

ArPHA abstracts

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The Arkansas Public Health Association (APHA) is now accepting abstracts for the 71st Annual Meeting. The theme for the meeting is "Public Health: Creating Healthier Lives and Stronger Communities." Authors are encouraged to submit abstracts on the theme, as well as, on current and emerging public health issues.

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Do you have additional presenters?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Name(s) of Additional Presenters	James M Raczynski
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Title of Presentation	Results from Take Control: A Stepped Care Approach to Achieving Blood Pressure Control
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Would you be willing to serve on a panel?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
In which category does your abstract best fit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Theme: Creating Healthier Lives and Stronger Communities <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Wealth Equity <input type="checkbox"/> Health Disparity <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health Nursing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chronic Disease <input type="checkbox"/> Communicable Disease <input type="checkbox"/> Immunizations <input type="checkbox"/> Health Literacy <input type="checkbox"/> Health Education and Health Promotion <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition <input type="checkbox"/> Health Administration <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health Preparedness <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe below)
Presentation Description	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Research <input type="radio"/> Program/Best Practice
Statement of the Problem: What overall problem were you trying to study and why is it important?	<p>Uncontrolled hypertension (u-HTN) is a serious concern, particularly in southern communities experiencing high rates of stroke and cardiovascular diseases. Arkansas' rates of stroke incidence and mortality are among the highest in the nation.</p>
Intervention (if appropriate): Describe the intervention you tested.	<p>The intervention, delivered by community health workers (CHWs), included 3 steps: 1) basic education on HTN and resources for medical care, insurance and pharmaceutical assistance; 2) 4 CHW visits with education, problem-solving and action planning to address evidence-based barriers to BP control; and 3) 8 additional CHW visits to address other barriers. Participants advanced to the next step if uncontrolled after the previous step.</p>
Study design: Describe the structure of the study and the variables of interest.	<p>The study was a randomized controlled trial. Enrolled participants were randomly assigned to either the Minimal Care (Step 1 only) or Intervention (Step 1 and Steps 2-3 as needed). Follow-up was completed with all participants at 1, 3, 6 and 12 months post-enrollment.</p>

Sample size and composition: How many subjects were in the study and what are their characteristics?

We enrolled a total of 612 participants. All were between the ages of 18 and 70 and had uncontrolled hypertension (greater than or equal to 140 mmHg systolic or greater than or equal to 90 mmHg diastolic) on each of 2 screening visits (6 blood pressure measurements total). Eighty-five percent were African Americans; all lived in either Desha or Chicot Counties in southeastern Arkansas.

Measures utilized: What measurement tools did you use to measure the variables of interest?

Blood pressure measurements were taken using an Omron HEM 907XL digital blood pressure monitor (Omron Healthcare, Inc., Bannockburn, IL). The monitor automatically takes and averages 3 independent readings at appropriate intervals. Participants with an average systolic blood pressure ≥ 140 mm Hg or an average diastolic blood pressure ≥ 90 mm Hg were considered to have u-HTN. NHANES protocols for measuring blood pressure were used (e.g., 5-minute resting period, measurement of arm circumference, selection of appropriate sized cuff).

Analysis method: What statistics did you use to analyze your data?

Analyses were completed using an intent-to-treat approach. The percentage of persons with controlled blood pressure (less than 140 mmHg and less than 90 mmHg) at 12 months was compared across groups.

Results: Report the results of your analysis in quantitative form.

Just over 40% (41.0% of intervention participants and 42.3% of Minimal care participants) had controlled blood pressure at 12 months. Analyses indicated that the change from baseline to 12 months was statistically significant but there was no difference between groups.

Conclusions: What overall conclusions can you draw from this study?

A relatively low-cost program involving screening, minimal education, referral to healthcare resources, and periodic followup with feedback about blood pressure levels, was effective in promoting blood pressure control among persons with uncontrolled high blood pressure. The use of CHWs helps to minimize program costs.

Learning Objectives: You MUST follow the format shown in the example below. NO COMPOUND OBJECTIVES.

Step 1. Describe the information, skills, behaviors, or perspectives participants in the session will acquire through attendance and participation.

Step 2. Clearly identify the outcomes or actions participants can expect to demonstrate as a result of the educational experiences. See the action words below.

Step 3. Write the learning objectives that relate to these outcomes and that reflect the content of the session.

Objectives describe the behavior of the learner, and:

are stated clearly

define or describe an action

□ are measurable, in terms of time, space, amount, and/or frequency

Measurable Action Words (examples): Explain, Demonstrate, Analyze, Formulate, Discuss, Compare, Differentiate, etc.

Examples of Learning Objective

By the end of the session, attendees will:

- 1. List five factors that contribute to hypertension.**
- 2. Design a community-based breast screening model.**

***Each abstract must have 3 learning objectives.**

Learning Objective I:

By the end of the session, attendees will be able to describe a 3-stage, stepped care approach to achieving blood pressure control.

Learning Objective II:

By the end of the session, attendees will be able to discuss the contribution of high blood pressure to stroke incidence and mortality.

Learning Objective III:

By the end of the session, attendees will be able to describe the advantages of using CHWs to deliver the stepped care intervention.

Travel Reimbursement: APHA welcomes abstracts from our public health partners near and far. If you are traveling more than 120 miles to the conference site, travel reimbursement may be available.

Will you require travel reimbursement?

- Yes
 No

Thank you for your submission. The call for abstracts closes on 01/18/19. Authors will be notified on 02/15/19. For any questions, email president-elect@arkpublichealth.org

Registration and Membership: You do NOT have to be an APHA member to submit an abstract. However, if your abstract is accepted for presentation, the presenting author MUST register for the Annual Meeting by the pre-registration deadline.

Additional Information may be required from you to complete the continuing education process. If your abstract is accepted, you may be required to submit additional forms such as conflict of interest forms. You will be contacted by email to complete these forms.

Author Disclaimer: Opinions expressed by a speaker represent only the opinions of the speaker and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the Arkansas Public Health Association.

Penalties: Presenters who fail to show up for their scheduled presentations without notifying the program planner of cancellations will not be permitted to present papers or posters at an APHA sponsored meeting for two years following the "no-show."

Session Types:

- Oral presentation: A 50 minute spoken presentation, including questions and answers for a total of 60 minutes
- Panel Discussion: Total of 1 hour comprised of 15-20 minute coordinated presentations by up to 3 people, including questions and answers
- Training Session: up to a 3 hour training session on a current best practice intervention or data training course
- Poster: Authors present their papers using a visual medium with key excerpts from the papers displayed on a 4' high x 8' wide/1.2 m high x 2.4 m wide free-standing bulletin board.

Hotel Reservation link:

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/groups/hr/apha-71st-annual-meeting-and-exhibitions1>

<http://tiny.cc/APHAHotel2019>

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Results from Take Control: A Stepped Care Approach to Achieving Blood Pressure Control

Phillips, Martha M; Raczynski, James M; Bates, Joseph

Uncontrolled hypertension (u-HTN) is a serious concern, particularly in southern communities experiencing high rates of stroke and cardiovascular diseases. The Arkansas Prevention Research Center, with funding from CDC and the Arkansas Minority Health Commission, conducted a randomized controlled trial to evaluate the effectiveness of a community health worker (CHW) program to deliver a novel, stepped-care intervention to lower u-HTN. Participants were recruited from adults with u-HTN (blood pressure (BP) \geq 140 mmHg systolic or \geq 90 mmHg diastolic) living in a rural, low-resource and predominately African American community. The intervention included 3 steps: 1) basic education on HTN and resources for medical care, insurance and pharmaceutical assistance; 2) 4 CHW visits with education, problem-solving and action planning to address evidence-based barriers to BP control; and 3) 8 additional CHW visits to address other barriers. Participants advanced to the next step if uncontrolled after the previous step. A total of 612 participants were randomized to intervention (progression through all steps if needed) or comparison (Step 1 only, i.e., education comparable to what is provided during BP screening programs). Preliminary results indicate that 41.0% of those in the intervention group and 42.3% of those in the comparison group had achieved BP control at 12 months follow-up. Statistical analyses indicated a significant time trend ($p < .05$) but no difference between groups. Results indicate that a minimal, relatively low-cost intervention can help individuals with u-HTN achieve BP control. Results suggest that relatively minimal approaches to reducing u-HTN by CHWs with screening, education and follow-up may be sufficient to achieve reductions in u-HTN without further CHW intervention in similar populations.

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Education

Ph.D. Epidemiology University of Alabama at Birmingham Birmingham, Alabama	1995-2000
M.P.H. Health Care Organization and Policy University of Alabama at Birmingham Birmingham, Alabama	1989-1992
M.B.A. Business Administration University of Alabama at Birmingham Birmingham, Alabama	1989-1992
Ed.S. Education, Emotionally Disturbed Children University of Alabama at Birmingham Birmingham, Alabama	1977-1978
M.Ed. Education, Emotionally Disturbed Children University of Alabama at Birmingham Birmingham, Alabama	1969-1972
A.B. (Magna Cum Laude) Psychology University of Georgia Athens, Georgia	1969-1972

Academic Service

Faculty Appointments

Current

Associate Professor (non-tenure-earning) (primary)
Department of Epidemiology
Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Little Rock, Arkansas

Associate Professor (non-tenure-earning) (secondary)
Department of Health Policy and Management
Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Little Rock, Arkansas

Associate Professor (non-tenure-earning) (secondary)
Department of Health Behavior and Health Education
Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
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Previous

Assistant Professor (non-tenure-earning) (primary) 2012 -2013
Department of Epidemiology
Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health
Little Rock, Arkansas

Assistant Professor (non-tenure-earning) (secondary) 2008-2013
Department of Health Policy and Management
Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health
Little Rock, Arkansas

Assistant Professor (primary) 2002-2006, 2008-2012
Department of Psychiatry
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Little Rock, Arkansas

Assistant Professor (non-tenure-earning) (secondary) 2002-2012
Department of Epidemiology
Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health
Little Rock, Arkansas

Assistant Professor (non-tenure-earning) (primary) 1999-2002
Department of Epidemiology
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health
Birmingham, Alabama

Other Academic Roles

Co-Director, DrPH Program 2012-Present
Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health

Director, Evaluation Services Unit 2010-Present
Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health

Director, Office of Public Health Informatics 2012-Present
Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health

Center Evaluator 2012-Present
Arkansas Center for Health Disparities

Co-Director, Research Core 2012-Present
Arkansas Center for Health Disparities

Deputy Director 2014-Present
Arkansas Prevention Research Center

Interim Chair, Department of Epidemiology 2010-2011
Fay W. Boozman, College of Public Health

Co-Director, Evaluation Core Unit 2009-2014
Arkansas Prevention Research Center

Center Evaluator 2009-Present
Arkansas Prevention Research Center

Principal Investigator, Pilot Research Project 2009-2011
Arkansas Prevention Research Center

Vice Chair for Education, Department of Epidemiology 2008-2009
Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health

Director, Community Data Unit 2007-2012
Arkansas Center for Health Disparities

Previous Positions and Employment

Senior Scientist for Community Health Arkansas Department of Health	2007-2008
State Chronic Disease Epidemiologist, Division of Health Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services	2006-2007
Director, Center for Public Health Practice Arkansas Department of Health	2005-2007
Chief Epidemiologist and Chief, Epidemiology Branch Arkansas Department of Health	2004-2006
Chronic Disease Epidemiologist Arkansas Department of Health (Oral Health, Obesity, and Hometown Health Improvement Programs)	2002-2008
Chronic Disease Epidemiologist Bureau of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Alabama Department of Public Health	1999-2002
Associate Scientist, Deputy Director, Center for Health Promotion University of Alabama at Birmingham	1999-2002
Assistant Director, Center for Health Promotion University of Alabama at Birmingham	1999-2001
Director of Center Program; Associate Project Director National Head Start/Public School Early Childhood Transition Demonstration Program Evaluation, Civitan International Research Center University of Alabama at Birmingham	1993-1999
Director of Educational Services, Vaughn Psychiatric Services The Children's Hospital of Alabama	1985-1993
Psychological Assistant, Vaughn Psychiatric Services The Children's Hospital of Alabama	1985-1993
Part-time Instructor, School of Education, Department of Special Education University of Alabama at Birmingham	1987-1989

Family Interventionist, Program for Exceptional Children Department of Special Education, Jefferson County School System Birmingham, Alabama	1983-1985
Acting Principal, Springdale Elementary Jefferson County School System Birmingham, Alabama	1983-1983
Teacher, Special Education Resource Program, Springdale Elementary Jefferson County School System Birmingham, Alabama	1982-1983
Teacher, Early Childhood Education for Handicapped Program Springdale Elementary, Jefferson County School System Birmingham, Alabama	1982-1982
Preschool Consultant, Center for Developmental and Learning Disorders University of Alabama at Birmingham	1981-1982
Project Director, Early Education Center Outreach Project Jackson, Mississippi	1981-1981
Coordinator for Outreach Services Early Education Center Outreach Project Jackson, Mississippi	1981-1981
Trainer, Early Education Outreach Project Jackson, Mississippi	1980-1980
Certified Data Collector Clarke County School District Athens, Georgia	1977-1980
Teacher, Emotionally and Behaviorally Disordered Students Clarke County School District Athens, Georgia	1974-1980
Psychology Technician, Central Georgia Developmental Center Central State Hospital Milledgeville, Georgia	1972-1973

Professional Memberships

American Evaluation Association	2008-Present
Society of Behavioral Medicine	1999-Present
American Public Health Association	1996-Present
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists	1999-2010, 2011-2013
Epidemiology Council, American Heart Association	1996-2010

Commissions and Other Community Service

Arkansas Minority Health Commission (Gubernatorial Appointment)	2010-2012
Arkansas Commission for the Newborn Umbilical Cord Blood Initiative	2010-2015
Arkansas Acute Stroke Task Force Member	2006-2010
Chair	2006-2007
Legislative Health Adequacy Committee	2004-2005
Child Health Advisory Committee	2003-2005 2013-Present

Honors and Awards

VAnessa Davis award	
Nominee, UAMS Outstanding Woman Faculty	2017
Nominee, UAMS Outstanding Woman Faculty	2016
Faculty Teaching Award COPH	2016
Nominee, UAMS Outstanding Woman Faculty	2014
UAMS Outstanding Woman	2012
Faculty Award for Excellence in Public Service	2010

COPH

Elected to Delta Omega Honor Society	2010
Invited Instructor, Instituto de Salud Publico, Instituto de Salud National Cuernavaca, Mexico	2010
Outstanding Faculty Award COPH Student Council	2008
Chancellor's Faculty Teaching Award	2008
COPH Outstanding Teaching Award	2007
Scholar, National Public Leadership Institute	2005

Teaching

SAS for Epidemiologists (MPH)	2014-2015
Fundamentals of Research (DrPH, PhD)	2014-2017
Community-Based Public Health Program Evaluation (DrPH)	2012-2018
Doctoral Projects Seminar	2015-2017
Capstone Seminar (DrPH)	2013
Professional Development Seminar (DrPH)	2013
Advanced Epidemiologic Methods Seminar (DrPH)	2012
Using Secondary Data (Directed Study)	2010
Management Skills for Public Health Leaders (DrPH) Co-instructor	2010
Introduction to Epidemiology (Epidemiology I)	2008-2009, 2011
Evaluation for Epidemiologists (Directed Study)	2006
Social Determinants of Health	2004-2018
Advanced Epidemiologic Methods (Epi III)	2003-2009, 2011- 2013
Public Health Surveillance (Directed Study)	2003, 2010

Public Health Surveillance	2002
Epidemiology of Chronic Disease	2002-2005

Research

Grants/Contracts

ACTIVE GRANTS

Title of Grant: Arkansas Prevention Research Center
Project Period: 09/30/14 - 09/29/19
Funding Agency: Centers for Disease Prevention and Control
Total Direct Costs: Pending final notice of award (preliminary notice of funding received)
Total Costs: Pending final notice of award
PI: James M. Raczynski
Role on Grant: Co-PI/Deputy Director, Co-PI/Research Project
Overall Objective: The Arkansas Prevention Research Center works to address chronic disease health disparities through community-based research and program development. The funded research project will test the effectiveness of a program designed to improve adherence to hypertension medication regimens using a community-based community health worker model.

Title of Grant: Take Control: A Public Health Practice Strategy to Promote Adherence with Medical Recommendations for Control of Hypertension
Project Period: 06/01/16 – 06/30/18
Funding Agency: Arkansas Minority Health Commission
Total Direct Costs: \$ 285,751
Total Costs: \$ 285,751
PI: Martha M. Phillips, PhD
Role on Grant: PI
Overall Objective: This grant provides supplemental funding for the core research project of the Arkansas Prevention Research Center. The project will test the effectiveness of a program designed to improve adherence to hypertension medication regimens using a community-based community health worker model.

Title of Grant: Arkansas Center for Health Disparities
Project Period: 09/05/2012 – 02/28/2017
Funding Agency: NIH/NIMHD
Type of Grant/Grant #: P20/ 2 P20 MD002329
PI: James M. Raczynski
Role on Grant: Center Evaluator; Co-Director, Research Core

Overall Objective: The theme of the Arkansas Center for Health Disparities (ARCHD) is to develop research to improve access to quality prevention and healthcare programs for racial and ethnic minorities. The focus is on chronic disease disparities, based on the major sources of disparities. Two full research projects are being completed and other work is being addressed through 4 core units: an Administrative Core; a Research Core; an Education/ Training core; and a Community Engagement Core.

Title of Grant: **Growing Your Own in the Delta: Building a Diverse Nursing Workforce**
Project Period: 7/1/2015 – 6/30/2018
Funding Agency: HRSA
PI: Keneshia Bryant, PhD (College of Nursing)
Role on Grant: Evaluator
Overall Objective: This project is designed to offer support to students from minority and underserved populations who are entering a Master's of Nursing program. The goals are to stimulate application and enrollment of minority students, to increase the graduation rate among such students, and to increase the diversity found in Arkansas' nursing workforce.

ACTIVE CONTRACTS

Title of Contract: **Evaluation of Grantees Funded to Implement Arkansas Cancer Plan**
Project Period: 07/01/2012 – 06/30/2017
Funding Agency: Arkansas Department of Health
Role on Grant: Principal Investigator
Overall Objective: This contract provides funding to evaluate the activities of the four programs who receive funding from the Arkansas Cancer Coalition to implement portions of the Arkansas Cancer Plan.

Title of Contract: **Evaluation of Arkansas Disability and Health Program**
Project Period: 07/01/2016 – 06/30/2020
Funding Agency: University of Arkansas (Fayetteville)/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Role on Grant: Evaluator
Overall Objective: This contract provides funding to evaluate the activities of the Arkansas Disabilities and Health Program, a federally-funded program grant.

Title of Contract: **Evaluation of Colorectal Cancer Screening Program**
Project Period: 07/01/2016 – 06/30/2019
Funding Agency: Arkansas Department of Health/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Role on Grant: Evaluator
Overall Objective: This contract provides funding to evaluate the activities of a federally-funded program to promote colorectal cancer screening in adults ages 50 to 75 years, being implemented in 36 clinical sites throughout the state.

Title of Contract: **Evaluation of Comprehensive Cancer Control Activities**
Project Period: 07/01/2016 – 06/30/2017
Funding Agency: Arkansas Department of Health/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Role on Grant: Evaluator
Overall Objective: This contract provides funding to evaluate the activities of a federally-funded program to promote cancer control activities throughout the state.

Title of Contract: **Enhancing the Health Services component of the Public Health in Arkansas Communities Search (PHACS) website**
Project Period: 07/01/2016 – 06/30/2017
Funding Agency: Arkansas Minority Health Commission
Role on Grant: PI
Overall Objective: This contract provides funding for staff to (1) update the health services database, documenting the location and contact information for health services in each of Arkansas' 75 counties and (2) develop the mapping component so that visitors to the site can search, by type if desired, for resources close to their desired locations.

COMPLETED GRANTS

Title of Grant: **Arkansas Prevention Research Center**
Project Period: 09/30/2009 -09/29/2014
Funding Agency: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Type of Grant/Grant #: U48/U48 DP001943
PI: James M. Raczynski
Role on Grant: Center Evaluator; Principal Investigator, Core Research Project
Overall Objective: The Arkansas Prevention Research Center is being established in collaboration with communities in the Mississippi Delta Region of Arkansas to address chronic disease health disparities through community-based participatory research and program development. The initial pilot project will focus on bringing school personnel and parents of children enrolled in Arkansas public schools together to combat childhood obesity in this high-risk area of the state.

Title of Grant: **Evaluation of School-Based Obesity Initiatives (Arkansas Act 1220 of 2003)**
Project Period: 02/01/2004 – 02/14/2014
Funding Agency: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
PI: James M. Raczynski
Role on Grant: Co-Principal Investigator, Evaluation Director
Overall Objective: The major goal of this project is to evaluate the impact of Arkansas Act 1220 of 2003, a legislative initiative to combat childhood obesity, on school environments, policies and practices as well as on adolescent and family behavior related to nutrition and physical activity.

Title of Contract: **Evaluation of Oral Health Promotion Activities**

Project Period: 08/01/2009 – 9/30/2013
Funding Agency: Arkansas Department of Health
Role on Grant: Principal Investigator
Overall Objective: This contract provides funding to evaluate the implementation of oral health promotion activities in the state of Arkansas.

Title of Grant: **Arkansas Center for Health Disparities**
Project Period: 09/30/2007 – 09/04/2012
Funding Agency: NIH/NIMHD
Type of Grant/Grant #: P20/1 P20 MD002329
PI: James M. Raczynski
Role on Grant: Director, Community Data Unit
Overall Objective: The theme of the Arkansas Center for Health Disparities (ARCHD) is to develop research to improve access to quality prevention and healthcare programs for racial and ethnic minorities. The focus is on chronic disease disparities, based on the major sources of disparities. Initial research projects include 1 Full and 6 Plot Projects. We aligned the Center with major sources of identified health disparities through an evidence-based process. We are developing 3 cores: an Administrative Core; a Research Core to develop recommendations for Center directions based on an evidence-based approach to priority and heuristic theoretical model evolution; and an Education/ Training core to promote minority student recruitment into careers in health disparities research through a combined BA/MPH degree program in concert with Arkansas' three HBCUs.

Title of Grant: **Building a Toy Box to Promote Physical Activity in Preschool Children and Their Families: A Pilot Project**
Project Period: 03/01/2012 – 02/28/2013
Funding Agency: Arkansas Center for Health Disparities
Type of Grant/Grant #: Pilot project
PI: Martha M. Phillips
Role on Grant: Principal Investigator
Overall Objective: The Toy Box project seeks to address the issue of childhood obesity by promoting healthy, age-appropriate physical activity among young children (ages 3 to 4 years old) and their families. This pilot project will develop a parent education program and assess the feasibility of delivering the program to parents of young children.

Title of Grant: **Assessment Initiative: Assessing Health Status in Hard-to-Reach Populations in Arkansas**
Project Period: 2008-2011
Funding Agency: DHHS/Centers for Disease Control
Type of Grant/Grant #: Unavailable
Role on Grant: Principal Investigator

Overall Objective: This grant, which was awarded to the Arkansas Department of Health during the time that I was employed there, was designed to devise and implement strategies to assess the health status of hard-to-reach populations subgroups in the state of Arkansas (the Marshallese, Latinos, rural African Americans). The project conveyed to another PI when I left the Health Department to return to UAMS.

Title of Grant: **Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity**
Project Period: 2004-2008
Funding Agency: DHHS/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Type of Grant/Grant #: Unavailable
Role on Grant: Principal Investigator
Overall Objective: This grant was successfully competed for 3 consecutive years, with funding awarded to support: influenza surveillance; West Nile virus surveillance; food-borne illness surveillance and investigation; creation of the electronic reportable disease system (NEDSS); and various public health laboratory-based programs over the course of the three years.

Title of Grant: **Establishing the Spit for the Cure Cohort**
Project Period: 2008 – 2011
Funding Agency: Arkansas Breast Cancer Research Program
Role on Grant: Epidemiologist (2008-2010); Principal Investigator (2010-2011)
Overall Objective: The Spit for the Cure project was recruiting women with and without current or history of breast cancer. Each participant provided a saliva sample for DNA extraction and completed a short questionnaire providing demographic, health status, and breast cancer history and treatment data. Data are to be used to complete pharmacogenomic studies related to breast cancer. When I left the project, the cohort stood at 22,500 women.

Title of Grant: **Center for Clinical and Translational Research (a Clinical Translational Science Award)**
Project Period: 2009-2010
Funding Agency: NIH
PI: Curtis Lowery, MD
Role on Grant: Co-director, Epidemiology Core
Overall Objective: The CCTR was established to promote multidisciplinary translational research. The Epidemiology Core was established to provide consultation and support to multidisciplinary research teams seeking to complete epidemiologic studies.

Title of Grant: **Evaluation of N-O-T Program in Alabama High Schools**
Project Period: 2000-2003
Funding Agency: American Legacy Foundation
PI: Connie Kohler, DrPH
Role on Grant: Evaluator
Overall Objective: This grant sought to determine the effectiveness of the N-O-T tobacco cessation program for teens when implemented in a sample of Alabama high schools.

Title of Grant: **Barriers to Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Among Women**
Project Period: 2000 – 2002
Funding Agency: NIH/NHLBI
PI: Vera Bittner, MD, MPH
Role on Grant: Investigator
Overall Objective: This project sought to assess the barriers preventing women from engaging in cardiopulmonary rehabilitation following a cardiac event.

Title of Grant: **Healthy Passages: A Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health**
Project Period: 2000-2001
Funding Agency: CDC
PI: Michael Windle, PhD
Role on Grant: Investigator
Overall Objective: This grant sought to design a cohort follow-up study that would assess associations between and among a range of risk factors (demographic characteristics, family characteristics, personal behaviors, academic experiences, etc.) and health outcomes.

Title of Grant: **Center for Health Promotion**
Project Period: 1999-2002
Funding Agency: CDC
PI: James M. Raczynski, PhD
Role on Grant: Investigator (1993-2002); Deputy Director (1999-2002)
Overall Objective: The Center for Health Promotion was a Prevention Research Center devoted to reducing risk of cardiovascular disease and cancer in high risk, underserved communities in the Black Belt region of Alabama.

Title of Grant: **Rapid Early Action for Coronary Treatment**
Project Period: 1998-2000
Funding Agency: NIH/NHLBI
PI: James M. Raczynski, PhD
Role on Grant: Investigator
Overall Objective: A multicenter clinical trial, REACT sought to assess the effectiveness of a community-based program to reduce delay in seeking care after a myocardial infarction.

COMPLETED CONTRACTS

Title of Contract: **Epidemiology Services for the Arkansas Minority Health Commission**
Project Period: 10/01/2011 – 06/30/2014
Funding Agency: Arkansas Minority Health Commission
Role on Grant: Principal Investigator
Overall Objective: This contract provides epidemiologic support for the Commission.

Title of Contract: **Needs Assessment, Community Services for the Disabled Elderly**
Project Period: 04/01/14 – 09/30/14
Funding Agency: Department of Human Services, Division on Aging

Role on Grant: \$49,000
Overall Objective: This project is funded to complete a needs assessment and gap assessment regarding community services for the disabled elderly population in Arkansas.

Title of Contract: **Training and Technical Assistance to Build Local Evaluation Capacity**
Project Period: 07/01/2012 – 12/31/2013
Funding Agency: Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center (BGACDC), Marvell, AR
Role on Contract: Principal investigator
Overall Objective: This contract provides funding to provide 4 quarterly training sessions and additional technical assistance to assist the BGACDC in developing and implementing evaluation plans for their various community-based programs.

Title of Contract: **Evaluation of Arkansas' Health Information Exchange**
Project Period: 04/01/2013 – 06/01/2014
Funding Agency: Office of Health Information Technology
Role on Contract: Principal Investigator
Overall Objective: This contract provides funding for the evaluation of implementation of a statewide health information exchange in Arkansas.

Title of Contract: **Oral Health Evaluation Supplemental Activities**
Project Period: 07/01/2013 – 08/31/2013
Funding Agency: Arkansas Department of Health
Role on Contract: Principal Investigator
Overall Objective: This contract supports four supplemental activities: 1) evaluation of the Arkansas State Oral Health Plan; 2) evaluation of the Arkansas Oral Health Coalition; 3) completion of an environmental scan related to oral health; and 4) entry of data from the Arkansas Children's Hospital's dental sealant program into an electronic database.

Title of Contract: **Evaluation of Classroom Implementation of Oral Health Education**
Project Period: 02/01/2011 – 06/30/2012
Funding Agency: Arkansas Department of Health
Role on Grant: Principal Investigator
Overall Objective: This contract provided funding to evaluate the implementation of legislatively-mandated oral health education in classrooms in Arkansas public schools, including changes in student knowledge.

Title of Contract: **Evaluation of Health Programs for Persons with Disabilities Grant**
Project Period: 03/01/2011 – 06/30/2012
Funding Agency: UAMS
Role on Contract: Principal Investigator
Overall Objective: This contract funded the evaluation of activities being completed under the auspices of the Health Programs for Persons with Disabilities grant (UAMS; Vanessa Niehus, Principal Investigator).

Title of Contract: **Strategic Planning and Evaluation**

Project Period: 2009
Funding Agency: Arkansas Minority Health Commission
Role on Contract: Principal Investigator/Evaluator
Overall Objective: This project assisted the Arkansas Minority Health Commission in finalizing their recently completed strategic planning process, developing a draft strategic plan document, and creating an evaluation plan for future efforts to implement the plan.

Title of Contract: **Professional Services, Chronic Disease Epidemiology**
Project Period: 2002 – 2005
Funding Agency: Arkansas Department of Health
Role on Contract: Principal Investigator
Overall Objective: This contract provided chronic disease epidemiology services for the Arkansas Department of Health.

Title of Contract: **Professional Services, Chronic Disease Epidemiology**
Project Period: 2000 – 2002
Funding Agency: Alabama Department of Public Health
Role on Contract: Principal Investigator
Overall Objective: This contract provided chronic disease epidemiology services for the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Title of Contract: **Evaluation of the Alabama State Program for Tobacco Use Prevention and Control**
Project Period: 2000-2002
Funding Agency: CDC
Role on Contract: Principal Investigator
Overall Objective: This contract provided evaluation design and implementation support for the CDC-funded Tobacco Use Prevention and Control program of the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Title of Contract: **Surveys to Assess Status of Community Infrastructure to Support Cardiovascular Health**
Project Period: 2001
Funding Agency: Alabama Department of Public Health
Role on Contract: Principal Investigator
Overall Objective: With this funding we worked collaboratively with cardiovascular epidemiologists and evaluators in other states to devise surveys to assess the status of community infrastructure to support cardiovascular health.

Title of Contract: **Community Indicators of Cardiovascular Disease Risk**
Project Period: 2000-2001
Funding Agency: Alabama Department of Health
Role on Contract: Principal Investigator
Overall Objective: This project investigated the availability of data to assess the status of community infrastructure to support cardiovascular health in the states of Arkansas and South Carolina.

Title of Contract: **Evaluation of the Alaskan Native Home-Based Education for Preschool Children: The Dzuggi Preschool**
Project Period: 1997-2000
Funding Agency: US Dept of Education (subcontract)
Role on Contract: Principal Investigator
Overall Objective: This contract provided for the development and implementation of an evaluation of the effectiveness of a home-based program to improve educational outcomes for preschool children. Contract activities included developing the evaluation protocol, training data collectors, data entry, and data analysis.

SUBMITTED GRANTS/CONTRACTS NOT FUNDED

Title of Grant: **Closing the Gap in Diabetes Screening after Gestational Diabetes Mellitus**
Project Period: 5/1/2014 – 4/30/2017
Funding Agency: AHRQ
Type of Grant: U18
PI: Richard-Davis (Ob-Gyn)
Role on Grant: Co-Investigator, Evaluator

Title of Grant: **Chemical pesticides in rural Delta communities**
Project Period: Pending resubmission
Funding Agency: NIH
Type of Grant: R01
PI: Alesia Ferguson
Role on Grant: Co-investigator
Overall Objective: This Research to Action proposal was designed to address community-identified concerns regarding aerial pesticide applications and their effect on cancer other health risks. The proposal included: the use of a multi-faceted advisory panel to manage and coordinate research and public action activities; a determination of potential exposure and dose to endocrine disrupting pesticides; and the facilitation of community education, training and discussion regarding pesticide exposures and policy around safer pesticide usage.

Title of Grant: **Community Transformation Grant**
Project Period: Not funded
Funding Agency: DHHS/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Type of Grant:
PI: Daniel Rimmer (Arkansas Center for Health Improvement)
Role on Grant: Co-investigator; Evaluator
Overall Objective: This grant would have provided funding to stimulate communities to build their local environments and implement health promotion programs in 24 high-risk counties in the state of Arkansas.

Title of Grant: **Innovations Grant**
Project Period: Not funded
Funding Agency: CHHS/CMS

Type of Grant:
PI: Daniel Rahn, MD
Role on Grant: Co-investigator; Evaluation Lead
Overall Objective:

Abstracts and Presentations

(Names listed in italics are students or post-doctoral fellows at the time of presentation)

National Meetings

Oral (Paper) Presentations

- Raczynski JM, **Phillips MM**, Bates J, Davis AH. Using community health workers to promote hypertension self-management in a rural community. Oral presentation at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Chicago, IL. 2016
- Hayes C*, **Phillips MM**, Martin BC, Bursac Z, Hudson T. The influence of propoxyphene on opioid use and opioid related adverse events in veterans. Oral presentation at the annual Addiction Health Services Research meeting, Portland, Oregon. 2013
- Raczynski JM, **Phillips MM**, Walker J, *Philyaw Perez A*. Creating nutrition policy change in schools: The Arkansas experience. Oral presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA. 2012
- Walker J, **Phillips MM**, Raczynski JM. Creating nutrition policy change in schools: What happens when? Oral presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA 2012
- Phillips MM**, Goodell M, *Philyaw Perez A*, Krukowski R, Raczynski JM, Prewitt TE. Creating nutrition policy change: What's on the plates in school cafeterias? Oral presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA 2012
- Prewitt TE, **Phillips MM**, Goodell M, *Philyaw Perez A*, Krukowski R. Creating nutrition policy change in schools: What are USDAs new healthier meal standards? Oral presentation at the Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA 2012
- Goodell M, **Phillips MM**, Raczynski JM, Krukowski R. Leaving whole milk behind: Where do schools go? Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C. 2011

- Goodell M, **Phillips MM**, Gauss CH, Pulley L, Bursac Z, Walker J, Raczynski JM. Characteristics of survey non-responders among school administrators: Insights for improving response rates. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 2010
- Raczynski JM, **Phillips MM**, West DS, Pulley L, Bursac Z, Krukowski RA. Overview and impact of Arkansas Act 1220 of 2003 to reduce childhood obesity through school-based policy, environment and practice changes. Oral presentation at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, Minneapolis, Minnesota. 2010
- Phillips MM**, Raczynski JM, West D, Walker J, Gauss CH, Bursac Z. Overweight students and their families respond to obesity reduction efforts. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Seattle, Washington. 2010
- Raczynski JM, **Phillips MM**, West DS, Krukowski RA, Bursac Z. Concern about childhood obesity is a significant predictor of parents trying to make changes at home. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Seattle, Washington. 2010
- Phillips MM, Raczynski JM, Pulley L, Bursac Z, Gauss CH, Walker J. Arkansas adolescent response to childhood obesity. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Montreal, Canada. 2009
- Raczynski JM, **Phillips MM**, Bursac Z, Gauss CH, Walker J, Pulley L. Arkansas parental response to childhood obesity. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Montreal, Canada. 2009
- Walker J, **Phillips MM**, Bursac Z, Gauss CH, *Philyaw Perez A, Craig R*, Raczynski JM. Public school response to Arkansas childhood obesity. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Montreal, Canada. 2009
- Goodell M, **Phillips MM**, Gauss CH, Pulley L, Bursac Z, Walker J, Raczynski JM. Characteristics of survey non-responders among school administrators: Insights for improving response rates. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 2009
- Philyaw Perez A*, **Phillips MM**, Raczynski JM, Pulley L, West D, Bursac Z, Gauss CH, Walker J. School beverage vending access and purchasing patterns among Arkansas adolescents. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, California. 2008
- Talbot BA, Walker J, Ivory J, Philyaw Perez A*, **Phillips MM**, Raczynski JM. Evaluating the focus of statewide print media coverage of Arkansas obesity legislation. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, California. 2008

- Ivory J, Phillips MM, West DS, Bursac Z, Pulley L, Gauss CH, Walker J, Raczynski JM.* Parental knowledge and beliefs about childhood obesity-related co-morbidities. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, California. 2008
- Philyaw Perez A, Phillips MM, Raczynski JM, Pulley L, West DS, Bursac Z, Gauss CH, Walker J.* School beverage vending access and purchasing patterns among Arkansas adolescents. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, California. 2008
- Phillips MM, Philyaw Perez A, Raczynski JM, Pulley L, West DS, Bursac Z, Gauss CH, Walker J.** Differences in response to obesity prevention and control activities by weight status: Data from the evaluation of Arkansas Act 1220. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, California. 2008
- Krukowski RA, West DS, Philyaw Perez A, Bursac Z, Phillips MM, Raczynski JM.* The role of weight-based teasing in the association between childhood overweight and academic performance. Oral presentation at the Obesity Society 2008 Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona. 2008
- Craig RL, Gauss CH, Bursac Z, West DS, Phillips MM, Raczynski JM.* School-based policies which include BMI surveillance does not increase inappropriate weight concerns among healthy-weight adolescents but does increase weight concerns among overweight adolescents. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C. 2007
- Montgomery BEE, West DS, Raczynski JM, Phillips MM, Gauss CH, Bursac Z.* Economic and educational factors do not explain racial differences in the accuracy of parental perception of overweight in their child. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C. 2007
- Philyaw Perez A, Shockey W, Brown S, Phillips MM, Walker J, Raczynski JM.* You want us to do what? An innovative response to complex state and federal regulations for school wellness policies. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C. 2007
- Philyaw Perez A, Phillips MM, Gauss CH, Evans VL, Bursac Z, Raczynski JM.* Parental actions for child health three years after Arkansas initiated BMI reports to parents. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C. 2007
- Phillips MM, Raczynski JM, West DS, Pulley L, Bursac Z, Gauss CH, Walker J, Montgomery BEE, Evans VL, Craig R, Philyaw A.** No evidence of unintended consequences following passage of Arkansas obesity legislation. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C. 2007

- Phillips MM**, Raczynski JM, West DS, Pulley L, Bursac Z, Gauss CH, *Evans VL, Philyaw A, Montgomery BEE, Walker J, Craig R*. School environmental changes resulting from Arkansas legislation to combat childhood obesity. Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C. 2007
- Evans VL, Phillips MM*, Gauss CH, *Birdsong MC*, Bursac Z, Raczynski JM. Who's first in line? Influencing student health through school policy change. Oral presentation at the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA. 2006
- Siddiqui NJ*, West DS, **Phillips MM**, Bursac Z, Raczynski JM. Weight-based teasing two years after schools in Arkansas initiated annual BMI screenings. Oral presentation at the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA 2006
- Evans VL, Phillips MM*. School nurses vs. dentists: Comparison of BSS screenings. Paper presented at the 2006 National Oral Health Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas. 2006
- Phillips MM**, Mouden DL. Surveillance on the cheap. Paper presented at the 2006 Oral Health Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas. 2006
- Yip FY, Zapata L, Phillips MM*, Chavez G, Robinson K, Pelletier A, Barson J, Lewis L, Backer L, Rubin C. Rapid health needs assessment among Hurricane Katrina evacuees – Arkansas, 2005. Paper presented at the EIS Conference: Atlanta, Georgia, April 2006. 2006
- Phillips MM**, *Evans VL*, Raczynski JM, Pulley L, Walker J, *Birdsong MC*. Early environmental policy changes in schools after Arkansas Act 1220. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Francisco, California. 2006
- West DS, Raczynski JM, **Phillips MM**, Gauss CH, Bursac Z, Pulley L. BMI screening significantly improves parent recognition of overweight. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Francisco, California. 2006
- Siddiqui NJ*, West DS, Bursac Z, **Phillips MM**, *Birdsong MC*, Raczynski JM. Weight-based testing does not increase when schools conduct BMI screening. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Francisco, California. 2006
- Kohler C, *Schoenberger YM*, **Phillips MM**. Evaluation of the N-O-T smoking cessation program in a real world setting. Paper presented at the National Conference on Tobacco and Health, Chicago, Illinois. 2005
- Phillips MM**. Preventing childhood obesity via statewide policy interventions: A first glance at Arkansas' Act 1220 of 2003. Paper presented at the Society of Behavioral Medicine Symposium, Boston, Massachusetts. (March 2005) 2005

- Kohler C, *Schoenberger YM*, **Phillips MM**. Effectiveness evaluation of a school-based smoking cessation program for adolescents. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, Prague, Czechoslovakia. 2005
- West DS, DiLillo V, Greene P, Bursac Z, **Phillips MM**. Motivational interviewing increases adherence to a behavioral weight control program. Paper presented at the 2004 NAASO Annual Scientific Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada. 2004
- Phillips MM**. Depression and adolescent obesity: Findings from NHANES III. Paper presented at the 16th Annual Research Conference, Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health, Tampa, Florida. 2004
- Phillips MM**. Targeting preventive diabetes care programs: Insights from the 2001 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey. Paper presented at the 17th National Conference on Chronic Disease Prevention and Control, St. Louis, Missouri. 2003
- Phillips MM**. Depression and potentially lethal ventricular arrhythmias. Paper presented at the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Salt Lake City, Utah. 2003
- Phillips MM**, *Lanzi RG*, Raikes H. Health and academic outcomes in former Head Start children: A national perspective. In: Raikes A, Raikes H, Phillips MM. Health status among former Head Start children and its effect on school. Paper presented at the 5th National Head Start Research Conference in Washington, D.C. 2000
- Phillips MM**. Parent involvement in children's early schooling. Paper presented at the Transition to School – Family, School and Community Supports Symposium at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, Massachusetts. (August 1999). 1999

Poster Presentations

- Phillips MM**, Raczynski JM, Bates J, Huff-Davis A, Taylor BE, Dawson L. Experience gained using community health workers to promote hypertension self-management in a rural community. Poster presentation, 2016 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 2016. 2016
- Willis N, **Phillips M**, Ryan K, Bursac Z, Ferguson A. Examining the strength of state habitability laws nationwide. Poster accepted for presentation, NEHA 2016 AEC and HUD Healthy Homes Conference, San Antonio, TX 2016
- Phillips MM, Goodell ME, Raczynski JM. Disparities in nutrition policy in Arkansas public schools. Poster presented at 2012 National Health Disparities Summit, National Institute for Minority Health Disparities, Washington, DC, December 2012. 2012

- Raczynski JM, Phillips MM, Goodell ME. Understanding disparities in school nutrition policies. Poster presented at 2012 National Health Disparities Summit, National Institute for Minority Health Disparities, Washington, DC, December 2012. 2012
- Talbot BA, Philyaw Perez A, Walker J, Phillips MM, Raczynski JM. Arkansas physicians' perceptions of statewide childhood obesity legislation and initiatives. Poster presented at the 139th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. 2011
- Philyaw Perez A, Montgomery J, Phillips MM, Moore P, Walker J, Raczynski JM. Do they really listen? The effect of parent messages and weight status on adolescent food choices. Poster presented at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral medicine, Washington, D.C. 2011
- Montgomery J, Philyaw Perez A, Phillips MM, Moore P, Walker J, Raczynski JM. Computer in bedroom and sedentary activity adjusting for gender, race, SES and weight status in adolescents. Poster presented at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Washington, D.C. 2011
- Bursac Z, Williams DK, Moore P, Gauss CH, Goodell M, West DS, Phillips MM, Raczynski JM. Comparison of quadratic inference functions and generalized estimating equations: Longitudinal case study of Act 1220 of 2003 health policy in Arkansas. Poster presented at the Joint Statistical Meetings, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. 2010
- Philyaw Perez A, Krukowski R, Phillips MM, Bursac Z, Raczynski JM. The School Cafeteria Nutrition Assessment (SCNA) tool: A novel approach to assessing food availability in public school cafeterias. Poster presented at the 7th International Conference on Diet and Activity Methods, Washington, D.C. 2009
- Phillips MM, Raczynski JM, Pulley L, West DS, Bursac Z, Gauss CH, Walker J, Craig R, Ivory J, Philyaw Perez A. Did we get what we expected? Measuring body mass index in schools. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, California. 2008
- Walker J, Phillips MM, Raczynski JM, Bursac Z, Gauss CH, Philyaw Perez A, Craig R. Arkansas school districts continue to change policies 4 years after legislation to improve nutrition and physical activity. Poster presented at the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Diego, California. 2007
- Phillips MM, Raczynski JM, West DS, Pulley L, Bursac Z, Leviton L. Statewide surveys of principals, superintendents, parents, and adolescents strongly suggest acceptability of Arkansas Act 1220 of 2003 to reduce childhood obesity. Poster presented at the 46th Annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention, Phoenix, Arizona. 2006
- Pulley L, Gauss CH, Evans VL, Bursac Z, Raczynski J, Phillips MM. Correlation of parental proxy and adolescent self-report of physical activity. Poster presented at the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Francisco, CA. 2006

- Ohsfeldt R, Phillips MM, Balamurugan A, Hughes TE. Cost-effectiveness of a diabetes education program for Medicaid patients. Poster presented at the 65th American Diabetes Association Scientific Sessions. 2005
- Bursac Z, Phillips MM, Gauss CH, Pulley L, West DS, Raczynski J. Arkansas Act 1220 Evaluation: Multi-stage stratified surveys with PPS sampling. Poster presented at the Joint Statistical Meetings, Minneapolis, Minnesota. 2005
- Ohsfeldt R, Phillips MM, Balamurugan A, Hughes TE. Economic evaluation of a diabetes education program in Medicaid patients. Poster presented at the Joint Statistical Meetings, Minneapolis, Minnesota. 2005
- West DS, Phillips MM, Bursac Z, Pulley L, Gauss CH. Do parents recognize when their children are overweight? Poster presented at the Society of the Behavioral Medicine Symposium, Boston, Massachusetts. 2005
- Phillips MM, Raczynski JM, Pluto D, Cook J, Lockwood A, Koffman DM. Measuring community policy and environmental indicators of physical activity, nutrition, and tobacco use for cardiovascular health. Poster presented at the 1st National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Conference on Heart Disease and Stroke, Atlanta, Georgia. 2001
- Cook J, Lockwood A, Koffman DM, Pluto D, Phillips MM. Evaluating cardiovascular health indicators: A collaborative project. Poster presented at the 1st National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Conference on Heart Disease and Stroke, Atlanta, Georgia. 2001
- Turner Henson A, Phillips MM, Grad R, Bailey W. Asthma prevalence and morbidity in Head State graduates: A longitudinal perspective. Poster presented at the American Thoracic Society. 2001
- Turner Henson A, Phillips MM, Grad R, Bailey W. Asthma prevalence and morbidity in Head Start graduates. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Thoracic Society, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. 2000
- Pascoe JM, Lanzi RG, Phillips MM, Ramey SL. Mother's depressive symptoms and their children's acquisition of reading and math skills: A national longitudinal study. Poster presented at the European Society for Pediatric Research, Copenhagen, Denmark. 1999
- Ramey SL, Lanzi RG, Phillips MM, Ramey CT. Are children's early impressions of school predictive and meaningful? Poster presented as part of The Transition-to-School from Kindergarten Through Third Grade Symposium at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Albuquerque, New Mexico. 1999
- Phillips MM, Ramey SL, Ramey CT, Lanzi RG. Variation in implementation of the national transition demonstration project: Perspectives from the national evaluation. Poster presented at the 4th National Head Start Research Conference, Washington, D.C. 1999

- Lanzi RG, Phillips MM, Ramey SL, Ramey CT. Boys' and girls' transition to school: How are they faring and why according to the children, their parents, and their teachers. Poster presented at the 4th National Head Start Research Conference, Washington, D.C. 1998
- Pascoe JM, Lanzi RG, Phillips MM. Correlates of parental injury prevention behavior in a national sample of indigent families. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Ambulatory Pediatric Association, New Orleans, LA. 1998
- Phillips MM, Lanzi RG. Child and family ecological factors influencing use of a regular source of health care for former Head Start children. Poster presented at the 4th National Head Start Research Conference, Washington, D.C. 1998

Local/Regional Meetings

- "Measuring BMI in Schools: Lessons Learned from the Arkansas Experience," webinar presentation to grantees, Carol M. White Physical Education Program (United States Department of Education). 2011
- "Did We Get What We Expected? Measuring BMI in Arkansas Schools," oral presentation to 1st Annual School Health Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas. 2008
- "Act 1220 Evaluation Findings from Year 4: Where Are We Now?" at Child Health Advisory Committee Meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas. 2008
- "Introduction to Epidemiology" at Arkansas Public Health Science and Management Leadership Institute. 2008
- "The Need for Specialty Medical Services in Arkansas" at Telemedicine: Building an Infrastructure for Remote Medical Consultation," Fort Smith, AR 2007
- "Introduction to Epidemiology" at Arkansas Public Health Science and Management Leadership Institute. 2006
- "Act 1220 Update: Year 2 Evaluation Results": Winning Against Childhood Obesity: The 2nd Annual Conference on Implementing School-Based Environmental and Policy Changes to Reduce Childhood Obesity, Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health, University of Arkansas of Medical Sciences. 2006
- "Health Status of Arkansans" at 1st Annual County Health Officers' Retreat, Mt. Magazine, Arkansas. 2006
- "Health Status of Arkansans" at 1st Annual County Health Officers' Retreat, Heber Springs, Arkansas. 2006
- "Drew County: An Abbreviated Health Profile" at Drew County Hometown Health Coalition Meeting. 2005

“Battling Childhood Obesity: The Promise of Act 1220” at Seminar Series, Department of Dietetics and Nutrition, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.	2005
“Introduction to Epidemiology” at Arkansas Public Health Science and Management Leadership Institute.	2005
“Act 1220 Update,” Featured Speaker, First Annual Conference on School-Based Interventions for Nutrition and Physical Activity, College of Public Health, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, October 3, 2005.	2005
“Epidemiology and Public Health” at Careers in Health Change Behavior: Interactive Televideo Program sponsored by Partners in Behavioral Health, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.	2004
“Obesity Trends: Implications and Preventive Strategies” at Public Health Crisis: Weight Management Strategies for Clinical Settings. Mountain Home, Arkansas.	2004
“Obesity Trends: Implications and Preventive Strategies” at Public Health Crisis: Weight Management Strategies for Clinical Settings. Fayetteville, Arkansas.	2004
“Public Health Burden of Stroke” at Acute Stroke Treatment Program Workshop, American Heart Association, Little Rock, Arkansas	2004
“Introduction to Epidemiology” at Arkansas Academy for Public Health Leadership.	2004

Publications

(Names listed in italics are students or post-doctoral fellows at the time of manuscript preparation/submission)

Manuscripts Under Review

1. Balamurugan A, **Phillips M**, Selig JP, Felix H, Ryan K. The contribution of system factors to acute myocardial infarction mortality.

Peer Reviewed

1. Montgomery BEE, Marshall SA, Sanders S, **Phillips MM**, Cline M, Snowden M. Stakeholder identification of barriers and facilitators to sexual health education for female survivors of violence: A mixed methods study. *American Journal of Sexuality Education*, 2018, published online February 20, 2018.

2. *Willis N, Phillips M, Ryan K, Bursac Z, Ferguson A. The variability of habitability laws nationwide and relationship to state demographics. International Journal of Housing Policy, 2017, 17(4), 541-568.*
3. *Willis N, Phillips M, Ryan K, Bursac Z, Ferguson A. Examining the strength of state habitability laws across the United States of America. International Journal of Housing Policy, 2017, in press.*
4. *Washburn LT, Cornell CE, Traywick L, Felix HC, Phillips, MM. Barriers and facilitators to adoption of a lay-delivered community-based strength training program for women in rural areas. American Journal of Health Education, 2017;48(3):156-166.*
5. *Washburn LT, Cornell CE, Traywick L, Felix HC, Phillips MM. Volunteer delivery of a community-based strength training program: Comparison of adoption and non-adopting Extension educator perspectives. Journal of Human Sciences and Extension, 2016;4(3):124-142. Access at <http://bit.ly/2mM4DkH>*
6. *Washburn LT, Cornell CE, Traywick L, Felix HC, Phillips MM. Motivations of volunteer leaders in an Extension exercise program. Journal of Extension, 2015;53(6). Article 6FEA5. Access at <http://www.ioe.org/ioe/2015december/a5.php>*
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8. *Lee JY, Klimberg VS, Bondurant KL, Phillips MM, Kadlubar SA. Cross-sectional study to assess the association of population density with predicted breast cancer risk. Breast Journal, 2014; 20(6):615-621. (PMID: 25200109)*
9. *Cardenas VM, Breen PH, Compadre CM, Delongchamp RR, Barone CP, Phillips MM, Wheeler JG. The smoking habits of the family influence the uptake of e-cigarettes in US children. Annals of Epidemiology, 2015; 25(1):60-62. (PMID: 25453726)*
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Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health

COPH Web Design Team	2012
DrPH Faculty Leadership Committee	2010-Present
Academic Standards Committee	2009-2012
MPH Admissions Committee	2008-2010

National Panels

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation BMI Thought Leader Forum	2008
Expert Panel The Role of Schools in Addressing Childhood Overweight Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	2005
Research Committee CDC Prevention Research Centers Program	2001-2002, 2009-Present

Expert Panel Nutrition and Physical Activity Assessment and Policy in Schools Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	2001-2002
Evaluation Working Group Diabetes Control Program Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	2000-2002

Grants/Abstracts Reviews

Reviewer, Child Care Grants Administration on Children and Families Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services	2007
Abstract Reviewer 16 th National Conference on Chronic Disease Prevention and Control	2001-2002
Reviewer, Fellowship Applications ASPH/CDC Fellowship and Internship Programs	2000-2002

Arkansas Department of Health

Member, Hometown Health Improvement/Health Arkansas Steering Committee	2006
Member, Planning Committee, Arkansas Public Health Leadership Institute	2005-2006

Alabama

Alternate Senator University of Alabama at Birmingham Senate	2000-2002
State of Alabama Asthma Coalition	1999-2002
Organizer/Member Chair, Data and Surveillance State of Alabama Diabetes Coalition	1999-2002
Chair, Data and Surveillance Working Group State of Alabama Cardiovascular Disease Coalition	1996

Co-Chair, Leadership Development Committee 1995
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