

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2018-2019 **Postdoctoral Fellow**
AIDS Program, Department of Internal Medicine, Yale School of Medicine
- 2017-2018 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**
Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy, UConn
- 2013-2017 **PhD, Public Health**
Department of Public Health Sciences, UConn
Dissertation: “*Developing and testing an integrated, brief bio-behavioral HIV prevention intervention targeting high-risk drug users in treatment*”
- Awarded the ‘**Outstanding Dissertation Award 2018**’ and the ‘**Optimization of Behavioral & Biobehavioral Interventions Research Award**’ by the Society of Behavioral Medicine
- 2011-2013 **MPH, Public Health**
Department of Public Health Sciences, UConn
Thesis: “*Understanding HIV risk behaviors among migrant workers in Nepal*”
- 2007-2011 **BS, Biology (*Summa cum laude*)**
Wiley College

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2025-Present **Associate Professor with Tenure**
Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- 2021-2025 **Assistant Professor**
Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- 2021-Present **Assistant Professor Adjunct**
AIDS Program, Department of Internal Medicine, Yale School of Medicine
- 2024-Present **Visiting Professor**
Centre of Excellence for Research in AIDS (CERiA), University of Malaya

- 2021 **Assistant Research Professor**
Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- 2019-2023 **Visiting Senior Lecturer**
Centre of Excellence for Research in AIDS (CERiA), University of Malaya
- 2019-2020 **Associate Research Scientist (Faculty)**
AIDS Program, Department of Internal Medicine, Yale School of Medicine

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2021-Present **Principal Investigator**
Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, & Policy, University of Connecticut
- 2018-Present **Research Affiliate**
Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS, Yale University
- 2015-2017 **Teaching Assistant**
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- 2015-2016 **Instructor**
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- 2012-2018 **Research Assistant**
University of Connecticut
Project: *Secondary HIV Prevention and Adherence Among HIV-infected Drug Users* (National Institute on Drug Abuse; R01DA032290, PI Copenhagen)
- 2011-2012 **Research Assistant**
University of Connecticut
Project: *Testing a Community-Friendly Risk Reduction Intervention for Injection Drug Users* (National Institute on Drug Abuse; R01DA022122, PI Copenhagen)
- 2012 **Research Intern**
CT-RI Public Health Training Center Program, UConn Health Center

GRANTS

- Ongoing**
2024-2029 **Principal Investigator** \$3,992,918
Optimizing a Just-in-Time Adaptive Intervention to Increase Uptake of Chemsex Harm Reduction Services in MSM: A Micro-randomized Trial
National Institute on Drug Abuse, R01DA061661

2025-2027	Principal Investigator <i>Improving services for non-communicable diseases among sexual and gender minorities in Nepal: A mixed-methods study</i> UConn InCHIP	\$9,998
2024-2026	Principal Investigator <i>Mobile-Based Ecological Momentary Assessment for Predicting Short-Term Suicidal Thoughts and Behavior among GBMSM</i> UConn InCHIP	\$10,000
2023-2026	Principal Investigator <i>Development of an online HIV self-testing intervention with online-to-offline linkage to care for transgender women</i> National Institute of Mental Health, R34MH130233S1 (Admin Supplement) NCE	\$100,000
2022-2026	Principal Investigator (Shrestha & Wickersham, MPI) <i>Integrated online-to-offline (O2O) model of care for HIV prevention and treatment among men who have sex with men</i> National Institute of Mental Health, R34MH130233 NCE	\$717,145
2020-2026	Principal Investigator <i>Training in mHealth Prevention with MSM</i> National Institute on Drug Abuse, K01DA051346 NCE	\$765,496
2022-2026	Principal Investigator <i>Development and testing of a mobile app to enhance HIV prevention cascade in Malaysian MSM</i> Fogarty International Center, R33TW011665 (part of R21/R33) NCE	\$1,319,241
2022-2027	Co-Investigator <i>Optimizing evidence-based HIV prevention targeting people who inject drugs on PrEP</i> National Institute on Drug Abuse, R01DA055534 (PI Copenhaver)	\$3,182,951
2023-2026	Co-Investigator <i>Optimization of a mHealth lifestyle intervention for college students: multiphase optimization strategy (MOST) feasibility study</i> USDA/Hatch (PI Duffy)	\$60,000
2020-2025	Consultant <i>Developing an Artificial Intelligence-Based mHealth Intervention to Increase HIV Testing in Malaysia</i> Fogarty International Center, R21TW011663/ R33TW011663 (MPI Ni & Altice)	
2024-2027	Consultant <i>Developing and testing a digital health tool for INterseCtional stigma assessment</i>	

and reduction at multiple Levels and mUltiple DimEnsions (INCLUDE) to improve HIV care in ART centers in Nepal
Fogarty International Center, R01TW012682 (MPI Acharya & Sapkota)

Completed

2021-2025	Principal Investigator (Wickersham & Shrestha, MPI) <i>Improving HIV testing and PrEP for transgender women through mHealth</i> National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, R21AI157857	\$460,625
2021-2024	Principal Investigator <i>Integrated rapid access to HIV prevention program for people who inject drugs</i> Gilead Research Scholar Program in HIV, Gilead Sciences	\$130,000
2020-2024	Principal Investigator <i>Integrated rapid access to HIV prevention program for people who inject drugs (iRaPID)</i> National Institute on Drug Abuse, R21DA051934	\$460,625
2019-2024	Principal Investigator <i>Expanding Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Implementation in Communities of People Who Inject Drugs and Their Risk Network Members</i> Gilead Investigator Sponsored Research, IN-US-412-5629	\$522,126
2022-2024	Principal Investigator <i>mHealth Intervention to Reduce Harm of Sexualized Drug Use (Chemsex) among Men Who Have Sex with Men in Malaysia</i> CAHNR Pilot Award, UConn	\$15,000
2020-2023	Principal Investigator <i>Development and testing of a mobile app to enhance HIV prevention cascade in Malaysian MSM</i> Fogarty International Center, R21TW011665 (part of R21/R33)	\$1,319,241
2023-2024	Co- Investigator <i>A Proof-of-Concept Trial of a Social Media Delivered HPV Vaccination Intervention in Sexual Minority Women</i> UConn InCHIP (PI Pagoto)	\$25,000
2022-2024	Consultant <i>Strengthening HIV care continuum for transgender women living with HIV in Malaysia</i> National Institute of Mental Health, R21MH128114 (PI Wickersham)	
2022-2024	Consultant <i>Gamification to enhance engagement in HIV prevention and co-morbid conditions in young men who have sex with men</i>	

	National Institute of Mental Health, R21AI67773 (PI Wickersham)	
2020-2023	Consultant <i>Developing an Artificial Intelligence Chatbot to Promote HIV Testing</i> National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, R21AI152937 (PI Wickersham)	
2018-2023	Co-Investigator (PI UConn Subaward) <i>Methadone vs. Buprenorphine Therapy for Opioid Dependence: Diet and Metabolic Implications</i> Rutgers University Busch Biomedical Grant Program (PI Rawal)	\$39,935
2019-2021	Co-Investigator (PI UConn Subaward) <i>Examining Ethical Concerns in the Context of App-Based HIV Prevention Research with Men who have Sex with Men in the Malaysian Context</i> National Institute on Drug Abuse, R25DA031608 (PI Fisher)	\$25,000
2018-2020	Principal Investigator <i>Theory-based approach to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) uptake among men who have sex with men (MSM) in Malaysia</i> Yale Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies	\$5,000
2016-2018	Principal Investigator <i>Integrated bio-behavioral HIV prevention intervention targeting PWID</i> Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, & Policy (InCHIP) Seed Grant, University of Connecticut	\$2,000
2014-2016	Principal Investigator <i>Developing an evidence-based intervention targeting high-risk migrant workers</i> InCHIP Seed Grant, University of Connecticut	\$2,000
2011-2013	Principal Investigator <i>HIV-related risk behaviors among returnee male migrant workers in Nepal</i> College on Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Research Grant, UConn	\$1,500
Pending		
2026-2031	Principal Investigator <i>A just-in-time adaptive intervention (JITAI) for suicide prevention in Nepal</i> National Institute of Mental Health, R21/R33MH139117 [Impact Score: 33, Percentile: 17 th ; JIT Submitted]	\$1,210,188
2026-2029	Principal Investigator (Ha, Nguyen, Orellana, & Shrestha, MPI) <i>Adapting an Intervention to Reduce Stigma among MSM and Healthcare Providers in Vietnam</i> Fogarty International Center, R01TW013193 [Impact Score: 34, Percentile: 19 th ; JIT Submitted]	\$605,667

2026-2028	Principal Investigator (Wickersham & Shrestha, MPI) <i>Leveraging machine learning to predict and prevent opioid overdose</i> National Institute on Drug Abuse, R21	\$514,760
Unfunded		
2025-2030	Principal Investigator <i>Development and testing of a smartphone-based just-in-time adaptive intervention for smoking cessation</i> National Cancer Institute, R21/R33CA309743	\$1,280,173
2025-2030	Principal Investigator <i>Optimizing Digital Health Interventions Using Passive Sensing Technologies</i> National Institute on Drug Abuse, K02DA063437	\$789,491
2025-2030	Principal Investigator (Wickersham & Shrestha, MPI) <i>Effectiveness and implementation of a gender-affirming mHealth intervention for HIV prevention: A hybrid type 1 implementation science trial</i> National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, R01AI189325	\$3,983,764
2025-2030	Co-Investigator <i>mHealth technology for promoting HIV testing and linkage to PrEP among male sex workers in Vietnam</i> Fogarty International Center, R21/34 (PI Ta; University of Pittsburgh)	\$1,309,469
2024-2029	Consultant <i>Development and testing of an app-based smoking cessation intervention for people living with HIV</i> Fogarty International Center, R21/R33 (PI Poudel; UMass Amherst)	\$1,356,925
2022-2025	Principal Investigator (Shrestha & Wickersham, MPI) <i>Development of an online HIV self-testing intervention with online-to-offline linkage to care for transgender women</i> National Institute of Mental Health, R34	\$717,145
2020-2025	Co-Investigator (At Yale) <i>Developing optimal primary HIV prevention among non-treatment seeking opioid-dependent persons</i> National Institute on Drug Abuse, R01 (PI Copenhaver)	(Subaward) \$460,332
2021-2023	Consultant <i>An interactive mHealth app to promote HIV self-testing among men who have sex with men in Vietnam</i> National Institute of Mental Health, R21 (PI Ha)	

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

2025	Excellence in Research and Creativity: Early Career , UConn AAUP
2024	Emerging Scholar Research Award, Provost Awards for Excellence in Community Engaged Scholarship , UConn
2024	Young Investigator Award , International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (IJERPH)
2024	Nomination for the Graduate Faculty Career Mentor of the Year , Center for Career Development, UConn
2024	Fellow , NIH mHealth Training Institute (mHTI), Funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
2024	Deborah J. Bowen Early Career Investigator Award , Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM)
2024	HIV and Sexual Health SIG Early Career Award , SBM
2023	InCHIP Junior Faculty Research Excellence Award , UConn InCHIP
2023	Early Career Research Award , UConn CAHNR
2021	Gilead Research Scholar Program Award , Gilead Sciences
2021	Summer Institute on Just-in-Time Adaptive Interventions , Funded by NIDA
2020	Travel Award , 12 th International Women's and Children's Health and Gender (InWomen's) Conference
2019	Fellow , Fordham HIV and Drug Prevention Research Ethics Training Institute, Funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
2019	Fellow, Training on Optimization of Behavioral & Biobehavioral Interventions , Funded by the Office of Behavioral & Social Science Research (OBSSR)/NIDA
2019	Travel Award , 11 th InWomen's Conference
2018	International Conference on Stigma Scholarship , Howard University
2018	Ending Gender Inequalities Conference Travel Award , RTI International
2018	Alumni Inductee , Delta Omega National Public Health Honor Society
2018	Outstanding Dissertation Award , Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM)
2018	Optimization of Behavioral & Biobehavioral Interventions Research Award , Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM)
2017	Top Reviewer in Medicine – 2017 , Publons Peer Review Awards 2017
2016	COMPACT for Faculty Diversity Travel Award , Graduate School (UConn)
2016	Travel Award for Early Career Investigators , College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)
2016	Ending Gender Inequalities Conference Travel Award , RTI International
2015	NIDA Women and Sex/Gender Differences Junior Investigator Travel Award
2015	Doctoral Student Travel Award , Graduate School (University of Connecticut)
2011-2012	Predocctoral Fellowship , University of Connecticut
2007-2011	Presidential Scholarship , Wiley College
2011	Allen Mercer Mayes & Laverne Hadnott Mayes Endowed Scholarship , University of Rhode Island
2010	Destination Public Health Travel Award , Rollins School of Public Health (Emory University)
2010	Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges , USA

- 2007 **International Student Award**, Wiley College
 2004-2005 **Mahatma Gandhi Scholarship**, Indian Embassy, Nepal
 2004 **Presidential Scholarship**, Ambition Academy, Nepal

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Grant Reviewing

- 2025 **National Institute of Health**, July 2025, Ad hoc reviewer; NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR); HIV Special Emphasis Panel
- 2024 **National Institute of Health**, July 2024, NIH Study Section: Population and Public Health Approaches to HIV/AIDS (PPAH)
- 2024 **National Institute of Health**, March 2024, Ad hoc reviewer; NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR); Clinical Care and Health Interventions (CCHI)
- 2024 **National Science Centre Reviewer** (Poland) for *HS6 (Human nature and human society)*
- 2024 **Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy**
Faculty Seed Grant Reviewer
- 2023 **National Institute of Health**, December 2023, Ad hoc reviewer; NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR); HIV Special Emphasis Panel - High Priority HIV and Substance Use Research
- 2023 **National Institute of Health**, November 2023, Mail reviewer; NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR); Population-based Research in Infectious Disease (PRID) Study Section
- 2023 **National Institute of Health**, August 2023, Ad hoc reviewer; NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR); Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Research Study Section (AIDS)
- 2023 **National Institute of Health**, May 2023, Ad hoc reviewer; NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR); Fellowship: HIV Clinical Care and Health Interventions
- 2023 **National Institute of Health**, May 2023, NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR); Prevention and Treatment through a Comprehensive Care Continuum for HIV-affected Adolescents in Resource Constrained Settings Implementation Science Network (PATC³H-IN) Clinical Research Centers (UG1)
- 2023 **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**, May 2023, for *Special Emphasis Panel Review: PS23-001*
- 2023 **Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy**
Faculty Seed Grant Reviewer
- 2022 **Yale Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS**, December 2022, 2022 Fast-Track Pilot Project Supplements in HIV Research Review Panel
- 2022 **National Institute of Health**, November 2022, Ad hoc reviewer; NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR); HIV Special Emphasis Panel - High Priority HIV and Substance Use Research
- 2022 **National Institute of Health**, July 2022, Ad hoc reviewer; NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR); HIV Special Emphasis Panel
- 2022 **UConn Office of the Vice President for Research**, May 2022, Research Excellence Program; Social Sciences - Behavioral/Psychological Review Group
- 2022 **National Institute of Health**, March 2022, Ad hoc reviewer; NIH Center for

- Scientific Review (CSR); Risk, Prevention and Health Behavior (RPHB)
Integrated Review Group Special Emphasis Panel
- 2021 **National Institute of Health**, December 2021, Ad hoc reviewer; NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR); Risk, Prevention and Health Behavior (RPHB)
Integrated Review Group Special Emphasis Panel
- 2021 **National Institute of Health**, April 2021, Ad hoc reviewer; NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR); Risk, Prevention and Health Behavior (RPHB)
Integrated Review Group Special Emphasis Panel
- 2021 **University of Washington/Fred Hutch Center for AIDS Research (CFAR)**
New Investigator Awards Grant Reviewer
- 2021 **Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy**
Graduate Student Seed Grant Reviewer
- 2020 **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** for *Special Emphasis Panel*
Review: PS21-001
- 2020 **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** for *Special Emphasis Panel*
Review: PS20-001
- 2017 **National Science Centre Reviewer** (Poland) for *SONATA (Early career award)*
- 2015 **UConn Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy**
Graduate Student Seed Grant Reviewer

Journal Editorial Service

- 2024-Current **Associate Editor** for *Scientific Reports*
- 2023-Current **Section Editor** for *JMIR mHealth and uHealth*
- 2022-Current **Associate Editor** for *Frontiers in Digital Health*
- 2022-2024 **Associate Editor** for *Frontiers in Public Health*
- 2020-2023 **Associate Editor** for *Contemporary Clinical Trials*
- 2018-2023 **Consulting Editor** for *AIDS & Behavior*
- 2017-2020 **Associate Editor** for *BMC Women's Health*
- 2017-2019 **Associate Editor** for *BMC Public Health*

Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer

- 2015-Current *Journal of the International AIDS Society; American Journal of Public Health; and Alcohol Dependence; Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes; Addictive Behaviors; AIDS & Behavior; BMJ Open; AIDS Care; Clinical Epidemiology; Medicine; Contemporary Clinical Trials; Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment; International Journal of STD & AIDS; BMC Public Health; Journal of the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care; Frontiers in Public Health; Health and Quality of Life Outcomes; Journal of Medical Internet Research; LGBT Health; International Social Work; Patient Preference and Adherence; Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health; Substance Abuse: Research & Treatment; PLoS ONE; JMIR mHealth and uHealth; BMC Women's Health; Journal of HIV/AIDS & Social Services; Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation; HIV/AIDS - Research and Palliative Care; Tobacco Use Insights*

Professional Organizations

- 2021-Present Member, Global Burden of Disease (GBD) Collaborator Network

2016-Present Member, International AIDS Society (IAS)
 2015-Present Member, Society for Behavioral Medicine (SBM)
 2012-Present Member, American Public Health Association (APHA)
 2021-2023 Member, College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)
 2012-2017 Member, Connecticut Public Health Association (CPHA)
 2012-2017 Member, Public Health Student Organization (PHSO), UConn Health Center

Additional Services

2024-Present **Faculty Mentor**, Global Health Equity Scholars Program (GHES), Funded by the National Institute on Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
 2024 **Best Poster Abstract in Digital Health SIG**, Society for Behavioral Medicine (SBM)
 2021- **Invited Committee Member**, U21 Health Sciences Group, Public Health Group
 2022-Present **Faculty & Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee**, Fordham HIV and Drug Prevention Research Ethics Training Institute, Funded by NIDA
 2022 **Moderator**, UConn mHealth Conference
 2021-Present **Faculty Mentor**, Malaysian Implementation Science Training (MIST) Program, Program launched by the University of Malaya (Malaysia) in collaboration with Yale University, Funded by Fogarty International Center
 2021-2023 **Faculty Mentor**, Master of Health Research Ethics (MOHRE) Program, Program launched by the University of Malaya (Malaysia) in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University, Funded by Fogarty International Center
 2021 **Video Abstract Judge**, 5th Annual UConn Center for mHealth and Social Media Conference, UConn
 2020-2022 **AIDS 2020 International Scholarship Application Reviewer Committee**, International AIDS Society (IAS)
 2019 **2019 Multiple Health Behavior Change SIG Student Award Search Committee**, Society for Behavioral Medicine (SBM)
 2018 **Outstanding Trainee Abstract in Health Decision Making Search Committee**, Society for Behavioral Medicine (SBM)
 2018-2022 **IAS Conference – Abstract Mentor**, International AIDS Society (IAS)
 2018-2021 **APHA Conference – Abstract Mentor**, American Public Health Association (APHA)
 2017 **Co-Liaison**, Violence & Trauma Special Interest Group, SBM
 2017 **Moderator**, 2017 American Public Health Association Annual Conference

- HIV and Substance Use
- HIV Prevention in Injection Drug Users

 2011-2012 **Website Committee Chair**, Student Assembly, APHA

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

(* denotes current/former undergraduate mentee; ** denotes current/former graduate student)

- 1) **Shrestha, R., Benjamin, M.****, & Meyer, J. (2020). Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for people who inject drugs (PWID). In *'The Opioid Epidemic and Infectious Diseases* (pp.

223-236). Elsevier. doi: [10.1016/B978-0-323-68328-9.00011-4](https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-323-68328-9.00011-4)

- 2) **Shrestha, R.**, Karki, P.** , & Copenhaver, M. (2019). Addressing the challenges of neuro-cognitive impairment (NCI) on treatment engagement. In *The Wiley Handbook of Patient Engagement in Healthcare Treatment: Theory, Research and Clinical Practice* (pp. 109-140). Wiley. doi: [10.1002/9781119129530.ch6](https://doi.org/10.1002/9781119129530.ch6)

Peer-Reviewed Publications (Accepted)

(* denotes current/former undergraduate mentee; ** denotes current/former graduate student; † denotes collaborators)

- 1) Gautam, K.** , Paudel, K.** , Wickersham, J., Altice, F.L., Bellia, G., JadKarim, L.,** Liew, Z., Khati, A.** , Copenhaver, M.M., & **Shrestha, R.** (2026). Feasibility and acceptability of daily oral emtricitabine and tenofovir alafenamide fumarate (FTC/TAF) for HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis among people who inject drugs with opioid use disorder. *Sexually Transmitted Infections*. (In Press).
- 2) Gautam, K.** , Paudel, K.** , Bautista, B.* , Khati, A.** , Sujan, S.H.** , Xu, R., Copenhaver, M.M., Wickersham, J., Valente, P.K., Park, C.L., & **Shrestha, R.** (2026). Systematic Review of Ecological Momentary Assessment for Assessing Mental Health Outcomes Among Sexual and Gender Minorities. *npj Digital Public Health*. (In Press).
- 3) Paudel, K.** , Gautam, K.** , Niroula, S., Bhusal, S., Wickersham, J., Sujan, S.** , KC, B., Adhikari, T.B., & **Shrestha, R.** (2026). Trends in Tobacco Use in Nepal from 1990-2021: Urgent Call to Address the Second Leading Cause of Mortality. *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*. (In Press).
- 4) Bannor, R.** , Pagoto, S., Idiong, C.I.** , Goetz, J., Kimani, J., Kalinowski, J., **Shrestha, R.**, & Xu, R. (2026). An examination of African immigrants with overweight or obesity: weight, lifestyle behaviors, and body image following immigration. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. (In Press).
- 5) Pham, T.Q., Wu, Q., Pan, C., Ha, L., Bui, T.C., Sujan, S.** , Schensul, S., **Shrestha, R.**, Le, N.T., & Ha, T. (2026). Enhancing quality of life through tailored interventions for men living with HIV. *Quality of Life Research*. 35, 27 (2026). doi: [10.1007/s11136-025-04146-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11136-025-04146-z)
- 6) Sujan, S.** , Hui, E.E.** , Khati, A.** , Gautam, K.** , Paudel, K.** , Dhakal, M., Wickersham, J., & **Shrestha, R.** (2025). Validation and evaluation of the psychometric properties of the Nepali version of Neiland’s sexual stigma scale among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men in Nepal. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*. (In Press). doi: [10.1007/s13178-025-01241-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13178-025-01241-1)
- 7) Sujan, S.** , Paudel, K.** , Gautam, K.** , Pandey, A.* , Wickersham, J., Choudhary, P, Dhakal, M., Sharma, S., & **Shrestha, R.** (2025). Assessment of anxiety and depressive symptoms among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men in Nepal:

- Findings from a cross-sectional study. *International Journal of Sexual Health*. 1–11. doi: [10.1080/19317611.2025.2603483](https://doi.org/10.1080/19317611.2025.2603483)
- 8) Acharya, P., Rijal, A., Subedi, N., Bhandari, B., Koirala, S., Paudel, K.**., Soti, P.B., Sharma, S., Sapkota, A., Gautam, K.**., Kafle, S., Poudel, S., Adhikari, T.B., **Shrestha, R.**, Neupane, D. (2025, Under Review). Hypertension, Awareness, Treatment, And Control in Nepal: Results from May Measurement Month 2020 Blood Pressure Screening. *Discover Public Health*. 22(1):786. doi: [10.1186/s12982-025-01197-y](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12982-025-01197-y)
 - 9) Paudel, K.**., Gautam, K.**., Bhandari, P.*., Fiora, L.*., Wickersham, J., Sujana, S.H.**., Dhakal, M., Xu, R., Adhikari, T., Copenhaver, M.M., & **Shrestha, R.** (2025). Prevalence of HIV, syphilis, and condomless sex among MSM in Nepal: Findings based on an integrated biological and behavioral surveillance survey using respondent-driven sampling. *Medicine*. 104(48), e46286. doi: [10.1097/MD.00000000000046286](https://doi.org/10.1097/MD.00000000000046286)
 - 10) Bhandari, P.*., Paudel, K.**., Bajracharya, S., Gautam, K.**., Adhikari, T.B., Pahari, D.P., & **Shrestha R.** (2025). Assessment of quality of life among undergraduate students using WHOQOL questionnaire in Nepal: A cross-sectional study. *BMJ Public Health*. 3(2), e002014. doi: [10.1136/bmjph-2024-002014](https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjph-2024-002014)
 - 11) Paudel, K.**., Gautam, K.**., Pandey, A.*., Bhandari, P.*., Wickersham, J., Dhakal, M., Acharya, B., Sapkota, S., Shrestha, A., & **Shrestha, R.** (2025). Prevalence of chemsex and associated factors among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men in Nepal: Findings from an online national survey. *Scientific Reports*. 15, 23087. doi: [10.1038/s41598-025-92449-z](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-025-92449-z)
 - 12) Shrestha, A., Poudel, L., Adhikari, B., Bhandari, S., **Shrestha, R.**, Kunwar, R.S., Pandey, L.R., KC, M. B., Wilson, E., & Deuba, K. (2025). Determinants of Loss to Follow-up among People Living with HIV Receiving Antiretroviral Therapy in a Universal Test and Treat Setting: A Retrospective Cohort Study in Nepal. *Public Health in Practice*. 10:100634. doi: [10.1016/j.puhip.2025.100634](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.puhip.2025.100634)
 - 13) Poudel, A., Paudel, K.**., Adhikari, T., Adhikari, S., Chhetri, M., & **Shrestha, R.** (2025). Quality of Life among People Living with HIV/AIDS Receiving Anti-Retroviral Therapy in Lumbini Provincial Hospital, Nepal. *Discover Public Health*. 22, 653. doi: [10.1186/s12982-025-01046-y](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12982-025-01046-y)
 - 14) Ha, T., Pham, B., **Shrestha, R.**, Pathri, N., Nguyen, N., & Schensul, S. (2025). Prevalence and determinants of induced abortion among women migrant workers in an industrial zone in Vietnam: a cross-sectional study. *Medicine*, 104(40), e45005. doi: [10.1097/MD.00000000000045005](https://doi.org/10.1097/MD.00000000000045005)
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Poster Presentations

- 1) Khati, A., Altice, F.L., Copenhaver, M., Xu, R., Wickersham, J.A., Gautam, K., Paudel, K., & **Shrestha, R.** (2025). Uptake and persistence on oral pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) among opioid-dependent people who inject drugs initiating PrEP for HIV prevention. *Poster presentation at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Context Matters: Bridging Perspectives in Behavioral Medicine*. San Francisco, CA, United States.
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- 78) Ssenyonjo, J., **Shrestha, R.**, & Copenhaver, M. (2018). Stigma May Influence Willingness and Uptake of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Among High-risk Populations. *Poster presentation at the University of Connecticut Graduate Student Research Forum*. Storrs, Connecticut.

- 79) **Shrestha, R.**, Karki, P., Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2017). Using conjoint analysis to measure the Acceptability of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) use for HIV prevention among high-risk drug users in treatment. *Poster presentation at the 9th IAS Conference on HIV Science*. Paris, France.
- 80) **Shrestha, R.**, Altice, F., Huedo-Medina, T., Karki, P., & Copenhaver, M. (2017). Willingness to Use Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP): An Empirical Test of the Information-Motivation-Behavioral Skills (IMB) Model among High-Risk Drug Users in Treatment. *Poster presentation at the 9th IAS Conference on HIV Science*. Paris, France.
- 81) **Shrestha, R.**, Altice, F., Karki, P., Huedo-Medina, T., & Copenhaver, M. (2017). Feasibility, Acceptability, and preliminary efficacy of the Bio-Behavioral Community-friendly Health Recovery Program (CHRP-BB): A combination approach for primary HIV prevention among high-risk drug users. *Poster presentation at the 9th IAS Conference on HIV Science*. Paris, France.
- 82) **Shrestha, R.**, Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2017). Examining the Acceptability of mHealth Technology in HIV Prevention among High-risk Drug Users in Treatment. *Poster presentation at the 38th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine*. San Diego, California.
- 83) **Shrestha, R.**, Karki, P., Altice, F., & Copenhaver, M. (2017). Developing a Bio-Behavioral HIV Intervention for High-Risk Drug Users: Taking into Account the Impact of Neurocognitive Impairment. *Poster presentation at the 38th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine*. San Diego, California.
- 84) Karki, P., **Shrestha, R.**, Altice, F., Huedo-Medina, T., & Copenhaver, M. (2017). Correlates of willingness to use Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) among high-risk drug users in treatment. *Poster presentation at the University of Connecticut Graduate Student Research Forum*. Storrs, Connecticut.
- 85) **Shrestha, R.**, Karki, P., Copenhaver, M., & Altice, F. (2016). The Moderating Role of Treatment Engagement on the Relationship between Neurocognitive Impairment and Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) Adherence. *Poster presentation at the HIV Drug Therapy Glasgow*. Glasgow, UK.
- 86) **Shrestha, R.**, Karki, P., Huedo-Medina, T., & Copenhaver, M. (2016). Moderating Role of Treatment Engagement on the Relationship between Neurocognitive Impairment and Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) Adherence. *Poster presentation at the 18th International Workshop on Adverse Drug Reactions and Co-Morbidities in HIV*. New York.
- 87) **Shrestha, R.**, Huedo-Medina, T., Karki, P., & Copenhaver, M. (2016). Modeling a Theory-Based Approach to Examine the Influence of Neurocognitive Impairment on HIV Risk Reduction Behaviors among Drug Users. *Poster presentation at the annual conference of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)*. Palm Springs,

California.

- 88) **Shrestha, R.** & Copenhaver, M. (2016). An Exploratory Factor Analysis of a Brief Self-Report Scale to Detect Neurocognitive Impairment Among Participants Enrolled in Methadone Maintenance Therapy. *Poster presentation at the annual conference of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)*. Palm Springs, California.
- 89) **Shrestha, R.,** & Copenhaver, M. (2016). Association between Intimate Partner Violence and STI/HIV-Related Risk Behaviors: Findings from the Nepal Demographic Health Survey. *Poster presentation at the Ending Gender Inequalities: Addressing the Nexus of HIV, Drug Use, and Violence with Evidence-based Action conference*. Capel Hill, NC.
- 90) **Shrestha, R.,** Huedo-Medina, T., & Copenhaver, M. (2015). Sex-Related Differences in Self-Reported Neurocognitive Impairment among High-Risk Cocaine Users in Methadone Maintenance Treatment Program. *Poster presentation at the 143rd American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference*. Chicago, IL.
- 91) **Shrestha, R.,** & Copenhaver, M. (2015). Gender Differences in Associations between Neurocognitive Impairment and Cocaine Use among High-Risk Cocaine-Dependent Methadone-Maintained Patients. *Poster presentation at the annual conference of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)*. Phoenix, Arizona.
- 92) **Shrestha, R.,** & Copenhaver, M. (2014). Early Sexual Debut: A Risk Factor for STIs/HIV Acquisition among a Nationally Representative Sample of Adults in Nepal. *Poster presentation at the 2015 Connecticut Public Health Association (CPHA) Annual Conference*. Waterbury, CT.
- 93) **Shrestha, R.,** & Copenhaver, M. (2014). Developing an Evidence-Based Intervention Targeting High-Risk Migrant Workers. *Poster presentation at the annual conference of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)*. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 94) **Shrestha, R.,** & Copenhaver, M. (2014). Gender-Related Differences in Neurocognitive Impairment among High-Risk Cocaine Users in Methadone Maintenance Program. *Poster presentation at the 2014 Connecticut Public Health Association (CPHA) Annual Conference*. Waterbury, CT.
- 95) **Shrestha, R.,** & Copenhaver, M. (2013). HIV Risk Behaviors among Returnee Male Migrant Workers in Nepal. *Poster presentation at the annual conference of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)*. San Diego, CA.
- 96) Copenhaver, M., Altice, F., & **Shrestha, R.** (2013). Using a Non-Inferiority Trial Approach to Test the Holistic Health for HIV (3H+) Intervention among HIV+ Drug Users. *Poster presentation at the annual conference of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)*. San Diego, CA.
- 97) **Shrestha, R.,** Huedo-Medina, T., & Copenhaver, M. (2013). HIV-Related Risk

Behaviors among Migrant and Non-Migrant Workers in Nepal. *Poster presentation delivered at the Health, Workplace, and Environment: Cultivating Connections Conference*. Storrs, Connecticut.

- 98) **Shrestha, R.**, & Copenhaver, M. (2013). Understanding HIV-Risk Behaviors among Returnee Male Migrant Workers in Nepal. *Poster presentation at the 2013 Connecticut Public Health Association (CPHA) Annual Conference*. Waterbury, CT.

Invited Talks / Presentations

- 1) **Shrestha, R.** (2024). Development & Testing of a Mobile App to Enhance HIV Prevention Cascade in Malaysian MSM. *Mobile Health Technologies (mHealth) 2024 Virtual Network Meeting*. Fogarty International Center (NIH).
- 2) **Shrestha, R.** (2024). Guest speaker (for Dr. Rosen, AHS). mHealth Technology for HIV Prevention: How Do They Contribute to HIV Epidemic Response for Sexual & Gender Minorities? University of Connecticut.
- 3) **Shrestha, R.** (2024). Guest speaker (for Dr. Copenhaver, AHS). Mobile Apps for HIV Prevention: How do They Contribute to HIV Epidemic Response for Sexual & Gender Minorities? University of Connecticut.
- 4) **Shrestha, R.** (2023). Guest speaker (for Dr. Cooksey-Stower, AHS). Leveraging mHealth Platform to Improve HIV Prevention Outcomes among Men who have Sex with Men in Malaysia. University of Connecticut.
- 5) **Shrestha, R.** (2023). Challenges in International Research. *HIV and Drug Abuse Prevention Research Ethics Training Institute (RETI)*. Fordham University.
- 6) Invited Speaker. “Evaluation of a clinic-affiliated app ("JomPrEP") to improve HIV prevention cascade among men who have sex with men in Malaysia” (2022). *Session: Exploring Interdisciplinary Research Approaches to Address Health Equity Using Technology and Innovation. 150th American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference*. Boston, Massachusetts.
- 7) Invited Rapporteur. (2022). “Track C: Epidemiology and Prevention Science”. *24th International AIDS Conference*. Montreal, Canada.
- 8) Invited Speaker. (2022). “Human Rights Approach in Implementation Science Research among Men who have Sex with Men”. *Summer Bootcamp: Real-Life Implementation Science*. University of Malaya.
- 9) Invited Speaker. (2022). “Methods in Implementation Science: mHealth Strategies for HIV Prevention”. *Summer Bootcamp: Real-Life Implementation Science*. University of Malaya.
- 10) Invited Speaker. (2022). “Leveraging mHealth Platform to Improve HIV Prevention

- Outcomes among Men who have Sex with Men in Malaysia”. *Webinar: John and Valerie Rowe Health Professions Scholars*. University of Connecticut.
- 11) **Shrestha, R.** (2022). Guest speaker (for Dr. Copenhaver, AHS). Development of “JomPrEP App”: mHealth Platform to Improve HIV Prevention Cascade in Malaysia. University of Connecticut.
 - 12) **Shrestha, R.** (2022). Guest speaker (for Dr. Cooksey-Stower, AHS). Leveraging mHealth Platform to Improve HIV Prevention Outcomes among Men who have Sex with Men in Malaysia. University of Connecticut.
 - 13) **Shrestha, R.** (2021). Methods in Implementation Science: Nominal Group Technique. *Summer Bootcamp: Real-Life Implementation Science*. University of Malaya & Yale University.
 - 14) **Shrestha, R.** (2021). Guest speaker (for Dr. Copenhaver, AHS). mHealth Interventions for HIV Prevention: A Case Example from Malaysia. University of Connecticut.
 - 15) **Shrestha, R.** (Fall 2021). Guest speaker (for Dr. Eckert, AHS). Public Health: A Career for a Lifetime. University of Connecticut.
 - 16) **Shrestha, R.** (2021). Confidentiality, Privacy, and Data Security in mHealth Research. *HIV and Drug Abuse Prevention Research Ethics Training Institute*. Fordham University.
 - 17) **Shrestha, R.** (2021). Telehealth in HIV Prevention and Care: Research Landscape. *CIRA: New England HIV Implementation Science Network*. Yale University.
 - 18) **Shrestha, R.** (2021). Access to Care and Ethical Issues in the Use of mHealth for HIV Prevention in LMICs: A Case Example from Malaysia. *Webinar: UConn Center for mHealth and Social Medica*. University of Connecticut.
 - 19) **Shrestha, R.** (2021). Mobile Technologies for HIV Prevention: Ethical Challenges & Future Directions. *Advancing Health & Social Justice: Spring 2021 Online Discussion Series: mHealth, Access to Care, & Ethics in the Age of COVID-19*. Fordham University.
 - 20) **Shrestha, R.** (2021). Guest speaker (for Dr. Copenhaver, AHS). Multipronged Approach to Implement mHealth for HIV Prevention: A Case Example from Malaysia. University of Connecticut.
 - 21) **Shrestha, R.** (Spring 2021). Guest speaker (for Dr. Eckert, AHS). Public Health: A Career for a Lifetime. University of Connecticut.
 - 22) **Shrestha, R.** (Spring ZXCVB. 5ED2021). Guest speaker (for Dr. Kaliszewski, AHS). Public Health: A Career for a Lifetime. University of Connecticut.
 - 23) **Shrestha, R.** (2020). Mobile Technologies for HIV Prevention: Using mHealth to

- Enhance PrEP Care Continuum among MSM in Malaysia. *ID/Rheum Research Conference*. Yale University.
- 24) **Shrestha, R.** (2020). Guest speaker (for Dr. Copenhaver, AHS). mHealth for HIV prevention among key populations in Malaysia. University of Connecticut.
 - 25) **Shrestha, R.** (2019). mHealth-Based Approach: A Potential Platform to Enhance PrEP Care Continuum among Malaysian MSM. *Yale Clinical and Community Research Seminar Series*. Yale University.
 - 26) **Shrestha, R.** (2019). Guest speaker (for Dr. Copenhaver, AHS). Mobile Technologies for HIV Prevention: Using mHealth to Enhance PrEP Care Continuum among MSM in Malaysia. University of Connecticut.
 - 27) **Shrestha, R.** (2018). Developing and Testing a Brief, Integrated Bio-Behavioral HIV Prevention Intervention for High-Risk Drug Users. *CIRA Clinical and Health Services Research Core Meeting*. Yale University.
 - 28) **Shrestha, R.** (2018). Exploring the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention among high-risk drug users in treatment. *Yale Clinical and Community Research Seminar Series*. Yale University.
 - 29) **Shrestha, R.** (2018). Guest speaker (for Dr. Copenhaver, AHS). Integrated bio-behavioral approach to improve adherence to pre-exposure prophylaxis and reduce HIV risk in people who use drugs. University of Connecticut.
 - 30) **Shrestha, R.** (2017). Guest speaker (for Dr. Copenhaver, AHS). Developing & Testing a Bio-Behavioral HIV Prevention Intervention for High-Risk Drug Users. University of Connecticut
 - 31) **Shrestha, R.** (2016). Influence of Neurocognitive Impairment, Depression, & Alcohol Use Disorders on Quality of Life among Incarcerated, HIV+ Opioid Dependent Malaysian Men: A Moderated Mediation Analysis. *Yale Clinical and Community Research Seminar Series*. Yale University.
 - 32) **Shrestha, R.** (2016). Guest speaker (for Dr. Copenhaver, AHS). HIV-Risk Reduction Intervention and Neurocognitive Impairment. University of Connecticut.
 - 33) **Shrestha, R.** (2015). Guest speaker (for Dr. Copenhaver, AHS). Influence of Cognitive Impairment on HIV Risk Reduction Intervention Outcomes. University of Connecticut.
 - 34) **Shrestha, R., & Clark, I.** (2012). National Committee for Quality Assurance Patient-Centered Medical Home Accreditation of United Communities and Family Services Edward and Mary Lord Family Health Center. *Community Health Center Association of Connecticut Meeting*. Connecticut.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2025 **Instructor**, Honors Research in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2026 **Instructor**, Experiential Learning in Health Promotion
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2026 **Instructor**, Research in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2025 **Instructor**, Research Methods in Allied Health
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2025 **Instructor**, Writing in Allied Health Research
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2025 **Instructor**, Honors Research in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2025 **Instructor**, Research in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2025 **Instructor**, Experiential Learning in Health Promotion
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2025 **Instructor**, Doctoral Dissertation in Research
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2025 **Instructor**, Honors Research in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2025 **Instructor**, Independent Study in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2025 **Instructor**, Experiential Learning in Health Promotion
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2025 **Instructor**, Research in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2024 **Instructor**, Honors Research in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2024 **Instructor**, Experiential Learning in Health Promotion
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut

- Fall 2024 **Instructor**, Research in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2024 **Instructor**, Research in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2024 **Instructor**, Honors Research in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2024 **Instructor**, Experiential Learning in Health Promotion
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2023 **Instructor**, Experiential Learning in Health Promotion
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2023 **Instructor**, Independent Study in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2023 **Instructor**, Research in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2023 **Instructor**, Master's Thesis in Research
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2023 **Instructor**, Doctoral Dissertation in Research
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2023 **Instructor**, Research in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2023 **Instructor**, Honors Thesis in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2023 **Instructor**, Professional Development Project
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2023 **Instructor**, Master's Thesis in Research
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2022 **Instructor**, Professional Development Project
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2022 **Instructor**, Independent Study in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut

- Fall 2022 **Instructor**, Research in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2022 **Instructor**, Honors Thesis in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2022 **Instructor**, Master's Thesis in Research
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2022 **Instructor**, Research in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2022 **Instructor**, Honors Thesis in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2021 **Instructor**, Independent Study in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2021 **Instructor**, Honors Thesis in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2021 **Instructor**, Honors Thesis in Allied Health Sciences
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2017 **Teaching Assistant**, Biostatistics for Health Professions (Undergraduate-level course, 3 Credits)
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2016 **Teaching Assistant**, Critical Issues in Health Promotion, Disease, & Disability Prevention (Graduate-level course, 3 Credits)
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Spring 2016 **Instructor**, Writing Allied Health Research (Graduate-level course, 1 Credit)
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Teaching Assistant**, Research for the Health Professionals (Graduate-level course, 3 Credits)
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Fall 2015 **Instructor**, Writing Allied Health Research (Graduate-level course, 1 Credit)
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut
- Teaching Assistant**, Research for the Health Professionals (Graduate-level course, 3 Credits)
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut

Spring 2015 **Teaching Assistant**, Health Education & Behavioral Interventions for at-risk Populations (Graduate-level course, 3 Credits)
Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut

TEACHING / RESEARCH MENTORSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Undergraduate (UConn)

2025-Present Dmonique Liautaud, *Honors Thesis Advisee, UConn*
 2025-Present Pooja Patel, *Honors Thesis Advisee, UConn*
 2025-Present Adrienne, Ell, *Honors Thesis Advisee, UConn*
 2025-Present Ella Kijak, *Honors Thesis Advisee, UConn*
 2025-Present Skyler McCall, *Research Assistant, UConn*
 2024-Present Bryana Bautista, *Honors Thesis Advisee, UConn*
 2024-2025 Leo Ancy Trinita, *Honors Thesis Advisee, UConn*
 2023-Present Kevin Le, *Research Assistant, UConn*
 2023-2025 Prabhjit Kaur, *Honors Thesis Advisee, UConn*
 2023-2025 Fiora Lena, *Honors Thesis Advisee, UConn*
 2023-2025 Haley Crim, *Research Assistant, UConn*
 2023-2025 Julia Betrollo Scuccuglia, *Research Assistant, UConn*
 2022-2025 Sihlelelwe Dlamini, *Honors Thesis Advisee, UConn*
 2022-2024 Sana Gupta, *Research Assistant, UConn*
 2022-2023 Olivia Kennedy, *Honors Thesis Advisee, UConn*
 2022-2023 Christopher Uyars, *Honors Thesis Advisee, UConn*
 2022-2023 Anders Kleinbeck, *Honors Thesis Advisee, UConn*
 2022-2023 Sayara Silwal, *Work-Study Research Assistant, UConn*
 2021-2023 Jerome James, *Honors Thesis Advisee, UConn*
 2022 Alma Jeri-Wahrhaftig, *Research Assistant, UConn*
 2021-2022 Sydney Osborne, *Honors Thesis Advisee, UConn*
 2021-2022 Monique Kern, *Work-Study Research Assistant, UConn*

Graduate (UConn)

2025-Present Kiran Paudel, PhD Student, *Major Advisee, UConn*
 2025-Present Christie Idiong, PhD Student, *Associate Advisee, UConn*
 2024-Present Antoine Khati, PhD Student, *Major Advisee, UConn*
 2023-Present Safaet Sujjan, PhD Student, *Major Advisee, UConn*
 2023-2025 Richard Bonnor, PhD Student, *Associate Advisee, UConn*
 2022-Present Kamal Gautam, PhD Student, *Major Advisee, UConn*
 2021-2024 Jude Ssenyonjo, PhD Student, *Associate Advisee, UConn*
 2022-2023 Kate E Killion, PhD Student, *Associate Advisee, UConn*
 2021-2023 Colleen Mistler, PhD Student, *Associate Advisee, UConn*
 2021-2022 Aviana Rosen, PhD Student, *Associate Advisee, UConn*
 2021-2022 Patrice Hubert, PhD Student, *Associate Advisee, UConn*

2023-2025 Kiran Paudel, MS Student, *Major Advisee, UConn*
 2021-2023 Antoine Khati, MS Student, *Major Advisee, UConn*

2021-2023	Alyson Gaylord, MS Student, <i>Associate Advisee, UConn</i>
2022-2023	Nicholas Copenhaver, MS Student, <i>Major Advisee, UConn</i>
2020-2022	Tanya Adler, MS Student, <i>Associate Advisee, UConn</i>
2020-2022	Erin Gallacher, MS Student, <i>Associate Advisee, UConn</i>

Research Mentees (UConn)

2025-Present	Sandesh Bhusal, <i>Research Assistant, UConn</i>
2025-Present	Reyusha Chalise, <i>Research Assistant, UConn</i>
2022-2023	Lindsay Palmer, <i>Postdoctoral Fellow, UConn</i>

Additional Research Mentees (Non-UConn)

2023	Ali Ahmed, <i>Postdoctoral Fellow, Monash University</i>
2021-2022	Xin Zhou, <i>Postdoctoral Fellow, Yale University</i>
2020-2022	Zhao Ni, <i>Postdoctoral Fellow, Yale University</i>
2024-2025	Anushka Thapa, <i>Postgraduate Associate, Yale University</i>
2023-2024	Rosanna Mazzeo, <i>Postgraduate Associate, Yale University</i>
2023	Muhamad Nabil Ahmad Husni, <i>Postgraduate Associate, Yale University</i>
2022-2023	Luzan Jadkarim, <i>Postgraduate Associate, Yale University</i>
2021-2022	Francesca Maviglia, <i>Postgraduate Associate, Yale University</i>
2021-2022	Jessica Lee, <i>Postgraduate Associate, Yale University</i>
2021-2022	William Eger, <i>Postgraduate Associate, Yale University</i>
2020-2021	Rayne Kim, <i>Postgraduate Associate, Yale University</i>
2020-2021	Philip Tamburrino, <i>Postgraduate Associate, Yale University</i>
2018-2020	Elizabeth DiDomizio, <i>Postgraduate Associate, Yale University</i>
2018-2020	Ahsan Ahmad, <i>Postgraduate Associate, Yale University</i>
2018-2019	Divya Chandra, <i>Postgraduate Associate, Yale University</i>
2023	Camille Aguilar, <i>NIDA Summer Intern, Brown University</i>
2022	Beverly-Danielle Bruno, <i>NIDA Summer Intern, Brown University</i>
2022	Ooi Kai Hong, <i>Summer Intern, University of Malaya (Malaysia)</i>
2021	Vadelia Forbes, <i>Summer Intern, University of New Haven</i>
2021	Jeffrey Ralph B. Lucas, <i>Summer Intern, University of Malaya (Malaysia)</i>
2020	Kelsey Rankin, <i>Summer Intern, Yale University</i>
2020	Carmen Parajillo, <i>Summer Intern, Yale University</i>
2025-Present	Himani Chhetri, <i>Research Assistant, New York University</i>
2025-Present	Sandhya Niroula, <i>Research Assistant, Tribhuvan University (Nepal)</i>
2024-2025	Anjila Pandey, <i>Research Assistant, Manmohan Memorial (Nepal)</i>
2023- Present	YuHang Toh, <i>Research Assistant, University of Malaya (Malaysia)</i>
2023-2025	Prashamsa Bhandari, <i>Research Assistant, Tribhuvan University (Nepal)</i>
2023- 2024	Nursahira S M Sabri, <i>Research Associate, University of Malaya (Malaysia)</i>
2023- 2025	Jegatheswary Sivajothi, <i>Research Associate, University of Malaya (Malaysia)</i>
2023- 2026	Hazriq Justin Lim, <i>Research Associate, University of Malaya (Malaysia)</i>
2023- 2025	Kirthana Puniamurthy, <i>Research Assistant, University of Malaya (Malaysia)</i>
2023- 2024	Annie Patricia, <i>Research Assistant, University of Malaya (Malaysia)</i>

2023- 2024	Yee Kee Tan, Research Assistant, University of Malaya (Malaysia)
2023- 2024	Helena Adam, Research Associate, University of Malaya (Malaysia)
2022-2023	Kiran Poudel, <i>Research Assistant, Tribhuvan University</i> (Nepal)
2022-2023	Christopher Richter, Research Coordinator, University of Southern California
2022-2023	Nabil Razali, Research Coordinator, University of Malaya (Malaysia)
2021-2023	Wan Mohd Ikhtiaruddin, Research Assistant, University of Malaya (Malaysia)
2021-2022	Sydney Grobman, Thesis Committee Member, Yale University
2021-2022	Courtney DiCocco, Research Assistant, Southern Connecticut State University
2021	Adam Zhang, <i>Research Assistant, Yale University</i>
2021	Asmita Basnet, <i>Research Assistant, Sam Houston State University</i>
2020-2023	Mohd Akbar, Research Coordinator, University of Malaya (Malaysia)
2020-2021	Vincent Tee, Research Assistant, University of Malaya (Malaysia)
2020-2021	Deven Diaz, Research Coordinator, Southern Connecticut State University

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