
Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2013 **Ph.D.** – Health Services Research, Administration & Policy
University of Nebraska Medical Center
Omaha, Nebraska
Dissertation: Organizational and Environmental Correlates of Strategic Behavior and Financial Performance in the US Hospice Industry.
- 2008 **BSc.** – Neurobiology with a 2nd major in Individualized Studies (Public Health Emphasis),
University of Washington
Seattle, WA
Public Health Thesis: The Ghana National Health Insurance Scheme

Teaching

Appointments and Courses Taught:

August 2018 – Present

Associate Professor

Department of Health Policy & Community Health,
Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health,
Georgia Southern University
Statesboro, Georgia

Principal Instructor:

- PUBH 3132 – US Health Systems and Advocacy
- PUBH 6534 – Health Policy and Management
- PUBH 6534 01F – Health Policy and Management, Online
- PHLD 9133 – Health Organization Communication

- PHLD 9333 – Health Organizations Strategic and Contingency Planning
- HADM 6200 – Quantitative Analysis Methods for Health Care Management I
- HSPM 8233 – Quantitative Research and Evaluation Methods
- HSPM 7434 – Qualitative Research Methods

August 2013 – July 2018

Assistant Professor

Department of Health Policy & Management,
 Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health
 Georgia Southern University
 Statesboro, Georgia

Principal Instructor:

- PUBH 6534 – Health Policy and Management
- PUBH 6534 01F – Health Policy and Management, Online
- PHLD 9133 – Health Organization Communication
- HSPM 7322 – Population Health

August 2009 – July 2013.

Teaching Assistant

Department of Health Services Research and Administration
 College of Public Health
 University of Nebraska Medical Center
 Omaha, NE

Teaching Assistant:

- HSRA 820 – Global Applications in Public Health
- HSRA 820 – Global Applications in Public Health – Online
- HSRA 930 – Design in Health Services Research
- HSRA 810 – US Health Care Systems

Completed Dissertations:

US Public Health and Health Systems

Fall 2022

Tony Winters

Becoming a Public Health Professional: Millennials' Perspective on Organizational Assimilation and Professional Identity

Chair

Summer 2022

Maureen Akubu-Odero

States' Public Health Funding and Population Health Outcomes: An Examination Through a Socio-Ecological Lens

Chair

- Spring 2022 **Christine Cooper**
Impact of Organizational and Market Factors on Nursing Home
Nutritional Care 2014-2019
Chair
- Spring 2022 **Zahra Shahin**
Characteristics and Regions of Hospital Locations and the Risk of
Postpartum Hemorrhage
Committee Member
- Spring 2022 **Lauren Littlejohn**
Succession Planning Using Servant Leadership Model for Nurses at The
Atlanta Veteran Affairs Health Care System
Committee Member
- Spring 2021 **Assegid A. Roba**
Predicting Providers' Acceptance of Emergency Teleophthalmology:
The Role of Transformational Leadership in Telemedicine Adoption
Committee Member
- Fall 2021 **Carla Cooper**
United States Nursing Homes and Health Equity During the COVID-
19 Pandemic
Committee Member
- Spring 2021 **Isabella M. Hardwick**
Passing the Baton: An Integrated Approach to Succession Planning for
Local Health Departments
Chair
- Fall 2020 **Katrina M. Brantley**
Assessing the Work Climate and Turnover Intention of Home Visitors
in Georgia
Committee Member
- Spring 2020 **Olatanwa Adewale**
Assessing Public Health Workforce Informatics Competencies: A Study
of Three Health Departments in Metro Atlanta
Chair
- Spring 2020 **LaShauna Hunt**
The Organizational Behavior of U.S. Hospices: Examining the
Relationship Among Ownership, Market Structure, and Quality
Through the Lens of the Institutional Theory Framework
Chair

Fall 2019

Ashley Kennedy Mitchell

Examining Factors Associated with Minority Turnover Intention in State and Local Public Health Organizations: The Relationship Among Diversity Climate, Career Growth Perception, Job & Organizational Satisfaction, and Turnover Intention

Chair

Health Services Access and Utilization

Fall 2021

Janet Choongo

Perinatal Mental Healthcare Service Utilization: A Qualitative Study Exploring Women's Experiences and Provider's Capacity to Offer Perinatal Mental Health Services in Bulloch County, Georgia

Committee Member

Spring 2020

Denisha M. Allicock

Factors Associated with Advanced Care Planning: A Case Study of the Augusta University Family Medicine and General Internal Medicine Clinic Using A QUANT-Qual Sequential Design

Committee Member

Fall 2020

Emmanuel Akowuah

The Effect of Patient and Hospital-level Factors on 30-Day Readmission After Initial Hospitalization Due to Stroke

Committee Member

Fall 2020

Enjoli Willis

Naloxone Availability in Georgia Retail Pharmacies 44 Months After Implementation of a Statewide Standing Order

Committee Member

Spring 2019

Randi Ginger Bastian

Community Perceptions on Access to and Communication Gaps Regarding Dementia-Specific Health Resources and Services

Chair

Spring 2017

Latisha Oliver

An Analysis of Factors Impacting Adherence to Follow-Up Care for Cervical Cancer Among Women in Georgia Using Andersen's Healthcare Utilization Mode

Committee Member

Rural Health

Fall 2021

James Dotherow

Well Stewardship Behaviors in Rural Georgia

Committee Member

Fall 2018 **Linda Baffo**
Facilitators and Barriers to Implementing Farm-to-School Programs in Rural Georgia: Perspectives of School Nutrition Directors
Committee Member

Global Health and Global Health Systems

Fall 2020 **Pascal Felix**
Application of the Andersen Health System Utilization Framework in the Investigation of the use of Traditional Medicine in Kumasi, Ghana
Chair

Fall 2020 **Angela D. Blackwell**
Assessing the Perceived Barriers to Early Detection, Treatment, and Management of Cervical Cancer among Ghanaian Women
Committee Member

Fall 2020 **Miatta M.E. Dennis**
Factors Associated with HIV testing in Liberia: Findings from the 2013 Demographic Health Survey
Chair

Spring 2020 **Catherine T. Palmer**
Improving Cervical Cancer Screening and HPV Vaccination Rates among Ghanaians in Ghana and Ghanaian Immigrants Living in Georgia, U.S.A
Chair

Fall 2018 **Jesuseme Omoruan**
Perceptions of Health Professionals in Ghana on the Role of the Community in Chronic Disease Management
Chair

Spring 2017 **Kiswendsida Aida Sawadogo**
Universal Coverage in Developing Countries: A Summative Evaluation of Maternal Policies in Ghana and Burkina Faso **Chair**

Vulnerable and Underserved Population and Health Equity

Summer 2022 **Maureen Akubu-Odero**
States' Public Health Funding and Population Health Outcomes: An Examination Through a Socio-Ecological Lens
Chair

Fall 2020 **Lolita A. McLean**
Patient-Centered Medical Home Readiness Among Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs in Alabama: A Pilot Feasibility Study
Committee Member

Spring 2020	Brendan Ibe Racial Differences in Factors Influencing Childhood Overweight and Obesity in the US Chair
Fall 2019	Swaha Pattanaik Development of a Community-Based Oral Health Promotion Program for Non-Institutionalized Older Adults in Medically Underserved Communities in Southeastern Georgia Using the Precede-Proceed Planning Model Committee Member

External Graduate Research Mentees

2021 - present	Benedicta Arhinful, MBChB COVID-19 Exposure: Healthcare Workers Burnout and Perception of Quality of Care in Ghana John Hopkins University, DrPH Candidate Mentor
2021 - present	Abena Foriwaa Amoatin-Agyeman, MBChB Depression among Cancer Patients and their Informal Caregivers: The Role of Religion Palliative Care Fellowship, Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons Mentor

Undergraduate Research Mentees

2021 - 2022	Tawanna Brown McNair Scholar Georgia Southern University Mentor
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Scholarship

Scientific Publications:

*indicates student collaborator

1. **Apenteng, BA.**, Opoku, ST, Brown T. Authors' Response to Weiner et al. The Journal of the American Dental Association. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.adaj.2022.10.010>. [Letters - online ahead of print]
2. Shahin Z*, Shah, G., Mase, W., & **Apenteng, B.** (2022). Hospital Characteristics and Other Factors Associated with the Risk of Postpartum Hemorrhage in the United States. Under

Review in Journal of Women's Health. [online ahead of print].

<https://doi.org/10.1089/jwh.2022.0214>

3. Mitchell A*, **Apenteng B.A.** & Boakye K.G. (2022). Examining Factors Associated with Minority Turnover Intention in State and Local Public Health Organizations: The Moderating Role of Race in the Relationship among Supervisory Support, Job Satisfaction, and Turnover Intention. *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*. 28(5), E768-E777.
4. Opoku, S. T., Owens, C. F., **Apenteng, B. A.**, Kimsey, L., & Peden, A. H. (2022). State Expectations and Medicaid Managed Care Organizations' Efforts to Address the Social Needs of Medicaid Enrollees. *Medical Care Research and Review*, 10775587221096262.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/10775587221096262>
5. Brown, T*, **Apenteng, B. A.**, & Opoku, S. T. (2022). Factors associated with cost conversations in oral health care settings. *The Journal of the American Dental Association*. 153 (9), 829-838. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.adaj.2022.04.003>
6. Opoku, S. T., **Apenteng, B. A.**, Kimsey, L., Peden, A., & Owens, C. (2022). COVID-19 and social determinants of health: Medicaid managed care organizations' experiences with addressing member social needs. *Plos one*, 17(3), e0264940.
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0264940>
7. **Apenteng, B. A.**, Opoku, S. T., Owens, C., Akowuah, E., Kimsey, L., & Peden, A. (2021). Assessment of the Financial Health of Rural Hospitals After Implementation of the Georgia Rural Hospital Tax Credit Program. *JAMA Network Open*, 4(7), e2117791-e2117791.
DOI:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2021.17791
8. **Apenteng B.A.**, Boakye K. & Opoku S.T. (2021). A Moderated Moderation Analysis of Perceived Adaptivity and Organizational Support for Innovation in the Relationship between Role Overload and Emotional Exhaustion. *Health Care Management Review*. 47(3), 245-253.
DOI: [10.1097/hmr.0000000000000328](https://doi.org/10.1097/hmr.0000000000000328)
9. Opoku S.T., **Apenteng B.A.** & Boakye K. (2021). Rewards and employee creativity among rural healthcare employees: The mediating role of organizational support for innovation and the moderating impact of supervisory support. *International Journal of Quality and Services Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJQSS-11-2020-0187>
10. **Apenteng B.A.**, Kimsey L., Opoku S.T., Owens C., Peden A. & Mase W. (2021). Addressing the Social Needs of Medicaid Enrollees: Lessons and Promising Practices from the Field. *Population Health Management*. <https://doi.org/10.1089/pop.2021.0142>
11. Adewale, O., **Apenteng, B.**, Shah, G & Mase, W. (2021). Assessing Public Health Workforce Informatics Competencies: A Study of Three District Health Departments in Georgia. *Journal of Public Health Management & Practice*.
DOI: [10.1097/phh.0000000000001393](https://doi.org/10.1097/phh.0000000000001393)

12. **Apenteng, B.A.**, Kimsey, L., Owens, C., Opoku, S.T., Peden, A & Mase, W (2021). Strategic Implication of COVID-19: Considerations for Georgia's Rural Health Providers. *Journal of the Georgia Public Health Association*, 8 (2), 3. DOI: 10.20429/jgpha.2021.080203
13. Opoku, S.T., **Apenteng, B.**, Owens, C., Kimsey, L., Peden, A., Ekpo, I.*, Mase, W. & Akowuah, E. (2021). Georgia Rural Hospital Tax Credit: Perspectives of Rural Health Executives. *Journal of Rural Health*, 37(2), 328-333. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jrh.12529>
14. **Apenteng, B.**, Ekpo, I.B*., Mutiso, F*., Akowuah, A*., & Opoku, S.T. (2020). Examining the Relationship between Social Media Engagement and Hospital Revenue. *Health Marketing Quarterly*, 37(1), 10-21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07359683.2020.1713575>
15. Ekpo, I*., Akowuah, E*., **Apenteng, B.**, & Opoku, S.T. (2019). Characteristics of the Health Information Technology Workforce in Georgia. *Journal of the Georgia Public Health Association*, 7(2), 90-93. DOI: 10.20429/jgpha.2019.070213
16. Akowuah, E*., Ekpo, I*., Opoku, S.T., & **Apenteng, B.** (2019). Examining the Characteristics of Physicians That Leave Georgia After Medical School Training. *Journal of the Georgia Public Health Association*, 7(2), 82-84. DOI: 10.20429/jgpha.2019.070211
17. Boakye, K. G., **Apenteng, B. A.**, Hanna, M. D., Kimsey, L., Mase, W. A., Opoku, S. T., Owens, C & Peden, A. (2019). The impact of interpersonal support, supervisory support, and employee engagement on employee turnover intentions: Differences between financially distressed and highly financially distressed hospitals. *Health Care Management Review*. 46(2), 135-144. DOI: 10.1097/HMR.0000000000000251
18. Pattanaik, S*., **Apenteng, B.**, Cohen, A. L., Dounis, G., & Lawrence, R. (2019). Oral Cancer Screening in Non-Institutionalized Older Adults Living in Rural Communities of Southeast Georgia. *Innovation in Aging*, 3(Suppl 1), S883. [published abstract]
19. Lawrence, R. H., **Apenteng, B. A.**, Schueths, A. M., Pattanaik, S*., & Gibson, R. W. (2018). Defining "Community" from the Perspectives of Individuals with Sickle Cell Disease in Rural Georgia. *Journal of health care for the poor and underserved*, 29(4), 1438-1454.
20. Gato, W. E., Acquah, S., Nsiah, P., Opoku, S. T., **Apenteng, B. A.**, & Johnson, B. K. (2019). Blood pressure control, glycemic control, and dyslipidemia among healthy adults in the Cape Coast metropolis, Ghana. *Diabetes & Metabolic Syndrome: Clinical Research & Reviews*, 13(1), 56-61. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dsx.2018.08.020>
21. **Apenteng, B. A.**, Opoku, S. T., Ansong, D., Akowuah, E. A*., & Afriyie-Gyawu, E. (2018). The effect of power outages on in-facility mortality in healthcare facilities: Evidence from Ghana. *Global public health*, 13(5), 545-555. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17441692.2016.1217031>
22. Kimsey, L., **Apenteng B.**, Mase, W., Opoku, S., Hanna, M., Boakye, K., Carhuff, L., Owens, C., Peden, A., Tedders, S. & Whaley, P. (2017). Operational and Financial Performance of Georgia's Critical Access Hospitals. *Journal of the Georgia Public Health Association*. 7(1); 39-41

23. Nayar, P., Yu, F., Chandak, A., Kan, G. L., Lowes, B., & **Apenteng, B. A.** (2018). Risk Factors for In-Hospital Mortality in Heart Failure Patients: Does Rurality, Payer, or Admission Source Matter? *The Journal of Rural Health*, 34(1), 103-108.
24. Gato, W. E., Acquah, S., **Apenteng, B. A.**, Opoku, S. T., & Boakye, B. K. (2017). Diabetes in the Cape Coast metropolis of Ghana: an assessment of risk factors, nutritional practices, and lifestyle changes. *International Health*, 9(5), 310-316.
25. Opoku, S. T., **Apenteng, B. A.**, Akowuah, E. A*. & Bhuyan, S. (2017). Disparities in Emergency Department Wait Time among Patients with Mental Health and Substance-Related Disorders. *The Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research*, 1-15.
26. Opoku, S. T., **Apenteng, B. A.**, & Lin, G. (2017). Temporal Trends and Rural-Urban Differences in Hospital Length of Stay for Alzheimer Disease and Related Disorders. *Alzheimer Disease & Associated Disorders*, 31(3), 244-248.
27. Mase, W. A., **Apenteng, B. A.**, Carhuff, L., Hanna, M. D., Boakye, K. G., Kimsey, L. G., ... & Whaley, P. (2017). Georgia's critical access hospitals: Financial performance and process improvement. *Journal of the Georgia Public Health Association*, 7(1), 69. [published abstract]
28. Nayar, P., **Apenteng, B.**, Nguyen, A. T., Shaw-Sutherland, K., Ojha, D., & Deras, M. (2016). Needs Assessment for Behavioral Health Workforce: a State-Level Analysis. *The Journal of Behavioral Health Services Research*, 1-9.
29. **Apenteng, B.A**, Hansen, A. Opoku, S.T. & Mase, W (2016). Racial Disparities in Emotional Distress among Cancer Survivors: Insights from the Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS). *Journal of Cancer Education*. 32(3), 556-565. DOI:10.1007/s13187-016-0984-7
30. Reidelberger, R., Haver, A., Anders, K., **Apenteng, B.**, & Lanio, C. (2016). Effects of solid-phase extraction of plasma in measuring gut metabolic hormones in fasted and fed blood of lean and diet-induced obese rats. *Physiological Reports*, 4(10), e12800
31. Moore, A*, Bastian, R* & **Apenteng, B.A.** (2016). Communication within Hospice Interdisciplinary Teams: A Brief Narrative Review. *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*, 33(10), 996-101. DOI: 10.1177/1049909115613315
32. Islam, K. M., Opoku, S. T., **Apenteng, B. A.**, Fetrick, A., Ryan, J., Copur, M., ... & Ganti, A. K. (2016). Coping with an Advanced Stage Lung Cancer Diagnosis: Patient, Caregiver, and Provider Perspectives on the Role of the Health Care System. *Journal of Cancer Education*, 31(3), 554-558.
33. Newell, B.J.*, Pittman, J.C*, Pagano, H.P*, Barron, J.S*. & **Apenteng, B.A.** (2015). Responding to the 2014 Ebola Outbreak: The Value of Effective Interprofessional Communication during Emergency Response. *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness*, 10(4), 639-640. DOI:10.1017/dmp.2015.131

34. Grimm BL, Johansson P, Nayar P, **Apenteng BA**, Opoku S and Nguyen A (2015) Assessing the education and training needs of Nebraska's public health workforce. *Frontiers in Public Health* 3:161. DOI: 10.3389/fpubh.2015.00161
35. Opoku S.T., **Apenteng B.A.**, Lin G., Chen L., Palm D. & Rauner T.A. (2015). Comparison of the J-1 Visa Waiver and Loan Repayment Programs in the Recruitment and Retention of Physicians in Rural Nebraska. *Journal of Rural Health*, 31(3), 300-309 DOI: 10.1111/jrh.12108
36. **Apenteng BA**, Linder DF, Opoku ST, Lawrence RH & Upchurch LA (2014). Trends in the Use of Volunteers in US Hospices: 2000-2010. *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*. DOI: 10.1177/1049909114557351
37. **Apenteng, B.**, Nayar, P., Yu, F., Adams, J., & Opoku, S. (2014). Organizational and Environmental Correlates of the Adoption of a Focus Strategy in US Hospices. *Health Care Management Review*. DOI: 10.1097/HMR.0000000000000016
38. Islam, K. M., Opoku, S. T., **Apenteng, B. A.**, Fetrick, A., Ryan, J., Copur, M., ... & Ganti, AK. (2014). Engaging Patients and Caregivers in Patient-Centered Outcomes Research on Advanced Stage Lung Cancer: Insights from Patients, Caregivers, and Providers. *Journal of Cancer Education*, 29 (4),796-801.
39. **Apenteng, B. A.**, & Opoku, S. T. (2014). Employee influenza vaccination in residential care facilities. *AJIC: American Journal of Infection Control*, 42294-299. DOI:10.1016/j.ajic.2013.09.021
40. Opoku, S. T., & **Apenteng, B. A.** (2014). Seeking greener pastures? The relationship between career satisfaction and the intention to emigrate: a survey of Ghanaian physicians. *International Health (1876-3413)*, 6(3), 208-212.
41. Opoku, S. T., & **Apenteng, B. A.** (2014). Career satisfaction and burnout among Ghanaian physicians. *International Health (1876-3413)*, 6(1), 54.
42. Nayar, P., Yu, F., & **Apenteng, B.** (2014). Science-based and practice-based innovativeness and performance of substance abuse treatment facilities. *Health Care Management Review*, 39(1), 66-74. DOI:10.1097/HMR.0b013e318282663f.
43. Nayar, P., Yu, F., & **Apenteng, B.** (2014). Improving care for rural veterans: are high dual users different? *The Journal of Rural Health*, 30(2), 139-145.
44. Reidelberger, R., Haver, A., Anders, K., & **Apenteng, B.** (2014). Role of capsaicin-sensitive peripheral sensory neurons in anorexic responses to intravenous infusions of cholecystokinin, peptide YY-(3-36), and glucagon-like peptide-1 in rats. *American Journal of Physiology-Endocrinology and Metabolism*, 307(8), E619-E629.
45. Lin, S., Marin, E. C., Yang, C., Kao, C., **Apenteng, B. A.**, Huang, Y., & ... Lee, T. (2013). Extremes of Lineage Plasticity in the Drosophila Brain. *Current Biology*, 23(19), 1908- 1913. DOI:10.1016/j.cub.2013.07.074

46. Nayar, P., Yu, F., & **Apenteng, B.** (2013). Frontier America's health system challenges and population health outcomes. *The Journal of Rural Health*, 29(3), 258-265. DOI:10.1111/j.1748-0361.2012.00451.x
47. Nayar, P., Nguyen, AT, Ojha, D., Schmid, K.K, **Apenteng, B.A** & Woodbridge, P. (2013) Transitions in Dual Care for Veterans: Non-Federal Physician Perspectives: *Journal of Community Health*. 38(2), 225-237. DOI: 10.1007/s10900-012-9604-6.
48. Nayar, P., **Apenteng, B.**, Fang Yu, Woodbridge, P. & Fetrick, A. (2012). Rural veterans' perspectives of dual care. *Journal of Community Health*. 38(1), 70-77 DOI:10.1007/s10900-012- 9583-7.
49. Reidelberger, R., Haver, A., Chelikani, P., **Apenteng, B.**, Perriotte-Olson, C., Anders, K., & ... Blevins, J. (2012). Effects of leptin replacement alone and with exendin-4 on food intake and weight regain in weight-reduced diet-induced obese rats. *American Journal of Physiology. Endocrinology and Metabolism*, 302(12), E1576-E1585.
50. Huberty, J., Dinkel, D., Coleman, J., Beighle, A., & **Apenteng, B.** (2012). The role of schools in children's physical activity participation: staff perceptions. *Health Education Research*, 27(6), 986-995.
51. Nayar, P., Nguyen, AT, **Apenteng, B.** and Yu, F. (2012). Preventable Hospitalizations: Does Rurality or Non-Physician Clinician Supply Matter? *Journal of Community Health*, 37(2), 487-494. DOI: 10.1007/s10900-011-9468-1
52. Reidelberger, R., Haver, A., **Apenteng, B.**, Anders, K., & Steenson, S. (2011). Effects of exendin-4 alone and with peptide YY (3-36) on food intake and body weight in diet-induced obese rats. *Obesity (Silver Spring, Md.)*, 19(1), 121-127.

Scientific Publications Under Review:

*indicates student collaborator

1. Lawrence R., Shah, G., Arroyo, C., & **Apenteng, B.** (2022). Impact of Athletes' Knowledge on Perceptions of Sickle Cell Trait and Sickle Cell Trait Risk: Recommendations for Education and Delivery. Under Review in Journal for the Study of Sports for Athletes in Education. Revise and Resubmit

Technical Reports:

1. **Apenteng, B.**, Owens, C, Kimsey, L, Opoku S, Peden A, Shehaj, B*, Barai, K*& Adewoye, A* (2022). Effingham Health System Community Needs Assessment Report. A report prepared for Effingham Health System, Springfield, GA.
2. **Apenteng, B.**, Owens, C, Opoku S, Kimsey, L, Peden A, Barai, K* & Shehaj, B* (2022). Bacon County Hospital and Health System Community Needs Assessment Report. A report prepared for Bacon County Hospital and Health System, Alma, GA.

3. Kimsey, L, Owens, C, **Apenteng, B**, Opoku S, Peden A, Shehaj, B* & Nikaj, A* (2022). Crisp Regional Hospital Community Needs Assessment Report. A report prepared for Crisp Regional Hospital, Cordele, GA.
4. Kimsey, L, Owens, C, **Apenteng, B**, Opoku S, Peden A & Shehaj, B* (2022). Clinch Memorial Hospital Community Needs Assessment Report. A report prepared for Clinch Memorial Hospital, Homerville, GA.
5. Kimsey, L, Owens, C, **Apenteng, B**, Opoku S, Peden A, Shehaj, B* , Bratoon, T*, Johnson, M* & Nikaj, A* (2022). Morgan Medical Center Community Needs Assessment Report. A report prepared for Morgan Medical Center, Madison, GA.
6. **Apenteng, B.**, Kimsey, L., Opoku, S., Owens, C., Peden A. & Mase, W (2021) 2021 Georgia Critical Access Hospital Employee Engagement Assessment Reports. **A series of 4 individual reports for 4 hospitals.**
7. Opoku, ST, **Apenteng BA**, Kimsey LG, Owens, CF, Peden A. & Mase, W. (2020) SNAPSHOT: Financial and Operational Performance Benchmarking Report, 2014-2019. **A series of 20 individual reports for 20 hospitals.**
8. Owens, C, Nazaruk, D, **Apenteng, B**, Moore, A* & Bratton, T* (2021). Union General Hospital Community Needs Assessment Report. A report prepared for Union General Hospital, Blairsville, GA.
9. **Apenteng, B**, Owens, C, Opoku S, Kimsey, L, & Peden A (2021). Warm Springs Medical Center Hospital Community Needs Assessment Report. A report prepared for Warm Springs Medical Center, Meriwether, GA.
10. Opoku, S, **Apenteng, B**, Owens, C, Kimsey, L, Peden A & Joshi, P (2021). Clay County Hospital, Nursing Home, and Wellness Center Community Needs Assessment Report. A report prepared for Clay County Hospital, Nursing Home and Wellness Center, Ashland, AL.
11. Kimsey, L, Owens, C, **Apenteng, B**, Opoku, S, Peden A & Shehaj, B (2021). Union County Hospital Community Needs Assessment Report. A report prepared for Union County Hospital, Farmerville, LA.
12. **Apenteng, B.**, Opoku, S., Kimsey, L., Owens, C., Peden, A., & Mase, W. (2021). RHC Benchmarking Assessment. A report prepared for Atrium Medical Center of Peach County, Byron, GA.
13. **Apenteng, B.**, Kimsey, L., Mase, W., Opoku, S., Owens, C., & Peden A. Flex Financial and Operational Improvement Grant, 2019-2024 Year Two Report (2021). A report prepared for the Georgia Department of Community Health, State Office of Rural Health.

14. Shah, G., Opoku, S.T., **Apenteng, B.**, Owens, C., Kimsey, L. & Peden, A. (2021). Behavioral Health Needs Assessment. A report prepared for Pineland Community Service Board, GA.
15. Shah, G., Peden, A., **Apenteng, B.**, Opoku, S.T., Waterfield, K. & Ikhile, O. (2021). The Administration and Management of COVID-19 Contact Tracing Programs: A Descriptive Study of the Experiences of US and Local Health Departments. A report prepared for Public Health Accreditation Board, Alexandria, VA.
16. **Apenteng, B.**, Opoku, S.T, Boakye, K (2020). 2020 Assessment of Employee Engagement at Crisp Regional Hospital. A report prepared for Crisp Regional Hospital, Cordele, GA
17. **Apenteng, B.**, Kimsey, L., Mase, W., Opoku, S., Owens, C., & Peden A. Flex Financial and Operational Improvement Grant, 2019-2024 Year One Report (2020). A report prepared for the Georgia Department of Community Health, State Office of Rural Health.
18. **Apenteng, B.**, Kimsey, L., Opoku, S., Owens, C., Peden A. & Mase, W (2020) 2020 Georgia Critical Access Hospital Employee Engagement Assessment Reports. **A series of 5 individual reports for 5 hospitals.**
19. Opoku, ST, **Apenteng BA**, Kimsey LG, Owens, CF, Peden A. & Mase, W. (2020) SNAPSHOT: Financial and Operational Performance Benchmarking Report, 2014-2019. **A series of 23 individual reports for 23 hospitals.**
20. **Apenteng BA**, Opoku., ST, Kimsey LG, Owens, CF, Peden A. & Mase, W. (2020) Medicare Settlement Summary 2019 Benchmarking Report, 2014-2019. **A series of 23 individual reports for 23 hospitals.**
21. Opoku., ST, **Apenteng BA**, Owens, CF, Kimsey L, Peden A., Mase, W, Ekpo, I. Akowuah E, Hizine, M & Onifade O. (2019). Georgia Rural Hospital Tax Credit: Perspective of Hospital Executives and Community Members. A report prepared for Georgia State Policymakers and Stakeholders.
22. Kimsey, L, **Apenteng, B**, Opoku, ST, Owens, C, Peden, A & Shehaj, B (2020). Effingham Senior Living Market Analysis. A report prepared for Effingham Health System, Springfield, GA.
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25. **Apenteng, BA**, Owens, CF, Opoku, ST & Kimsey, L. G (2019). Evans Memorial

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27. **Apenteng, B**, Owens, C, Kimsey, L & Opoku, ST (2019). Effingham Health System Community Needs Assessment Report. A report prepared for Effingham Health System, Springfield, GA.
28. Kimsey, L, **Apenteng, B**, Opoku, ST & Owens, C (2019). Clinch Memorial Hospital Community Needs Assessment Report. A report prepared for Clinch Memorial Hospital, Homerville, GA.
29. **Apenteng, B.**, Boakye, K., Hanna, M., Kimsey, L., Mase, W., Opoku, S., Owens, C., Peden A. & Tedders, S. Flex Financial and Operational Improvement Grant, Year Three Report (2018). A report prepared for the Georgia Department of Community Health, State Office of Rural Health.
30. Opoku ST, **Apenteng BA**, Peden A & Mase W. (2018). Public Health Competency and Training Needs Assessment for the Coastal Health District, GA. A report prepared for the Coastal Health District, Savannah, GA
31. **Apenteng, B.**, Akowuah, A. Opoku, S.T. Boakye, K (2018). 2018 Assessment of Employee Engagement at Crisp Regional Hospital. A report prepared for Crisp Regional Hospital, Cordele, GA.
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41. **Apenteng, B.** (2015). RN-BSN Program Needs Assessment for East Georgia State College. A report prepared for East Georgia State College, Swainsboro, GA.
42. **Apenteng, B.**, Mase, W., McKinley, K., Shah, G. & Tarasenko, Y. (2015). Southwest Georgia Workforce Needs Assessment. A report prepared for the Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center & Southwest Georgia Medical Education and Research Consortium.
43. Chen, L., Nguyen, A.T., Shaw-Sutherland, K., **Apenteng, B.** & VanOsdel, N. (2012). The Economic Impact of Critical Access Hospitals on Nebraska's Economy, 2009. A report prepared for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Rural Health.
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4. Opoku., ST, **Apenteng BA**, Owens, CF, Kimsey L, Peden A., Mase, W, Ekpo, I.* Akowuah E*, Hizine, M* & Onifade, O*. (2019). Georgia Rural Hospital Tax Credit: Perspective of Hospital Executives and Community Members. [Center for Public Health Practice and Research: CPHPR Policy Brief.](#)
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6. **Apenteng, B.A.** Peden, A., Lawrence, R., Akowuah, E.W. & Opoku S, Mase, W & Stephens, J. (2017). Strategies for Improving Profitability of Rural Hospitals: Are Profitable Hospitals Doing Something Different? [Center for Public Health Practice and Research: CPHPR Research Brief.](#)

Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health Student-Mentored Research Publications:

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Peer-Reviewed Scientific Presentations:

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1. Aguirre, D*., Shehaj, B*. & **Apenteng, B.** Depression, Substance Use and the Role of Race as a Moderator. 2022 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Scheduled for November 4, 2022, Boston, MA.
2. Kimsey, L., Mase, W., Opoku, S., Owens, C., **Apenteng, B.** & Peden, A (2022). Medicaid Managed Care: Organizations and Social Determinants of Health: New and Enhanced Data Highlight Role for Public Health. Georgia Public Health Association Annual Meeting. May 2022, Jekyll Island, GA.
3. Brown, T*. **Apenteng, B.**, & Opoku, S.T. (2021). How Often Are Dentists Having Cost of Care Conversations with Patients? Incidence and Factors Associated with Cost Conversations between Patients and Dental Providers in the United States Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. November 2021, Virtual.
4. Opoku, S.T., Owens, C., Kimsey, L., **Apenteng, B.** & Peden, A. (2021). Examining the Factors Constraining Medicaid Managed Care Organizations Efforts to Address Social Determinants of Health. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. October 2021, Denver, CO.
5. Owens, C., Opoku, S.T., **Apenteng, B.**, Kimsey, L. & Peden, A. (2021). The Impact of Medicaid Managed Care Organizations' Efforts in Addressing Social Determinants of Health. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. October 2021, Denver, CO.
6. Shah, G., Peden, A., **Apenteng, B.**, Opoku, S.T., Waterfield, K & Ikhile O* (2021). COVID-19 contact tracing: Identifying and Addressing Health Inequities in the Communities Across United States. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. October 2021, Denver, CO.
7. **Apenteng, B.**, Opoku, S.T., Owens, C., Kimsey, L., Peden, A. & Mase, W. (2021) Lessons Learned, Promising Practices and Opportunities for Addressing Social Needs of Medicaid Beneficiaries: Perspectives of Medicaid Managed Care Organizations. Academy Health Annual Meeting. June 2021, Virtual.

8. Opoku, S.T., **Apenteng, B.**, Linda, K., Owens, C., Peden, A. (2021). It Takes a Village: A Descriptive Study of Partnerships between Medicaid Managed Care Organizations and Community-Based Organizations to Provide Whole-Person Care. Academy Health Annual Meeting. June 2021, Virtual.
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10. Opoku, S.T., Peden, A., **Apenteng, B.** & Mase, W (2018). Public Health Workforce Competencies and Training Needs of Frontline Workers in Georgia. Georgia Public Health Association Annual Research Meeting. April 2018, Jekyll Island, GA.
11. Opoku, S.T., Akowuah, E.* & **Apenteng B.** (2018). Impact of Medicaid Expansion on Malpractice Claims. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, November 2018. San Diego, CA.
12. **Apenteng, B.A.** Peden, A., Lawrence, R., Akowuah, E.W. & Opoku S, Mase, W & Stephens, J.(2018). Strategies Adopted by Rural Hospitals in the US for Financial Sustainability. Academy Health 2018 Annual Research Meeting. June 2018, Seattle, WA.
13. Akowuah, E.*, Ekpo, I.*, Opoku, S. & **Apenteng, B.A.** (2018) Trends in Emergency Department Utilization in Georgia. Georgia Public Health Association Annual Research Meeting. April 2018, Jekyll Island, GA.
14. Akowuah, E.*, Ekpo, I.*, **Apenteng, B.A.** & Opoku, S. (2018) Identifying Factors Associated with Employee Turnover Intent in a Rural Hospital. Georgia Public Health Association Annual Research Meeting. April 2018, Jekyll Island, GA.
15. Ekpo, I.*, Akowuah, E.*, **Apenteng, B.A.** & Opoku, S. (2018) A Comparative Analysis of Social Media Utilization and Engagement Among Public Health Districts. Georgia Public Health Association Annual Research Meeting. April 2018, Jekyll Island, GA.
16. Ekpo, I.*, Akowuah, E.*, **Apenteng, B.A.** & Opoku, S. (2018) The Use of Social Media for Emergency Response: How Do Georgia Public Health Districts Compare? Georgia Public Health Association Annual Research Meeting. April 2018, Jekyll Island, GA.
17. Boakye, K., Hanna, M., **Apenteng, B.**, Kimsey, L., Mase, W., Opoku, S., Owens, C., Peden A. & Tedders, S (2017). Adopting Lean Six Sigma Operational Improvement Principles in Critical Access Hospitals: Lessons Learned from an Academic-Practice Partnership. American Public Health Association Annual Research Meeting. November 2017 [accepted], Atlanta, GA.
18. Mase W., **Apenteng, B.**, Boakye, K., Hanna, M., Kimsey, L., Mase, W., Opoku, S., Owens, C., Peden A. & Tedders, S (2017). Georgia's Critical Access Hospitals: Financial Performance and Process Improvement. Georgia Public Health Association Annual Meeting. April 2017, Atlanta, GA.
19. Mutiso, F.*, Akowuah, E.*, Opoku, S. & **Apenteng, B.A.** (2017). Solo Practice Physicians

in Georgia. Georgia Public Health Association Annual Research Meeting. April 2017, Atlanta, GA.

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22. Akowuah, E.*, **Apenteng, B.A.** & Opoku, S. (2016). Effect of Hospital Closure on the Financial Performance of Neighboring Surviving Rural Hospitals. American Public Health Association Annual Research Meeting. November 2016, Denver, CO.
23. Akowuah, E.*, Opoku, S. & **Apenteng, B.A.** (2016). Assessment of Prescription Patterns of Nurse Practitioners in Emergency Departments. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. June 2016, Boston, MA.
24. Akowuah, E.*, Opoku, S. & **Apenteng, B.A.** (2016). Variation in Emergency Department Wait Times Among Mental Health Patients. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. June 2016, Boston, MA.
25. Opoku, S.T., **Apenteng, B.A.** & Lin, G (2015). Geographic Variation in the Length of in-Hospital Stay for Alzheimer's Disease in Nebraska. 143rd American Public Health Association Annual Research Meeting. November 2015, Chicago, IL.
26. Nayar, P., **Apenteng, B.A.**, Fetrick, A. & Woodbridge, P. (2015). Improving Communication between VHA and non-VHA providers: Implications for Veteran-Centered Dual Care. 2015 HSR&D/QUERI National Conference. July 2015, Philadelphia, PA.
27. Lawrence, R.H, **Apenteng, B.A.**, Schueths, A & Gibson, R (2014). Healthography of sickle cell disease (SCD) transition: Exploring community-level indicators of SCD transition success from rural, Georgia patients' perspectives. 142nd American Public Health Association Annual Research Meeting. November 2014, New Orleans, LA.
28. Eisenhart, E, **Apenteng, B.A.**, Robb, C, Tarasenko, Y, Cromley, J, Badana, A & Linder D (2014). Examining the Rural Influence on Non-Medical Prescription Drug Use in a University Population: Pilot Phase 1. 142nd American Public Health Association Annual Research Meeting. November 2014, New Orleans, LA.
29. Lawrence, R.H, **Apenteng, B.A.**, Schueths, A & Gibson, R (2014). Transitioning from clinic to community: Exploring community-level indicators of SCD Transition success from Rural Georgia SCD Patients' Perspectives. Sickle Cell Disease Association of America's 42nd Annual Convention. October 2014, Baltimore, MD.
30. **Apenteng, B.A.** & Tarasenko, Y (2014). Vaccination Uptake Among Health Care Workers

and Institutional Policies to Promote Vaccinations in Hospice and Home Health Agencies in the U.S. Academy Health Annual Meeting. June 2014, San Diego, CA.

31. Opoku, S., **Apenteng B.**, & Lin, G. (2014). Comparative Assessment of the J1 Visa and State Loan Repayment Programs in the Recruitment and Retention of Physicians in Rural Nebraska. Academy Health Annual Meeting. June 2014, San Diego, CA.
32. **Apenteng, B.A.**, Opoku, S. & Nayar, P. (2013). Seeking Greener Pastures: An exploration of the Brain Drain Phenomenon. A Survey of Active Physicians in Ghana, West Africa. Academy Health Annual Meeting. June 2013, Baltimore, MD
33. Opoku, S., **Apenteng, B.** & Nayar, P. (2013). Career Satisfaction and Burnout among Ghanaian Physicians. Academy Health Annual Meeting. June 2013, Baltimore, MD
34. Opoku, S., **Apenteng B.** Bhuyan, S. & Lin, G. (2013). Assessing Interstate migration among International Medical Graduates in the United States, American Association of Medical Colleges Physician Workforce Research Conference. May 2013, Alexandria, VA
35. **Apenteng, B.** & Lin G. (2012). Examining the individual and contextual factors influencing low birth weight (LBW) in Nebraska. American Public Health Association Conference. October 2012, San Francisco, CA.
36. **Apenteng, B** & Nayar, P. & Opoku, S (2012). Market Level Correlates of Charity Care Provision in Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities. Academy Health Conference. June 2012, Orlando, FL.
37. **Apenteng, B** & Nayar, P. (2011). Receipt of earmarks and the provision of charity care in substance abuse treatment facilities. American Public Health Association Conference. October 2011, Washington, DC.
38. **Apenteng, B.** & Nayar, P. (2011). Receipt of earmarks and the provision of charity care in substance abuse treatment facilities. Submitted to the American Public Health Association Conference. October 2011, Washington, DC.
39. Cramer, M., Nayar, P., Nguyen, A. & Ojha, D., **Apenteng, B.** Internal Coalition Effectiveness: Results of a Process Evaluation of a Geriatric Nursing Education Quality Improvement Program. Submitted to the American Public Health Association Conference. October 2011, Washington, DC.
40. Nayar, P., **Apenteng, B.**, Nguyen, A. & Ojha, D. (2011). Veterans' use of and satisfaction with dual care: Perspectives of rural veterans in Nebraska. Submitted to the American Public Health Association Conference. October 2011, Washington, DC.
41. Nayar, P., Nguyen, A., Ojha, D. & **Apenteng, B.** (2011). Perspectives of Primary Care Physicians on Dual Care for Veterans. Academy Health Annual Meeting. June 2011, Seattle, WA.

42. Nayar, P., **Apenteng, B.** & Nguyen, A. Frontier Health Workforce. American Public Health Association Conference. November 2010, Denver, Colorado.
43. **Apenteng, B** & Nayar, P., Mueller K (2010). Non-Physician Clinicians of Nebraska. Academy Health Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
44. **Apenteng, B.** & Nayar, P (2010). Non-Physician Clinicians-Gap fillers in primary care? American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
45. Reidelberger R, Haver A, **Apenteng B** & Anders K. (2009). Effects of intermittent intraperitoneal infusion of amylin on food intake, body weight, and adiposity in diet induced obese rats. *Obesity (Silver Spring)* 17: S175.
46. **Apenteng, B.A.**, Marin, E.C., & Truman, J.W. (2008). Extrinsic regulation of temporal identity of mushroom body neurons in *Drosophila*. HHMI Undergraduate Research Conference, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT.
47. Marin, E.C., **Apenteng, B.A.**, Wakulchik, S.D., Barnard, A.M., Riddiford, L.M., & Truman, J.W. (2009). An extrinsic cue regulates neuronal temporal identity in the *Drosophila* mushroom body. *Neurobiology of Drosophila Meeting*, Cold Spring Harbor, NY.
48. Marin, E.C., **Apenteng, B.A.**, & Truman, J.W (2008). An extrinsic cue regulates neuronal temporal identity in the *Drosophila* mushroom body. *Society for Developmental Biology 67th Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA.
49. Marin, E.C., **Apenteng, B.A.**, & Truman, J.W (2008). An extrinsic cue regulates neuronal temporal identity in the *Drosophila* mushroom body. *Janelia Farm Conference on Mechanisms of Developmental Timing*, Janelia Farm Research Campus, VA.

Invited Presentations:

1. **Apenteng, B.**, Owens, C., Opoku, S.T., Kimsey, L., Peden, A. & Mase, W. (2022). The Georgia Rural Hospital Tax Credit: Successes, Challenges, and Opportunities for Strengthening Rural Health Delivery Systems. *Healthcare Georgia Foundation Connections Conference*. March 2022, Atlanta.
2. **Apenteng, BA.** (2021). Keeping the Doors Open: A look at Georgia's Efforts to Save Rural Hospitals. *Grand Rounds*. Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health. October 6, 2021, Statesboro, GA.
3. **Apenteng, B.A.** Peden, A., Lawrence, R., Stephens, J., Akowuah, E*, Mase, W. & Opoku S. (2018) Positioning Rural Hospitals for Financial Sustainability: Feedback from Hospital Administrators. *Healthcare Georgia Foundation Connections 2018 Conference*. March 2018, Atlanta, GA.
4. **Apenteng, B.** (2018). *Painting A Clear Picture: Using Data for Evidence-based Decision-*

making Health Professionals Workforce Development Workshop, Center for Public Health Practice and Research, January 17th, 2018, Statesboro, GA

5. **Apenteng, B.** (2014). Global Health Population and Public Health Intercession. Georgia Regents University Medical College of Georgia, October 28th, 2014, Augusta, GA.
6. **Apenteng, B.** (2014). Population-based Medicine. Population and Public Health Intercession. Georgia Regents University Medical College of Georgia, October 28th, 2014, Augusta, GA.

Active Grants & Contracts:

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| 2022-2023 | Behavioral Pediatrics of Rural Georgia: Autism Recognition Pilot Program. Funded by the Georgia Department of Human Services. (PI: Kelly Sullivan).
Role: Co-Investigator (Co-I). \$176,237 |
| 2021-2026 | Pediatric Needs and Resources Assessment. Funded by Georgia Department of Community Health, State Office of Rural Health (PI: Samuel Opoku).
Role: Co-Investigator (Co-I). \$805,375 |
| 2019-2024 | Flex Financial and Operational Improvement Grant. Funded by the Health Services and Resources Administration (Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program) administered by the Georgia Department of Community Health, State Office of Rural Health. (PI: Bettye A. Apenteng)
Role: Principal Investigator (PI). \$802,500 |
| 2021-2023 | Rural Hospital Leadership Training. Funded by the Georgia Hospital Association Research and Education Foundation. (PI: Charles Owens)
Role: Co-I. \$150,000 |
| 2021-2022 | Community Health Needs Assessment. Funded by Select Georgia Rural Hospitals. (PI: Bettye A. Apenteng)
Role: PI. \$69,875 |
| 2021-2022 | Community Health Needs Assessment. Funded by Select Georgia Rural Hospitals. (PIs: Samuel Opoku; Linda Kimsey)
Role: Co-I. \$26,875 |
| 2021 - 2022 | Environmental Scan and Strategic Planning Technical Assistance for the South-Central Clinic (PI: Angela Peden). Funded by the Laurens County Board of Health.
Role: Co-I. \$10,000 |
| 2022-2022 | Georgia Farmworker Program Needs Assessment. Funded by the Georgia Department of Community Health (PI: Bettye A Apenteng).
Role: PI. \$8,000 |

Completed Grants & Contracts:

- 2020-2022 Examining the Role of State-MCO Contractual Mandates/Incentives and a Social Services Referral Program in Addressing Social Determinants of Health. Funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. (Co-PIs: Samuel Opoku and Charles Owens)
Role: Co-I. \$248,000
- 2021-2021 Pineland Community Service Board: Community Health Needs Assessment. Funded by Pineland Community Service Board as part of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) Grant # 1H79SM083244-01. (PI: Gulzar Shah)
Role: Co-I. \$40,000
- 2020-2020 Improvement in Domain 11 of Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Accreditation Standards. (PI: Gulzar Shah). Funded by PHAB.
Role: Co-I. \$20,000
- 2019-2021 Rural Hospital Leadership Training. Funded by the Georgia Hospital Association Research and Education Foundation. (PI: Charles Owens)
Role: Co-I. \$316,000
- 2019-2020 Flex Financial and Operational Improvement Grant – Year Two Supplement. Funded by the Georgia Department of Community Health, State Office of Rural Health. (PI: Bettye A. Apenteng)
Role: PI. \$28,722
- 2019-2020 Critical Access Hospital Community of Practice for Financial Sustainability. (Co-PIs: Samuel Opoku and Linda Kimsey). Funded by the Georgia Department of Community Health.
Role: Co-I. \$50,000
- 2019-2020 Feasibility Study for a Senior Living Project. (PI: Linda Kimsey). Funded by Effingham Health System.
Role: Co-I. \$10,000
- 2019-2019 Needs Assessment for the Georgia Farmworker Program (PI: Ashley Walker-Colquitt). Funded by the Georgia Department of Community Health.
Role: Co-I. \$8,000
- 2018-2019 CAH Financial Stability Strategic Planning (PI: Bettye A. Apenteng). Funded by the Georgia Department of Community Health.
Role: PI. \$30,000
- 2018-2019 Needs Assessment and Strategic Planning for Bulloch Wellness, Southeast Health District (PIs: Samuel Opoku & Bettye A. Apenteng). Funded by Ware County Board of Health.
Role: Co-PI. \$18,473

- 2018-2019 Community Health Needs Assessment (PI: Bettye A. Apenteng). Funded by Select Georgia Rural Hospitals
Role: PI. \$35,000
- 2018-2019 Community Health Needs Assessment & Implementation Planning (PIs: Samuel Opoku and Linda Kimsey). Funded by Select Georgia Rural Hospitals. Role: Co-I. \$22,000
- 2018-2019 Strategic Planning – Technical Assistance (PI: Bettye A. Apenteng). Funded by a Georgia Rural Hospital.
Role: PI. \$10,000
- 2018 - 2019 Medication Adherence Program for Bulloch Wellness, Southeast Health District (PIs: Angela Peden). Funded by Ware County Board of Health.
Role: Co-PI. \$8,000
- 2016 - 2018 Flex Financial and Operational Improvement Grant (PI: Stuart Tedders). Funded by the Georgia Department of Community Health.
Role: Deputy Project Director. \$510,000
- 2017 – 2017 Coastal Health District Accreditation Technical Assistance Contract (PI: Angie Peden) Funded by Glynn County Board of Health and the Coastal Health District.
Role: Co-I. \$ 26,030
- 2017 – 2017 Needs Assessment for the Georgia Farmworker Program (PI: Ashley Walker-Colquitt). Funded by the Georgia Department of Community Health.
Role: Co-I. \$7,113
- 2016 - 2017 Rural Hospital Sustainability Project (PIs: Bettye A. Apenteng). Funded by Healthcare Georgia Foundation.
Role: PI. \$94,664
- 2015 - 2017 Coastal Incentive Grant: Molecular Identification of the Sources of non-Point Pollution and Microbial Risk Assessment upon Exposure to Recreational Waste at Jekyll Island Beaches (PIs: Asli Aslan & Jeffery Jones). Funded by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.
Role: Co-I. \$137,885
- 2015 -2017 Georgia Rural Health Systems Planning Grant (PIs: Bettye A. Apenteng, William Mase & Yelena Tarasenko). Funded by the Georgia Department of Community Health, State Office of Rural Health.
Role: Co-PI. \$200,000
- 2015-2015 Degree Program Needs Assessment (PI: Bettye A. Apenteng). Funded by East Georgia State College.
Role: PI. \$12,200
- 2014 -2015 Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center (SOWEGA- AHEC)

Regional Healthcare Workforce Needs Assessment (PIs: Bettye A. Apenteng & William Mase). Funded by the Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center.

Role: Co-PI. \$49,587

2013-2014 A Qualitative Examination of the Transition Experiences of Rural Sickle Cell Disease Patients (PI: Raymona Lawrence). Funded by Georgia Southern University, Rural Health Research Institute SPRinG Seed Grant.
Role: Co-I. \$9,848.

2013-2014 Examining the Rural Influence of Nonmedical Prescription Drug Use in a University Population (PI: Claire Robb). Funded by Georgia Southern University, Rural Health Research Institute SPRinG Seed Grant.
Role: Co-I. \$9,016.

2013-2014 Prosthetics Patient Satisfaction Questionnaire Validation Research (PI: Preethy Nayar, UNMC). Funded by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
Role: Consultant. Sub-Contract Amount: \$5,000.

Scientific Blogs:

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Media Coverage/News or Practice-Based Blog Mentions:

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Similar posting

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 - <https://theconversation.com/evidence-supports-mandatory-covid-vaccination-for-aged-care-workers-but-we-need-to-make-it-easier-too-163569>
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Service

Department:

Department of Health Policy and Management, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health

- HPCH Assistant Professor Search Committee – Chair (2020-2021)
- DrPH Admissions Review Committee (Fall 2014 – present)
- DrPH Health Policy and Management New Program Curriculum Committee
- DrPH Leadership Concentration Examination Committee (Spring 2019 – present)
- DrPH Health Policy and Management Concentration Examination Committee (Spring 2021 – present)
- Department Chair Search Committee – Member (2017)
- Independent Study – PUBH 7890-B (Spring, 2015)
- Independent Study – PUBH 7890-E (Fall, 2013)

College:

Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health

- JPHCOPH Self Study – Evaluation Sub Committee – Member (2022-present)
- JPHCOPH Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Community Engagement Workgroup – Member (2022-present)
- Curriculum Committee – Chair (2021 – present)
- JPHCOPH Ghana Study Abroad Program – Co-Program Director (2021-present)
- MPH Core Curriculum Committee – Member (2021- present)
- Dean Search Committee – Member (2019-2020)
- Research Committee – Member (2019- present)
- JPHCOPH Promotion and Tenure Committee – Member (2018; 2021)
- JPHCOPH Representative, Association of Schools, and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) Population Health Forum, Madison, WI (2017)
- Diversity Committee – Member (2015 – 2016; 2018-2020)
- Affiliate Faculty, Georgia Southern University, JPHCOPH, Center for Public Health Practice and Research (2015-present)

University:

Georgia Southern University

- General Education Curriculum Committee – Member (2021-present)
- Faculty Research Advisor – Georgia Southern University McNairs Scholars Program (2021-present)
- Employee Engagement Survey Steering Sub-committee (Chair: Helen Bland) – Member (2021)
- Georgia Southern University Undergraduate Research Symposium – Reviewer (2021)
- Program Review – General Education Curriculum (2021)
- Pilot Review for Georgia Southern University Office of Research Services and Sponsored Programs (Conflict of Interest Module Testing) – Pilot Reviewer (2020)
- Pilot Review for Georgia Southern University Center for Teaching Excellence (CourseArc Learning Management System Review) – Pilot Reviewer (2019)
- Faculty Senate, 2015-2017, 2021-present (Senator Alternate)
- Faculty Grievance Committee, 2017-2020
- Graduate Committee, 2017-2018 (Alternate)
- Undergraduate Committee, 2013- 2017 (Alternate)
- Conversations with Professors, Instructor (Fall 2015, 2016, 2020)
- Affiliate Faculty, Georgia Southern University I²STEM

University of Nebraska Medical Center

- Doctoral Committee, 2011- 2012 (Doctoral Student Representative)

State:

- Co-Chair, Grants Committee, Julia P. Bryant Elementary PTO, 2019-2020
- Annual Employee Engagement Assessment Service Project for Crisp Regional Hospital, 2017-2020
- Community Needs Assessment Service Project for Evans Memorial Hospital, 2017
- Collaborative Project with Medical College of Georgia, Georgia Regents University to assess population-health competencies of Medical Students (2014)

Discipline/National & International:

- Grant Reviewer, National Institute of Health, 2020
- Grant Reviewer, Health Resources and Services Administration – Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, 2018; 2022; 2022
- Grant/Proposal Reviewer, South Africa NRF – Competitive Programme for Rated Researchers, 2020
- Academic Editor, PLOS One, 2022 - present
- Editorial Review Board Member, International Journal of Healthcare, 2015 – present
- Conference Abstract Reviewer – Academy Health, APHA
- Reviewer for Peer-Reviewed Journals
 - JAMA Network Open
 - Journal of Rural Health
 - Journal of Healthcare Management
 - Cost-Effectiveness and Resource Allocation
 - Biomed Research
 - International Journal of Healthcare
 - PLOS ONE
 - American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
 - Journal of Palliative Care
 - Journal of Palliative Medicine
 - International Journal of Qualitative Studies on Health and Well-Being
 - Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research
 - Inquiry
 - Vaccines
- National and Regional Organization Sections/Interest Groups
 - APHA – Aging & Public Health Section
 - APHA – International Health Section
 - GPHA – Academic Section
 - AcademyHealth – Organizational Behavior and Management
 - 2022 Academy Health Annual Research Conference (Washington, DC) - Session Chair: *What kinds of organizations provide the best quality health care? Organizational influences on health care quality*
- Advisor – Public Health Alliance International Ghana (2022-Present)-
<https://publichealthalliance.org.gh>

Professional Affiliations:

- Member, Academy Health
 - Member, American Public Health Association
 - Member, Georgia Public Health Association
 - Member, Association of University Programs in Healthcare Administration
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Training & Certifications:

- John Hopkins University – *COVID-19 Contact Tracing*
 - Medical Group Management Association – *Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Certification*
 - Georgia Southern University, Center for Teaching Excellence – *Teaching and Online Course Development*
 - Quality Matters – *Independent Applying the QM Rubric*
 - Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) – *Human Subjects: Social and Behavioral Research - Basic/Refresher Curriculum, RCR*
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Honors and Awards:

- Faculty Award of Excellence in Scholarship, 2022-2023 Recipient, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, Georgia Southern University.
- Excellence in Research and Creative Scholarly Pursuit Award, 2017-2018 Nominee, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA.
- Member, Delta Omega, Georgia Southern University, 2017-present
- Faculty Award of Excellence in Scholarship, 2015-2016 Recipient, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, Georgia Southern University.
- 2012 Caruth Wagner Scholar in Public Health
- Public Health Policy/Practice Student Assembly Award, American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2011
- Best Ph.D. student poster, UNMC, CoPH Student Research Conference, 2011.
- Recipient of Travel Stipend to San Francisco, CA for American Public Health Association Annual Conference, October 2012
- Recipient of Travel Stipend to Washington, DC for American Public Health Association Annual Conference, October 2011
- Recipient of Travel Stipend to Denver, Colorado for American Public Health Association Annual Conference, October 2010
- Member, Golden Key Honors Society, University of Washington, 2007 – to present
- UNMC Graduate Student Association, *Member*, August 2009 – present
- Howard Hughes Memorial Institute Undergraduate Research Intern 2007 at the Department of Biology, University of Washington.
- Dean's List, University of Washington, Seattle, 2006-2008.
- University Merit Scholar (Undergraduate), University of Washington, 2006-2008.

- 3rd National Best Student in the West African Examination Council's Senior Secondary Certificate Examination, 2003 (Ghana)