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CURRENT POSITION

07/2024-Present **Assistant Professor (Tenure-track)**
Department of Community and Global Health. Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health, Indiana University Indianapolis.

EDUCATION

2014-2019	PhD	University of South Florida College of Public Health Dissertation: Risk and resilience pertaining to mental health of youths attending a college in Kathmandu who were exposed to the 2015 earthquakes during their adolescence: A mixed method study
2014-2016	Graduate certificate	University of South Florida Institute for Translational Research in Adolescent Behavioral Health Service-learning project: Getting ready for tomorrow: A mixed methods evaluation of readiness towards implementation of evidence-based practice
2010-2011	Master of Public Health	The Hebrew University of Jerusalem International MPH Program Thesis: Association between gender and knowledge of HIV and AIDS among Nepalese population
2005-2010	Bachelor of Public Health	Pokhara University Thesis: Comparative study on quality of life and coping strategies of opioid dependent persons on methadone maintenance treatment in Nepal

ACADEMIC AND AFFILIATED APPOINTMENTS

06/22-06/24	Assistant Professor (Tenure-track)	School of Public and Population Health. Boise State University
06/20-05/22	NIDA Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service T32 Postdoctoral Fellow	Department of Epidemiology, College of Public Health and Health Professions and College of Medicine. University of Florida
2021- 2022	Writing group member (unpaid).	Stigma group: Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.
Fall 2019	Adjunct lecturer.	CPH4105:0001 Introduction to Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (graduate level). Department of Community and Behavioral Health, College of Public Health, The University of Iowa
Summer 2016- Spring 2019	Instructor of record.	Multiple courses. College of Public Health, University of South Florida

- 2016-2018 **Writing group member.** Secondary data group: Infant feeding. Department of Community and Family Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida.
- Fall 2014-
Summer 2016 **Graduate research assistant.** Department of Community and Family Health, Department of Global Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida
- Fall 2015-
Summer 2018 **Teaching associate.** Multiple courses. College of Public Health, University of South Florida
- Fall 2009 **Instructor.** Nobel College, Pokhara University, Nepal.

APPOINTMENTS OUTSIDE ACADEMIA

- 2019-2021 **Global Public Health Policy Analysis Specialist.** Policy Wisdom, LLC. (Consultancy, ~10hrs/week)
- 2013 **Co-Investigator.** Water and Health in the Nandamojo Watershed in Guanacaste Province, Costa Rica
- 2013 **Consultant.** USAID-funded Saath-Saath Project. FHI360, Nepal (Consultancy, ~30 days)
- 2011-2012 **Program Officer.** USAID -funded Saath-Saath Project. FHI360, Nepal (40hrs/week)
- 2011 **Trainer.** Community-oriented primary health care (COPC). Joint venture of The Embassy of Israel in Nepal, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Dhulikhel Hospital, Nepal (4 days)
- 2010 **Consultant.** Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). Kathmandu, Nepal. (~80 days)
- 2010 **Project Coordinator and Principal Investigator.** Promoting awareness and empowerment in Nepalese adolescents on HIV and AIDS and drug use. Nepal
- 2009-2010 **National Focal Point of Nepal.** Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS (GYCA).

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023-2024 Division of Research and Economic Development (DRED) Research Fellow. Boise State University.
- 2023-2024 ITHS Seminar Fellow. University of Washington.
- 2022-2023 ASSERT (Aligning Stakeholders and Structures to Enable Research Transformation) Fellow. Offices of the Provost and Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Boise State University.

PUBLICATIONS

Under-review

*Indicates student author

- 1** Jones R, Andrews JG, Dalton AF, Dixon BE, Dzomba BJ, Fernando SI, Pogreba-Brown KM, Reina Ortiz M, **Sharma V**, Simmons N, Saydah SH for the Track PCC Study Group. Tracking the burden, distribution, and impact of Post-COVID Conditions in

diverse populations for children, adolescents, and adults (Track PCC): Passive and active surveillance protocols.

- 2 Mishra SR, Ghimire K, Khanal V, Aryal D, Shrestha B, Khanal P, Yadav S, **Sharma V**, Khatri R, Adhikari B. The shifting landscape of health over 200 years in Nepal: A scoping review.
- 3 Reina Ortiz M, **Sharma V**, Hoare I. Ring Isolation and Diagnosis as a Strategy to Contain Early-stage Emerging Zoonotic Disease Outbreaks: Describing COVID-19 policies and outcomes in selected countries as a Case Study.
- 4 **Sharma V**, Lopez-Quintero C, Rahill GJ, Baldwin JA, Levin BL, Reina Ortiz M, Luitel A, Marhefka S. Discrimination, intersectional discrimination and mental health outcomes among youth survivors of the 2015 earthquakes in Nepal.
- 5 Fatemi C*, **Sharma V**, Bussing R, Lopez-Quintero C. Prevalence and Drug Correlates of Suicide Behaviors among College Aged Individuals; Analyses of the National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Published

- 1 **Sharma V**, Falise A, Bittencourt L, Zafarianian A, Hai AH, Lopez-Quintero C. Missing Opportunities in the Screening of Alcohol Use and Problematic Use, and the Provision of Brief Advice and Treatment Information Among Individuals With Alcohol Use Disorder. *Journal of Addiction Medicine*. 2023 Oct 3:10-97. DOI: 10.1097/ADM.0000000000001301
- 2 David AT*, **Sharma V**, Bittencourt L, Gurka KK, Perez-Carreño JG, Lopez-Quintero C. Exploring the Association between Serious Psychological Distress and the Frequency and Quantity of Tobacco, Alcohol, and Cannabis Use among Pregnant Women in the US. *Preventive Medicine*. 2023 Nov 10: 107770. DOI: 10.1016/j.ypmed.2023.107770
- 3 Bares CB, **Sharma V**, Lopez-Quintero C. (2023). Electronic cigarette and marijuana co-use patterns among adolescent naïve and tobacco users: Racial/ethnic differences. *Journal of Prevention*. 2023 Apr 11:1-9. DOI: 10.1007/s10935-023-00729-z
- 4 Budhwani H, **Sharma V**, Long D, Simpson T. (2022). Developing a Clinic-Based, Vaccine-Promoting Intervention for African American Youth in Rural Alabama: Protocol for a Pilot Cluster-Randomized Controlled Implementation Science Trial. *JMIR Research Protocols*, 11(4):e33982. DOI: 10.2196/33982
- 5 **Sharma V**, Cottler LB, Bares, CB, Lopez-Quintero C. (2022). Kratom use among US adolescents: Analyses of the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 70: 677-681. DOI: 10.1016/j.jadohealth.2021.10.009
- 6 **Sharma V**, Levin BL, Rahill GJ, Baldwin JA, Luitel A, Marhefka SL. (2021). Post-earthquake Self-Reported Depressive Symptoms and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and their Correlates among College-Youths in Kathmandu, Nepal. *Psychiatric Quarterly*, 1-15. DOI: 10.1007/s11126-021-09928-5

- 7 Cury JD*, **Sharma V**, Falise AM, Terry EL, Lopez-Quintero C. (2021). Racial-ethnic Differences in Reasons for Misuse of Prescription Medications Among US Adults. *Journal of Addiction Medicine*. DOI: 10.1097/adm.0000000000000932
- 8 Lopez-Quintero C, Warren T*, Falise A*, **Sharma V**, Bares C, Oshri A. (2021). Prevalence and drug use correlates of extra-medical use of prescription medications for sleep among adults in the United States: Results of the 2015–2018 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. *Pharmacology Biochemistry and Behavior*, 204, 173169. DOI: 10.1016/j.pbb.2021.173169
- 9 Ortiz MR, **Sharma V**, Casanova J, Corvin J, Hoare I. (2021). Developing Global Health Diplomacy-related Skills Using a COVID-19-like Epidemic Simulation as a Learning Strategy. *The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, 105(1), 59. DOI: 10.4269/ajtmh.21-0155
- 10 Hernandez I, **Sharma V**, Reina Ortiz M, Rosas C, Ochoa T, Izurieta R, Teran ET. (2020). HIV/AIDS-related knowledge and behavior among school-attending Afro-Descendant youths in Ecuador. *International Journal of Maternal and Child Health and AIDS*, 9(3). DOI: 10.21106/ijma.412
- 11 Shakya DR, Thapa SB, Kar SK, **Sharma V**, Uchida N, Reina Ortiz M, Chapagain G, Poudel CK, Bhattarai PR. (2020). COVID-19 across countries: Situation and lessons for pandemic control. *Journal of BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences*, 3(1): 9-27. DOI: 10.3126/jbпкиh.v3i1.30311
- 12 Reina Ortiz M, Grijalva MJ, Turell, MJ, Waters WF, Montalvo AC, Mathias D, **Sharma V**, Renoy CF, Suits P, Thomas SJ, Leon R. (2020). Biosafety at home: How to translate biomedical laboratory safety precautions for everyday use in the context of COVID-19. *The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, tpmd200677.
- 13 Marhefka SL, **Sharma V**, Schafer EJ, Turner D, Falope O, Louis-Jacques A, Wachira MM, Livingston T, Roig-Romero RM. (2019). ‘Why do we need a policy?’ Administrators’ perceptions on breast-feeding-friendly childcare. *Public health nutrition*, 22(3), 553-563.
- 14 Hernandez I, Reina Ortiz M, Yusuf KK, Ochoa T, Rosas C, **Sharma V**, Naik E, Saihu HM, Teran S, Izurieta R, Teran E. (2019). Risk factors for HIV and STI among female sex workers in a high HIV prevalent region of Ecuador. *Cogent Medicine*, 6(1), 1565292.
- 15 Reina Ortiz M, Le NK, **Sharma V**, Hoare I, Quizhpe E, Teran E, Naik E, Salihu HM, Izurieta R. (2017). Post-earthquake Zika virus surge: disaster and public health threat amid climatic conduciveness. *Scientific reports*, 7(1), 15408.
- 16 Marhefka SL, Green, SM, **Sharma V**, Mellins CA. (2017). “They said “be careful””: sexual health communication sources and messages for adolescent girls living with perinatally-acquired HIV infection. *AIDS care*, 1-5. DOI: 10.1080/09540121.2017.1300626
- 17 Hernandez I, Johnson A, Reina Ortiz M, Rosas C, **Sharma V**, Teran S, Naik E, Salihu HM, Teran E, Izurieta R. (2016). Syphilis and HIV/Syphilis Co-infection Among Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) in Ecuador. *American Journal of Men's Health*, 1557988316680928.

- 18 Hernandez I, Reina Ortiz M, Johnson A, Rosas C, **Sharma V**, Teran S, Naik E, Salihu HM, Teran E, Izurieta R. (2016). Risk Factors Associated With HIV Among Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM) in Ecuador. *American Journal of Men's Health*, 1557988316646757
- 19 Reina Ortiz M, **Sharma V**, Izurieta R. HIV Prevalence in Asia and the Pacific: an Ecological Approach to Inequalities in the Region. *Health and the Environment Journal* 2012; 3(3):66-77.

Preprints

- 1 Reina Ortiz M, **Sharma V**. (2020). Modeling the COVID-19 outbreak in Ecuador: Is it the right time to lift social distancing containment measures?. *medRxiv*.

Letter to the Editor/Commentary

- 1 Falise AM, **Sharma V**, Hoeflich CC, Lopez-Quintero C, Striley CW. (2023). Screening the “Invisible Population” of Older Adult Patients for Prescription Pain Reliever Non-Medical Use and Use Disorders. *Substance Use & Misuse*, 58(1), 153-159. DOI: 10.1080/10826084.2022.2148483
- 2 **Sharma V**, Reina Ortiz M, Sharma N. (2020). Risk and protective factors for adolescent and young adult mental health within the context of COVID-19: A perspective from Nepal. *The Journal of Adolescent Health*.
- 3 **Sharma V**, Reina Ortiz M. (2019). A holistic approach to redefining Nepal's health-care system. *The Lancet Global Health*, 7(3), e305.
- 4 Reina Ortiz M, Hoare I, **Sharma V**, Izurieta, R. (2015). State of the globe: Ebola outbreak in the western world: Are we really ready? *Journal of Global Infectious Diseases*, 7(2), 53.

Peer-reviewed abstracts

- 1 **Sharma V**, Castaneda E, Shum-Jimenez A, Bittencourt L, Lopez-Quintero C. (2022). Experiences of Discrimination, COVID-19 Related Mental Health and Substance Use Among Hispanic Youth. *Journal of Adolescent Health*. 2022 Apr 1;70(4):S97-8.
- 2 **Sharma V**, Reina Ortiz M, Marhefka S. (2018). Post-Earthquake HIV Risk and Mental Health: Perceived Inequities and Resilience among Adolescents in Nepal. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 62(2), S109-S110.
- 3 Barr AL, Schafer E, Roig-Romero R, **Sharma V**, Marhefka S. (2018). Factors associated with breastfeeding duration: SI of infant's grandmothers. *Pediatrics*, 142(1):682.
- 4 Le NK, Reina Ortiz M, Hernandez I, Rosas C, **Sharma V**, Teran S,... Izurieta R. (2018). Risky sexual behaviors associated with Human Immunodeficiency Virus Transmission among pregnant Ecuadoreans. Abstract Number 25. *International Journal of Academic Medicine*, 4(3):334.
- 5 Hernandez I, Reina Ortiz M, Rosas , **Sharma V**, Izurieta R, Teran E. (2015). Predictors of HIV-related knowledge and risk behavior among school-attending teenagers in Esmeraldas, Ecuador. *Tropical Medicine & International Health*, 20 (Suppl. I):285.

- 6 Hernandez I, Adegoke K, Rosas C, Ocho T, Reina Ortiz M, **Sharma V**, Izurieta R, Teran E. Prevalence of STI/HIV and factors associated with STI among female sex workers in Ecuador. *Tropical Medicine & International Health*, 20 (Suppl. I):285.
- 7 Reina Ortiz M, **Sharma V**, Izurieta R. (2015). Geographic Information System-based modeling of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ecuador using nationally collected data. *The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, 93 (4_Suppl):145 (484).

Additional publications

- 1 Reina Ortiz M, **Sharma V**. (2015). Ebola: From fever to fever and from victory to victory. Available from: <http://hscweb3.hsc.usf.edu/health/publichealth/news/fever-fever-victory-victory/>
- 2 **Sharma V**. (2011). Co-existence in Jerusalem, the way I saw it. VOW Magazine 2011. Available from: http://www.vownepal.com/portal/modules.php?name=Regulars&myaction=show&art_type=general&myid=3635
- 3 **Sharma V**, Tulchinsky, TH. (2011). Nepal's challenge of reducing the maternal mortality ratio in the Millennium Development Goals. ASPHER Blog. Available from: <http://www.blog.aspher.org/?p=44>
- 4 **Sharma, V**. (2010). Women and their participation: the Nepalese context. CIPE Youth Essay contest 2010. Available from: <http://www.cipe.org/essay/Women%20and%20their%20participation%20in%20the%20Nepalese%20Context.pdf>
- 5 Uprety AK, **Sharma V**, & Sharma N. (2008). 2008 National Youth Review Report on Progress Made on the 2001 UNGASS Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS: Nepal

Media coverage

- 3/1/2024 **Quoted as expert.** Who is most at risk of a fentanyl overdose? Here's what the data tells us. Carolyn Komatsoulis. Idaho Press. Available at: https://www.idahopress.com/news/local/who-is-most-at-risk-of-a-fentanyl-overdose-heres-what-the-data-tells-us/article_e56903c0-d0e5-11ee-b6c5-63ae88f355ea.html

Invited panels and talks

- 2/11/24 **Speaker.** How to formulate a research question. Nepal Institute of Mental Health, Research committee.
- 5/28/23 **Panelist.** Mental health of Nepali in the Americas, approaches to address their medical illnesses. 1st Americas Regional Nepali Health Conference.
- 12/2/22 **Speaker.** Substance use among adolescents and youth in Nepal. Nepal Tele-Teach Program.
- 12/15/21 **Speaker.** Mental health: Intersections with HIV and substance use. Capacity building web-series for mental health researcher in Nepal. Sponsored by the U.S. National Institute of Mental Health through a grant provided to George Washington University and coordinated by Transcultural Psychosocial Organization Nepal.

- 9/15/21 **Panelist.** Culture and health. College of Public Health, University of South Florida.
- 5/23/21 **Panelist.** Mental health matters: an introspective look at child and adolescent mental health. The Nepalese Association of Florida (NAF).
- 3/25/21 **Speaker.** Social determinants of health and youth mental health. B.E.S.T Academy, Tampa.
- 9/16/20 **Panelist.** Culture and health. College of Public Health, University of South Florida.
- 6/13/20 **Panelist.** Addressing mental health issues of migrant workers associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 Stress Management Information Desk, Embassy of Nepal, Washington DC, USA.
- 10/21/19 **Panelist.** Global health professions. Undergraduate studies, College of Public Health. University of South Florida.

GRANTS

Applied

- 2024-2026 *PI:* Vinita Sharma
Title: Subcontract with Idaho Department of Corrections (Letter of Intent submitted)
Awarding agency: PCORI Engagement Award: Capacity Building
Amount: \$300,000
- 2024-2027 *PI:* Ellen Schafer
Title: Subcontract with NAMI Idaho
Awarding agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services SAMHSA Statewide Consumer Network Program
Amount: \$36,000
Role: Co-investigator

Awarded

- 2022-2027 *PI:* Multi-site, multi-PI grant
Title: Tracking the burden, distribution, and impact of Post COVID-19 conditions in diverse populations for children, adolescents, and adults (Track PCC)
Awarding agency: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Amount: \$1,725,119
Role: Co-investigator
- 2022-2023 *PI:* Ellen Schafer
Title: Idaho Nutrition Data Needs Assessment Project
Awarding agency: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare
Amount: \$129,180
Role: Co-investigator

- 2019 *PI: Vinita Sharma*
Title: Risk and resilience pertaining to mental health of youths attending a college in Kathmandu who were exposed to the 2015 earthquakes during their adolescence: A mixed method study
Awarding agency: Office of Graduate Studies, University of South Florida
Amount: \$8000 in stipend, full tuition and fees with health insurance
- 2016 *PI: Vinita Sharma*
Title: Exploring HIV Syndemics among Adolescents in Nepal (EHSAN)
Awarding agency: Department of Community & Family Health, USF College of Public Health. Graduate Student/Post-Doctoral Research Awards
Amount: \$1000
- 2016 *PI: Stephanie Marhefka*
Title: Pilot data for an RCT study of an innovative smoking cessation program for people living with HIV
Awarding agency: Proposal Enhancement Grant, USF
Amount: \$25,000
Role: Graduate Research Assistant (grant preparation and staff recruitment)
- 2015 *PI: Stephanie Marhefka*
Title: Research towards implementing technology-based prevention with positives
Awarding agency: NIH (R21 MH108468)
Amount: \$275,000
Role: Graduate Research Assistant (grant preparation, recruitment, dissemination of findings)
- 2015 *PI: Julie Baldwin and Dina Martinez-Tyson*
Title: The Syndemic Nature of HIV/AIDS among Indigenous Populations in Latin America: Risk and Resilience (assisted as a GA) amounting funded by 2015
Awarding agency: Interdisciplinary Team Award, University of South Florida
Amount: \$100,000
Role: Graduate Research Assistant (grant preparation)
- 2015 *PI: Stephanie Marhefka*
Title: Preliminary data collection towards leveraging childcare workers to promote and support breastfeeding
Awarding agency: University of South Florida College of Public Health Individual Investigator Awards.
Amount: \$20,000
Role: Graduate Research Assistant (grant preparation, IRB submission, data analysis, dissemination of findings, manuscript preparation and publication)
- 2014 *PI: Stephanie Marhefka*
Title: Formative work towards developing an innovative STI and unintended pregnancy risk reduction intervention among young, high-risk women
Awarding agency: Women's Health Collaborative Grant, University of South Florida
Amount: \$12,000
Role: Graduate Research Assistant (grant preparation, IRB submission, data analysis)

2010 *PI:* Vinita Sharma
Title: Promoting awareness and empowerment in Nepalese adolescents on HIV and AIDS and drug use
Awarding agency: Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS
Amount: \$1,000

Approved but not funded

2023 *PI:* Vinita Sharma (multi-site, multi-PI grant)
Title: Advancing Policy as a Public Health Intervention to Reduce Morbidity, Mortality and Disparities in HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STDs, and Tuberculosis; PS-23-0009
Agency: CDC (sub-award through University of Washington)
Amount: \$50,000

Not funded

2024 *PI:* Vinita Sharma
Title: Does it work? Assessing the evidence of inUpowers
Agency: Idaho Department of Commerce
Amount: 85,735

2023 *PI:* Vinita Sharma
Title: Preventing Adolescent Substance use Through grandparents (PAST)
Agency: Boise State University Institute for the Study of Behavioral Health and Addiction (ISBHA)
Amount: \$15,000

2023 *PI:* St. Alphonsus Health System
Title: Healthy Families Community-Based Perinatal Health Initiative (COPHI)
Agency: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH)
Amount: \$98,613

2023 *PI:* Vinita Sharma
Title: Reducing the Effects of Smoke-related Problems in Idahoans with Respiratory Symptoms and/or Asthma' (¡RESPIRA!)
Agency: Boise State Resource Nexus for Sustainability (RNS)
Amount: \$98,613

2022 *PI:* Vinita Sharma
Title: Maximizing Early Health Interactions to Improve Substance use-related Care in Idaho (MEHIIS-Idaho)
Agency: NIH (KL2) through University of Washington
Amount: \$472,731

2022 *PI:* Eklas Hossain
Title: Towards a healthy Idaho: From a climate change perspective
Agency: Healthy Idaho Grand Challenge
Amount: \$200,000
Role: Co-investigator

- 2021 *PIs:* Catalina Lopez-Quintero and Cristina Bares
Title: Trajectories of nicotine and marijuana use and co-use: a bioecological perspective
Agency: NIH (R01)
Amount: \$1,746,620
Role: Other Significant Contributor
- 2021 *PI:* Vinita Sharma
Title: Understanding U.S. primary care physicians' PrEP-prescribing practices to people with co-occurring injecting drug use and mental disorders through intersectional stigma lens.
Agency: NIH (K01)
- 2020 *PI:* Vinita Sharma
Title: Understanding intersectional stigma towards HIV, substance use and mental health problems from the perspective of people at high risk of HIV
Agency: 2021 Thomas H. Maren Junior Investigators Fund Postdoctoral Award, University of Florida (Letter of Intent submitted)
- 2020 *PIs:* Catalina Lopez-Quintero and Cristina Bares
Title: Disparities in e-cigarette use trajectories
Agency: NIH (RFA-OD-19-022, R21)
Amount: \$391,902
Role: Other Significant Contributor

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY: CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Oral presentation

- 2023 **Sharma V**, Schafer E, Neher T, Hill A, Jordan M*, Afrin S*, Flores D*. Successful strategies for implementing SNAP-ed in rural Idaho communities. In *American Public Health Association (APHA) 2023 Annual Meeting & Expo. Atlanta, GA, Nov 12-15, 2023.*
- 2023 Bidaburu M*, Smith M, **Sharma V**, Schafer E. Exploring information and support needs through tiktok for people with polycystic ovary syndrome. In *American Public Health Association (APHA) 2023 Annual Meeting & Expo. Atlanta, GA, Nov 12-15, 2023.*
- 2023 **Sharma V**, Wilson M*, Burke E. Reaching the hard-to-reach: Making harm reduction services work in rural Idaho. In *23rd WPA World congress of Psychiatry, Vienna, Austria, September 28-October 1, 2023.*
- 2023 Poudel S, Gm B, Poudel P, Gautam S, **Sharma V**, Yadav S. Where there is no psychiatrist: Filling the care gap by remote supervision model of integrated mental health care. In *23rd WPA World congress of Psychiatry, Vienna, Austria, September 28-October 1, 2023.*
- 2023 Yadav S, Sharma K, Kafle R, **Sharma V**, Paudel S. Social media based mental health literacy program in Nepal to reduce stigma and promote care seeking behavior. In *23rd WPA World congress of Psychiatry, Vienna, Austria, September 28-October 1, 2023*
- 2023 **Sharma V**. What you don't know can harm you... and your grandchildren. In *7th ASSERT Cohort Pitch Event, Boise State University, ID. September 19, 2023.*

- 2021 **Sharma V.** Racial disparity and funding. In *NIDA-T32 Monthly Mentor-Mentee Meeting, University of Florida, FL, USA. November 15, 2021.*
- 2021 Fatemi C*, **Sharma V.**, Vaddiparti K, Lopez-Quintero C. Effect of the intersection between sexual identity and race-ethnicity on patterns of alcohol use: Analyses of the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2015-2019. In *2021 Florida HIV CPR Conference: Connecting Community, Providers, & Researchers (Virtual), April 29-30, 2021.*
- 2021 Lopez-Quintero C, **Sharma V.** Reporting of race and racial categories. In *NIDA-T32 Monthly Mentor-Mentee Meeting, University of Florida, FL, USA. March 8, 2021.*
- 2021 Cury J*, **Sharma V.**, Falise A*, Lopez-Quintero C. Racial-Ethnic Differences in Reasons for misuse of prescription medications: Analyses of the National Survey of Drug Use and Health 2015 to 2018. In *American Psychopathological Association Virtual Meeting, March 4-6, 2021.*
- 2020 **Sharma V.** Mental health risk factors and ways of protection in adolescents and adults in COVID-19: An example from Nepal. In *2nd International Congress on Occupational Health and Safety in Health Agencies, Turkey, (Dec. 16-Dec.19) (online).*
- 2020 Reina Ortiz M, **Sharma V.**, Hoare I, Casanova J, Corvin J. Developing global health diplomacy skills in a professional global health program. Submitted to the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Association of Schools & Programs of Public Health to be held in Arlington, VA, USA. March 18-20, 2020 (COVID-cancellation)
- 2020 Lopez-Quintero C, **Sharma V.**, David A*, Escamilla- Sanchez O, Castaneda E*, Bares C. Racial-ethnic differences in trends of past 30-days alcohol, cigarette and cannabis use among pregnant women in the US. In *NHSN at 20: NHSN at 20: The Legacy and Future Impact of Substance Abuse Research in Underrepresented Communities (Oct.14-Oct.16).*
- 2019 **Sharma V.**, Reina Ortiz M, Hoare I, Thomas N, Salinas A. Reproductive behavior in post-earthquake Nepal: A comparison using a national-level survey. Oral Presentation. American Public Health Association (APHA) 2019 Annual Meeting & Expo. Philadelphia, PA, USA. November 2-6, 2019
- 2017 Turner D, Lockhart E, **Sharma V.**, & Marhefka SL. (2017, November). Views of frontline HIV service providers and advocates on ehealth programs for HIV care and services. In *APHA 2017 Annual Meeting & Expo (Nov. 4-Nov. 8).* American Public Health Association.
- 2017 Barr A, Schafer E, Roig-Romero R, **Sharma V.**, Thompson EL, Daley EM, & Marhefka SL. (2017, November). Factors associated with breastfeeding duration: Positive social influence of maternal grandmothers. In *APHA 2017 Annual Meeting & Expo (Nov. 4-Nov. 8).* American Public Health Association.
- 2017 Schafer E, Barr A, Huynh MP, Thompson EL, **Sharma V.**, Roig-Romero R, ... & Marhefka SL. (2017, November). Feeding infants cereal and solid foods: Factors associated from birth to 4 months. In *APHA 2017 Annual Meeting & Expo (Nov. 4-Nov. 8).* American Public Health Association.

- 2016 **Sharma V**, Rollins C, Walker A. Implementation matters: Considering implementation factors of evidence-based practices at a community agency. American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Expo.
- 2016 **Sharma V**, Rollins C, Walker A. Getting ready for tomorrow: A mixed-methods evaluation of organizational readiness towards implementation of evidence-based practice at Agency for Community Treatment Services (ACTS). 29th Annual Research & Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health
- 2015 Reina Ortiz M, Hernandez I, **Sharma V**, Rosas C, Ochoa T, Teran E, Izurieta R. Predictors of HIV/AIDS-related Knowledge and Sexual Behavior among School attending Teenagers in Esmeraldas, Ecuador. American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Expo.
- 2015 Adegoke K, Hernandez I, Ochoa T, Rosas C, **Sharma V**, Reina M, Teran E, Izurieta R. Prevalence of STI/HIV and factors associated with STI among female sex workers in Ecuador. American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Expo.
- 2012 Reina Ortiz M, **Sharma V**, Izurieta R. Ecuador's Progress towards MDG5. Abstract Accepted for oral presentation at the II National Meeting of Tropical Medicine and Research in Quito, Ecuador
- 2012 Reina Ortiz M, **Sharma V**. HIV Prevalence in Asia and the Pacific: An Ecological Approach to Inequalities in the Region. Abstract accepted for oral presentation at the 2012 Population Association of America, San Francisco, CA

Poster presentation

- 2024 Ortiz MR, Gertz A, Saint-Cyr N, Vasquez M, Francois MJ, Chen H, Tyson DM, Marhefka-Day S, **Sharma V**, Phan P, Thirumurthy H. Feasibility, acceptability of a behavioral economics intervention to optimize retention in HIV Care in Latinos with HIV. In *36th National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS, Orlando, FL, May 22-25, 2024 (planned)*.
- 2024 Blanchard BE, Austin EJ, **Sharma V**, Chase E, Rouvere J, Johnson M, Sams N, Leyde S, Williams F, Frost MC, Tsui JI, Collins SE, Fortney JC. Harm Reduction Strategies to Support Primary Care Patients Who Use Stimulants and/or Opioids. In *ITHS Expo, May 14, University of Washington, 2024*.
- 2024 **Valdez D***, Sharma V. Decoding the Digital Nexus: Investigating the Relationship Between Adolescent Technology Use and Suicidal Ideation/Attempts. In *the 25th Annual University of Maryland National Conference for McNair Scholars and Undergraduate Research, Maryland, MD, March 14-17, 2024*.
- 2023 Reina Ortiz M, **Sharma V**, Vasquez M, Wint K, Francois MJ, Chen H, Martinez Tyson D, Marhefka S, Macis M, Phan P, Thirumurthy H. Attrition risk and enrollment in a retention in HIV care research study among Latinos Living with HIV in Florida. In *American Public Health Association (APHA) 2023 Annual Meeting & Expo. Atlanta, GA, Nov 12-15, 2023*.

- 2023 **Sharma V**, Luitel A. Mental health, discrimination and adolescence: Why gender matters. In *23rd WPA World congress of Psychiatry, Vienna, Austria, September 28-October 1, 2023*.
- 2023 **Sharma V**. Examining the impact of interactions between people who use substances and their healthcare providers: A proposed study. In *ITHS Expo, University of Washington, May 18, 2023*.
- 2023 McKeever J*, **Sharma V**. Vaping Prevention and Control Interventions Among Adolescents Within the United States: A Review of Present Literature. In *Undergraduate Research Showcase, Boise State University, April 21, 24, 2023*.
- 2023 Godfrey C*, **Sharma V**. Therapist evaluation Vs. Self-Perception: Which is a better predictor for the success of romantic interpersonal relationship? In *Undergraduate Research Showcase, Boise State University, April 21, 24, 2023*.
- 2023 Catalano A*, **Sharma V**. Prevalence and correlates of sleep deprivation among teenagers in Boise, Idaho. In *Undergraduate Research Showcase, Boise State University, April 21, 24, 2023*.
- 2023 Jordan M*, **Sharma V**, Schafer E, Neher T, Hill A, Afrin S*, Flores D*. Nutrition and social determinants of health needs in Idaho: Evaluating statewide needs and access to SNAP-Ed services. In *Graduate Research Showcase, Boise State University, April 11, 2023*.
- 2023 Bidaburu M*, Smith M, **Sharma V**, Schafer E. Exploring information and support needs through TikTok for people with polycystic ovary syndrome. In *Graduate Research Showcase, Boise State University, April 11, 2023*.
- 2022 **Sharma V**, Lopez-Quintero C, Fitzgerald N, Striley C, Varma D, Chaudhary P, Cottler L. Attitudes towards sensitive research among community members with lived experience. In *22nd World Psychiatric Association (WPA) World Congress of Psychiatry, August 3-6, 2022*.
- 2022 **Sharma V**, Castaneda E, Shum-Jimenez A, Bittencourt L, Lopez-Quintero C. Experiences of discrimination, COVID-19 related mental health and substance use among Hispanic youth. In *2022 Annual Meeting of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM), March 9-12, 2022*.
- 2022 **Sharma V**, Zafarianian A*, Falise AM*, Lopez-Quintero C. Individuals Diagnosed with an Alcohol Use Disorder: Who Receives What Healthcare advise? In *The ASAM 53rd Annual Conference, March 31 - April 3, 2022*.
- 2021 Thorat AD*, **Sharma V**, Falise A, Lopez-Quintero C. Are U.S. Parents Talking With Their Adolescent Children About Drugs? In *Center for Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, November 3, 2021*.
- 2021 David A*, **Sharma V**, Bittencourt L, Gurka K, Lopez-Quintero C. Factors associated with psycho-social distress among pregnant women in the US. In *Center for Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, November 3, 2021*.

- 2021 Garcia G*, Bittencourt L, **Sharma V**, Cottler L, Lopez-Quintero C. A typology of COVID-19 vaccine hesitant groups. In *Center for Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, November 3, 2021*.
- 2021 Ali R*, **Sharma V**, Bittencourt L, Lopez-Quintero C. Effect of the Intersection Between Sexual Identity and Attraction on Patterns of Alcohol Use Among Young Adults. In *Center for Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, November 3, 2021*.
- 2021 Pistella AW*, Bittencourt L, **Sharma V**, Bares C, Lopez-Quintero C. Intersectionalities of tobacco use in the U.S. In *Center for Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, November 3, 2021*.
- 2021 Cury J*, Falise A*, **Sharma V**, Terry E, Wang Y, Cook R, Lopez-Quintero C. Correlates of Medical Cannabis Use Among US Adults Who Report Misuse of Prescription Opioids for Pain Relief. In *Center for Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, November 3, 2021*.
- 2021 **Sharma V**, Lopez-Quintero C. Past 12-month prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases and drug use correlates among people living with HIV: Analyses of the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2015-2019. In *2021 Florida HIV CPR Conference: Connecting Community, Providers, & Researchers (Virtual), April 29-30, 2021*.
- 2021 **Sharma V**, Cottler LB, Bares, CB, Lopez-Quintero C. Kratom use among US adolescents: Analyses of the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. The College on Problem of Drug Dependence, 2021.
- 2021 **Sharma V**, Lopez-Quintero C, Marhefka S, Baldwin J, Levin B, Rahill G, Luitel A, Reina Ortiz M. Intersections of Discrimination: Casteism and Mental Health Outcomes among College-Attending Nepali Earthquake Survivors. In *American Psychopathological Association Virtual Meeting, 2021*.
- 2021 **Sharma V**, Lopez-Quintero Q. Intersections of discrimination and mental health outcomes among college-attending Nepali earthquake survivors. In *PHHP Research Day, University of Florida, FL, USA. February 11, 2021*.
- 2021 David A*, **Sharma V**, Lopez-Quintero C. Racial-Ethnic Differences in Trends in Alcohol Use Among US Pregnant Women: Analyses of the National Survey of Drug Use and Health 2002 to 2018. In *PHHP Research Day, University of Florida, FL, USA. February 11, 2021*.
- 2021 Lopez-Quintero C, Rubio S, **Sharma V**, Bares C. Correlates of Mobile Phone Accessibility Among US Adults with Alcohol or Drug Use Disorders and Mental Health Problems. American Psychopathological Association Virtual Meeting, 2021.
- 2019 **Sharma V**, Reina Ortiz M. Chhaupadhi: Views on an ancestral practice that negatively impacts reproductive health and deteriorates women's rights. Poster Presentation. American Public Health Association (APHA) 2019 Annual Meeting & Expo. Philadelphia, PA, USA. November 2-6, 2019.

- 2017 **Sharma V**, Reina M, Marhefka S. “Life is not how long we live but how well we live everyday”: Resilience and mental health outcomes among adolescents in post-earthquake Nepal. 9th Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium, USF.
- 2016 **Sharma V**, Graska T*, Turner D, Logan R, Schafer E, Brumley J, Louis-Jacques A, Marhefka S. Breastfeeding knowledge and attitudes among childcare workers in the Tampa Bay area: Opportunities for intervention. American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Expo.
- 2015 Reina Ortiz M, **Sharma V**, Izurieta R. GIS-based modeling of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Ecuador using nationally collected spatiotemporal screening and testing data. American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Expo.
- 2015 Turner D, Johnson A, **Sharma V**, Logan R, Marhefka SL. E-health video-group interventions for MSM living with HIV: Potential for increasing intervention reach. American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Expo.

Abstract published

- 2011 **Sharma V**, Lohani S. New perspectives into sexual risk behavior of clients of Methadone Maintenance Treatment in Nepal. 16th International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 2011 Reina Ortiz M, **Sharma V**, Lohani S. Health inequalities and HIV Risky Sexual Behaviour in Nepalese Population. 10th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific, Busan, Korea

CERTIFICATION

- 2019-Present Certified in Public Health (CPH). National Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE)
- 2021- Present Certified Health Education Specialist Examination (CHES). The National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant professor

- HEP240 Foundations of Health Education and Promotion (undergraduate). School of Public and Population Health, Boise State University. Spring24, Fall23, Spring23, Fall22.
- PPHL630 Determinants of Health I - Theoretical Background (doctoral). School of Public and Population Health, Boise State University. Fall23.
- MPH512 Advanced Prevention and Intervention Design (graduate). School of Public and Population Health, Boise State University. Spring24, Spring23.
- MPH513 Implementing and Managing Public Health Programs (graduate). School of Public and Population Health, Boise State University. Spring24.

Adjunct lecturer

- CPH4105:0001 Introduction to Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (graduate level). Department of Community and Behavioral Health, College of Public Health, The University of Iowa. Fall 2019

Instructor of record

- HSC4579.310F18 Foundations of Maternal & Child Health (undergraduate level). Department of Community and Family Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida. Spring 2019, Fall 2018. *Spring 2017, Spring 2016 (as a teaching associate)*
- HSC4464.311F18 Introduction to Health Disparities (undergraduate level). Department of Community and Family Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida. Fall 2018.
- HSC2130.003S18 Sex, Health and Decision-Making (undergraduate level).
Department of Community and Family Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida. Spring 2019, Summer 2019, Spring 2018.
- HSC4211.311S18 Health, Behavior, and Society (undergraduate level).
Department of Community and Family Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida. Summer 2018, Spring 2018, *Summer 18 (as a teaching associate)*
- HSC4579.310U16 Foundations of Maternal & Child Health (undergraduate level). Department of Community and Family Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida. Summer 2017, Fall 2016, Summer 2016.

Teaching associate

- HUN 2201 Nutrition (undergraduate level). Department of Community and Family Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida. Fall 2017
- HSC4172 Women's Health: A Public Health Perspective (undergraduate level). Department of Community and Family Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida. Fall 2017.
- PHC 6410 Social and Behavioral Sciences Applied to Health (graduate level) Department of Community and Family Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida. Summer 2015, Fall 2015.

Guest lecturer

- HLTH 497/597 Introduction to Global Health: School of Public and Population Health, Boise State University. Fall 2023
- PPHL610 Research Methods 1 (doctoral level): School of Public and Population Health, Boise State University. *Qualitative data analysis*, Fall 2023.
- HSC2130 Sex, Health and Decision Making (undergraduate level): Department of Community and Family Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida. *Adolescent sex behaviors*. Spring 2016.
- HSC2130 Sex, Health and Decision Making (undergraduate level): Department of Community and Family Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida. *Sexuality across the lifespan I*. Fall 2016.
- AEP206.3 Applied Epidemiology (undergraduate level): Nobel College, Pokhara University. *Social epidemiology*. Fall 2009.

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Summer 2020- **Pre-doctoral**

Summer 2022 Alyssa M Falise. Research Initiatives in Substance Use and Equity (RISE) Lab, University of Florida.

Graduate

Spring 2024 Jessica Buster. Chair. Supervisory Committee. Master of Public Health Student Thesis. Boise State University.

- Spring 2024 Babita Bhetwal. Member, Supervisory Committee. Master of Public Health Student Thesis. Boise State University.
- Fall 2023 Delmy Flores. Member, Supervisory Committee. Master of Public Health Student Thesis. Boise State University.
- Fall 2022 Matea Bidaburu. Member, Supervisory Committee. Master of Public Health Student Thesis. Boise State University.
- Fall 2020 Trey B Warren. Study of Teen Opioid Misuse and Prevention Research Lab (STOMP), University of Florida
- Undergraduate**
1. Boise State University.
- Fall 2023-Fall 2025 Daniela Valdez. The McNair Scholars Program at Boise State University.
- Spring 2023 Clover Godfrey. Undergraduate research showcase mentorship
- Spring 2023 Angelina Catalano. Undergraduate research showcase mentorship.
- Spring 2023 Jacob McKeever. Mentee for 10-week research fellowship awarded through the Idaho State Board of Education, Higher Education Research Council (HERC).
- Summer 2020-Summer 2022 **2. University of Florida. Research Initiatives in Substance Use and Equity (RISE) Lab**
3. University of Florida. Study of Teen Opioid Misuse and Prevention Research Lab (STOMP)
- Davis Cury, Gabriela Garcia, Ayomide David, Aditi Thorat, Gabriela Diaz, Rayaan Ali, Anthony W Pistella, Cyrus Fatemi, Amir A Zafarian
- Fall 2020 **4. University of Florida. Community Health-Oriented Mentorship Program (CHOMP)**
- Elle M Chumlongluk
- Spring 2017-2019 **5. Pokhara University. Nobel College**
 Shibu Shrestha: Knowledge and attitudes of students and teachers towards sex education in schools of Kathmandu (undergraduate thesis)
 Agya Khanal: Knowledge and utilization of adolescent-friendly sexual and reproductive health services among the in-school adolescents in an adolescent- friendly school of Lalitpur district (undergraduate thesis)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

University service

- 2024 School of Public and Population Health. PhD Program Application Committee.
- 2023-2024 Graduate Faculty Representative (GFR), College of Engineering. Boise State University. (Amir Botros, Sunjiul Islam, Ahmed Gaid, Jihan Gaid, Yaman Abou jieb, Nafiu Nawar).
- 2023-Present College of Health Sciences. Research Committee. Boise State University.

2023-Present	School of Public and Population Health, Faculty Affairs Sub-Committee: SPPH P&T Guidelines, Boise State University
2023	Judge. Graduate Research Conference. Boise State University.
2022	School of Public and Population Health, Student Affairs Committee, Boise State University
2022-Present	School of Public and Population Health, BS Public Health Champions, Boise State University

Professional membership/service

2024	Member. Scientific review committee. First International Conference on Community Mental Health. Jumla, Nepal.
2023-Present	Member. Idaho Behavioral Health Council, Protective Factors Implementation Team.
2023-Present	Member. American Public Health Association (APHA).
2023-Present	Abstract review committee member. Women In Medicine (WIM) Conference.
2023	Expert reviewer of substance use related sections within training materials of Idaho WIC Program
2021-2022	Volunteer. IDEA Syringe Exchange Program, Tampa.
2021-2022	Member-in-training. The College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)
2021-2022	Member, The Southern HIV and Alcohol Research Consortium (SHARC) Stigma Workgroup
2020-2022	Affiliate member, UF Center for Addiction Research and Education (CARE)
2020-2022	Member, The Southern HIV and Alcohol Research Consortium (SHARC) Community Engagement Workgroup
2020-Present	Board member, Nepal Institute of Mental Health
2019	Reviewer, Interdisciplinary Symposium on Qualitative Methodologies 2019, University of South Florida
2018-2019	Member, Eta Sigma Gamma, Delta Kappa Chapter
2017-2019	Member, Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine
2016-2017	Member, AAAS/Science Program for Excellence in Science
2015- 2018	Member, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
2015-2016	Secretary, Nepalese Students' Association (NeSA)@USF
2015	Guest speaker, Hillel Academy of Tampa
2012	Member, Population Association of America
2010 -2012	Member, International AIDS Society
2010-2011	Team Leader during two residential field practices on public health, Nepal

- 2010 Founding Member, national youth-led non-governmental organization YUWA
2009 Advocacy sub-committee member, Bali Youth Force, 9th ICAAP

EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2024 Ad hoc reviewer, International Journal of Methods in Psychiatric Research
2024 Ad hoc reviewer, Public Health
2021-Present Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Adolescent Health
2020-Present Ad hoc reviewer, European Journal of Health Psychology
2019-Present Ad hoc reviewer, Substance Use & Misuse
2018-Present Ad hoc reviewer, Health Prospect: Journal of Public Health
2015-Present Ad hoc reviewer, BMC Public Health

WORKSHOPS, TRAININGS, WEBINARS AND E-COURSES

- 2024 Inclusive Excellence at Boise State* (Virtual) with BUILD (Boise State Uniting for Inclusion and Leadership in Diversity) .
2024 Session 4: Bridging Systems through an Idaho Multisector Plan for All Ages. Continuing education series. School of Public and Population Health, Boise State University
2023 Using Inclusivity and Equity to Grade Written Assignments* (Virtual) with BUILD (Boise State Uniting for Inclusion and Leadership in Diversity).
2023 Reflecting on evidence of teaching (in-person). Center for Teaching and Learning. Boise State University.
2023 Advising LGBTQIA/Queer College Students* (Virtual) with BUILD (Boise State Uniting for Inclusion and Leadership in Diversity).
2023 Building a relationship-rich classroom. Center for Teaching and Learning. Boise State University.
2023 Introduction to LGBTQIA+ Identities* (In-Person). BUILD (Boise State Uniting for Inclusion and Leadership in Diversity)!
2023 5th Annual Women in Medicine Summit. Virtual.
2023 Idaho Juvenile Justice Association (IJJA) Conference. Nampa. Idaho.
2023 The Impact of AI on Higher Education: A Faculty Panel Brownbag Event. Center for Teaching and Learning. Boise State University
2023 Media Training Workshop. SciLine.
2023 Teaching in active learning classrooms. Center for Teaching and Learning. Boise State University
2022 Before Writing: Faculty Readiness and Submission Considerations. NIGMS Grant Writing Webinar Series for Institutions Building Research and Research Training Capacity.

- 2021 Dissemination and Implementation Short-course – Ready, Set, Sustain: Balancing Cost and Value Using Practical Implementation Methods. The University of Wisconsin Madison Institute for Clinical and Translational Research’s Dissemination and Implementation (D&I) Launchpad.
- 2021 The Stigma of Addiction Summit. National Academy of Medicine.
- 2021 Course Mapping Camp. The Center for Instructional Technology & Training, University of Florida
- 2021 Enhancing Health Disparities Research Related to Substance Use and Addiction: Research Gaps and Opportunities. National Institute on Drug Abuse
- 2020 Overview of Crucial Conversations as a Tool for Resisting Racist Ideas, Discrimination, and Microaggressions. UF Research Service Centers in the College of Engineering.
- 2020 ABCD Repro-Nim Course (Observer student). National Institute on Drug Abuse (R25-DA051675).
- 2020 Impact of COVID-19 on Alcohol Use in the U.S webinar. American Psychological Association.
- 2020 Mental Health Aspects of COVID-19 webinar. American Psychopathological Association, Inc.
- 2020 K Grant Writing Session. American Physician Scientists Association
- 2020 College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) 2020 Annual Scientific Meeting
- 2020 A virtual roundtable on impacts of COVID-19 on immigrants and refugees in the United States. Florida International University
- 2020 Joint display analysis for mixed methods research. Methodspace.
- 2020 Mental health and COVID-19: How the pandemic complicates current gaps in care and what can be done. Trust for America’s Health
- 2020 Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) for novel coronavirus (COVID-19). WHO
- 2020 COVID-19: Operational Planning Guidelines and COVID-19 Partners Platform to support country preparedness and response. WHO
- 2019 Applying the QM Rubric Workshop. Quality Matters
- 2019 “How to perform analyses in the light of ASA’s recent statement on p-values” Adolescent Medicine Trails Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions
- 2018 Humanitarian Response to Conflict and Disaster. Harvardx-PH558x
- 2015 Women’s leadership in doctoral education & careers in academia. University of South Florida
- 2012 The Virtual Leadership Development Program. USAID, MEASURE Evaluation and Management Services for Health (msh)
- 2012 Micro-planning process for HIV Prevention among Most at Risk Populations. USAID-funded Saath-Saath Project

- 2012 Research Capacity Building Workshop. USAID-funded Saath-Saath Project
2012, 2008 Research Ethics Training Curriculum. Family Health International

HONORS, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2022 American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Abstract Submission Honorable Mention: Associated Professional. 2022 Annual Conference Program Planning Committee.
2021 Registration Scholarship. Florida HIV CPR Conference.
2021 2021 CPDD Early Career Investigator Award. The College on Problem of Drug Dependence.
2021 Meeting Scholarship Award for 2021 American Psychopathological Association (APPA) Virtual Meeting
2019 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, USF Office of Graduate Studies
2018 Conference Presentation Grant Program (CPGP) Award, USF Student Government
2017,16,15 Student Honorary Awards for Research and Practice ('SHARP') Award
2016 Department of Community and Family Health, USF College of Public Health Graduate Student Research Award
2014 USF Graduate Fellowship
2013 Gem of LRI (Outstanding alumni) Award
2012 Population Association of America (PAA) Travel Award
2011 International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA) Scholarship
2010 International AIDS Conference Scholarship
2010 IMPH Scholarship, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (fully-funded MPH)
2010 Nepal Bidhyabhushan Padak, 'Ga' (national Summa Cum Laude)
2010 Nepal Chhatra Padak (national Summa Cum Laude among females)
2010 Vice-Chancellor Medal, Pokhara University, Nepal

LANGUAGES **Nepali, English and Hindi:** Advanced **Spanish:** Basic