

OLIVIA MAY POKOSKI

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

Epidemiology PhD

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin
School of Medicine and Public Health
Advisor: Maureen Durkin, Ph.D, Dr.PH

Master of Public Health

University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky
College of Public Health
Chair: Corrine Williams, Ph.D.
Graduate GPA: 4.0

May 2020

Bachelor of Public Health

University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky
Statistics Minor
Health Communication Certificate
Graduated with Honors from the Honor's College
Undergraduate GPA: 3.84, Summa Cum Laude

May 2019

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

2020 – Present

- Location: Waisman Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Mentor: Maureen Durkin, PhD, DrPh
- Responsibilities: Assist in cleaning and analyzing data for the Wisconsin Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network site and the Study to Explore Early Development (SEED) project

Graduate Research Assistant

2019 –2020

- Location: Graduate Center for Gerontology, University of Kentucky
- Mentor: Caitlin Pope, Ph.D.
- Responsibilities: Assist with study development/design, data collection, and manuscript preparation/submission related to executive functioning and driving

Summer Research Program Scholar

2019 Summer

- Location: Iganga, Uganda and Washington University in St. Louis
- Mentor: Shanti Parikh, Ph.D.
- Responsibilities: Assisted Dr. Parikh and the research team in developing questionnaires to ask female sex workers and their male customers about violence, masculinity, and morality in the sex work industry along the trans-African highway. Following this, we traveled to Iganga, Uganda to implement the questionnaire in various interviews with men and women of the community who were involved in the sex industry. Additionally, I raised money prior to leaving the United States in order to purchase reusable pads and other menstrual related supplies for school girls.

Undergraduate Research Assistant

2018 – 2019

- Location: Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center (KIPRC)
- Mentor: Svetla Slavova, PhD
- Responsibilities: Under the “Enhanced State Opioid Overdose Surveillance (ESOOS)” grant, I created monthly reports and success stories highlighting our progress as a team. Additionally, I input toxicology data from all known drug overdose deaths in Kentucky into REDCap to understand drugs leading to overdoses and used ArcGIS to pinpoint the address associated with a drug overdose to a physical location on a map.

2018 Summer

- Location: Department of Biostatistics, University of Kentucky
- Mentor: Heather Bush, PhD
- Responsibilities: Analyzed student response data from the “Multi-College Bystander Efficacy Evaluation (mcBEE)” survey and created publications to be distributed to each university that participated in the survey.

2016 – 2017

- Location: Department of Health Behavior, University of Kentucky
- Mentor: Katherine Eddens, PhD
- Responsibilities: Learned strategies to improve research methods and ensure their reliability/validity. Then developed and adapted measures about lung cancer screenings that were distributed to rural Appalachians.

Administrative Undergraduate Assistant

2017 – 2019

- Location: College of Public Health, University of Kentucky
- Responsibilities: Assisted professors of several departments in the College of Public Health with various clerical tasks and aided gerontology professors with different research projects.

HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2020 – Graduate Research Assistantship awarded from the UW School of Medicine and Public Health
- 2020 Welcome Check from the Graduate School at the University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2019 – 2020 Graduate Research Assistantship awarded from the Department of Gerontology in the College of Public Health
- 2016 – 2019 William C. Parker Scholarship for contribution to diversity and inclusion
- 2016 – 2019 Kentucky Heritage Scholarship for merit and academic achievements
- 2016 – 2020 Dean’s List of the College of Public Health

PUBLICATIONS

- Pope, C. N., Walshe, E., Bell, T. R., **Pokoski, O.**, Romer, D., & Winston, F. (in progress). A systematic review of executive functioning and driving performance across the lifespan. **Role:** Lead article screener, assist co-authors with data analysis and quality rating, and assist with manuscript editing.
- Rowles, G. & **Pokoski, O.** (illustrator). (2018). Housing for older adults. In A.S. Devlin (Ed.), *Environmental psychology and human well-being: Effects of Built and Natural Settings* (pp. 77-106). Retrieved from: <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-811481-0.00004-4>
Role: Created graphic illustrations for the text book chapter.

PRESENTATIONS

- Pokoski OM**, Furnier SM, Salinas A, & Durkin MS. Inclusion of Low-Income Children in Estimates of the Population Prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Data Linkage Study. Poster presentation at the 21st Anniversary of the International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) Annual Meeting; 2022 May 11-14; Austin, TX.
- Durkin MS, **Pokoski OM**, Furnier SM, & Salinas A. Prevalence and Characteristics of ASD Among Low Income Children & Adolescents in Wisconsin. Poster presented at the 20th Anniversary of the International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) Annual Meeting; 2021 May; Virtual.
- Pokoski OM** & Parikh S. Gendered Perceptions and Experiences of Violence in Sex Work in Iganga, Uganda. Presented at the 2019 Institute for Public Health Summer Research Program Research Symposium; 2019 Jul; St. Louis, MO.

Pokoski OM, Rowles GD, Guest A, Kruger T, & Lawson V. Representations of Aging among Eastern Kentucky University Undergraduates. Poster presented at the 14th Annual Center for Clinical and Translational Science Conference; 2019 Apr; Lexington, KY.

Achenjang NS, Fatah AA, Kindoll K, & **Pokoski OM**. Preventing and Treating Women with Obstetric Fistulas in India. Presented at the 2016 International Emory Global Health Case Competition; 2016 Apr; Atlanta, GA.

Represented the University of Kentucky and was the youngest participant in attendance

Achenjang NS, Fatah AA, Kindoll K, & **Pokoski OM**. Combatting Mexico's Growing Childhood Obesity Challenge. Presented at the 2016 University of Kentucky Global Health Case Competition; 2016 Feb; Lexington, KY.

Winner of the campus wide competition and a monetary prize

LEADERSHIP

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental & Related Disabilities (LEND) Trainee

August 2021 – May 2022

Population Health Sciences Student Organization (PHSSO) Social Chair

August 2021 – May 2022

Population Health Science Student Organization (PHSSO) Communications Chair

August 2020 – May 2021