smoke free university campus in a "smoker's paradise": lessons learned. Accepted as a poster at the 15<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health, March 20-24 2012. Singapore (MC presented).

2011

- Afifi RA.** Mahfoud Z, Khouri R, Bitar S. Restoring dignity: the raison d'être of the youth movements in the Arab citizen revolt? Presented as the discussion paper in the Youth in the Arab World working group of the Abu Dhabi Gallup Forum meeting. Dec 6-8, 2011.
- Afifi RA.** Youth as agents of change: Thoughts on social determinants of health, dignity, and voice. Presentations at US Institute of Peace (Washington DC), Carnegie Endowment for Peace (Washington DC), River Club/AUB (New York), Arab Bankers Association of American (New York), and Council on Foreign Relations (New York) as part of an AUB Panel Discussion of Change in the Middle East in light of the Arab Spring. May 2011.
- 2010 **Afifi RA.** Strong Goals and Objectives: Setting the Stage for Data Collection. Oral presentation at the CEPH technical assistance session. Denver, CO, Nov 5, 2010.
- Afifi RA,** Nakkash R, El Hajj T, Makhoul J, Abdulrahim S, Kanj M, Mahfoud Z, Haddad P. More good than harm? The case study of Qaderoon, a mental health promotion intervention for Palestinian refugee youth in Beirut. Poster presentation at the 138<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, CO, Nov 6-10 2010.
- Afifi RA,** Nakkash R, Haddad P. Determinants of mental health among Palestinian refugee youth. Oral presentation at the Global Flows in Global Health conference, Al Ain, UAE, Jan 4-8 2010
- 2009 Nakkash R., Khalil J. **Afifi RA.** Waterpipe tobacco smoking: What's so sexy?. Oral presentation to the 137<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 7-11, '09
- Afifi RA,** Nakkash R. Bteddini D. Cross-cultural validation of the concept and measurement of youth developmental assets in Lebanon. Oral presentation to the 137<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA, Nov 7-11. 2009.
- Abdulrahim S, El Shareef M, **Afifi RA.** With or without funding, this project is our project: Formative evaluation of a community youth coalition in a Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon. Oral presentation at Unite for Sight 6th Annual Global Health and Development Conference; Yale University; April 18-19, '09.(SA presented).
- Afifi RA,** Fouad F, Ayad M, Jarallah Y. Exploring attitudes towards women's waterpipe smoking in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. Oral presentation at the 14<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health, Mumbai, India, March 09.
- Afifi RA,** Salem T. Public health implications of non-cigarette forms of smoked tobacco. Invited speaker at the 14<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health, Mumbai, India, March 09.
- 2008 Nakkash RT, **Afifi RA.** Mental health promotion with refugee youth: Lessons learned from a pilot study. Poster presentation at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Urban Health Conference. Vancouver, Canada. November 2008 (RTN presented)
- Afifi RA,** Nakkash RN. Measuring the mental health of Arab Youth: A case study from Lebanon. Poster presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Urban Health Conference, Vancouver, Canada .November 2008 (RTN presented)
- Nakkash RT, **Afifi RA.** A community based logic model for child mental health promotion in a refugee setting. Oral presentation at the 136<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. San Diego, CA. October 2008 (RTN presented)

- 2006 **Afffi Soweid RA**, Kassak K, Chaaya M. A policy analysis of factors influencing development and implementation of tobacco control policies: A case study from Lebanon. Oral presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health. Washington, D.C., July 2006
- Afffi Soweid RA**, Chaaya M, Maziak W. Smoking the nargileh: the choice for women and youth in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. Oral presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health. Washington, D.C., July 2006
- 2005 **Afffi Soweid RA**. Social determinants of health in Lebanon: The Urban Health Research Project. Seminar presented to Faculty and graduate Students of the St. Louis University School of Public Health. St. Louis, MO. August 2005.
- Nassif N, **Afffi Soweid RA**, Shareef M. Stages of Change and Decisional Balance for Exercise in a Sample of Lebanese College Students. Poster presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> International Union for Health Promotion and Education European Conference on the Effectiveness and Quality of Health Promotion June 2005. (NN presented)
- 2004 Makhoul J, **Afffi Soweid RA**, Karam D. Youth caught between community and country: the case of Beirut suburbs. Oral presentation at the Third International Conference on Urban Health Conference. October 2004, Boston, MA, USA (JM presented)
- 2003 **Afffi Soweid RA**. Environment and Policy related to tobacco use in Lebanon. Seminar *presented* to Emory University Rollins School of Public Health Faculty and Students. August 2003, Atlanta, GA, USA.
- Hoeree T, Nehlawi M, **Afffi Soweid RA**, Nakkash R, Najjar N, Mourtada R, Khogali M, Perez-Cueto A. Factors influencing changes in dietary habits at family level in a middle-income neighborhood of Beirut, Lebanon. Poster presented at the International Conference on Health benefits of Mediterranean diet: Highlights on cancer and cardiovascular diseases. Crete, Greece. June, 2003. (TH presented)
- Major S, **Afffi Soweid RA**, Shediak-Rizkallah M, Taljeh C, El-Khatib Z. Smoking characteristics among college students entering the American University of Beirut in terms of the Transtheoretical model of change. Poster presentation (in absentia) at American College Health Association 2003 Annual Meeting. Miami Beach, Florida May 2003.
- 2001 **Afffi Soweid RA**, Nakkash RT, Nehlawi MT, Shediak-Rizkallah MC, Khogali M. Challenges of evaluation in community-based prevention: The case of the CVD prevention project in Beirut, Lebanon. Poster accepted for presentation at the 52<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Society for Public Health Education, Atlanta, GA, October 2001. (was not presented as none of the authors was able to attend)
- 1999 **Afffi Soweid RA**. Health risk behaviors among entering college students at the American University of Beirut. Seminar presentation to the faculty and students of the University of Iowa College of Public Health. September 1999.
- 1997 Housemann R, Mayer JP, **Soweid RA**, Wadud E, Rafii R. Assessment of Rural Community Health: A Multi-Level Approach. Poster presented at the Annual Art and Science of Health Promotion Conference, March 1997
- 1996 Mayer JP, Housemann R, **Soweid RA**. Issues in Assessing and Validating Unobtrusive Measures of the Health Promotion Environment. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, New York, NY, Nov. 1996. [Round Table]
- 1995

**Soweid RA**, Mayer JP, Dean C. Role-Specific Perceptions of Coalition Functioning in Rural Cardiovascular Health Coalitions. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA, 1995.

Mayer JP, **Soweid RA**, Dabney S. Process Characteristics of Successful Community Coalitions: A Case-Ordered Matrix Analysis. Poster presented at the Meeting of the International Union for Health Promotion and Education, Japan, 1995.

- 1991 Smith MR, **Affifi RA**. A Model for Local Occupational Fatality Surveillance Program. Poster presented at Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta, Georgia, 1991.

#### Regional (Arab region)

- 2017 **Affifi RA**, Irani A, Ali A, Mokdad A. Inequities in young peoples' health across the Arab World. Oral presentation at the first International Association of Adolescent Health MENA region conference. May 12-14, 2017. Cairo, Egypt.

**Affifi RA**, Nakkash R, Bteddini D, Mahfoud A, Lotfi T. Testing the impact of a nation-wide school based program on waterpipe tobacco smoking (WTS) prevention among 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders in Lebanon: A randomized control trial design. Oral presentation at the first International Association of Adolescent Health MENA region conference. May 12-14, 2017. Cairo, Egypt. (DB presented)

Ghandour L, Anouti S, **Affifi R**, Maalouf F, Rady A. Mental health Well-being of Arab Adolescents: Findings from 19 multi-country Global School-based Health Surveys. Oral presentation at the first International Association of Adolescent Health MENA region conference. May 12-14, 2017. Cairo, Egypt. (SA presented)

- 2016 **Affifi RA**. Enabling systems for Adolescent Wellbeing. Oral presentation at the conference on Adolescent Adolescent and youth wellbeing in the Arab region: Challenges and promises of the second decade of life - A partnership for and with youth. December 13-14, 2016, Beirut, Lebanon.

**Affifi RA**, Armoush S. Documenting 'good practices' in adolescent programming for the MENA region: Interventions for Palestinian youth. At the Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance 7<sup>th</sup> conference: Health of Palestinians inside and outside of the Palestinian Occupied Territories. March 7-8, Amman, Jordan.

**Affifi RA**, Gemani A, Armoush S, Mendonca V, Martinez K. Documenting 'Good Practices' in Adolescent Programming for the MENA region: Are adolescents involved? Collaboration for Community Change: Insight, Innovation, and Impact. March 24-26, Cairo, Egypt. (AG presented)

- 2015 Invited speaker: **Affifi RA**. Youth Health. At the roundtable discussion on Youth Exclusion and Youth-Led Change in the South-East Mediterranean. Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 2015, Beirut.

- 2014 **Affifi RA**. Engaging youth as active partners in setting the research agenda: On agency and voice. Oral presentation at FHS Center for Research on Population and Health workshop on The health and wellbeing of Arab youth. October 13-14, 2014. Beirut, Lebanon.

- 2012 Khader A, Khader Y, Eissenberg T, Osman M, Kassem N, **Affifi R**. Bullying victimization among 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders in UNRWA schools: Prevalence, determinants, and consequences. Presented at the Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance conference, March 5-6 2012, Beirut, Lebanon.

- 2011 **Affifi RA**, Dalli R, Nuwayhid I. A Framework for Monitoring and Evaluation of Program Learning Outcomes: The Case of the Graduate Public Health Program at AUB. Presented at the Second annual conference on Teaching and Learning sponsored by the AUB Center for Teaching and Learning and the IT Academic Core Processes and Systems, Beirut Dec. 9-10, 2011

- Afifi RA.** Youth as agents of change. Oral presentation at the Panel Discussions on Youth leadership in the region after “Arab Spring 2011”. UNESCO Regional Expert Meeting on Youth Civic Engagement, Beirut, Lebanon, Sept 19-21 2011.
- 2010 **Afifi RA,** Khalil J, Ayad M, Fouad F, Hammal F, Jarallah Y, Mohammad M, Abu Farhat H, Nakkash R. Social norms and attitudes linked to waterpipe use in the EMR. Oral presentation at the 8<sup>th</sup> IEA- Eastern Mediterranean Regional Scientific Meeting, Beirut Lebanon, Nov 25-27 2010.
- 2009 Makhoul J, Nakkash RN, **Afifi RA.** Reality drives design of a randomized controlled community-based intervention. Oral presentation at the 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Public Health, Istanbul, Turkey, April 2009. (JM presented)
- 2007 **Afifi Soweid RA,** Nehlawi M. Youth Health in the Arab World. Oral presentation at the ESCWA meeting for 2007 Arab MDG report. Amman Jordan, February 2007.
- 2006 El-Hajj T, **Afifi Soweid RA.** Factors Associated with Violence among Palestinian Refugee Youth in an Urban Area in Beirut. Oral presentation at Youth in the Middle East and North Africa: Expanding Economic Prospects in Urban Areas . Rabat, Morocco 4-6 December, 2006. (THE presented)
- 2000 **Afifi Soweid RA.** Is health covered in the media? An analysis of Lebanon. Oral presentation at the coordinators' meeting of the EU funded community-based cardiovascular disease prevention project. Ankara, Turkey, February 2000

#### Local (Iowa)

- 2020 **Afifi RA.** Invited presentation. Community-Based Participatory Research. Obermann Center workgroup on Scholarship of Public Engagement. April 24, 2020. Iowa City, Iowa.
- 2019 **Afifi RA.** Invited Keynote. Iowa Refugee Alliance Summit. Creating environments conducive to wellbeing: Cross-sectoral strength-based approaches to working with refugees. Oct. 9, 2019. Des Moines, Iowa.
- 2018 **Afifi RA.** Invited lecture. College of Nursing Research Series. Critical reflections on research and practice in contexts of protracted uncertainty. Nov. 9, 2018. Iowa City, Iowa.
- Afifi RA.** Invited panelist. Member of 3-person panel on ‘The Secrets of Making the Science of Health Equity Work: Community and Academic Perspectives on Ensuring Health Equity’ at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Science of Health Equity Summit. April 5, 2018. Iowa City, Iowa.
- 2017 **Afifi RA.** Social Norms and Attitudes Linked to Waterpipe Use in the Eastern Mediterranean Region. Institute for Clinical & Translational Science lecture series on Qualitative Research. Nov. 15, 2017. Iowa City, Iowa.
- Afifi RA.** College of Public Health Spotlight series. More good than harm? A critical analysis of working in contexts of protracted uncertainty. Sept. 2017. Iowa City, Iowa.

#### Local (Lebanon)

- 2016 Chalak, A., Ghandour, L., Yassin, N., Nakkash, R., Anouti, S., **Afifi, R.** Modeling youths’ demand and ethanol intake responsiveness to alcohol taxes: The case of Lebanon. Oral presentation as part of the annual Lebanese Epidemiological Conference entitled ‘Epidemiology in Health Policy’ (December 2-3, 2016) (AC presented)
- 2015 Invited presenter: **Afifi RA** & Saliba N. Participatory approaches to public health research and advocacy. Center for Research on Population and Health Incubation Seminar. May 6, 2015. Beirut, Lebanon.
- 2014 **Afifi RA.** The consequences of a perception of lack of dignity: Testing a conceptual framework with data from Arab youth. Hariri School of Nursing Seminar, AUB. February 14<sup>th</sup> 2014.

- Afifi RA**, Bteddini D. Implementing a nationwide school-based waterpipe tobacco smoking (WTS) prevention intervention: Challenges and lessons learned. Faculty of Health Sciences seminar, AUB. February 12<sup>th</sup> 2014.
- 2012 **Afifi RA**. Restoring dignity: the raison d'être of the youth movements in the arab citizen revolt? Center for Research on Population and Health Seminar. Faculty of Health Sciences, AUB. January 19<sup>th</sup> 2012.
- 2011 **Afifi RA**. Community Engagement. Oral Presentation at the workshop on "UNRWA Health Services: Past, Present and Future", Beirut, Lebanon, June 23, 2011.
- Afifi RA**. Youth as agents of change: Thoughts on social determinants of health, dignity, and voice. Oral Presentation at the American University of Beirut session on 'Engaging Change in the Middle East: Reflections on Regional Transformations.' April 7<sup>th</sup> 2011.
- Afifi RA**, Nakkash RT, Haddad PH. Determinants of mental health among youth in the Burj El Barajneh refugee camp of Beirut. Oral Presentation at the annual conference of the Family Guidance Center, "Social Determinants of Palestinian Mental Health" NISCVT. Beirut, Lebanon, May 10-11, 2011.
- 2009 **Afifi RA**. Partnership with Community for Health Improvement: the Youth Mental Health Project in Burj El Barajneh Refugee Camp. Oral presentation at the COPEH MENA workshop, Beirut, Lebanon. April 23, 09.
- Afifi RA**. The Qaderoon Mental Health Promotion Program: Inception, Measurement, and Initial results. Oral presentation at the AUB Psychology Colloquium, Beirut, Lebanon, March 30<sup>th</sup> 2009
- 2008 **Afifi RA**. Knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors related to HIV risk among MARPS in Lebanon. Oral presentation at the Press conference to disseminate results of the RDS bio-behavioral study. Dec 08. Beirut Lebanon
- Afifi RA**. Behind the scenes: Challenges and Lessons Learned in the Qaderoon Mental Health Promotion Project. Oral presentation at the FHS weekly seminar. Beirut, Lebanon. November 2008.
- Afifi RA**. Youth Health Risk behaviors and Protective Factors in Lebanon: Results of the GSHS and GYTS. Oral presentation at the Mentor Arabia "Participatory Scientific Conference". Beirut Lebanon. October 08
- Afifi RA**. The concept of holistic health and of positive youth development. Oral presentation at the regional workshop to begin editing of the Arabic version of "Everyone has mental health" (organized by the Arab Resource Collective). September 2008.
- Afifi RA**. Youth health risk behaviors and protective factors: results of the GSHS and GYTS Lebanon 2005. Oral presentation at the conference on the School and its role in drug prevention (organized by Oum El Nour and Mentor Arabia). April 2008.
- 2007 **Afifi RA**. How Do Palestinian Youth in the Diaspora Self Identify: The Case of Burj El Barajneh Camp in Lebanon. Oral presentation at the workshop on Palestinian Citizenships and Identities, Beirut, Dec 2007.
- Afifi Soweid RA**. Needs of the school environment with respect to Reproductive Health: Studies and recommendations. Oral presentation at a UNFPA meeting of school health inspectors. Beirut, Lebanon, June 2007.
- Afifi Soweid RA**. Youth Health and Health Risk behaviors in Lebanon: Results of the GSHS 2005. Oral presentation as a Faculty Of Health Sciences Seminar. Beirut, Lebanon, May 2007.



- Affi Soweid RA.** Partnerships with Community for Health Improvement: The Youth Mental Health Project in the Burj El Barajneh Refugee Camp of Beirut. Oral presentation at the Urbanization, Poverty and Health in Developing Countries Workshop of the Center for Research on Population and Health, FHS/AUB. Beirut, Lebanon. May 18<sup>th</sup> 2007
- Affi Soweid RA.** Prevalence and determinants of argileh and cigarettes use among young people in Lebanon. Presented at the XLI annual Middle East Medical Assembly. Beirut Lebanon May 10<sup>th</sup> 2007.
- Affi Soweid RA.** Community-based participatory research: Developing a logic model for a youth mental health intervention in Burj El Barajneh refugee camp. Oral presentation at the Community Mental Health Services in Lebanon conference organized by the Family Guidance Center, NISCVT. Beirut, Lebanon, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2007
- 2005 **Affi Soweid RA.** Peering through the looking glass: the concept of positive youth development. Oral presentation at the annual meeting of the Regional Reproductive Health Working Group, Broumana, Lebanon, July 2005.
- Shamseddeen H, Mahmoud H, & **Affi Soweid RA.** Are medical students convinced in what they are doing? Poster presented at the XXXIX Middle East Medical Assembly, Beirut, Lebanon, May 2005.
- Affi Soweid RA.** Chaaya M, Kassak K. Support for narghile control policies among adults in Lebanon: preliminary data. Oral presentation during workshop at the XXXIX Middle East Medical Assembly, Beirut, Lebanon, May 2005.
- 2004 **Affi Soweid RA.** (for the Faculty of Health Sciences). Adapting Emerging Competencies in Public Health Education. Oral presentation at the *Beyond the Boundaries* 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary conference of the Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut, Lebanon, December 2004
- Affi Soweid RA** (for the Urban Health Research Group). Planning for Intervention Research in the Urban Health Study. Oral presentation at the *Beyond the Boundaries* 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary conference of the Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut, Lebanon, December 2004
- Affi Soweid RA,** El Shareef M. Urban Health Study Adolescent Health Component: Socio-Demographic, Health, and Social Profile of the Adolescent Population. Poster presented at the *Beyond the Boundaries* 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary conference of the Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut, Lebanon, December 2004
- El Shareef M, **Affi Soweid RA,** Nehlawi M, Rouhana A. The Environment of Youth Related to Tobacco in Lebanon: Analysis by Gender and Tobacco Type. Poster presented at the *Beyond the Boundaries* 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary conference of the Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut, Lebanon, December 2004
- Makhoul J, **Affi Soweid RA,** Karam D, Choueiry C. Youth caught between community and country: the case of Beirut Suburbs. Poster presented at the *Beyond the Boundaries* 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary conference of the Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut, Lebanon, December 2004
- El Shareef M, **Affi Soweid RA.** The coverage of tobacco issues in three selected Lebanese papers. Poster presented at the XXXVIII<sup>th</sup> Middle East Medical Assembly meeting, Beirut, Lebanon, May 2004.
- 2003 **Affi Soweid RA.** Prevention of Tobacco Use in Lebanon. Oral presentation at the XIX<sup>th</sup> annual Medical Conference on Adolescent Mental Health, Children's Right and Services organized by St. Georges Hospital and Balamand University. November 2003. Beirut, Lebanon.

- Affi Soweid RA.** Ecological strategies for nutrition related behavior change. Oral presentation at the Nutrition and Optimum Health Conference of the Lebanese Association for Nutrition and Food Sciences. June 2003. Beirut, Lebanon.
- 2002 **Affi Soweid RA.** Promoting physical activity: Strategies for Behavior Change. Oral presentation at the Lebanese Epidemiologic Association Annual Meeting, Beirut, Lebanon, December 2002.
- Affi Soweid RA,** Nakkash RT, Nehlawi MT, Shediak-Rizkallah MC, Khogali M. Using triangulation of three data sources for the development of community based cardiovascular disease prevention interventions. Poster (all authors attended) presented at the XXXVIIth Middle East Medical Assembly meeting, Beirut, Lebanon, May 2002.
- Nakkash RT, **Affi Soweid RA,** Nehlawi MT, Shediak-Rizkallah MC, Alam S, Salti I, Khogali M. The feasibility of community organizing for prevention of cardiovascular disease in Beirut, Lebanon. Poster (all authors attended) presented at the XXXVIIth Middle East Medical Assembly meeting, Beirut, Lebanon, May 2002.
- Kassak K, Dagher R, **Affi Soweid RA,** Alam S, Salti I, Khogali M. Health services utilization and cardiovascular disease risk factors in a Lebanese community. Poster (all authors attended) presented at the XXXVIIth Middle East Medical Assembly meeting, Beirut, Lebanon, May 2002.
- Shediak-Rizkallah MC, **Affi Soweid RA,** Mourtada R, Nehlawi MT, El Sharif M, Alam S, Khogali M. Is health covered in newspapers? An analysis of selected newspapers in Lebanon. Poster presented at the XXXVIIth Middle East Medical Assembly meeting, Beirut, Lebanon, May 2002.
- Nehlawi MT, Hoeree T, **Affi Soweid RA,** Nakkash RT, Najjar N, Mourtada R, Khogali M. A qualitative and behavioral analysis of community based CVD prevention nutrition intervention in Beirut. Poster presented at the XXXVIIth Middle East Medical Assembly meeting, Beirut, Lebanon, May 2002.
- Affi Soweid RA,** Makhoul J. (co-presenters). The influence of culture on health in an age of genetic theories of disease causation. Oral presentation at the AUB Civilization Sequence Seminar Series Presentation, Beirut, Lebanon. April 2002.
- 2001 **Affi Soweid RA,** Nakkash RT, Nehlawi MT, Salti I, Alam S, Khogali M. The community-based CVD intervention prevention initiative in Beirut-Lebanon. Oral presentation at the Premieres Journees Francophones de Prevention cardio-vasculaire. Beit Mery, Lebanon, October 2001
- Affi Soweid RA.** School milk in Lebanon: general evaluation and suggestions. Oral presentation at the National School Milk Conference. Beirut, Lebanon, September 2001
- 2000 **Affi Soweid RA,** Khogali M, Alam S. Community-based cardiovascular disease prevention: The project in Lebanon, Challenges in implementation. Oral presentation at the XXXV<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Middle East Medical Assembly. Beirut, Lebanon, May 2000 [presentation]
- Affi Soweid RA.** Assessment of the "environment" related to childhood home injuries: An observational study. Oral presentation at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congress of the North Lebanon Pediatric Society. Tripoli, Lebanon, April 2000.
- 1999 **Affi Soweid RA.** Health education for students and its effect on prevention of disease: a study and evaluation of the Ajyalouna school health education program (in Arabic). Oral presentation at the First Arab Conference on School Health. Beirut, Lebanon, February 1999

#### CONFERENCE/PROJECT ORGANIZING COMMITTEES

- International Committee Member - 10th ACCESS Arab Health Summit: Advancing Health Amidst Conflict and Crisis. Oct. 22-24, 2024. Dearborn, MI.
- Co-Chair - Prevention Research Center all network virtual meeting. Feb. 2022-(meeting to occur March 2023)
- Planning group member and moderator (Day 1) – A Transcontinental Workshop- Deconstructing colonial legacies and understanding implications for public health equity and justice: A framework for action for researchers and practitioners. Virtual 4 day workshop attended by over 120 persons each day (470 registered). A collaboration between the University of Global Health Equity (Kigali, Rwanda), the Native Center for Behavioral Health (University of Iowa, Iowa City, United States) and the Prevention Research Center for Rural Health (University of Iowa, Iowa City, United States). Feb. 7-9 2022
- Organizing Committee member - Multi-stakeholder consultation on programming to promote adolescent well-being for the Eastern Mediterranean Region. Virtual. April – July 2021 (Consultation meeting was on June 15-16, 2021).
- Planning group member – Project on ‘Advancing health research in humanitarian crises’ - NIH Fogarty International Center – Center for Global Health Studies – Jan. 2018-June 2018  
<https://www.fic.nih.gov/About/center-global-health-studies/Pages/health-research-humanitarian-crises.aspx>
- Planning group member – Working group meeting on: “Setting the research agenda on controlling corporate influences in public health research, practice, and policy” – Beirut, Lebanon, Feb. 9-10, 2018.
- Scientific Committee member – Third International Conference on Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking Research. Beirut, Lebanon – Nov. 2017.
- Planning committee member - Translating Research into Scaled Up Action: Evidence Symposium on Adolescents and Youth in MENA. Amman, Jordan. November 21, 2017.
- Scientific Committee member - International Scientific Committee (ISC) for the XIth World Congress of the International Association for Adolescent Health (IAAH) *Investing in Adolescent health: the future is now*. New Delhi, India - October 2017.
- Scientific Committee Chair - Adolescent and youth wellbeing in the Arab region: Challenges and promises of the second decade of life -A partnership for and with youth – Beirut, Lebanon, Dec. 13-14, 2016
- Scientific Committee Chair of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Faculty of Health Sciences at AUB – Public Health in Contexts of Uncertainty – Beirut, Lebanon, Dec 6-7 2014
- Scientific Committee member - 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking Research: the Collision of Two Epidemics of Waterpipe and Cigarettes- Doha Qatar, October 25-27 2014
- Scientific organizing committee for The health and wellbeing of Arab youth - The Center for Research on Population Health (CRPH) at FHS/AUB Beirut, Lebanon, October 13-14, 2014
- Scientific Committee member - 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking: Building Evidence for Intervention and Policy – Abu Dhabi, UAE, October 21-23 2013

#### CONFERENCE SYMPOSIUM MODERATORS

- **Affi RA** (moderator). Session on ‘Governance, ethics and conflicts of interest from corporate interactions in public health research, practice and policy’. At the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Nov. 10-14, 2018. San Diego, CA, USA. <https://apha.confex.com/apha/2018/meetingapp.cgi/Session/53897>
- **Affi RA** (moderator). Session on ‘Public Library Roles in the Health and Well-Being of Their Communities: Partnerships, Strategies, and Impact!’ At the MLA Symposium: Health Information for Public Librarians. Atlanta, GA, May 22-23, 2018. <http://www.mlanet.org/page/mla18-symposium>
- **Affi RA** (moderator and presenter). Session on ‘Inclusion of Communities and Affected Populations in Research.’ At Fogarty International Center workshop on ‘Advancing Health Research in Humanitarian Crises’, April 9-11, 2018.
- **Affi RA** (moderator). Session on ‘Collaborating with local actors’. At the Positive Pathways: A NO LOST GENERATION Summit on Psychosocial Support Programing for Conflict-affected Children and Youth. Amman Jordan, Nov. 22, 2017.

- **Affifi RA & Fouad F.** Developing Evidence-Based Control Policies Targeting Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking: Time for Action. Pre-conference Symposium. Society for Nicotine and Tobacco Research Europe – Florence, Italy, March 8, 2017. Co-sponsored by the AUB Tobacco Control Research Group, the Syrian Center for Tobacco Studies.
- **Affifi RA** (chairperson). Narghile Waterpipe: Toxicants, Behaviors, Attitudes, Media, & Policy. Bundled up session of the research work of the AUB Tobacco and Control Research group, presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health, Mumbai, India, March 2009.
- **Affifi Soweid RA** (coordinator). The Narghile: friend or Foe? Workshop offered at the XXXIX Middle East Medical Assembly, Beirut, Lebanon, May 2005. Co-sponsored by the AUB Tobacco Control Research Group, the Syrian Center for Tobacco Studies, and The Egyptian Smoking Prevention Research Institute.
- **Maziak W. & Affifi Soweid R.** (co-chairpersons). Building a model tobacco control research and partnership program in the Eastern Mediterranean region. Workshop at the 12<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health. August 2003. Helsinki, Finland.

#### COURSES TAUGHT / CURRENTLY TEACHING

##### At the University of Iowa, College of Public Health

###### 2024-2025

CBH:5235 Community-Based Participatory Research (3ch) (10 students) – Fall /Graduate  
 CBH:7505 Thesis/Dissertation (3ch) (2 students) - Fall and Spring / Graduate  
 GRAD:7400 Practicum in College Teaching (1ch) (1 student) – Fall / Graduate  
 CBH:6415 Independent Study Community and Behavioral Health (1ch Fall/2ch Spring) (1 student each semester) – Fall and Spring / Graduate

###### 2023-2024

Fall – teaching release  
 CBH: 6205 Designing and Implementing Interventions (3ch) (14 students) = Spring / Graduate  
 CBH: 7505 Dissertation (1-6ch) (3 students) - Fall and Spring / Graduate

###### 2022-2023

CBH:6205 Designing and Implementing Interventions (3ch) (24 students) - Fall / Graduate  
 CBH 7505:7945: Dissertation (3ch) (2 students)- Fall/Graduate  
 CBH:6205 Designing and Implementing Interventions (3ch) (10 students) - Spring / Graduate  
 CBH 7505:7945: Dissertation (3ch) (3 students)- Spring/Graduate

###### 2021-2022

CBH:6205 Designing and Implementing Interventions (3ch) (26 students) - Fall / Graduate  
 CBH: 6415:4881 Independent Study (3ch) (1 student)- Fall/Graduate  
 CBH:5235 Community-Based Participatory Research (3ch) (17 students) – Spring /Graduate  
 CBH CBH:7505:6540: Dissertation (3ch) (1 student) – Spring/Graduate  
 CBH:6415:6061: Independent Study in CBH (2-3ch) (3 students) – Spring/Graduate  
 CBH:7505:7383: Dissertation (3ch) (1 student) – Summer/Graduate

###### 2020-2021

CBH:6205 Designing and Implementing Interventions (3ch) (16 students) - Fall / Graduate  
 CBH: 5235 Community-Based Participatory Research (3ch) (26 students) – Spring /Graduate  
 CPH: Undergraduate research  
 CPH: Undergraduate Experiential Learning (2 students)

###### 2019-2020

CPH: 1400 Fundamentals of Public Health (3ch) (300 students) – Fall / Undergraduate

CPH: 4990 Mentored independent research in public health (1 student) – Spring/ Undergraduate  
CBH: 7505 Thesis/Dissertation – Fall/Spring (1 student)

#### **2018-2019**

GHS: 3700 Development in a Global Context 2 (3 ch) (1 student) – Fall / Undergraduate  
CPH: 2600 Introduction to Public Health Methods (3 ch) (73 students) – Fall (co-taught with Jeff Dawson) / Undergraduate  
CPH: 7270 Principles of Scholarly Integrity: Public Health – Fall / Graduate  
CPH: 4105 Introduction to Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (3ch) (21 students) – Spring / Graduate (co-taught with Sato Sashida)  
CPH: 6401 Global Health Equity (3ch) (12 students) – Spring / Undergraduate and Graduate (co-taught with Paul Gilbert)

#### **2017-2018**

CPH 2600: Introduction to Public Health Methods (3 ch) – Fall (co-taught with Jeff Dawson) / Undergraduate  
GHS: 3600 Development in a global context 1 – (3ch) (3 students) - Spring / Undergraduate  
CPH: 6500 Independent study in public health (1 students) - Summer / Graduate  
CPH: 330 Undergraduate independent study in public health (7 students) – Summer / Undergraduate

#### **At the American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences**

##### **2016-2017**

Research Project I and II in Health Promotion and Community Health (2 ch) – Fall & Spring (3 students) / Graduate  
Tutorial in Health Promotion and Community Health (1 ch) – Fall (1 student) / Graduate  
Research Design and Development with medical 2 students (2ch) – Fall & Spring (7 students) / Graduate  
Evaluation of Health Promotion Programs (3 ch) – Spring (co-taught) / Graduate  
Research Project I and II in Health Promotion and Community Health (2 ch) – Summer (2 students) / Graduate

##### **2015-2016**

Fall – on research leave  
Practicum in Health Promotion & Community Health (3ch) – Spring / Graduate (2 students)

##### **2014-2015**

Foundations of Public Health (3ch) – Fall (co-taught) / Graduate  
Social and Behavioral Foundations of Public Health (3ch) – Fall (co-taught) / Graduate  
Practicum in Health Promotion & Community Health (3ch) – Spring / Graduate (1 student)  
Evaluation of Health Promotion Programs (2ch) – Spring  
Seminar in Health Promotion and Community Health (0ch) – Spring / Graduate

##### **2013-2014**

Foundations of Public Health (3ch) – Fall (co-taught) / Graduate  
Practicum in Health Promotion & Community Health (3ch) – Fall and Spring / Graduate (1 student)  
Culminating Experience Seminar (1 ch) – Spring (coordinator) / Graduate  
Evaluation of Health Promotion Programs (2ch) – Spring (co-taught)

##### **2012-2013**

Foundations of Public health (3ch) – Fall (co-taught) / Graduate  
Research Project in Health Promotion and Community Health (2 ch) – Fall (2 students)  
Health Communication (2ch) – Spring (co-taught) / Graduate  
Practicum in Health Promotion & Community Health (3ch) - Spring / Graduate (1 student)

##### **2011-2012**

Culminating Experience Seminar (1 ch) – Fall and Spring; (coordinator) and Summer (facilitator) / Graduate

Health Communication (2ch) – Spring (co-taught) / Graduate  
Practicum in Health Promotion & Community Health (3ch) - Spring / Graduate (1 student)  
Research Project in Health Promotion and Community Health (2 ch) – Spring & Summer/ Graduate (3 students)

**2010-2011**

Culminating Experience Seminar (1 ch) – Fall (coordinator) / Graduate  
Tutorial in Health Promotion and Community Health (topic: Public Health Ethics) (2 ch) – Fall / Graduate  
Practicum in Health Promotion& Community Health (3ch) - Spring / Graduate (1 student)

**2009-2010**

Culminating Experience Seminar (1 ch) – Fall (coordinator) / Graduate  
Design and Evaluation of Health Programs (2ch) – Spring / Graduate  
Exploring the context of interventions in public health (2ch) – Spring / Graduate

**2008-2009**

Culminating Experience Seminar (1 ch) – Fall (coordinator) / Graduate  
Design and Evaluation of Health Programs (2ch) – Spring / Graduate  
Seminar in Health Behavior and Education (0ch) – Spring / Graduate  
Practicum in Health Behavior and Education (3ch) – Spring / Graduate (1 student)

**2007-2008**

Introduction to Health and Environment 1 (3 ch) – Fall (coordinator and co-taught) / Graduate Culminating  
Experience Seminar (1 ch) – Fall (coordinator) / Graduate  
Practicum in Health Behavior and Education (3ch) – Fall / Graduate (3 students)  
Design and Evaluation of Health Programs (2ch) – Spring / Graduate  
Seminar in Health Behavior and Education (0ch) – Spring / Graduate

**2006-2007**

Fall – on research leave  
Design and Evaluation of Health Programs (3 ch) – Spring / Graduate  
Health Awareness (3 ch) – Spring (co-taught 1 credit hour) / Undergraduate  
Research project in Health Behavior and Education – Spring / Graduate (2 students)  
Practicum in Health Behavior and Education (4ch) – Spring / Graduate (1 student)  
Culminating Experience Seminar (0 ch) – Spring (coordinator) / Graduate

**2005-2006**

Introduction to Health and Environment 1 (3 ch) – Fall (coordinator) / Graduate  
Practicum in Health Behavior and Education (4ch) – Fall / Graduate (1 student)  
Design and Evaluation of Health Programs (3 ch) – Spring / Graduate  
Research project in Health Behavior and Education – Spring / Graduate (3 students)

**2004-2005**

Introduction to Health and Environment 1 (3 ch) – Fall (coordinator and co-taught) / Graduate  
Theories of Health Behavior (2 ch) – Spring (co-taught) / Graduate  
Design and Evaluation of Health Programs (3 ch) – Spring / Graduate

**2003-2004**

Introduction to Health and Environment 1 (3 ch) – Fall (coordinator and co-taught) / Graduate  
Theories of Health Behavior (2 ch) – Spring (coordinator and co-taught) / Graduate  
Design and Evaluation of Health Programs (3 ch) – Spring / Graduate

**2002-2003**

Introduction to Health and Environment I (3 ch) – Fall (coordinator and co-taught) / Graduate  
Theories of Health Behavior (2 ch) – Spring (coordinator and co-taught) / Graduate  
Design and Evaluation of Health Programs (3 ch) – Spring / Graduate

**2001-2002**

Introduction to Public Health (1ch) – Fall & Spring / Undergraduate  
Tutorial in Health Behavior and Education (3 ch) – Fall & Spring / Graduate  
Program evaluation (3 ch) – Spring / Graduate

**2000-2001**

Practicum in Health Behavior and Education (5 ch) – Fall and Spring / Graduate  
Program evaluation (3 ch) – Fall & Spring / Graduate  
Tutorial in Health Behavior and Education (3 ch) – Spring / Graduate

**1999-2000**

Communication for the health professions (3 ch) – Fall / Graduate  
Program Evaluation (3 ch) – Fall / Graduate  
Health Education and Behavior Change (3 ch) – Spring / Graduate  
Theories and Methods of Health Education II (3 ch) – Spring / Undergraduate

**1998-1999**

Communication for the health professions (3 ch) – Fall / Graduate  
Program Evaluation (3 ch) – Fall and Spring / Graduate  
Health Education and Behavior Change (3 ch) – Spring / Graduate

**INVITED LECTURER – OUTSIDE HOME INSTITUTION**

**VCU Massey Cancer Center Director's Seminar**\_ Invited speaker: Adolescent and young adult tobacco use in rural spaces: Understanding contextual barriers and facilitators across socioecological levels. July 24, 2023.

**Drexel University - Migration, Ethnicity, Race, and Health Group** – Guest speaker on 'Community-engaged research with refugee populations: Flipping power dynamics, uplifting strengths, and enhancing equity and dignity' – Dec. 2021.

**George Mason University, Global and Community Health Department.** Guest speaker in course of Global NCDs. Session on 'Global Mental Health' – Nov. 2021

**Virginia Commonwealth University - Center for the Study of Tobacco Products** – Guest speaker on 'Participatory Praxis and Stakeholder Engagement' – Nov. 2021

**Harvard Divinity School** – Guest speaker for in-class and online course on 'Religion, Conflict, and Peace'. Session on 'Global Health' - Oct 2015, Oct 2016, Oct 2017.

**University of Melbourne** – Featured guest interview in MOOC on 'Global Adolescent Health' – as part of week 2 of the course: Introduction to adolescent health: developmental and ecological perspectives. Oct 2015

**Lebanese American University, Faculty of Medicine:** Yearly (2009-2014) provide 4 lectures to Med I students on Determinants of Health: Introduction to Behavioral and Social Sciences as Applied to Medicine; Theories of Health Behavior Change at the Intra-personal Level; Health behavior theories – beyond the individual; Application and review session.

**POSTDOCTORAL AND EARLY CAREER ASSISTANT PROFESSOR MENTORSHIP**

- Melvin Donaldson - **Clinical Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine**, department of Emergency Medicine, Carver College of Medicine, University of Iowa. 2024-
- Oluwafemi Adeagbo – **Assistant Professor**, department of Community and Behavioral Health, College of Public Health, University of Iowa, 2022-
- Jonathan Platt - **Assistant Professor**, department of Epidemiology, College of Public Health, University of Iowa. 2022-
- Michaela Curran – **Postdoctoral Fellow**, department of Community and Behavioral Health, College of Public Health University of Iowa. 2020-2022
- Martha Carvour – **Assistant Professor**, department of Internal Medicine, Carver College of Medicine, University of Iowa. 2020-
- Shannon Lea Watkins – **Assistant Professor**, department of Community and Behavioral Health, College of Public Health, University of Iowa. 2019-
- Marco Bardus – **Assistant Professor** – department of Health Promotion and Community Health, Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut. 2015-2017

#### PHD COMPREHENSIVE EXAM AND THESES SUPERVISION

I. DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEE – ADVISOR/CO-ADVISOR*∞		
Year	Student	University
In progress	Priyanka Dubey <i>Lived experiences of menstrual hygiene management among persons of transgender and non- binary identity in India</i>	University of Iowa
In progress	Dara Jefferson (co-advisor) <i>Strength of my sisters: Stories of survival: A mixed methods study exploring sexual harassment in tribal communities from a survivor perspective</i>	University of Iowa
II. DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEE - MEMBER		
Year	Student	University
In progress	Abby Lee, PhD in Community and Behavioral Health <i>“Sexuality, Stigma, and Mental Health of Adolescents in Western Kenya”</i>	University of Iowa
2024	Cynthia Maharani, PhD in Occupational and Environmental Health <i>“Occupational safety and health (OSH) among small and medium sized businesses (SMBs) in Indonesia”</i>	University of Iowa
2023	Anne Abbott, PhD in Community and Behavioral Health <i>“Sexual Violence Prevention Campaigns: Exploring Existing Messages, Processes, and Future Needs”</i>	University of Iowa
2023	Nawal Muradwij, PhD in Psychology <i>“Artists, activists, and therapists making meaning of collective violence in Lebanon: A community-engaged participatory research study”</i>	City Uni of New York
2023	Alyssa Clayden, PhD in Social Work <i>“Social workers, white supremacy culture and refugee mental health care: Social work ideologies and discourse in language”</i>	University of Iowa
2021	Adriana Maldonado, PhD in Community and Behavioral Health <i>“Untangling the Latino Hypertension Paradox: A mixed-methods study of Latino hypertension management in new and established Latino destination states”</i>	University of Iowa

\* Prior to 2017, I was at the Faculty of Health Sciences, American University of Beirut. We did not offer PhD degrees.

∞ I was a member of the comprehensive exam committee for all students for whom I was a member or advisor of dissertation



2021	Fadia AlBuhairan, PhD in Health Promotion <i>"Adolescents in Saudi Arabia: their status of health"</i> .	Maastricht University, Netherland
2012	Rita Doumit, PhD in Nursing	Loyola University, Chicago
2011	Hanin Fudda, PhD in Education (did not complete)	Lebanese University
2008	Nuhad Dumit PhD in Nursing	University of Colorado

### III. COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE – MEMBER

Aug. 2019	Lena Thompson, PhD in Community and Behavioral Health	University of Iowa
Sept. 2022	Joanne Constantin, PhD in Health Management and Policy	University of Iowa
Nov. 2022	Abigail Lee, PhD in Community and Behavioral Health	University of Iowa
Feb. 2023	John Barsotti, PhD in Epidemiology	University of Iowa
Sept. 2024	Amber Alaniz, PhD in Social Work	University of Iowa
Jan. 2025	Grace Gerdtz, PhD in Epidemiology	University of Iowa
Mar. 2025	(planned) Kendra Rooney, PhD. In Social Work	University of Iowa

### MS THESES SUPERVISION

#### I. MASTER THESES – CHAIR (AUB)

Year	Student : Title of Thesis	AUB-Department
2005	Yara Jarallah: Ethnicity and adolescent well-being: the role of social and environmental factors → Co-advisor	M.S. Population Health

#### II. MASTER THESES COMMITTEE – MEMBER (AUB)

Year	Student name: Title of Thesis	AUB-Degree
2019	Nada Abbas: Distorted Body Image and Substance Use in School Students: Is there an association, and does it differ by gender and middle versus high school?	M.S. Epidemiology
2017	Kevork Wannissian: Reactivity of Self-Monitoring Cigarette Smoking and the Effect of Pretest Stage of Change	M.S. Psychology
2017	Chantal Lakis: Perception of Parenting Practices and Parent-Child dynamics, and their own Life Satisfaction: Evidence from Lebanon'	M.S. Epidemiology
2014	Laura Kruger: Waterpipe tobacco smoking among university students in the Western Cape Province of South Africa (University of Cape Town)	Master of Commerce
2014	Farah Mouhanna: Factors Associated with Middle School Students' Support for School-based Reproductive Health Education in Lebanon	M.S. Population Health
2012	Pauline El-Kallassi: Waterpipe Use and Dependence in Relation to Parenting Styles and Cultural Values in a Lebanese Adult Community Sample	M.A Psychology
2011	Sylva Kouyoumdjian: Skills-based Sex Education in Schools for Lebanese Adolescents	M.S. Population Health
2009	Sonya Knox: Early Marriage in Post-Conflict Nahr el Bared	M.S. Population Health
2009	Amr Awad: Can data collected bi AIDS voluntary counseling and testing centers in Lebanon be used for program planning and evaluation purposes?	M.S. Epidemiology
2008	Pascale Haddad: Determinants of suicide ideation among Lebanese adolescent	M.S. Epidemiology

2008	Kholoud Maatouk: Evaluation of obesity-oriented nutrition and lifestyle education tool kit for elementary school children in Lebanon	M.S. Nutrition
2007	Marie-Anne Issa: Parental involvement and health risk behaviors among Lebanese high school students	M.A Psychology
2006	Nadwa Hammoury: The prevalence of domestic violence among pregnant Palestinian refugees in a selected area in Lebanon	M.S. Population Health
2006	Suha Al Madbouh: Impact of socioeconomic, health, and water-related factors on women's willingness to connect to a new water network service: The case of Bebnine, Lebanon	M.S. Environmental Health
2006	Bayan Kaddoura: Nursing motivation, job satisfaction, self assessed nursing performance and their relationship with the quality of nursing care at Makassed General Hospital in Lebanon	Masters of Hospital Management, Islamic University of Lebanon.
2005	Lara Kallas: Infant feeding practices in Greater Beirut: Impact on nutrition and health status	M.S. Nutrition
2005	Rita Moujaes: Nutritional status and dietary habits of university students in Lebanon.	M.S. Nutrition
2005	Muhannad El Nsour: Self-reported Myocardial Infarction in Jordanian Population Forty Years of Age and Above	M.S. Epidemiology
2005	Salah Moussali: The role of social marketing in Lebanese media campaigns: an assessment	M.S. Communication
2004	Ban Al Sahab: Predictors of breastfeeding	M.S. Epidemiology.
2002	Dana Hajj: Smoking among students at the American University of Beirut: Prevalence and relation to other risk factors	M.S. Population Studies
2002	Rana Abdel Malak: Fertility preferences and unmet need in rural South Lebanon.	M.S. Population Studies

#### Research project mentor

2020-2021	Noah Wick: Barriers to PrEP uptake among college-attending men who have sex with men. BS in Public Health, University of Iowa. (BS Honors in the major)
2020-2021	Anna Correa: Resident assistants and COVID-19 wellbeing study. BS in Public Health, University of Iowa. (MPH research assistant)

#### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE - TRAINING WORKSHOPS

##### Trainer

Sept.-Dec. 2024	<b>Trainer</b> - Building Health Equity workforce development – Scott County Public Health (SCPH), Iowa. Part of a team conducting health equity workforce development with all SCPH staff
Feb.-April 2024	<b>Trainer</b> - Building Health Equity workforce development – Iowa Department of Health and Human Services – DEI branch. Part of a team conducting health equity workforce development with all staff
Oct.-Dec. 2023	<b>Trainer</b> - Building Health Equity workforce development – Trinity Muscatine Co Public Health (MCPH), Iowa. Part of a team conducting health equity workforce development with all MCPH staff
Apr. -June 2023	<b>Trainer</b> - Building Health Equity workforce development – Johnson Co Public Health (JCPH), Iowa. Part of a team conducting health equity workforce development with all JCPH staff.
March 2023	<b>Trainer – NAPC (NNLM All of Us Program Center) Retreat</b> – Practical application to combine Human Centered Design and CPBR (Pittsburgh, PA)
Aug 2022	<b>Co-Trainer</b> (with Paul Gilbert, Heidi Hanes, Hailey Bomar) – Magnifying Community Voices – Data for Health Equity. <a href="https://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/magnifying-community-voices-resources/">https://www.public-health.uiowa.edu/magnifying-community-voices-resources/</a>
Aug. 2022	<b>Trainer – NAPC (NNLM All of Us Program Center) Retreat</b> - Community-engaged program planning & implementation: Why is it important and how can I imbed it in my work? (Charleston, SC)

- July–Sept. 2022 **Trainer** – Building Health Equity workforce development – Linn Co Public Health (LCPH), Iowa. Part of a team conducting health equity workforce development with all LCPH staff.
- Mar–Nov 2021 **Trainer** – Health Equity Workforce Development – Blackhawk County Health Department (BHCHD), Iowa. Part of a team conducting health equity workforce development to all BHCHD staff. <https://buildingtheequity.com/>
- June 2021 **Trainer** - Fogarty International Institute. Science of Stigma Reduction Training Institute. Session on Participatory Praxis and Stakeholder Engagement.
- June 2019 **Trainer** – 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Non-communicable Diseases: Health Risk Factors and Prevention of Injuries. Workshop on Qualitative methods primer. Chişinău, Moldova.
- Nov 2018 **Co-Trainer** (with Jude McNeil) – *Cultural Humility – Critical Self Reflection*. ½ day workshop as part of the NIH *AllofUs* National Network of Libraries of Medicine Community Engagement Network.
- Feb 2016 **Trainer** – *Adolescent Health and Medicine, Capacity Building in the Arab Region*. Sessions on Applications of public health frameworks to the health of adolescents and youth; and Preventive interventions group work. Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Language: English.
- Oct 2014 **Co-Trainer** (with Thomas Eissenberg) - Session on: ‘What essential elements should a research proposal summary entail?’ at the Second International Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking Research Conference. Workshop on ‘How to write a summary or abstract for a scientific study proposal’. Doha, Qatar. Language: English.
- Jan 2014 **Coordinator** - ‘Evidence Based Public Health’ workshop **and Trainer** – Sessions on ‘Examples of community assessment in the region’; ‘Evaluating the program’. American University of Beirut Faculty of Health Sciences. Beirut, Lebanon. Language: English.
- May 2014 **Co-organizer** - *Launching the Community Tool Box in Arabic: A Tool to Enhance Participatory Community Interventions*. American University of Beirut Faculty of Health Sciences and Arab Resources Collective (ARC) and Kansas University Workgroup for Community Health and Development. Beirut, Lebanon. Language: Arabic.
- Feb 2012 **Trainer** - *Seminar on advances in anticoagulation and thrombosis management*. Session on ‘Determinants of Compliance/Adherence to 30 participating nurses. AUB School of Nursing Language: Arabic.
- July 2011 **Trainer** –*Monitoring and Evaluation Framework* - Facilitated a two –day workshop to develop a monitoring and evaluation framework for the Y-Peer international network. Y-PEER-PETRI-AUB. Language: English.
- July 2010 **Coordinator** - *FCTC policies and their implementation in Arab Countries* and **Trainer** - Sessions on ‘The FCTC – history and current status’ and ‘Pictorial warnings - the FCTC regulation and the evidence of health effects’. American University of Beirut and Syrian Center for Tobacco Studies. Beirut, Lebanon. Attended by 18 participants from 8 Arab countries. Language: English.
- Sept 2009 **Trainer** – *Tobacco Control Advocacy Workshop for NGOs*. Session on Elements of an Advocacy Project to 30 NGO members American University of Beirut Faculty of Health Sciences. Language: Arabic.

- July 2009 **Trainer** –session on ‘Communicating our Research to Various Audiences,’ and ‘Ethics in Communicating Findings of Research’ in *Operations Research in Reproductive Health* workshop. American University of Beirut Faculty of Health Sciences. Beirut, Lebanon. Attended by 12 participants from the Arab region. Language: slides in English, discussion and presentation in both Arabic and English.
- May 2009 **Coordinating team member and main facilitator-** *Community Based Participatory Research Challenges and opportunities for research, practice, and policy in the Middle East /North Africa Region*. American University of Beirut Faculty of Health Sciences. Language: English
- Jan 2009 **Coordinator and trainer-** *Evidence Based Public Health*– 4 sessions on examples of community assessment in the region, program, evaluation experiences, searching and summarizing the literature, evaluating the program. Language: English. American University of Beirut Faculty of Health Sciences
- Jan 2009 **Coordinator-** *Communicating Public Health with Policy Maker*. American University of Beirut Faculty of Health Sciences
- Jan 2009 **Trainer-** *Advances in Development Communication*– Session on Ecological Model to participants from Arab Countries. American University of Beirut Faculty of Health Sciences. Language: Arabic.
- Sept 2007 **Trainer-***Monitoring and Evaluation of HIV/AIDS programs*–Sessions on Ecological Models, Designing health interventions to 20 participants from Arab Countries. American University of Beirut Faculty of Health Sciences. Language: Arabic
- July 2007 **Trainer** – *Qualitative Health Research Methods*- Session on qualitative research ethics to 10 participants from Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, and Egypt. American University of Beirut Faculty of Health Sciences. Language: combination of Arabic and English.
- July 2007 **Trainer** –Session on research ethics to field team in preparation for an Integrated Bio Behavioral Survey of HIV among ‘high risk’ populations groups in Lebanon. American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences
- July 2005 **Trainer** – *Health Program Management Course*- Session on ‘Monitoring and Evaluation’ to 22 participants from the Arab countries. American University of Beirut Faculty of Health Sciences and Birzeit University Institute of Community and Public Health. Language: Arabic
- July 2005 **Trainer** – *Flagship course on Health Sector Reform and Sustainable Financing*. Session on “Social Marketing” to 20 participants from Arab countries. American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences. Language: English.
- June 2005 **Trainer** – *Advances in Development Communication*-gave sessions on Behavior change communication, Program monitoring, and Program evaluation to 20 participants for the Arab region. Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs and American University of Beirut Faculty of Health Sciences. Language: Arabic.
- March 2005 **Keynote Lecture** – gave keynote opening session on Concepts of Health Education to over 60 health workers and nurses from health centers in all regions of Lebanon. Lebanese Ministry of Public Health, Beirut, Lebanon. Language: Arabic
- Jan 2005 **Trainer** –5 days of training to Family Medicine Residents focused on concepts of health promotion, planning and evaluation, medical sociology, and community health. Hammad Medical Corporation, Qatar. Language: English

- Dec 2004 **Co-facilitator** of workshop-*Developing Course Learning Outcomes*. American University of Beirut University Seminar. Language: English.
- June 2004 **Trainer** – *Inter-country training workshop on social marketing* gave session on “Introduction to Social Marketing.” World Health Organization Lebanon. Language of the workshop: English
- May 2004 **Trainer** – *Advances in Development Communication*-gave session on “concepts and Frameworks” and “Monitoring of Programs” to 20 participants from Arab region. Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs and American University of Beirut Faculty of Health Sciences. Language of the workshop: Arabic
- April 2004 **Trainer** – *Management of youth programs in reproductive and sexual health*. Session on “Stakeholder Analysis and Situation Analysis” and one on “Identifying outputs and indicators” to 15 participants from 5 countries of the region. American University of Beirut, Health Education Resource Unit, UNFPA project. Language: Arabic.
- April 2004 **Trainer** – Training workshop for Qatari community physicians. Session on “Health behavior and behavior change” attended by 8 Qatari physicians. American University of Beirut Medical Center. Language: combination of Arabic and English.
- Nov 2003 **Trainer** - *Design and Evaluation of youth sexual and reproductive health programs Training of trainers (youth leaders and program managers)* Gave a session on “Monitoring and Evaluation” and a session on “Intervention Planning” to 13 participants from 5 countries in the Arab region. American University of Beirut, Health Education Resource Unit, UNFPA project. Language: Arabic.
- July 2003 **Trainer** – *Research Methods and Evaluation course*. 3 days of training to over 30 participants from the Arab Region on evaluation methods. American University of Cairo, Social Research Center. Language: Arabic
- July 2003 **Trainer** – *Summer Workshop on Health Program Evaluation*-Gave four sessions over five days to 25 participants from the Arab region. Faculty of Health Sciences . Language of the workshop: Arabic.
- Oct 2002-  
Mar 2003 **Trainer** – *Training of Trainers (Health Care Team)*-on writing goals and objectives and evaluation (4 separate training sessions). Jordan Primary Health Care Centers. Language of the training: Arabic
- April 2003 &  
May 2003 **Co-facilitator - Developing Program and Course Learning Outcomes** attended each time by 25 departmental chairpersons and faculty members within their departments. American University of Beirut University Seminar. Language of the workshop: English.
- May 2003 **Co-facilitator** for one session. **Learning and Teaching Excellence**. Topic: Course Syllabi, General Instructional Objectives, & Specific Learning Outcomes. American University of Beirut Faculty Seminar. Language of the Seminar: English
- July 2001 &  
July 2002 **Trainer** – *Summer Workshop on Health Program Management*. Gave one session over five days to 25 participants from the Arab region. Faculty of Health Sciences. Language of the workshop: Arabic
- March 2002 **Co-facilitator** for one session. **University Teaching**. Topic: *Effective Teaching Methods: Teacher - oriented methods* (lecture, discussion, handling large classrooms, demonstrations, lab experiences). American University of Beirut Faculty Seminar .Language of the Seminar: English.

**Iowa State University**

Sept. 2024

**Qatar University**

May 2024

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**St. Louis University, College of Public Health and Social Justice**

Oct. 2023 Promotion Reviewer – for a faculty member up for promotion to Professor

**University of Illinois, Chicago, College of Public Health**

Sept. 2023 Promotion and Indefinite Tenure Reviewer – for a faculty member up for promotion to Professor

**University of Maryland, College of Pharmacy**

Oct. 2021 Promotion and Tenure File Reviewer – for a faculty member up for promotion to Associate Professor

**West Virginia University, College of Arts and Science**

2019 Promotion and Tenure File Reviewer – for a faculty member up for promotion to Associate Professor

**King Saud bin Abdelaziz University for Health Sciences -**

Feb 2015 Promotion File Reviewer - For a faculty member up for promotion to Associate Professor

**Al Quds University, Palestine**

June-Aug 2014 Promotion file reviewer – for two faculty members up for promotion to professor.

**PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE – ACADEMIC PUBLIC HEALTH**

**University of Nebraska PhD in Health**

Oct. 2021 **External Reviewer** - for PhD program in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research

**American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences**

July-Nov. 2018 **Lead author** – Section 8.1 - Diversity and Cultural Competence - of the FHS Graduate Public Health Program self-study report for the Council on education for Public Health (CEPH).

**WISH (World Innovation Summit for Health – Qatar)**

April-Oct 2016 **Member of Advisory Board** to review the Policy Brief on Addressing the Challenges of Health Professional Education: Opportunities to Accelerate Progress Towards Universal Health Coverage for the World Innovations for Health (WISH) Summit, Doha, Qatar, 2016

**Ahfad University, Sudan, School of Health Sciences**

March 2015 **Review** of BS in Public Health Program (with Jocelyn DeJong)

**Qatar University**

March 2015 **Reviewer** of the proposed MPH in Public Health

**Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)**

March 2013 **Accreditation site visitor** - University of California, Fresno (Public Health Program)

**Al-Quds University, Palestine**

May 2012 **Reviewer** of the proposed MS in Child Health

**Qatar University**

June 2012 **Reviewer** of the proposed BS in Public Health

**US Aid For International Development – Democratic Republic of the Congo**

April - May 2010 **Consultant** – review of MPH academic program of the Kinshasa School of Public Health.  
 Oct 2010-June 2011 **Coordinator** of the Faculty wide collaboration to revise the MPH curriculum, of the Kinshasa school of Public Health

**PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE – YOUTH (\*ALSO MONITORING AND EVALUATION)**

**WHO-Geneva**

July 2018 **Reviewer** for child and adolescent health in humanitarian contexts field guide

**UNICEF INNOCENTI RESEARCH CENTER**

Sept. 2016 **Reviewer** – UNICEF Research Brief: “Research with disadvantaged, vulnerable and/or marginalized adolescents.” Brief #4 or the Innocenti Methodological Briefs Series: Conducting Research with Adolescents in LMIC.

**Knowledge to Policy Center (K2P)**

April 2016 **Merit reviewer** – Policy Brief: Alcohol Drinking among Lebanese Youth: Delaying Initiation and Reducing Harm.

*Report: Ghandour L, Nakkash R, Afifi R, Anouti S, Saleh R, Mogharbel S, Jamal D, El-Jardali F, K2P Policy Brief Alcohol Drinking among Lebanese Youth: Delaying Initiation and Reducing Harm, January 2017*

**Medical Aid for Palestinians**

Feb. 2016-June 2016 **Technical Expert** – Evaluation of the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support program for Palestinian refugees from Lebanon and from Syria.

**Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing** - <http://thelancetyouth.com/about-the-commission/>

Oct 2013-May 2016 **Commissioner** – within report, responsible for section on family influences on adolescent health

**UNICEF**

May 2014-Nov 2015 **Good practices in adolescent and youth programming (\*)**  
**AUB Center for Public Health Practice (CPHP) Team co-leader** with Aline Germani (Unicef team leader: Veera Mendonca) on a project to document good practices in adolescent programming in the thematic areas of *Employability, school to work transition, resilience building and comprehensive programming in humanitarian context, skills/competence building, innovations, social protection, youth policy development, civic engagement, education, sexuality education, and health*

**MENA Health Policy Forum**

Sept 2015 **Reviewer** - Position Paper on ‘Harmonizing Youth Health and Reproductive Health Services.’

**UNICEF Innocenti Center**

June 2015 **Reviewer** -Review the concept note on “Gender Socialization in adolescents in Low to Middle Income Countries.”

**UNDP**

**Arab Human Development Report 2015 – on Arab Youth**

March –Dec 2014	Primary author on the report chapter on ‘Youth health in the Arab World’ (co-authors: Alexandra Irani and Maya Abou Saad)
<b>WHO – Geneva</b> Dec 2013-Jan 2014	<b>Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Department</b> Reviewed outlines and chapters for the Health of the World’s Adolescents report
<b>UNFPA-Lebanon</b> Sept 2012-Feb 2013	<b>Theatre-based Peer Education Operations Research (*)</b> <b>Co-Consultant</b> (with Michael Khouri) – conducted an evaluation of the experience of TPBE implementation in public and private schools in Lebanon to identify facilitators, barriers and perceived impact on students; and develop recommendations to guide UNFPA.
<b>UNFPA- Iraq</b> Dec 2011-Feb 2012	<b>Institutional (AUB/OPU) contract to plan and implement psychosocial and rehabilitation services for youth in Iraqi reformatories in Baghdad, Ninwa, and Kurdistan</b> <b>Consultant</b> –develop the introductory chapter to a training manual for duty bearers in youth reformatories.
<b>World Health Organization – Lebanon</b>	
March – July 2012	<b>Consultant</b> – 2011 Global Youth Tobacco Survey <u>Report:</u> Global Youth Tobacco Survey, Lebanon country report, 2011
Dec 2010– Jan 2012	<b>Consultant</b> – 2011 Global School-based Students Health Survey <u>Report:</u> The Global School-based Students Health Survey – Lebanon 2011 (written by Rima Afifi and Roua Dalli)
<b>Y-Peer Network (*)</b>	
Nov 2010	<b>Evaluation consultant</b> – Impact of Y-Peer activities in Arab region
<b>UNFPA- Iraq</b>	
June 2012	<b>Institutional (AUB) contract to develop and monitor the implementation of adolescent and youth friendly health services in Baghdad and Erbil</b> <b>Consultant</b> - summarize the training module on positive youth development
Aug – Sept 2010	<b>Consultant</b> – Youth Friendly Health services - develop the training module for health care providers in English on ‘Positive Youth Development’
March – May 2010	<b>Consultant</b> – Youth Friendly Health Services – member of a team from FHS reviewing the literature on YFHS and advising and training the Iraqi Ministry of Health team (from Baghdad and Irbil) on a package of services and mode of delivery.
<b>World Health Organization – Lebanon</b>	
April – July 2009	<b>Consultant</b> – Enhancing understanding of risk and protective factors among adolescents: follow-up to the 2005 GSHS – Conduct and analyze focus groups with kids in 7-9 grades to further understand results of the 2005 GSHS and inform the next phase. <u>Report:</u> Afifi RA & Alaouie H. Enhancing understanding of risk & protective factors among adolescents: Follow-up to the 2005 Lebanon Global School-based Health Survey - Report of Findings and Recommendations. August 2009.
<b>World Health Organization – Department of Child and Adolescent Health, Geneva</b>	
March 2006-March 2008	<b>Technical Steering Committee member</b>
<b>World Health Organization – Lebanon (*)</b>	
Mar– July 2008	<b>Co-Consultant</b> – Analysis and write-up jointly with Dr. Ziyad Mahfoud of report on pilot phase of the Health E-learning Project in Lebanon. <u>Report:</u> Evaluation of the pilot phase of the Health Academy E-learning Project, Lebanon 2008



**ESCWA – Lebanon**

Dec 2006-Feb 2007 **Consultant** – Youth health in the Arab region – chapter in the 2007 Regional Millennium Development Goals Report for Arab Countries

**World Health Organization – Lebanon**

Dec 2005– Dec 2006 **Consultant** – Analysis and write-up of report on the 2005 Global School Health Survey  
Report: GSHS Country Report: Lebanon 2005: Global School-Based Student Health Survey

**Arab Resource Collective – Lebanon**

Nov 2005–Nov 2006 **Consultant** – Mental Health of Youth project entitled: “resources on Mental Health for a New Generation in the Arab region”

**Developmental Action without Borders ‘Nabaa’ – Saida, Lebanon**

Nov 2005-Apr 2006 **Consultant** – needs assessment (qualitative assessment of health and social issues of youth living in Old Saida)

**World Health Organization – EMRO**

Dec 26-28, 2005 **Temporary Advisor** –Roundtable Discussion on Promoting Adolescent Health and Development, Manama, Bahrain. Also presented on the situation of youth in Lebanon.

**UNFPA**

Nov 2004 – Aug 2005 **Consultant**, qualitative analysis of middle and secondary school teacher attitudes towards sexual education and gender issues.

Report: Qualitative analysis of middle and secondary school teacher attitudes towards sexual education and gender issues

**UNFPA**

Jan 2003-Mar 2004 **Consultant**, Inventory of KAP studies related to sexual and reproductive health of young persons in the Arab states & Needs Assessment related to research and intervention for sexual and reproductive health of young persons in the Arab states

Report: Inventory of KAP studies related to sexual and reproductive health of young persons in the Arab states & needs assessment related to research and intervention for sexual and reproductive health of young persons in the Arab states – Final Report, June 2004

**World Health Organization - Beirut, Lebanon**

May – Nov 1998 **Consultant**, School Health and Environment Education Project, qualitative data analysis and report, review integrated health education objectives for K-12

Report: School health and environment education project: results of quantitative and qualitative inquiries

**PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE – MONITORING AND EVALUATION (NOT YOUTH-RELATED)****UNICEF Lebanon and Center for Public Health Practice, Faculty of Health Sciences**

Nov-Dec 2015 **Technical Adviser** – Monitoring and evaluation strategy and tools - Communication for Development (C4D) Training of trainers, and cascade training.

**HelpAge International Institutional (AUB/OPU) contract to guide Monitoring and evaluation of the project entitled: “Improve management of Non Communicable Diseases for older adults in refugees and host communities, Lebanon”**

June 2014-June 2015 Evaluation consultant

**MD Andersen Tobacco Center for Regulatory Science (TOCRS)**

Oct 2014 Expert reviewer of 350 tobacco control messages for youth in terms of depth, framing and appeal

**American Near East Refuge Association (ANERA)**

Nov 2010 –May 2011 **Evaluation consultant** - Creative Health Campaign

**World Vision**

July 2004–Oct 2004 **Consultant**, process evaluation of the Dbayeh health center  
Report: Process Evaluation of the PARD/WV Health Center operating in Dbayeh Palestinian Refugee Camp - October 2004

**International Development Center, Lebanon**

May - July 2001 **Consultant**, evaluation of the pilot phase of the Captain Mike School Milk Program  
Report: The Captain Mike School Feeding Program, Lebanon: Evaluation report, Pilot Phase - Academic Year 2000-2001

**PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE – OTHER**

**UNDP – Arab Human Development Report**

June 2020 Plan and facilitate webinar on Public Health in the Arab World with a focus on COVID-19

**Nuffield Council on Bioethics**

Aug. 2018 Provided feedback to the 'Call for evidence on conducting ethical research in global health emergencies.'

**The UK Health Forum, CIHR Institute of Population and Public Health (IPPH) and International Development Research Centre (IDRC)**

April -Oct. 2017 **Member of the project advisory group**. Casebook on Public-Private interactions in nutrition related non-communicable diseases

**WHO-Geneva**

Jan 2013 **Reviewer** for WHO recommendations for the prevention and management of tobacco use and second-hand smoke exposure in pregnancy

**Health Care Society – Lebanon**

January 2012 **Consultant** – Strategic Planning retreat (1 ½ day)

**World Health Organization – Geneva**

May 6-8, 2008 **Temporary Advisor** -Consultative meeting on Capacity Building for Health Promotion, Manila, Philippine

**International Medical Corps**

Aug 06 – Nov 2006 **Consultant** – coordinator of qualitative research on impact of Israeli war on Lebanon during summer 2006 on psychosocial health and well-being of adults who were displaced or who stayed in their homes in the South and in the Southern Suburbs  
Report: Qualitative section of the report: "Assessment of Psychosocial status of civilians in Lebanon immediately after the July 2006 war"

**UNRWA-IUED/UCL (Institut Universitaire d'Etudes du Developpement/Universite Catholique de Louvain) - Geneva**

June 2006                      **Consultant** – reviewer of Health chapter of results of the socioeconomic survey of Palestine refugees across UNRWA’s five fields of operations (Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, West Bank and Gaza).

**World Health Organization – Geneva**

Feb 15 – 18, 2006        **Temporary Advisor** - Intercountry University Network Meeting for Health Promotion Education and Training, Singapore.

**Observer** – Meeting of WHO Collaborating Centres for Health Promotion

**World Health Organization – Geneva**

August 7-11, 2005        **Principal Author** – technical paper on Health Promotion Settings for 6<sup>th</sup> Global Conference on Health Promotion, Bangkok

**World Health Organization – Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office**

Jan – June 2005            **Short Term Consultant** – redraft and edit the Regional Framework on Health Promotion

**World Health Organization – Jordan Office**

May 29-31, 2005        **Temporary Advisor** – participate in a meeting to initiate a Community Based Cardiovascular Disease Prevention project in Madaba, Jordan.

**World Health Organization –Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office**

November 22-24, 2004    **Temporary Advisor**, review and discuss draft Regional Framework on Health Promotion

**Welfare Association**

Nov 2003- June 2004    **Co-consultant** (with Dr. Muna Khalidi Zurayk) for “A Situation Analysis of Health Status of Palestinians in Camps of Lebanon” to include document review, interviews with providers of services and funders, and focus group with camp residents.

Report: Situation analysis of the health status of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon – 2004

**UNICEF Lebanon**

Mar 2003-Sept 2003    **Co-Consultant** (with Drs Faysal El Kak and Monique Chaaya) for qualitative study investigating determinants of lack of use of prenatal care in four underserved areas of Lebanon

Report: Determinants of Antenatal Care: A study in the peripheral areas of Lebanon –

Final                            Report, April 2004

**AUBMC Nursing Service**

July 2002– Jan 2003    **Consultant, reliability/validity analysis of patient satisfaction survey**

Report: Testing the psychometric properties of the AUBMC Nursing Patient Satisfaction

Instrument - **Final Report, February 2003**

**National Aids Program, Lebanon**

Dec 2002 – Apr 2003    **Consultant**- focus group discussion related to stigma and discrimination

**UNICEF - Beirut, Lebanon**

Sept 1997 – June 2001    **Consultant**, qualitative analysis of breastfeeding and complementary feeding practices, implementation and analysis of childhood home injury observational study.

Report: Local practices related to breastfeeding and complementary feeding: Results of focus group discussions, 1998 / In-depth observational study of causal factors in childhood home injuries, 2000

**PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE: REVIEWER / BOARD MEMBER - SCHOLARLY JOURNALS**

**Editorial Board Member**

- Innovations in Global Medical & Health Education journal. 2014-2017
- Journal of Adolescent health. March 2020-current

**Advisory Board Member**

- Lancet Child and Adolescent Health Journal 2017-current

**Editorial team member for special issue of Health Education and Behavior Journal 2023-2025**

Special issue title: A Case for Achieving Refugee Health Equity: Dismantling the influence of structural oppression on refugee-related health disparities

**Manuscript review for the following journals**

- Reviewer for Journal of Mental Health 2009
- Reviewer for Education for Health 2005-2017
- Reviewer for Reproductive Health Matters 2005
- Reviewer Health Education and Behavior 2004-2012, 2024
- Reviewer Bulletin of the World Health Organization 2003-2012, 2019, 2021
- Reviewer – International Journal of Health Geographics 2007
- Reviewer for Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal 2003-present
- Reviewer for Lebanese Medical Journal 2002, 2005, 2008, 2010
- Reviewer for Health Education Research 2013
- Reviewer for Journal of Public Health 2013, 2017, 2019
- Reviewer for the Lancet 2014, 2024
- Reviewer for Community Mental Health Journal 2014-2016
- Reviewer for Nicotine and Tobacco Research 2014-2016
- Reviewer for Global Public Health 2014, 2016
- Reviewer for International Journal of Drug Policy 2015
- Reviewer for BMC Public Health 2015
- Reviewer for American Journal of Public Health 2016
- Reviewer for Health Promotion International 2016
- Reviewer Tobacco Regulatory Science 2017
- Reviewer Public Health Ethics 2018
- Reviewer Health Systems Policy Research 2017, 2019
- Reviewer Lancet Child and Adolescent Health 2017
- Reviewer Lancet Public Health 2018
- Reviewer American Journal of Preventive Medicine 2018
- Reviewer European Journal of Public Health 2018, 2019
- Reviewer Reproductive Health 2019, 2020
- Reviewer Tobacco Control 2019
- Reviewer International Journal of Public Health 2020
- Reviewer Journal of Adolescent Research 2020, 2021, 2022
- Reviewer Annals of Global Health 2020
- Reviewer Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024
- Reviewer European Journal of Development 2021
- Reviewer Journal of Occupational & Environmental Hygiene 2020, 2021
- Reviewer Journal of Adolescent Health 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- Reviewer Journal of Medical Anthropology 2022
- Reviewer Social Science and Medicine-Mental Health 2023
- Reviewer Medical Journal of Australia 2023

- Lancet Commission Full report (~50+ pages): The Lancet-SIGHT Commission on Peaceful Societies through Health and Gender Equality (2022) / The second Lancet Commission on Adolescent Wellbeing (2023)/ The second Lancet Commission on Adolescent Wellbeing (2024) / Lancet Commission on Migration and Health, 5 years later (2024)

#### PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE: REVIEWER OF RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSALS

- Reviewer FHS URB grant - 2004
- Reviewer for FEA URB grant proposal – 2003 and 2004 and 2006
- Reviewer for FAFS URB grant proposal – 2002 and 2007
- Reviewer for FM URB grant proposal – 2010, 2016
- Reviewer for FAS URB grant proposal -2013
- Reviewer for Gender and Adolescence: Global Evidence (GAGE) Responsive Research and Evaluation Fund - Sept 2017 <http://www.gage.odi.org/>
- Reviewer for Research for Health in Humanitarian Crises (R2HC) – ELRHA –Jan. 2018
- Reviewer - Medical Research Council UKRI Grand Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) Health and Context call – Dec. 2019
- Reviewer – University of Iowa Greater Plains Center for Agricultural Health, pilot grant proposals – July 2019; August 2020, April 2021
- Reviewer – University of Nebraska Great Plains IDeA-Clinical & Translational Research pilot grant proposal – Dec. 2019
- Reviewer – Business Leadership Network, small grant proposals – Feb. 2021
- Reviewer – Iowa Department of Public Health, Tobacco control grants – Feb. 2021
- Reviewer – Medical Research Council– Applied Global Health Research Board (AGHRB) – March 2023
- Reviewer – Pre submission NIH R21 proposal review for assistant professor part of the our [FIRST program](#), at Drexel University Dornsife School of Public Health. Sept. 2023

#### Professional Practice: Abstract reviewer/Judge for conferences

##### Abstract reviewer

- 14<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health – March 2009 India
- WFPHA 12th World Congress on Public Health – April 2009 Turkey
- SOPHE's 2009 Midyear Scientific Conference – May 2009 USA
- UICC (International Union Against Cancer) World Cancer Congress – August 2010
- APHA Annual meeting – 2011
- TEPHINET -2011, 2012
- 15<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health – March 2012 Singapore
- International Union of Health Promotion and Education – June 2013 Singapore
- SOPHE annual meeting, 2013
- APHA Annual meeting, Public Health Promotion and Health Education section, 2013, 2014, 2015
- APHA Annual meeting, Academic Public Health Caucus, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- APHA Annual meeting, Ethics section, 2018, 2020
- APHA Annual meeting, Caucus on Refugee and Immigrant Health, 2020, 2023
- APHA Annual meeting, Mental Health section, 2023
- American University of Cairo's Conference on: Collaboration for Community Change: Insight, Innovation, and Impact –2016
- Consortium of Universities for Global Health annual meeting (abstract and panel reviewer), 2016
- World Congress on Public Health, 2016
- International Association of Adolescent Health Congress, 2017

- Third International Conference on Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking Research, 2017
- Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2022
- Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine Annual Meeting, 2020
- Health Systems Global Symposium HSR 2024 Capacity Strengthening sessions, 2024

#### Poster judge

- Innovations in Global Medical & Health Education conference, January 18, 2015.
- Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance Conference, Health of Palestinians inside and outside the occupied Palestinian territory - March 6-7, 2016 / Nov. 21-23 2022

### University Service: Membership In Committees

#### CDC Prevention Research Center

Sept. 2021 -March 2023 Prevention Research Centers Network Steering Committee Co-Chair

#### University of Iowa

March-May 2019 COVID-19 Health and Safety Committee (Chair: Edith Parker)  
 June 2019 COVID-19 Safety Training Committee (Chair: Teresa Kulper)  
 June 2021 - Trainer for DEI best practices in faculty search committees  
 Oct. 2022- Honorary PhD Committee (Chair: )  
 2022 Well-Being and Mental Health Collaborative - Steering Committee Meeting (co-Chairs: Joan Troester and Tanya Villhauer)  
 July 2022- July 2023 Connection, Inclusion, and Belonging Subcommittee (co-Chairs: Tanya Villhauer and Teri Schnelle)  
 Feb.-Mar. 2025 Chair, self-study review committee, College of Nursing, University of Iowa

#### University of Iowa, College of Public Health

Sept. 2017-2024 Global Health Committee  
 June 2018-June 2020 Executive Committee  
 January 2019- Undergraduate Public Health Committee  
 August-Sept 2019 Director of Student Services Search Committee  
 Jan-March 2021 Director of Undergraduate Program Search Committee  
 July 2022-present Admissions Committee, Dept. of Community and Behavioral Health  
 2022-present Collegiate Promotion and Tenure Committee  
 2022 Departmental Post Tenure Review (OEH)  
 2023-present Departmental Promotion and Tenure Committee

#### American University of Beirut (AUB)-Committees

June 2017 Search committee – University Registrar  
 March-May 2017 Accreditation task force V – Educational effectiveness  
 April –June 2016 Member – President’s Service Excellent Award Committee  
 Jan-April 2016 Member – Research Integrity Committee – to review case of research misconduct  
 Oct ’15-present Member of the University Scholarship Leadership Committee / Leadership, Equity and Diversity (LEAD) Steering Committee  
 Jan-June 2015 Member - Committee to review sexual harassment case  
 Mar 2014-May 2015 Member – Faculty Compensation Committee  
 Dec 2011 Member – Steering Committee – AUB Research Initiative on the Arab uprisings  
 Jan 2011 Member – Provost’s committee on interdisciplinary degrees  
 July 2009 Member - Search Committee for Director for the Center for Teaching and Learning  
 Oct 2008- Member – Center for Teaching and Learning Advisory Board  
 Nov –Apr 2008 Member – Search Committee for Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences

Jan-May 2007	Chairperson – Teaching Effectiveness Committee
Apr- May 2006	Member – Search committee for Associate Dean of Athletics
Nov-Dec 2004	Member – Selection Committee for Founder’s Day Essay contest – topic: “AUB as a Bridge Between ‘East’ and ‘West’”
Spring 2004	Member – Committee set up by Mrs. Waterbury (President of the University’s spouse) to discuss issues of women students on campus – facilitated two focus groups with graduating women students
Spring 2004 & 2005	Member – Teaching Excellence Award Selection Committee
Mar 2002-May 2003	Member of University Accreditation Task Team 7: Institutional Assessment
Sept 2001- Sept 2002	Member of the President’s Task Force on Promotion Criteria and Procedures
May 2001	Member of the search committee for Director of Counseling
AY 2000-01; 2001-02	Advisor Health Education Club
AY 2000-01; 2001-02	Advisor HEY (Health Empowerment and You) Society

**Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS)/AUB-Committees**

**Standing Committees**

2005-2006, 2007	Advisory Committee – member
2004-2007; 2008-2014	Academic and Curriculum Committee – member
2009-Jan 2014	Graduate Studies Committee – committee chairperson
2008-2009	Graduate Studies Committee – member
2004-06, 2010-14	Administrative Committee

**Ad Hoc Committees**

Feb-April 2016	Chair – Selection Committee for the Coordinator of the Global Master in Health and Sustainable Development program
Oct. 2014-Feb. 2015	Chair of Promotion Committee – T Kabakian (to professor)
Jan-Dec 2014	Chair of FHS 60 <sup>th</sup> anniversary oversight committee, scientific committee, social committee Penrose Award Selection Committee - Chair
Oct 2012-Feb 2013	Chair of Promotion Committee – J.Makhoul (to professor)
March 2012	BS - MLS Internal Review Committee
Nov 2011-Jan 2012	BS - EH Internal Review Committee
Nov 2011-Jan 2012	FHS Strategic Planning Committee - member
Jan 2010	FHS-FM Coordinating Committee – committee co-chairperson
Jan 2010- Oct 2010	Institutional Evaluation Committee – member
Oct 2009-Oct 2011	Self Study Task Force – Committee Chairperson
2001-2014	MPH curriculum committee – task force to review MPH curriculum – committee co-chairperson
2007-2009	FHS Evaluation and Planning Committee– member
2007-2009	Learning Outcomes Committee – committee chairperson
2004-2005	FHS Accreditation work team 5: Instruction (leader/facilitator)
2002-2003	Health Behavior and Education MPH concentration graduate curriculum review – facilitator

**Professional Affiliations**

Board Member, Health Systems Global, 2020-  
Steering Committee Member, Health Equity Advancement Lab, College of Public Health, University of Iowa. 2017-2021  
Member, Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Iowa, 2019-  
Steering Committee Member, Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance 2017-2023  
Steering Group Member, Palestinian Health Alliance, 2024-

Founding member, Governance, Ethics and Conflict of Interest in public health network (GECI-PH), 2017-2021. Twitter @GECI\_PH

Member, American Public Health Association 1989-

Member, Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine 2020-

Member, Arab Coalition for Adolescent Health and Medicine (Ambassador) 2020-

Advisory Board member, NUDGE, Lebanon 2017-

Member, International Union for Health Promotion and Education, 2005-2011

Founding member, Association of Health Promotion Professionals in Lebanon, 2003 (not currently active)

#### Community Service: Membership In Committees

2017-2018	Watipa – Board member
April 2016-Jul 2017	Marsa, sexual health clinic - Board Member - Lebanon
March 2009-2012	Health Care Society (general assembly member)
Jan 2007-2009	Arab Resource Collective
2005-2009	Welfare Association, Lebanon branch

#### Community Service: Presentations

- Palestine 101 – Teach-In – Coe College Nov. 2023
- Palestine 101 – Teach-In – Iowa City Public Library Nov. 2023
- Community panel on “Vaping: the New Nicotine Addiction”, Englert Theatre Iowa City, Sept 2019
- “Health psychology: what is it and what can you do with it” Presentation to the Psychology Student Society, AUB, March 2014
- “How and why does advertising influence us to smoke?” Session provided to 9<sup>th</sup> graders at City International School, March 2007
- “The topic is smoking.” Session provided to school youth on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day at the event organized by Dar El Amal. May 2006 (in Arabic)
- “The story of smallpox.” Session provided to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at IC. April 2006
- “Exploring the influence of tobacco companies on youth.” Parenting Seminar presented at International College Middle and Secondary school, Beirut, Lebanon, May 2003
- “The topic is tobacco.” Parenting Seminar presented at International College Preschool and Elementary school, Beirut, Lebanon, January, 2002