

# BARBARA E. HANSEN, PHD

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## CURRENT POSITION

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August 2019- **Scientist 1, University of Alabama at Birmingham**  
Present Heersink School of Medicine, Division of Preventive Medicine  
Minority Health & Health Disparities Research Center  
Researcher of social determinants of health; scientific writing; grant writing  
Lecturer for various NIH R25 research training grants at UAB

**Staff Instructor, University of Alabama at Birmingham**  
Department of Sociology

## PREVIOUS POSITION

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2017 – **Assistant Professor, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR**  
Aug 2019 Department of Sociology, Human Services, and Criminal Justice

## EDUCATION

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2017 **Ph.D. Medical Sociology**  
University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL  
Dissertation: “Intractable Epilepsy – Does Perception of Epilepsy Stigma Affect Levels of Caregiver Burden?”  
*CIRTL Practitioner Teaching Certificate earned*

2014 **M.A. Sociology**  
Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN  
Master’s Thesis: “Weight Loss Surgery: A Study in Stigma and Deviance”

1989 **Bachelor of Science Psychology**  
Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Focus:** Social determinants of health (SDH), disparities in health care access  
Health-stigma  
Affiliate stigma  
Sociology of families  
Sociology of disabilities  
Minority health disparities

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Instructor, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL**  
Fall 2022 Popular Culture (scheduled)  
Spring 2022 Sociology of Social Media

Introduction to Sociology

Spring 2021 Sociology of Health and Illness  
Introduction to Sociology

**Assistant Professor, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR**

Spring 2019 Research Methods  
Statistics for Social Science  
Human Services Methods II  
Practice Seminar  
Field Experience and Community Placement 1 & 2

Fall 2018 Medical Sociology  
Statistics for Social Science  
Human Behavior and the Social Environment  
Research Methods (Quantitative)

Summer 2018 Statistics for Social Science  
Deviant Behavior

Spring 2018 Statistics for Social Science  
Human Services Methods II  
Practice Seminar  
Field Experience 1 & 2

Fall 2017 Introduction to Sociology  
Medical Sociology  
Human Services Methods I  
Human Behavior and the Social Environment

**Instructor, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL**

Spring 2017 Introduction to Sociology, undergraduate level (online)

Spring 2016 Deviant Behavior

**Instructor, Jefferson State Community College, Hoover, AL**

Fall 2016 Introduction to Sociology, undergraduate level

**Graduate Teaching Assistant, Middle TN State University, Murfreesboro, TN**

2012-2014 Social Problems  
Social Statistics  
Criminology  
Introduction to Sociology  
Violence in the Family  
Sociological Theory

**Instructor, Tennessee Department of Children's Services, Nashville, TN**

2000 – 2007 Parents as Tender Healers (PATH)  
Effective Parenting  
Violence in the Family  
Child and Family Welfare

**Instructor, Yamanashi English School**, Kofu, Yamanashi, Japan  
1989 - 1991 English as a Second Language

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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- 2021 Scholarship award, Indiana University, Strengthening Causal Inference in Behavioral Obesity Research
- 2018 Finalist, Best Dissertation in Mental Health, American Sociological Association
- 2016 Scholarship award, Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning Department of Graduate Studies, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- 2015 Scholarship award, Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning Department of Graduate Studies, University of Alabama at Birmingham

## SCHOLARSHIP

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### Publications

- Khamesh, Somaia, Lori Brand Bateman, Isabel C. Scarinci, Ahmed Nawar, Waleed Arafat, Sejong Bae, **Barbara Hansen**, Salah-Eldin Abdelmoneim, Kirsten Ostergren Clark, Mona N. Fouad. "Engaging Medical Students to Implement a Colorectal Cancer Screening Intervention in Egypt: Outcomes from a Pilot Training Program." *International Journal of Health Promotion and Education*. Under Review.
- Bateman, Lori Brand, Ahmed Nawar, Mona N. Fouad, Somaia Khamesh, Waleed O. Arafat, **Barbara Hansen**, Salah-Eldin Abdelmoneim, Sejong Bae, Isabel C. Scarinci. "Uptake in a Feasibility Pilot of a Colorectal Cancer Screening Intervention in Alexandria, Egypt." *Alexandria Journal of Medicine*. Under Review.
- Fouad, Mona N., Yufeng Li, Theresa Wallace, **Barbara Hansen**, Lori Brand Bateman. "WALK! Feel Alive! Results from a Community-Level Intervention to Promote Exercise and Healthy Eating in Under-Resourced African American Communities in the Deep South." *Family and Community Health*. Under Review.
- Fouad, Mona N., Evelyn Jones, Anupam Agarwal, Craig J. Hoesley, Sharina D. Person, **Barbara Hansen**, William A. Anderson, Selwyn M. Vickers "Improving Diversity and Inclusion at an Academic Medical Center: What Did We Learn?" *Higher Education for the Future*. Under Review.
- Hansen, Barbara**, Jane Allendorfer. "Considering Social Determinants of Health in the Relationship between Physical Activity and Exercise Engagement and Cognitive Impairment among Persons with Epilepsy". 2022. *Frontiers in Rehabilitation Sciences*. doi.org/10.3389/fresc.2022.923856
- Nawwar, Ahmed, Lori Brand Bateman, Somaia Khamesh, Mona N. Fouad, Waleed O. Arafat, Salah-Eldin Abdelmoneim, Sejong Bae, Laura Q. Rogers, **Barbara Hansen**, Katie Falkner, Karim S. Abdeltawab, Eslam Aboismail, Amr El Kholy, Isabel C. Scarinci. 2022. "Using Intervention Mapping to Develop a Theory-Based Intervention to Promote Colorectal Cancer Screening in Egypt." *Asian-Pacific Journal of Cancer Prevention*. 23(6): 1975-1981. doi.org/10.31557/APJCP.2022.23.6.1975
- Scarinci, Isabel C., **Barbara Hansen**, B. Lee Green, Stephen O. Sodeke, Eboni G. Price-Haywood, Young-il Kim. 2022. "Willingness to Participate in Various Nontherapeutic Cancer Research Activities among Urban and Rural African American and Latinx Healthy Volunteers." *Cancer Causes and Control*. E-pub ahead of publication. doi.org/10.1007/s10552-022-01576-9

- Khodadadi, Alexandra B., **Barbara Hansen**, Young-il Kim, Isabel C. Scarinci. 2021. "Latinx Immigrant Mothers' Perceived Self-Efficacy and Intentions Regarding Human Papillomavirus Vaccination of Their Daughters." *Women's Health Issues*. Epub ahead of publication. doi.org/10.1016/j.whi.2021.10.009
- Khodadadi, Alexandra B., William R. Carroll, Erica L. Lee, **Barbara Hansen**, Isabel C. Scarinci. 2021. "It Takes Two to Tango: Patients' and Providers' Perspectives in Tobacco Cessation and Head/Neck Cancer." *The Oncologist*. 26(9): 761-770. doi.org/10.1002/onco.13856
- Thetford, Kelsey, Theresa W. Gillespie, Young-il Kim, **Barbara Hansen**, Isabel C. Scarinci. 2021. "Willingness of Latinx and African Americans to Participate in Nontherapeutic Trials: It Depends on Who Runs the Research." *Ethnicity & Disease* 31(2): 263-272. doi.org/10.18865/ed.31.2.263
- Scarinci, Isabel C., Vishruti N. Pandya, Young-il Kim, Sejong Bae, Sylvia Peral, Meghan Tipre, Claudia Hardy, **Barbara Hansen**, Monica L. Baskin. 2021. Factors Associated with Perceived Susceptibility to COVID-19 among Urban and Rural Adults in Alabama. *Journal of Community Health*. 46: 932-941 doi.org/10.1007/s10900-021-00976-3.
- Bateman, Lori Brand, Yu-Mei Schoenberger, **Barbara Hansen**, Tiffany N. Osborne, Grace C. Okoro, Kimberly M. Speights, Mona N. Fouad. 2021. "Confronting COVID-19 in Under-Resourced, African American Neighborhoods: A Qualitative Study Examining Community Member and Stakeholders' Perceptions." *Ethnicity & Health* 26(1): 49-67. doi.org/10.1080/13557858.2021.1873250
- Scarinci, Isabel C., **Barbara Hansen**, Young-il Kim. 2021. "A Cluster-randomized Controlled Trial to Evaluate a Community-based Healthy Eating and Nutrition Label Interpretation Intervention among Latinx Immigrant Mothers and Their Daughters." *Journal of Community Health* 46(2): 313-323. doi.org/10.1007/s10900-020-00885-x.
- Scarinci, Isabel C., Marcos Ribeiro, Elena Gibson, **Barbara Hansen**, and Nadia Kienen. 2021. "Assessing Tobacco Cessation Needs among Persons Living with HIV in Brazil: Results from a Qualitative Interview Study." *Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care* 32(2):e3-e13. doi:10.1097/JNC.000000000000181
- Scarinci, Isabel C., **Barbara Hansen**, Young-il Kim. 2020. "HPV Vaccine Uptake among Latinx Immigrant Mothers: Findings from a Cluster Randomized Controlled Trial of a Community-Based, Culturally-Relevant Intervention." *Vaccine* 38(25): 4125-4134. doi:10.1016/j.vaccine.2020.03.052
- Oates, Gabriela R., Lucia Juarez, **Barbara Hansen**, Catarina I. Kiefe, James M. Shikany. 2020. "Social Risk Factors for Medication Nonadherence: Findings from the CARDIA Study." *American Journal of Health Behaviors* 44(2):232-243. doi:10.5993/AJHB.44.2.10
- Hansen, Barbara**. 2020. "Chapter 26. Social Worker and Researcher." *Non-Epileptic Seizures in Our Experience: Accounts of Health Care Professionals (The Brainstorms Series)*. ISBN: 9780190927752.
- Bateman, Lori B., Zack Simoni, Gabriela Oates, **Barbara Hansen**, Mona N. Fouad. 2019. "Using Photovoice to Explore Social Determinants of Obesity in Two Underserved Communities in the Southeast." *Sociological Spectrum* 39(6): 405-423. doi:10.1080/02732173.2019.1704327
- Gaston, Tyler, Magdalena Szaflarski, **Barbara Hansen**, E. Martina Bebin, and Jerzy P. Szaflarski. 2019. "Quality of Life in Adults Enrolled in an Open-Label Study of Cannabidiol (CBD) for Treatment-Resistant Epilepsy." *Epilepsy and Behavior* 95:10-17. doi:10.1016/j.yebeh.2019.03.035

Allendorfer, Jane, Rodolph Nenert, E. Martina Bebin, Tyler E. Gaston, Leslie E. Grayson, Kathleen A. Hernando, James T. Houston, **Barbara Hansen**, and Jerzy P. Szaflarski. 2019. "fMRI Study of Cannabidiol-induced Changes in Attention Control in Treatment-Resistant Epilepsy." *Epilepsy and Behavior* 96:114-121. doi:10.1016/j.yebeh.2019.04.008

**Hansen, Barbara**, Magdalena Szaflarski, E. Martina Bebin, and Jerzy P. Szaflarski. 2018. "Affiliate Stigma and Caregiver Burden in Intractable Epilepsy." *Epilepsy and Behavior* 85:1-6. doi:10.1016/j.yebeh.2018.05.028

Szaflarski, Jerzy P., Magdalena Szaflarski, and **Barbara Hansen**. 2018. "1. Epidemiology of Nonepileptic Seizures." *Gates and Rowan's Nonepileptic Seizures, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition* Pp. 1-18. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, UK. doi.org/10.1017/9781316275450.002

**Hansen, Barbara** and Meredith Dye. 2018. "Damned if You Do, Damned if You Don't: The Stigma of Weight Loss Surgery." *Deviant Behavior* 39(2):137-146. E-pub ahead of print 12/27/2016. doi:10.1080/01639625.2016.1263081

Szaflarski, Magdalena, **Barbara Hansen**, E. Martina Bebin, and Jerzy P. Szaflarski. 2017. "Social Correlates of Health Status, Quality of Life, and Mood States in Patients Treated with Cannabidiol for Epilepsy." *Epilepsy and Behavior* 70(B): 364-369. doi:10.1016/j.yebeh.2016.12.033

## GRANT ACTIVITIES

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1. UAB STEP-UP for participants in undergraduate STEMM training program in NIDDK focus areas (diabetes, kidney disease, obesity). PI: Mona Fouad; Role: Journal Club Instructor.
2. UAB RAMP-UP for participants in undergraduate MSTEM training in aging. PI: Mona Fouad; Role: Journal Club Instructor.
3. The Colorectal Cancer Research Education Program (C-CREP). PI: Lori Bateman; Role: Training Coordinator and Manager of Online Training Components.
4. Grant writing for multiple R01, U54, R25, and other NIH grants for various PIs

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### Conference/Community Presentations

2022 "Results from a Community Intervention Promoting Physical Activity and Increased Fruit and Vegetable Consumption in Under-Resourced African American Communities in Alabama and Mississippi." **Barbara Hansen**, Lori Brand Bateman, Mona N. Fouad. 85<sup>th</sup> Southern Sociological Society Conference, Birmingham, AL

2022 "Use of the Carers Assessment of Difficulties Index in Treatment-Resistant Epilepsy: Psychometric Evaluation of Instrument." **Barbara Hansen** and Magdalena Szaflarski. 85<sup>th</sup> Southern Sociological Society Conference, Birmingham, AL

2022 "Colorectal Cancer Screening Barriers in Egypt: A Systematic Review." **Barbara Hansen**, Yassmin Hegazy, Lori Brand Bateman. UAB Heersink School of Medicine 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Trainee Research Symposium, Birmingham, AL

- 2021 “Confronting COVID-19 in Under-Resourced, African American Neighborhoods: A Qualitative Study Examining Community Member and Stakeholders’ Perceptions.” Lori B. Bateman, Yu-Mei M. Schoenberger, **Barbara Hansen**. Tiffany N. Osborne, Grace C. Okoro, Kimberly M. Speights, Mona N. Fouad.  
*84<sup>th</sup> Southern Sociological Society Conference*. (held virtually)
- 2021 “Disparities in Medical Research Participation: A Case of Cannabidiol Therapy Trial.” Jerzy P. Szaflarski, Magdalena Szaflarski, and **Barbara Hansen**.  
*IV ISA Forum of Sociology*. Porto Alegre, Brazil.
- 2020 “Affiliate Stigma among Parents of Above-Average Weight Children in the Deep South.” **Barbara Hansen** (*conference canceled due to Covid-19*)  
*8<sup>th</sup> Annual International Weight Stigma Conference*, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2020 “Correlation between BMI and Length of Time in the U.S. for Latina Immigrants: Preliminary Results from a Healthy Eating Intervention in Alabama.” **Barbara Hansen** and Isabel Scarinci (*conference canceled due to Covid-19*)  
*83<sup>rd</sup> Southern Sociological Society Conference*, Jacksonville, FL
- 2019 “Cannabidiol-Induced Changes in Attention fMRI Activation in Treatment-Resistant Epilepsy.” Jane Allendorfer, Rodolph Nenert, Tyler Gaston, Kathleen Hernando, James Houston, **Barbara Hansen**, Jerzy P. Szaflarski.  
*Organization for Human Brain Mapping Conference*, Rome Italy
- 2019 “Assessing Affiliate Stigma among Familial Caregivers in Intractable Epilepsy.” **Barbara Hansen** and Magdalena Szaflarski.  
*82<sup>nd</sup> Southern Sociological Society Conference* Atlanta, GA
- 2018 "The Association between Caregiver Burden and Affiliate Stigma among Caregivers of Persons with Intractable Epilepsy." **Barbara Hansen**, Magdalena Szaflarski, Jerzy P. Szaflarski.  
*XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology*, Toronto, Canada
- 2018 “Stigma and the Social Experiences of Weight Loss Surgery.” **Barbara Hansen**.  
*6<sup>th</sup> Annual International Weight Stigma Conference* Leeds, England, UK
- 2017 “Racial/Ethnic and Socioeconomic Disparities in Cannabidiol Research Participation.” Magda Szaflarski, **Barbara Hansen**, E. Martina Bebin, and Jerzy P. Szaflarski.  
*American Epilepsy Society National Conference*, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 “Changes in Social Support, Social Stress, and Self-rated Health Indicators after One Year of Treatment with Cannabidiol in Patients with Intractable Epilepsy.” **Barbara Hansen**, Magdalena Szaflarski, E. Martina Bebin, and Jerzy P. Szaflarski.  
*American Epilepsy Society National Conference*, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 “Social Characteristics and Quality of Life of Patients Treated with Cannabidiol for Epilepsy.” Magdalena Szaflarski, **Barbara Hansen**, E. Martina Bebin, and Jerzy P. Szaflarski.  
*American Epilepsy Society National Conference*, Washington, D.C.

- 2017 “Seizure Frequency and Severity in an Open-label CBD Study for the Treatment of Epilepsy.” Jerzy P. Szaflarski, E. Martina Bebin, Gary Cutter, Jennifer DeWolfe, L.S. Dure, A. Gadpaille, Tyler E. Gaston, Leslie E. Grayson, **Barbara Hansen**, K. Harsanyi, P. Kankirawatana, Yulilang Liu, T. McGrath, R. Singh, A.E. Thomas, Lawrence Ver Hoef, B. Vines, and the UAB CBD Program.  
*American Epilepsy Society National Conference*, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 Improvement in Quality of Life Ratings after One Year of Treatment with Pharmaceutical Formulation of Cannabidiol (CBD).” Tyler E. Gaston, Magdalena Szaflarski, **Barbara Hansen**, Leslie Grayson, E. Martina Bebin, and Jerzy P. Szaflarski.  
*32<sup>nd</sup> International Epilepsy Congress*, Barcelona, Spain
- 2017 “Cannabidiol Increases Resting State Functional Connectivity in Treatment-resistant Epilepsy.” Jerzy P. Szaflarski, Jane B. Allendorfer, Rodolph Nenert, **Barbara Hansen**, Tyler E. Gaston, and E. Martina Bebin.  
*Organization for Human Brain Mapping Conference*, Vancouver, B.C.
- 2017 “Caregiving in Epilepsy.” **Barbara Hansen**  
*Discoveries in the Making*, Ghost Train Brewing, Birmingham, AL
- 2017 “Are We Enrolling Minorities and Socioeconomically Disadvantaged in Epilepsy Cannabidiol Research?” Magdalena Szaflarski, **Barbara Hansen**.  
*Minority Health Disparities Conference*, Birmingham, AL
- 2017 “Constructing Obesity: A Contemporary Theoretical Comparison and Future Implications in the Study of the Social Experience of Weight Loss Surgery.” **Barbara Hansen**.  
*80<sup>th</sup> Southern Sociological Society Conference*, Greenville, SC
- 2016 “The Effect of Cannabidiol on Mood State in Patients with Epilepsy.” Pongkiat Kankirawatana, **Barbara Hansen**, Gary R. Cutter, Yulilang Liu, E. Martina Bebin, and Jerzy P. Szaflarski.  
*American Epilepsy Society National Conference*, Houston, TX
- 2016 “Social Correlates of Health Status, Quality of Life, and Mood States in Patients at Entry into a Cannabidiol (CBD) Expanded Access Program.” Magdalena Szaflarski, **Barbara Hansen**, E. Martina Bebin, and Jerzy P. Szaflarski.  
*American Epilepsy Society National Conference*, Houston, TX
- 2016 “Response to Pharmaceutical Grade Cannabidiol in a State-Sponsored Treatment Program.” Jerzy P. Szaflarski, E. Martina Bebin, Gary R. Cutter, Jennifer DeWolfe, Leon Dure, Tyler E. Gaston, Leslie Grayson, **Barbara Hansen**, Krisztina Harsanyi, J. Thomas Houston, Pongkiat Kankirawatana, Yulilang Liu, Tony McGrath, Rani Singh, Ashley Thomas, and Lawrence VerHoef.  
*American Epilepsy Society National Conference*, Houston, TX
- 2016 “Initial Quality of Life Ratings in Patients with Refractory Epilepsy Treated with Cannabidiol (CBD).” Alissa Chitlangia, Tyler E. Gaston, Kanika Arora, Gary R. Cutter, Jennifer DeWolfe, **Barbara Hansen**, Yulilang Liu, Sandipan Pati, Pawan Rawal, Magdalena Szaflarski, Lawrence Ver Hoef, E. Martina Bebin, and Jerzy P. Szaflarski.  
*American Epilepsy Society National Conference*, Houston, TX
- 2016 “Social Determinants of Health in Psychogenic Nonepileptic Seizure Research.” **Barbara Hansen**, Magdalena Szaflarski and Jerzy P. Szaflarski.  
*Mid-South Sociological Association*, Charleston, SC

- 2016 “Stigma and Caregiver Burden in Intractable Epilepsy – Study Design and Preliminary Findings.” **Barbara Hansen**, Magdalena Szaflarski, E. Martina Bebin, and Jerzy P. Szaflarski.  
*Mid-South Sociological Association*, Charleston, SC
- 2015 “Socioeconomic Characteristics of Patients in the Alabama Study of Cannabidiol (CBD) Use to Treat Epilepsy.” **Barbara Hansen**, Magdalena Szaflarski, Jerzy P. Szaflarski, and Martina Bebin.  
*American Epilepsy Society National Conference*, Philadelphia, PA
- 2015 “How Vulnerability Impacts Health” **Barbara Hansen**  
*Introduction to Health Disparities for Medical Students Conference*  
UAB School of Medicine, Birmingham, AL
- 2015 “Epilepsy, Cannabis, and the Social Determinants of Health.” **Barbara Hansen**, Magdalena Szaflarski, Jerzy P. Szaflarski, and Martina Bebin.  
*78<sup>th</sup> Southern Sociological Society Conference*, New Orleans, LA
- 2015 “PNES: Do Social Variables Matter?” **Barbara Hansen**, Magdalena Szaflarski, and Jerzy P. Szaflarski.  
*Minority Health Disparities Conference at UAB*, Birmingham, AL
- 2014 “Weight Loss Surgery: A Study in Stigma and Deviance.” **Barbara Hansen**.  
*77<sup>th</sup> Southern Sociological Society Conference*, Charlotte, NC
- 2013 “Obesity and SES: An Inverse Relationship.” **Barbara Hansen**  
*Middle Tennessee State Social Symposium*, Murfreesboro, TN

### Session Organizer/Discussant

- 2020 *Social Welfare Programs Session*  
**Presider of Paper Session**  
American Sociological Association, Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA (*virtual*)
- 2019 *Medical Sociology Panel*  
**Discussant**  
Southern Sociological Society, Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA
- 2015 *Vulnerable Populations*  
**Presenter and Panel Moderator**  
Introduction to Health Disparities for Medical Students Conference  
UAB School of Medicine, Birmingham, AL
- 2015 *Current Topics in Mental Health*  
**Presider and Session Organizer** (with Magdalena Szaflarski)  
Southern Sociological Society, Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA
- 2015 *Sociology of Mental Health*  
**Presider and Session Organizer** (with Magdalena Szaflarski)  
Southern Sociological Society, Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA

## **PREVIOUS RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- July 2017-  
Aug 2019                   **Research Assistant II, HEP Coordinator**  
*Human Epilepsy Project*, UAB Department of Neurology  
Part-time remote; data collection, scheduling, interviewing of participants, database management in REDCAP. Principle Investigator: Martina Bebin, MD
- July 2017-  
November 2018           **Research Assistant II**  
*Tuberous Sclerosis CBD Study*, UAB Department of Neurology  
Part-time remote data management for Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network (RDCRN). Principle Investigator: Martina Bebin, MD
- August 2014 -  
July 2017                   **Graduate Research Assistant**  
*The Alabama CBD Study*, UAB Department of Neurology  
Data collection and analyses for CBD/Epilepsy study, quantitative face-to-face interviews of adults and children, database management in REDCAP including data entry, assisted in creation of survey protocols, Social Determinants of Health database design
- June 2016 -  
March 2017               **Principal Investigator**  
*Stigma and Caregiver Burden in Intractable Epilepsy Study*, UAB  
Sociology Department and Department of Neurology  
Designed and implemented protocol, created survey instrument, secured IRB approval, designed dataset
- August 2013 -  
March 2014               **Principal Investigator**  
*Weight Loss Surgery Stigma Study*, MTSU Sociology Department  
Designed survey instrument, secured IRB approval, conducted study, designed dataset from surveys, data analyses

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- 2021 Journal Club in Aging Research – UAB
  - Developed course in Canvas for trainees in aging research
  - Moderator of articles presented
- 2021 Magic City Acceptance Academy – Birmingham, AL
  - College prep presentation to high school freshmen
- 2021 UAB RAMP-UP undergraduate research training program
  - Instructor of scientific writing
- 2019 UAB Undergraduate Research Expo
  - Judge
- 2019 Reddie to Serve
  - Team Leader
- 2019 Reddie for Henderson
  - Speaker

- 2019 Faculty Senate
  - Alternate
- 2019 Faculty Excellence Awards Committee
  - Member
- 2019 University Technology Committee
- 2018 Faculty Excellence Awards Committee
- 2018 Reddie for Henderson
  - Speaker
- 2017 Reddie to Serve
  - Team Leader
- 2016 The 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) Competition at UAB
  - Judge
- 2016 Central Alabama Regional Science and Engineering Fair
  - Behavioral/Social Science Judge
- 2015 UAB Sociology Department
  - Assisted with recruitment booth
- 2014 Women in STEM, MTSU
  - Group leader for high school girls interested in math/statistics
- 2007 – 2012 Mentor for college-bound children in foster care
  - College campus visits
  - Assisted with completion of FAFSA
  - Bi-weekly visits and talks about interests, fears and offered encouragement
- 2000 – 2014 Multiple Adoption/Foster Parent recruitment activities (as volunteer)
  - Event Organizer
  - Booth activities
  - 40+ public speaking engagements

#### Professional Memberships:

- American Sociological Association
- International Sociological Association
- Southern Sociological Society
- Mid-South Sociological Association
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
- Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society

## **PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE**

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August 2014 - **Graduate Research Assistant**

July 2017 *The Alabama CBD Study, UAB Department of Neurology, Birmingham, AL*  
Open-label drug study examined the safety and efficacy of Cannabidiol (CBD), a marijuana derivative, for intractable epilepsy. Assisted in the design of the structured interview instrument used to capture the social determinants of health data, built the database in SPSS, assisted in the management of the separate REDCAP database for the medical variables, conducted quantitative face-to-face interviews with both adult and pediatric study patients and their family caregivers, conducted statistical analyses for the researchers, and presented findings at conferences.

2007-2014 **Program Manager – Adoptions**

*Centerstone of Tennessee, Nashville, TN*  
Designed the adoption program for Centerstone's therapeutic foster care agency, which primarily cares for children with mental health needs. Duties: writing and submission of policy position papers to the Tennessee state government foster care agency, recruitment and training of adoptive families for children in foster care, working with the children and families with issues surrounding family integration, finalization of adoptions, and post-adoption services. Covered the entire state of Tennessee.

2000-2007 **Adoption Specialist**

*Tennessee Department of Children's Services (DCS), Nashville, TN*  
Case management and adoption preparation for children in state guardianship with a goal of adoption. Finalization of adoptions, PATH training of potential adoptive parents.

1998-2000 **Intake Supervisor and QA Director**

*Foundation Health PsychCare, Brentwood, TN*  
Supervised 12 telephone intake personnel. Developed and implemented a quality assurance program component to familiarize community mental health programs in rural TN in compliance with state regulations.

1997-1998 **Elder Education Coordinator**

*Health 1-2-3 Platinum, Nashville, TN*  
Designed educational materials geared toward individuals 65 and older (as well as disabled persons and their families), conducted informational seminars and follow-up face-to-face meetings as needed.

1993-1997 **PASARR Coordinator**

*First Mental Health, Nashville, TN*  
Managed the Pre-Admission Screenings and Annual Resident Reviews (PASARR) contract for the state of North Carolina. Trained providers in documentation and reporting requirements, managed data gathering, and supervised 14 personnel.

1989-1991 **English as a Second Language Teacher**

*Yamanashi English Service, Kofu, Japan*  
Taught individual and group lessons with companies and individuals (ages ranging from 4-80 years old), English conversation and grammar, and curriculum development.