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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Education Administration

University of South Carolina – Columbia, SC

2020 – 2024

Dissertation Title: Black MPH Internship Experiences in Racialized Organizations: Critical Counter-narratives for a More Racially Just Public Health Workforce

Master of Public Health

University of South Carolina – Columbia, SC

2015 – 2017

Practicum Experience: Evaluation of a Children’s Physical Activity Data Set. Policy Practices in Youth Programs

Bachelor of Science in Applied Science

Youngstown State University – Youngstown, OH

2010 – 2015

Internship Experience: Transitions and Activity Changes in Kids (TRACK). Children’s Physical Activity Research Group

WORK EXPERIENCE

Timeframe	Job Title	Job Description
Sep 2023 – Present	<p>Director of Applied Practice Arnold School of Public Health University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Serves as the bridge from academia to the public health workforce ➤ Oversees operation of experiential placements program ➤ Leverages design thinking to improve MPH student experience ➤ Ensures Council on Education and Public Health competencies are adequately demonstrated, assessed, and reported ➤ Utilizes data-informed decision-making to improve office efficiency ➤ Responsible for database management of placements ➤ Directs strategic planning for applied practice activities ➤ Manages professional staff to meet office goals ➤ Fosters relationships between employers and the Arnold School of Public Health ➤ Develops and identifies professional development programming for MPH

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ students ➤ Facilitates synergy between core MPH core courses and faculty
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<p>Aug 2021 – Sep 2023</p>	<p>MPH Core Course Coordinator Arnold School of Public Health University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health Columbia, SC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Served as the primary point of contact for the Master of Public Health (MPH) core courses and liaison between the core course team of instructors and Dean’s Office representatives ➤ Coordinated instructor team meetings, mid-term and end-of-term assessment documentation ➤ Facilitated synergy between face-to-face and online sections of the course ➤ Ensured Foundational Competencies and Foundational Knowledge remain integral parts of the course instruction
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<p>Sep 2017 – Sep 2023</p>	<p>Workforce Development Associate Arnold School of Public Health University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health Columbia, SC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Developed future public health workforce ➤ Coordinates experiential learning placement for MPH students ➤ Served as liaison between South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and Arnold School of Public Health regarding the placement of graduate assistants under the Post-Graduate Contract ➤ Fostered relationships between Employers and the Arnold School of Public Health ➤ Provided quantitative and qualitative practice and placement evaluation reports
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<p>Aug 2015 – May 2017</p>	<p>Changing Carolina Peer Leader Graduate Assistant Healthy Campus Initiatives University of South Carolina Columbia, SC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assisted with strategic planning and development of Changing Carolina Peer Leader Program (CCPL) program ➤ Served as CCPL executive board advisor ➤ Supervised logistics of presentations and outreach efforts & Co-taught HPEB 302
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

2024	Mentorship Hub Match: Mentor
2024	University of South Carolina Career Influencer Certificate Awardee
2024	Access & Collective Engagement Alumni Award Winner
2024 – present	South Carolina Public Health Association Mentorship Program
2024 – present	South Carolina Public Health Association Member

2024	Teaching Internship Mentor: HPEB 300
2023	Internship Supervisor for Undergraduate Public Health Senior Capstone
2023 – present	PH Spot Member
2023 – present	Governor’s Cup Committee Membership: Transportations Logistics Supervisor
2023	Course Coordinator: PUBH 678: Transforming Healthcare
2022 – present	Principal Investigator Graduate Placement Contract with DHEC (\$500,000)
2022	Youngstown State University Exercise Science Club Career Exploration Panel
2022	U101 Peer Leader Interview Evaluator
2021	M. Stuart Hunter Award Outstanding Teaching in University 101 Nomination
2021 – present	Chair ASPH MPH Professional Development Committee
2021	U101 Communications Panel
2021	U101 Faculty Alumni Panel
2021	Graduate Student Association Certificate of Excellence
2021	MPH Alumni Panel PUBH 730
2021 – 2024	Vice President Alliance of Latinx and Black Graduate Students
2021	U101 Peer Leader Interview Evaluator
2020 – 2021	Co-secretary of Graduate Assistants- GSA Presidential Cabinet
2020 – 2022	Liaison of Graduate Placement Contract with DHEC
2020	M. Stuart Hunter Award Outstanding Teaching in University 101 Nomination
2020	Delta Omega Fellowship Fund Applicant Reviewer
2020	U101 Scholarship Award Reviewer
2020	U101 Peer Leader Interview Evaluator
2019 – present	Facilitator in PUBH 678: Transforming Healthcare
2019	M. Stuart Hunter Award Outstanding Teaching in University 101 Nomination
2019	American Public Health Association Annual Conference: Exhibitor
2019	Public Health Society Career Exploration Panel Member
2019	Discover U of SC Reviewer
2018 – 2020	Carolina Judicial Council Member
2018 – present	Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health Mu Chapter Member
2018	M. Stuart Hunter Award Outstanding Teaching in University 101 Nomination
2017 – 2020	Exercise is Medicine Committee Member
2015 – 2017	AFLAC Fellowship Recipient

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Jenkins, Z.** (2024). Black MPH Internship Experiences in Racialized Organizations: Critical Counter-narratives for a More Racially Just Public Health Workforce. [Doctoral dissertation, University of South Carolina].
2. Hopkins, K. Greene, S., **Jenkins, Z.**, Yao, C. (2024). The Experiences of International Students’ Spouses in the United States. Comparative and International Education Society.
3. **Jenkins, Z.**, Yao, C. (2023). A Critique of Race-Neutrality Discourse Among Internship Benefits: A Critical Discourse Analysis. Association for the Study of Higher Education.
4. Tran, H., **Jenkins, Z.** (2023). Cultivating Humanized and Inclusive Workplaces with Talent-centered Education Leadership. In *Leadership in turbulent times: Cultivating diversity and inclusion in the P-12 Education Workplace*. Emerald Publishing Limited, Bingley, 149-166.
5. Tran, H., **Jenkins, Z.** (2022). Embracing the Future of Education Work with Talent Centered Education Leadership *Journal of Education Human Resources* 40(2), 266-276.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Jenkins, Z.** (2024). Leveraging Design Thinking for Crafting Meaningful Internship Experiences. Center for Research on College-Workforce Transitions Fall Conference: Amplifying Student Voices: Advancing Career Wellness & Success. Madison, WI. (Accepted).
2. Yao, C., Greene, S., Harshe, G., **Jenkins, Z.**, Sediqi, Z. (2024). From Global to Local: Rethinking Support Systems for USC’s International Community. University of South Carolina Graduate Education Summit. Columbia, SC.
3. **Jenkins, Z.** (2023). A Critique of Race-Neutrality Discourse Among Internship Benefits: A Critical Discourse Analysis. Association for the Study of Higher Education. Minneapolis, MN.
4. **Jenkins, Z.** (2022). Critical Policy Analysis A Critical Policy Analysis of Unpaid Internships: Policy Failures and Opportunities for Universities. American Educational Research Association. (Accepted).
5. **Jenkins, Z.** (2021). Practicum Presentation: Evaluation of a Children’s Physical Activity Data Set. Practicum presentation delivered during Practicum Final Report, Columbia, SC.
6. **Jenkins, Z.** AERA (2021) Conference Cinematic Intersections (Get Out): You Want Our Talent, But Do You Want Us? Creating More Inclusive Education Work Spaces through Talent Centered Education Leadership. American Educational Research Association. (Video Presentation).

INSTRUCTOR AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2024	EDLP 317: Law and Policy Studies in Education
Spring 2022 – present	HPEB 300: Introduction to Health Promotion Education and Behavior
Fall 2018 – Fall 2022	University 101: The Student in the University
Fall 2019 – Spring 2020	PUBH 700: Perspectives in Public Health (Teaching Assistant)

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

2019	Career Champion III: Core Competency Development
2019	Career Champion II: Experience Outcomes
2018	Leadership Enrichment and Development (LEAD) II: Effective Management
2018	Leadership Enrichment and Development (LEAD) I: Supervisory Essentials
2018	National Board of Public Health Examiners: Certified in Public Health
2017	Career Champion I: Career Outcomes
2015	Introduction to the Incident Command System: FEMA ICS-100
2015	National Incident Management System: FEMA NIMS

SKILLS AND TALENTS

Leadership

Adaptive Leadership
 Culture Building
 Creative Problem Solving

Software and Computer

Microsoft Office 365
 SAS
 SPSS

Critical Visionary Thinking
Collaboration
Career Counseling
Empowering Management
Qualitative Data Analysis

Creativity

Content Creation (e.g., podcasts, songs, TikTok, videos, stories, etc.)

Academic

Professional Writing (e.g., manuscripts, journal articles, briefs, etc.)
Public speaking (e.g., lectures, professional speaking, moderating, etc.)
Facilitation Specialist
Grant and Award Fund Management
Knowledge of University Policies and Procedures
Event Planning

RStudio
NVivo
Canva
Articulate
Audacity
Adobe
Movavi