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Education

M.A. Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 2009
Cumulative GPA: 3.63/4.0

B.A. University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse, Wisconsin, May 2004
Major: Sociology **Minors:** Biology, Psychology
Cumulative GPA: 3.79/4.0
Graduated with highest honors

Youth Work Certificate, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Summer 2004

Professional Experience

Associate Research Specialist, *Center for Urban Population Health*, May 2007-Current

- Recruited, consented, and enrolled participants in studies
- Designed survey instruments and focus group guides
- Created electronic surveys using TeleForm program
- Completed project summaries and grant reports
- Documented project activities for IRB review
- Created GIS maps
- Conducted GIS analysis
- Wrote application and awarded funding to support undergraduate student researchers

Teaching Assistant, *University of Wisconsin Milwaukee*, August 2005- June 2007

- Utilized Turning Point, PowerPoint, and online course management tools
- Taught research methods labs
- Aided in the development of lab exercises
- Assisted students as they developed proposal
- Graded student papers
- Developed test questions

Research Intern, *Public Policy Forum*, January 2006-September 2006

- Co-authored three research reports
- Conducted quantitative data analysis for research reports
- Aided in design and pretest of survey instruments
- Created tables and analyzed income data from U.S. Census Bureau and the IRS
- Edited co-workers' research reports

Youth Development Specialist, *YWCA*, October 2002 to August 2005

- Wrote successful grant applications
- Participated in search and screen process for a new program director
- Designed training manual for future program director
- Facilitated weekly group meetings
- Worked on programming and presentations for youth ages 15-20
- Facilitated small groups and supervised youth delegates at statewide conferences
- Studied HIV prevention techniques

Americorps, La Crosse YES Americorps, September 2004 to August 2005

- Served on development team for city wide Martin Luther King Day youth program
- Maintained an after school program for rural youth ages 5-12
- Worked as a youth development specialist at YWCA

Current Projects

Project Co-Coordinator – Project Health–March 2009– Present

Project Health created an alternative project based health curriculum for students who had previously failed a high school health class. The project is designed to be offer students an interactive experience with technology and increase students understanding of essential health concepts. The project is funded through a partnership with the Milwaukee Public School District.

Project Coordinator – A Bilingual Family Support Program of Pregnant/Parenting Adolescents and their Co-parenting Partners– September 2008 – Present

The Young Parenthood Project is designed to work with teen parents on developing positive co-parenting skills. The project works to improve teens' communication and negotiation skills during pregnancy and after a baby's birth. The project is funded by the Office of Population Affairs.

Evaluation Assistant – Group Prenatal Care for Vulnerable Pregnant Teens: Building Self-Efficacy and Social Support - March 2008 – Present

The purpose of this project is to determine the feasibility of using a modified version of the CenteringPregnancy Program (CPP), a patient-centered group prenatal care intervention to reach pregnant teens in a school setting and improve their birth and school attendance outcomes. Funded by the Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future.

Evaluation Assistant – Safe Mom Safe Baby – July 2008-Present

This three-year project will identify pregnant women and new mothers at risk for intimate partner violence at multiple Aurora and community-based health care sites and provide targeted assessments, case management, education, prenatal care, advocacy and mentors, and effective stage-based clinic and in-home interventions to improve the health and safety outcomes of women and their children. Funded by the Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future.

Research Specialist – Susan G. Komen for the Cure: Breast Cancer Community Profile – August 2008 - Present

The goal of this project is to assist the Milwaukee Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® to complete a community profile describing the state of breast cancer across eight southeastern Wisconsin counties. This community profile will be used to help Komen Milwaukee Affiliate leadership set funding priorities for community health grants and strategic initiatives.

Evaluation Assistant - United Way Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program- March 2008-present

Help create and pretest an instrument to measure outcomes across all funded programs and other city-wide teen pregnancy prevention programs. Funded by the United Way of Greater Milwaukee.

Project Coordinator- Health Care Task Force on Pre- and Inter-Conception Care.

August 2007- November 2009

Assist in the development of a community based project to examine cultural competency around pre- and inter-conception care for women in the Milwaukee area. Involves developing and implementing a survey of women's health providers, assisting in the creation of focus groups questions, assist in the implementation of focus groups with women from different communities, analyzing outcomes, and write grant reports. Funded by the Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future.

Related Skills

- Worked with SPSS and Stata statistics programs
- Adept at utilizing statistical techniques including regression analysis and count data modeling
- Experience with TurningPoint, Excel, Word, PowerPoint, and other Microsoft programs
- Utilized survey monkey and TeleForm to create surveys
- Presented research findings to peers
- Conducted literature review for thesis and work related projects
- Completed graduate level survey methodology, research methods, and statistics
- Basic Spanish conversation skills

Professional presentations and publications

Lemke, M., Baumgardner, D.J., Brummitt, C.F., Swain, G.R., Buggy, B.P., Meidl, J.J., et al. Blastomycosis in Urban Southeastern Wisconsin. *Wisconsin Medical Journal*, submitted pending decision.

Lemke, M., Baumgardner, D.J., Brummitt, C.F., Swain, G.R., Buggy, B.P., Meidl, J.J., et al. (2009). Blastomycosis in Urban Southeastern Wisconsin. Poster accepted for presentation at *NAPCRG's 2009 Annual Meeting*, Montreal, QC (November).

Lemke, M., Baumgardner, D.J., Brummitt, C.F., Swain, G.R., Buggy, B.P., Meidl, J.J., et al. (2009). Blastomycosis in Urban Southeastern Wisconsin. Poster presented at the *Population Health Sciences 50th Anniversary Symposium*, Madison, WI (August).

Lemke MA, Baumgardner DJ, Brummitt C, Swain GR, Buggy B, Meidl J, Baeseman Z, Schreiber A. (2009). Analyzing risk factors for blastomycosis in urban areas. Oral presentation *URISA's GIS in Public Health Conference*, Providence, RI (June).

Lemke, M., Baumgardner, D.J., Brummitt, C.F., Swain, G.R., Buggy, B.P., Meidl, J.J., et al. Blastomycosis in Urban Southeastern Wisconsin. In: *Proceedings of the URISA GIS in Public Health Conference June 2009*; Providence, RI: 2009.

Lemke, M., Baumgardner, D.J., Brummitt, C.F., Swain, G.R., & Buggy, B.P. (2009). Blastomycosis in Urban Southeastern Wisconsin. Poster presented at the *Aurora Scientific Day Meeting*, Milwaukee, WI (May).

Lemke, MA, Bergstrom JP, Hamm C., Van Mullem, C. (2009). Cultural competency in urban clinics: Patient and provider perceptions regarding pre- and inter-conception care. Oral presentation at *The University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health Minority Health in the Midwest Conference*, Chicago, IL (February).

Bergstrom JP, Lemke M, Hamm C, VanMullem C. (2008). Pre- and inter-conception health care: A qualitative study of the pre- and inter-conception healthcare needs and experiences of urban women. Oral presentation at *American Public Health Association meeting*, San Diego, Ca (October).

Salm Ward TC, Lemke M, Frazer D, Cisler RA., Baumgardner DJ, Galvao L. (2008). Center for Urban Population Health: A Resource for Interdisciplinary and Community-Based Research in Milwaukee. Poster presented at *Creating Collaborative Research Conversations Lecture*, UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research, Madison, WI (April).

Affiliations

American Sociological Association

