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EDUCATION

- 2020 (Expected) Ph.D., Health Promotion, Education & Behavior, University of South Carolina
Advisor: Dr. Emily Mann
Activities: Preparing Future Faculty; Carolina Consortium for Health, Inequalities, and Populations; Global Health Research Group
- 2013 M.Sc., Global Public Health, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland
Thesis: Female Experiences of Adolescent Pregnancy in the Cook Islands
In-depth interviews of a purposively selected group of ten women were collected and analyzed by theme using NVivo software to explore the phenomenon of adolescent pregnancy from the perspective of the women who experienced it. The primary objective was to understand adolescent pregnancy in its cultural context.
- 2011 B.A., Public Health, Johns Hopkins University
Graduate Certificate, Risk Sciences & Public Policy

PUBLICATIONS

- White, A.L.**, Mann, E.S., & Larkan, F. (2018). Contraceptive knowledge, attitudes, and use among adolescent mothers in the Cook Islands. *Sexual & Reproductive Healthcare*, 16: 92-97. DOI 10.1016/j.srhc.2018.02.004.
- White, A.L.**, Mann, E.S., & Larkan, F. (2017). “You just have to learn to keep moving on”: young women’s experiences with unplanned pregnancy in the Cook Islands. *Culture, Health, & Sexuality*, DOI 10.1080/13691058.2017.1371336.
- Mann, E.S., **White, A.L.**, Beavin, C., & Dys, G. (Under Review). Foreign objects in college bodies: young women’s feelings about long-acting reversible contraception LARC.
- Mann, E.S., Rogers, P., & **White, A.L.** (Under Review). Medicaid recipients’ experiences with the promotion of immediate postpartum insertion of long-acting reversible contraception.
- White, A.L.** (In Preparation). Linking family planning media messages to contraceptive use in Timor-Leste.
- White, A.L.** & Merrell, M. (In Preparation). Understanding contraceptive care practices in rural South Carolina: an exploratory study.

CONTRIBUTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 Mann, E.S., **White, A.L.**, Beavin, C., & Dys, G. *Foreign objects in college bodies: college women’s feelings about long-acting reversible contraceptives*. Anticipated poster presentation for the North American Forum on Family Planning Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- 2018 **White, A.L.** & Merrell, M. *Exploring contraceptive care in rural South Carolina*. Poster presentation for the National Rural Health Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- 2018 **White, A.L.** & Mann, E.S. *The emotional life of contraception*. Poster presentation for the University of South Carolina Research Day, Columbia, SC.

- 2018 Rogers, P., **White, A.L.**, & Mann, E.S. *Acceptability and use of long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARC) among low-income women in South Carolina*. Poster presentation for the University of South Carolina Research Day, Columbia, SC.
- 2018 **White, A.L.** *Contraceptive knowledge, attitudes, and use among adolescent mothers in the Cook Islands*. Poster presentation at the Consortium of Universities for Global Health Annual Conference, New York, NY.

FELLOWSHIPS & FUNDINGS

- 2018 Fulbright Research Fellowship, Alternate
- 2018 Seung Yung Kim Graduate Fellowship, \$3,000, Walker Institute of International and Area Studies, University of South Carolina
- 2018 Dean's Office Research Travel Grant, \$600, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina
- 2018 Research Travel Grant, \$500, The Graduate School, University of South Carolina
- 2017 Arnold School of Public Health Doctoral Fellow, University of South Carolina
- 2011 Walsh Leadership Fellowship Award, \$15,000, Johns Hopkins University
- 2007 Hadden Scholarship, \$30,000, The Youth Foundation

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2016 - Present **Graduate Research Assistant, University of South Carolina**
 Work under Dr. Emily Mann on studies about reproductive health with a focus on access and use of contraceptives, including long acting reversible contraceptives (LARCs). Use qualitative research methods, NVivo & ATLAS.ti software, Zotero citation databases, and community-based approaches.
- 2017 - 2018 **Consulting Researcher, South Carolina Office of Rural Health**
 As part of the South Carolina Choose Well Initiative, designed and executed an exploratory study of contraceptive care practices in rural health clinics across South Carolina on behalf of the Office of Rural Health. Reported findings and opportunities to the New Morning Foundation.
- 2014 - 2017 **Senior Manager, Paragone Solutions, Inc.**
 Managed over \$700,000 in company contracts providing public health consulting for the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs. Contracts provided biosurveillance education and training to 500+ military and civilian stakeholders throughout the United States.
- 2011 - 2012 **Independent Research Fellow, Johns Hopkins University in Rarotonga, Cook Islands**
 Assessed the health needs, capacities, and assets of Cook Islands communities. Created targeted programming and events to educate and discuss prevention, treatment, and care of prevalent health problems. Advocated for increased health resources throughout the country through communications with national leaders and stakeholders, both governmental and non-governmental.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2016 - Present **Department of Health Promotion, Education, & Behavior, University of South Carolina**

Teaching Assistant

2017 Fall HPEB 553: Community Health Problems, Prof. Edena Meetze
In-person course, 120 students

2017 Fall HPEB 300: Introduction to Health Promotion, Prof. Edena Meetze
In-person course, 30 students

2017 Spring HPEB 553: Community Health Problems, Prof. Ken Watkins
Online course, 120 students

2016 Fall HPEB 511: Health Problems in a Changing Society, Prof. Mindi Spencer
In-person course, 100 students

Guest Lecturer

2018 Fall GRAD701: Teaching Assistant Orientation, Prof. Michelle Hardee
Topic: Veteran Teaching Assistant Panel

2017 Fall HPEB 511: Health Problems in a Changing Society, Prof. Mindi Spencer
Topic: Careers in Public Health Panel

2017 Fall HPEB 553: Community Health Problems, Prof. Edena Meetze
Topic: Introduction to Sexual & Reproductive Health

2017 Fall GRAD701: Teaching Assistant Orientation, Prof. Michelle Hardee
Topic: Veteran Teaching Assistant Panel

2016 Fall HPEB 511: Health Problems in a Changing Society, Prof. Mindi Spencer Topic:
American Government & the Legislative Process

2014 - 2015 **Social Sciences Department, Frederick Community College**

Adjunct Professor

2015 Fall Sociology 101, in-person course, 30 students

2015 Summer Sociology 101, in-person course, 12 students

2015 Spring Sociology 101, in-person course, 8 students

2014 Fall Sociology 101, in-person course, 30 students

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2017 - Present Society of Family Planning, Junior Fellow

2017 - Present American Public Health Association, Sexual and Reproductive Health Section;
International Health Section

2016 - Present South Carolina Public Health Association

2016 - Present State Alliance for Adolescent Sexual Health in South Carolina

2014 - 2016 International Society for Disease Surveillance

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

2017 - Present	Student Liaison – Sexual and Reproductive Health Section, American Public Health Association
2018	Abstract Reviewer – Asian & Pacific Islander Caucus abstracts submitted for the American Public Health Association Annual Conference
2018	Secondary Mentor – Magellan Scholar undergraduate student, University of South Carolina
2018	Poster Session Reviewer –Discovery Day, University of South Carolina