



Grace Jordan McFadden Professors Program

Graduate School

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Reflections



Tjuan Dogan, PhD
2002 GJMPP Alumna

**Global Philanthropic
& Social Impact
Strategist**
Atlanta, Georgia

GJMPP Alumna Establishes College of Education Endowment

Dr. Tjuan Dogan is passionate about education and has built a multi-decade career as a philanthropic and social impact strategist dedicated to increasing educational access and opportunity around the world. She recently served as Global Director of Social Impact at Coursera where she developed strategies to impact global societies and transform lives through learning. Coursera, a certified B Corp, is one of the world's leading online learning platforms with a mission to provide universal access to world-class learning.

Dogan has held previous leadership positions in corporate social responsibility, philanthropy, and social impact with Emory University, IBM, the Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation, and the Southern Education Foundation. She is a recipient of the Atlanta Business Chronicle's 2021 Leaders in Corporate Citizenship Award, which honors individuals who have demonstrated servant leadership and a strong commitment to corporate responsibility and community impact. In 2020, she received Emory University's Staff Sustainability Innovator Award while serving as

Assistant Vice President for Social Impact Innovation.

She is a native of Greenville, SC, and earned her BA in journalism, MEd and PhD in education, with a concentration in business management, at the University of South Carolina (USC); and was an inaugural scholar in the African American Professors Program, now known as the Grace Jordan McFadden Professors Program. She completed a year-long fellowship at Harvard Business School after earning her PhD.; and as a committed lifelong learner, she earned a Master of Religion and Public Life degree at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, twenty years after completing her PhD. Dogan is a life member of the USC Alumni Association and was recognized as a distinguished alumna of the College of Education. She was an undergraduate recipient of the prestigious Caroliniana Award, and her name appears in the Hall of Leaders in the Russell House University Union. In 2023, USC honored her with a brick on the historic Horseshoe, recognizing her and 17 other Black women trailblazers who left a legacy at USC.

Dogan is a board member of Science ATL, a volunteer mentor with the Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta, and a member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority. She is an alumna of the American Israel Education Fellowship, Atlanta Regional Commission's Regional Leadership Institute, Institute for Educational Leadership's Education Policy Fellowship, Leadership Georgia, Leadership South Carolina, and the German Marshall Fund's Marshall Memorial Fellowship. She enjoys live theater, golf, patio gardening, traveling and making stained glass art.

In 2024, she gratefully established the Dr. Tjuan Dogan College of Education Endowed Scholarship to invest in the next generation of scholars at USC and encourage them to pursue their purpose and persevere. Dogan is a life member of the USC Alumni Association and was recognized as a distinguished alumna of the College of Education, where she also serves on the Dean's Advisory Board.

**Message from the
Director**
**Grace Jordan McFadden
Professors Program**

Johnnie McFadden, PhD
 Director of Grace Jordan McFadden Professors Program
 The Benjamin Mays Distinguished Professor Emeritus



“What a wonderful opportunity it is to express gratitude to colleagues and supporters who continuously extend their interest and endorsement for the vision of the Grace Jordan McFadden Professors Program. We recognize with the passage of time that you are our source of continuity moving forward. Let it be known that individuals both near and far constitute a collegial family for which we extend thanks. Scholars, colleagues, and alumni alike are among the continual sources of professional energy paramount to our future. During times of national and international change GJMPP accepts its appeal essential to generating energy in compliance with social and economic demands. Individuals who have brought ideas of unique interest are highlighted through our program and welcome responsibilities toward change. Nuclear and global demands rest upon our shoulders as we come to know each one's responsibility in seeking peace and humanitarian goodwill essential toward survival. Graduates of this program envision their challenge in achieving the best for their state, nation, and world.”

Co-Founders and Previous Directors



Aretha B. Pigford, PhD Professor Emerita
 Educational Leadership and Policies College of
 Education

Co-Founder, 1997
 Director, 1997-1998
 African American Professors Program

Leonard O. Pellicer, PhD
 Professor Emeritus
 Educational Leadership and Policies College of
 Education

Co-Founder, 1997
 Director 1998-2000
 African American Professors Program





A SALUTE TO THE DOCTORAL GRADUATES

-Grace Jordan McFadden Professors Program-

2024

Blessings and congratulations to recent graduates of the Grace Jordan McFadden Professors Program at the University of South Carolina in Columbia who have spent years of service and have excelled in research and scholarship and culminated with an impressive dissertation defense in the academy.

Compliments for your labor and focus to a cause, requiring achievement, adoration, affection, attention toward what is known as excellence, education, equality editorship, evolution, essence, essentials, entertainment and for these we offer you a reward of honor and success with earned velvet symbolizing academic regalia for your distinguished pride and joy.

Let the trumpet sound and the whistles blow during this time for those in today's procession wearing cap and gown for they are anchored and registered for a lecture hall lined amidst scholars. Worthy is each of you having demonstrated steadfast determination through season and season with changes in tide and temperature. Challenges confronting and cultures corroborating created for this graduate graceful times requiring gratitude for grandeur greatness. Accept from thine own heart this mess of angelic congratulations as a spiritual salute as you venture in your chosen career and celebrate with loved ones and those whom you cherish.

In spiritual grace and admiration

*Johnnie McFadden, PhD
Director, Grace Jordan McFadden Professors Program*





GJMPP Alumnus Highlight

Yvon L. Woappi, Ph. D., 2016

Biomedical Sciences

The Endowed Herbert and Florence Irving Assistant Professor

Department of Physiology & Cellular Biophysics

Assistant Professor, Biomedical Engineering & Dermatology

Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons

Columbia University | New York, NY

I was an AAPP/GJMPP scholar from 2014-2016 while completing my Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences at USC. The AAPP/GJMPP fellowship was instrumental in helping me realize that I, too, had what it takes to become a distinguished academic. What especially set this fellowship apart was the unique opportunity to engage with scholars from diverse disciplines across the university. This level of intellectual range was unlike anything I had encountered before. Hearing about cutting-edge research and discoveries from the School of Journalism to the Business School, I found enormous inspiration and motivation from other AAPP/GJMPP scholars. The fellowship fostered a supportive and inclusive environment where I truly felt a sense of belonging—not only because of the range of academic perspectives, but also because AAPP/GJMPP scholars came from diverse backgrounds and regions across the country, and the world.

Through the support and guidance of Dr. Johnnie McFadden and Rhittie Gettone, the fellowship prepared me for a future as a professor, one of its key goals. Today, I am honored to serve as the Endowed Herbert and Florence Irving Assistant Professor of Physiology & Cellular Biophysics at Columbia University, as well as an Assistant Professor in the departments of Biomedical Engineering and Dermatology at the School of Engineering and the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, respectively. At Columbia, I direct the Laboratory for Synthetic Regeneration and Systems Physiology, where my research builds upon some of the biomedical foundations I established during my AAPP/GJMPP fellowship. My current work now focuses on developing genetic engineering strategies to regenerate organs and repair deep skin wounds—an endeavor directly inspired by the curiosity and drive that the AAPP/GJMPP fellowship helped to cultivate in me. I will forever be grateful to the AAPP/GJMPP fellowship program for its unwavering support—not only for my education but also for my growth as both a scholar and an individual.



GJMPP Alumna Highlight

Courtney T. Callahan, Ph.D., 2012

Biomedical Sciences
Health Scientist

Emergency Preparedness & Response
Centers for Disease Control (CDC) | Atlanta, GA



Responding to Fight the Bite: GJMPP/PREP Alumna and CDC Health Scientist defends against the Zika Virus

As an avid lover of science and all things health related, Courtney Callahan always knew from a young age that she wanted to work in the health field. It was while a junior at Winthrop University working with her zoologist professor that her interest in bacteria and viruses peaked. "I find it fascinating that the tiniest of organisms have such enormous impacts on our health and our world," Courtney says. "Most things can be explained and better understood at the microbial level."

Because more preparation was warranted before entering graduate school, Courtney joined the Post-baccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP) at the University of South Carolina where she gained experience and a solid foundation for graduate studies. After PREP, she was admitted to the Ph.D. program in Biomedical Sciences at the University of South Carolina's School of Medicine.

After graduating with a Ph.D. degree in 2012, Courtney obtained a fellowship working at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) detecting incapacitating agents and fentanyl's in bodily fluids. Less than a year later, she accepted a full-time position working as a biologist and response team member aiding against biothreats such as anthrax and plague. Currently, Courtney's focus has been emergency preparedness and response where she works as a health scientist.

While at CDC, Courtney has assisted with major outbreaks such as the Ebola Virus outbreak, but more recently in 2017 she has responded to the Zika Virus outbreak, where she worked in CDC's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). As a result of her contributions in EOC laboratory operations, Courtney positively impacted the direction of the Zika Virus response by monitoring and coordinating various CDC task force teams and external laboratories.

Dedicated to public health promotion and disease prevention, Courtney continues to strive to rapidly address the many emerging public health needs on the front lines. "If my efforts can make this world a little safer and healthier, then I have done my job," she says. "There is much more work ahead, and I'm just getting started."

Source: https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/medicine/education/biomedical_sciences/phd_program/prep_program/success_stories/courtney_callahan.php

The impact AAPP/GJMPP had on my experience as a graduate student was profound. The program not only allowed me the opportunity to engage with other scholars and form lasting, supportive relationships but also the financial resources aided in my ability to maintain my studies and fund the completion of my PhD.





AAPP/GJMPP was also much like a family. Both Mrs. Gettone and Dr. McFadden treated us all like their beloved children and poured so much knowledge into us. They both always maintained an open-door policy and ensured we constantly had the support we needed to be successful. Even years after graduation, support was provided and they maintained a close relationship by reaching out and providing assistance, if required.

Through AAPP/GJMPP I was able to network with like-minded professionals and have once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to travel and attend conferences and other universities to further enhance my knowledge and experience. I was able to learn and obtain valuable skills such as public speaking, how to conduct research, as well as how to actively and successfully network. More than 12 years later, I'm still reaping the benefits of having been a part of AAPP/GJMPP and I am forever grateful.

GJMPP ALUMNI TENURED

	<p>Derrick C. Scott, PhD, 2014 AAPP Alumnus Biological Sciences Professor and Dean (Tenured) College of Natural and Health Sciences Virginia State University Petersburg, Virginia</p>
	<p>Ari Perez Mejia, PhD, 2014 SEAGEP Alumnus Civil and Environmental Engineering College of Engineering and Computing Assistant Professor (Tenured) Civil Engineering School of Engineering Quinnipiac University Hamden, Connecticut</p>
	<p>Kevin M. Daniels, PhD, 2013 AAPP/SEAGAP Alumnus Electrical Engineering Associate Professor (Tenured) Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering Institute for Research in Electronics & Applied Physics Fischell Institute for Biomedical Devices University of Maryland College Park, Maryland</p>
	<p>Toby L. Nelson, PhD, 2013 AAPP/SEAGEP Alumnus Chemistry and Biochemistry Research Associate Professor (Tenured) Clean Manufacturing and Advanced Materials Oak Ridge Innovation Institute University of Tennessee Oakridge, Tennessee</p>
	<p>Anthony Palmer, PhD, 2011 AAPP Alumnus Journalism and Mass Communications Career Diplomate (Tenured) United States Foreign Service U.S. Department of State Consular Chief, U.S. Embassy Cotonou, Benin</p>
	<p>Dorinda J. Gallant, PhD, 2005 AAPP Alumna Educational Studies/Research and Measurement Associate Professor (Tenured) Quantitative Research, Evaluation and Measurement College of Education and Human Ecology The Ohio State University Columbus, Ohio</p>


GJMPP ALUMNI TENURED

	<p>George L. Johnson Jr. PhD, 2005 AAPP Alumnus Educational Studies/Special Education Chair, Department of Education Professor of Special Education (Tenured) Sped Academic Program Coordinator South Carolina State University Orangeburg, South Carolina</p>
	<p>Tracy H. Dunn, PhD, 2003, AAPP Alumna Marketing, Darla Moore School of Business Professor (Tenured) and Dean The Tyrone Adam Burroughs School of Business and Entrepreneurship Benedict College Columbia, South Carolina</p>
	<p>Sirena Hargrove-Leak, PhD, 2003 AAPP Alumna Chemical Engineering Professor of Engineering (Tenured) Department of Engineering, College of Arts and Sciences Elon University Elon, North Carolina</p>
	<p>Terry Carter, PhD, 2002, AAPP Alumnus English Professor of English (Tenured) College of Arts and Sciences Kennesaw State University Marietta, Georgia</p>

2024 GJMPP Alumni Data (N = 84)

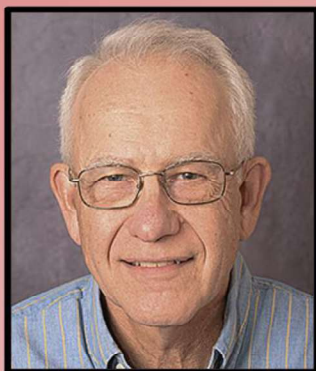
62% - Academia	7% - CEO/Self Employed
30% - Corporate	1% - Seeking Employment
12% - Tenured	13% - Tenure-Track
38% - Males	62% - Females

GJMPP ALUMNI TENURE-TRACK

	<p>Nancy A. Uriegas, PhD, 2024 GJMPP Alumna Exercise Science Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) Department of Health and Human Performance Texas State University San Marcos, Texas</p>
	<p>Christinia L. Myers, PhD, 2022 GJMPP Alumna Mass Communications Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) School of Journalism College of Communications Arts & Sciences Michigan State University East Lansing, Michigan</p>
	<p>Denetra Walker, PhD, 2022 GJMPP Alumna Mass Communication Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) Department of Journalism University of Georgia Athens, Georgia</p>
	<p>Noella Binda Niati, PhD 2020 GJMPP Alumna Educational Foundations and Inquiry Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) Education and International Development University of Cambridge Cambridge, UK</p>
	<p>Keisha Wilson, PhD, 2019 GJMPP Alumna Biological Sciences Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) Department of Pathology, Microbiology, & Immunology University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia, South Carolina</p>
	<p>Candace C. Cunningham, PhD, 2018 GJMPP Alumna History Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) Department of History University of Arkansas Fayetteville, Arkansas</p>
	<p>Erin C. McKie, PhD, 2017 GJMPP Alumna Management Science Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) Department of Management Sciences Fisher College of Business The Ohio State University Columbus, Ohio</p>

GJMPP ALUMNI TENURE-TRACK

	<p>Simone A. Gause, PhD, 2016 GJMPP Alumna Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) Director of Quality Enhancement Plan Coastal Carolina University Conway, SC</p>
	<p>Charity Brown Griffin, PhD, 2014 AAPP Alumna School of Psychology Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) College of Arts and Sciences Winston-Salem State University Winston- Salem, North Carolina</p>
	<p>Shakena L. Daniel, PhD, 2013 SEAGEP Alumna Chemistry and Biochemistry Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) Chemistry Wingate University Wingate, North Carolina</p>
	<p>A. TaQuesa McLeod, PhD, 2012 AAPP Alumna Health Services, Policy and Management Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) Health Care Management Lander University Greenwood, South Carolina</p>

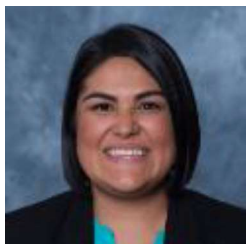


GJMPP Faculty Mentor/Commentary

"I began as an AAPP/GJMPP mentor in 1997. During that time, nine of my graduate students have participated in either AAPP or GJMPP. The program has greatly benefited these students, and all of them have completed their doctoral degrees and gone on to successful careers. Five of them became college or university professors and three work for the Federal Government. Kiesha Wilson, PhD, 2019 GJMPP Alumna, is doing exceptionally well as an Assistant Professor at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine."

Bert Ely, PhD
Professor, Biological Sciences
College of Arts and Sciences
AAPP/GJMPP Faculty Mentor, 1997–2023
Recruitment Volunteer, 2020 – Present

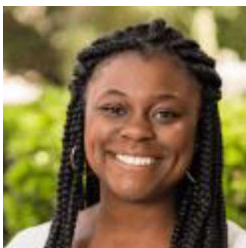
2024 GJMPP GRADUATES



Nancy Uriegas, Ph.D.
Exercise Science

College of Arts and Sciences

“Nutrition and Mental Health Factors Across Historically Black College and University Students”

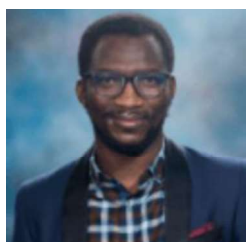


Shanikque Barksdale, Ph.D.

Health Services Policy and Management

Arnold School of Public Health

“The Role of Telehealth and Obstetrics Capacity on Maternal Health Care: A Mixed Methods Approach”



Maxwell Akonde, Ph.D.

Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Arnold School of Public Health

“Evaluating Multi-Biomarker Panels for the Early Detection of Ovarian Cancer”.



Sowmya G. Raghu, Ph.D.

Mechanical Engineering

Molinaroli College of Engineering and Computing

“Redefining Gas Turbine Engine Development: A Digital Twin Framework by Integrating Operational Dynamics, Numerical Analysis and Machine Learning”



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2024 New GJMPP Scholars



Hiluf E. Abrahaa
Epidemiology
Arnold School of Public Health



Beatrice N. Quiroz
Educational Research and Measurement
College of Education



Penias Tembo
Epidemiology
Arnold School of Public Health

August 2024 Scholar Demographics



4 - SOUTH CAROLINA



2 - NORTH CAROLINA



1 - COLORADO



3 - FLORIDA



1 - GEORGIA



1 - TENNESSEE



2 - NEW YORK



1 - MASSACHUSETTS



1 - MARYLAND



1 - WASHINGTON



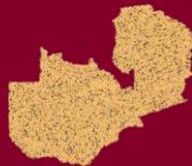
3 - GHANA



1-ETHIOPIA



1 - ZIMBABWE



1 - ZAMBIA



1-NIGERIA



1 - ARGENTINA



1 - INDIA

2024-2025 Doctoral Scholars, Staff, and Faculty Mentors as of October 30, 2024



Director



Assistant Director



Administrative Assistant

Doctoral Scholars

Hiluf E. Abraha
 Prince Nii Ossah Addo
 Maxwell Akonde
 Mosiah N’nah Asad
 Oluranti O. Babalola

Anthony T. Carr
 Larissa Daniels-Hill
 Cynthia D. Duncan-Joseph
 Franklin J. Gause
 Juliana M. Gebhardt

Marco A. Hernandez
 Timothy B. Hite
 Gwendolyn M. Hopper
 Tempestt S. Johnson
 Diamonde McCollum
 Kenya S. Moore
 Paddington T. Mundagowa
 Christina Plakas
 Walter Quiller
 Beatrice N. Quiroz
 Sowmya G. Raghu
 Tremaine Sails-Dunbar

Amadi A. Sefah-Twerefour
 Penias Tembo
 Quentin O. Wedderburn
 James E. White III

Scholar Academic Area

Epidemiology
 Epidemiology
 Epidemiology
 Creative Writing
 Social Work

Counselor Education
 Anthropology
 Political Science
 Special Education
 Communication Sciences
 and Disorders
 Biological Sciences
 Anthropology
 Analytical Chemistry
 Language and Literacy
 Clinical Community Psychology
 Exercise Science
 Epidemiology
 Criminology and Criminal
 English
 Educational Research
 Mechanical Engineering
 Health Promotion, Education
 and Behavior
 Marine Science
 Epidemiology
 School Psychology
 Exercise Science

Faculty Mentor

Nansi S. Boghossian, PhD
 Monique J. Brown, PhD
 Anthony J. Alberg, PhD
 Samuel, Amadon, MFA
 Maryah Fram, PhD
 Sue Levkoff, PhD
 Ryan G. Carlson, PhD
 Carlina de la Cova, PhD
 Todd C. Shaw, PhD
 Thomas P. Hebert, PhD
 Lisa Fitton, PhD

Katie Kathrein, PhD
 Courtney Lewis, PhD
 Claudia Benitez-Nelson, PhD
 Eurydice Bauer, PhD
 Nada Goodrum, PhD
 Toni Torres-McGehee, PhD
 Mufaro Kanyangarara, PhD
 Brent Klein, PhD
 Seulghee Lee, PhD
 Angela D. Starrett, PhD
 Jamil Khan, PhD
 Hala Ghattas, PhD

Erin Meyer-Gutbrod, PhD
 James R. Hebert, PhD
 Sarah Edmunds, PhD
 R. Glenn Weaver, PhD

2024 Scholar Achievements



Penias Tembo
Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Arnold School of Public Health

- **Awards/Fellowship/Grants**

1. Travel award to the 2nd Annual Meeting of the Metabolic Dysregulation and Cancer Risk Program (MeDOC) - National Cancer Institute (NCI)
2. Cancer Epidemiology Education in Special Populations (CEESP) Summer Fellowship

- **Scholarship**

1. **Tembo P**, Price S, Murphy EA, Hofseth L, Hebert JR. The Role of Chrono-nutrition in addressing Obesity Associated Cancer Risk. USC Discover Day. Columbia, SC, 19 April 2024.
2. **Tembo P**, Price S, Murphy EA, Hofseth L, Hebert JR. The Role of Chrono-nutrition in addressing Obesity Associated Cancer Risk. USC Discover Day. Columbia, SC, 19 April 2024.

- **Teaching**

1. Invited Lecture: The Role of Chrono-nutrition in Regulating Processes of Inflammation and Metabolism – MeDOC Early Career Working Group

- **Service**

1. Organizing Committee, Epidemiology Journal Club - Dept of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Arnold School of Public Health (Sept 2024- Present)
2. Faculty Search Committee Welcoming Assistant, Dept of Epidemiology - Welcoming Faculty Candidates (January 2024)

Christina Plakas
Criminology and Criminal Justice
College of Arts and Sciences



- **Awards/Fellowships/Grants**

1. Inaugural Access to Justice Research Initiative Early-Career Scholar program at the American Bar Foundation
2. USC's Inclusive Excellence Grant to host storytelling workshop program with students and systems-impacted persons

- **Scholarship**

1. "A Qualitative Report on Defining and Understanding Meaningful Access to the Courts in American Jails", presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference
2. "Exploring Barriers to Meaningful Access to the Courts: Challenges Faced by Law Library Practitioners in Correctional Facilities", presented at the Southern Criminal Justice Association Conference

- **Teaching**

1. Taught a 50-person undergraduate course on research methods in Criminology & Criminal Justice
2. Guest lectured on legal rights for incarcerated individuals at Loyola University, Chicago

- **Service**

1. Created and led a career readiness program for 10 women at the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center (Columbia, SC)
2. Led a semester-long storytelling workshop that paired USC graduate students with systems-impacted community members. This highlighted the voices of those affected by the SC legal system.



Prince Nii Ossah Addo
Epidemiology
Arnold School of Public Health

- **Scholarship**

1. Brown, Monique; Sunkara, Sravya; Kaur, Amandeep; **Addo, Prince**; Amoatika, Daniel; Crouch, Elizabeth: Childhood Sexual Trauma and Opioid Use among Older Adults Living with HIV. *AIDS Care* (2024).
2. **Prince Nii Ossah Addo**, Paddington T. Mundagowa, Longgang Zhao, Mufaro Kanyangarara, Monique J. Brown, Jihong Liu: Associations Between Sleep Practices and Cardiovascular Disease Biomarkers Among Adults in the United States. *BMC Public Health* (2024).
3. **Prince N. O. Addo**, Monique J. Brown, Chigozie A. Nkwonta, Amandeep Kaur, Titilayo James, Shan Qiao: “I Don’t Believe That One”: Undetectable=Untransmittable (U=U) Views Among Older Childhood Sexual Abuse Survivors Living with HIV. *Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care* (2024).
4. Brown MJ, Zhang J, Miller MC, Amoatika D, **Addo PNO**, Kaur A, Bagasra O, Ingram LA. Health disparities in mortality among individuals with HIV-associated dementia in South Carolina. *AIDS Care* (2024).

Amadi Afua Sefah-Twerefour
Marine Science
College of Arts and Sciences



- **Awards/Fellowships/Grants**

1. USC College of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant (\$800)
2. School of the Earth, Ocean, and Environment (\$500)

- **Scholarship**

1. Invited Panelist for a Congressional Briefing on Capitol Hill, Washington D.C. (July 8, 2024) Topic: Coast-to-Coast Strategies for Preventing Vessel Strikes of Whales and Marine Life.
2. Co-authored and contributed to The Oceanography Society's (TOS) Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) column Summer-Fall 2024. Completed survey data analysis and the final write-up to a manuscript for publication (December 2024)

- **Teaching**

1. Led and mentored 9 undergraduate research assistants (RAs) on her Right Whale Media Communication/Policy Project (In-progress)
2. Coordinated five lab sections for MSCI 311 (Biology of Marine Organisms), taught one section, and organized a field trip for three days (Aug-Dec 2024)

- **Service**

1. Judge for the USC 68th Annual Region II Science and Engineering Fair, March 8, 2024
2. Judge for Discover USC, Spring 2024



Paddington T. Mundagowa
Epidemiology
Arnold School of Public Health

- **Awards/Fellowships/Grants**

1. American Public Health Association (APHA) Cancer Forum Global Health Award for the best submitted abstract.

- **Scholarship**

1. Pellegrino J, Mundagowa PT, Agbinko-Djobalar B, Owusu PG, Sakyi KS, Kanyangarara M. Prevalence and risk factors for postpartum depression and stress among mothers of preterm and low birth weight infants admitted to a neonatal intensive care unit in Accra, Ghana. *Int J Gynecol Obstet.* 2024;00:1-7.
2. Mundagowa PT, Vora S, Seck F, Dhankhode N, Sakyi KS, Kanyangarara M. Exploring the views of barbers and stylists on the acceptability of delivering community-based interventions to promote COVID-19 testing and vaccination in South Carolina. *Vaccines.* 2024;12(9):1011.

- **Teaching**

1. Guest Lecturer. Course: Public Health Surveillance (EPID 542). USC. Instructor: Dr. Kanyangarara. 10/22/2024.
2. Teaching assistant. Course: Secondary Data Analysis (EPID 788). USC. Instructor: Dr. Liu. Fall 2024.

- **Service**

1. President-Elect Maternal and Child Health Students Association (USC)
2. Ad hoc reviewer for public health journals (BMJ Open Journal, BMC Pregnancy & Childbirth, Clinical Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Global Health Action)



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2024 Professional Development Workshops

<p>January 2024 - Virtual <i>Composing and presenting a 30 second elevator speech,</i> Jonathan Edwards, PhD, English Language and Literature <i>Publishing and Qualitative Research,</i> Monique J. Brown, PhD, Epidemiology</p>	<p>February 2024 – In Person <i>Mock Interview</i> Dr. Johnnie McFadden, GJMPP Director, and Nancy Uriegas, GJMPP Scholar, Exercise Science</p>	
<p>March 2024 – Virtual <i>Navigating the Job Search</i> Toby Jenkins, PhD Associate Vice Provost For Faculty Development</p>	<p>April 2024 – In Person <i>GJMPP Think Tank</i></p>	
<p>August 2024 – In-Person <i>Scholar Welcome and Program Orientation</i></p> <p><i>Preparing Future Faculty (PFF)</i> Michelle L. Hardee, Ph.D. Program Manager, TA Training Center for Teaching Excellence</p> <p><i>2024/2025 Monograph</i> Todd Shaw, Ph.D. Distinguished Associate Professor Political Science & African American Studies College of Arts and Sciences</p>	<p>September 2024 – In-Person <i>Fellowships and Scholarships Opportunities</i> Matt Klopfenstein, Ph.D.-Asst. Director of National Fellowships</p> <p><i>Journeying Through Higher Education</i> Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, Ph.D. Educational Foundation Distinguished Professor Dean of the Faculty & VP for Faculty Affairs Office of the Executive Vice President</p>	 
<p>October 25th, 2024 – In-Person <i>Conducting Culturally Sensitive Research</i> *Daniella Cook Sumpter, Ph.D. Associate Professor Coordinator Secondary Social Studies College of Education <i>Seeking Grant Opportunities & Tips on Grant Writing</i> *Ryan G. Carlson, PhD, LPC Chair, Educational & Developmental Science Professor, Counselor Education Director, Consortium for Family Strengthening Research College of Education</p>	<p>November 22nd, 2024 – In-Person <i>Community Service Month Coordinators:</i> *Quentin Wedderburn, School Psychology *Oluranti Babalola, Health Services Policy & Management *Penias Tembo, Epidemiology</p> <p>December 15th, 2024 – In-person <i>Graduation Celebration and Dinner</i> 2024 Spring and Fall GJMPP Graduates</p>	 

Highlighting Community Outreach

On November 15th, 2024, and December 1st, GJMPP organized a collection of winter clothing materials which were donated to the USC Blanket Drive to support individuals experiencing homelessness during colder months. The following GJMPP scholars have participated in one or more of the stated volunteer opportunities (USC Blanket Drive and Ronald McDonald House): James W. White III (Exercise Science), Gwen Hopper (Analytic Chemistry), Tremaine Sails-Dunbar (Health Promotion & Education), Oluranti Babalola (Social Work), and Tempestt Johnson (Language & Literacy).



USC BLANKET DRIVE
HOMELESSNESS IN SOUTH CAROLINA:
BUT YOU CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

Please donate blankets, jackets, mittens, hats and general winter supplies to those who go cold every season.
Supplies will be distributed every Saturday and Sunday outside the Richland Main Library.

12,000+ CHILDREN HOMELESS EVERYDAY
1,000+ DO WITHOUT SHELTER
73 PEOPLE HAVE DIED

DONATION DROP-OFF
Find our table on Orange St. in front of Preston College on these days →

NOV 1ST	12PM-2PM
NOV 15TH	12PM-2PM
DEC 6TH	12PM-2PM



On November 9th, 2024, five volunteers prepared and served a taco bar featuring beef and turkey options, along with cookies and sweet buns, providing a delicious dinner for approximately 10 families staying at the **Ronald McDonald House**. November 16th, six volunteers came together to create a hearty meal of spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and baked goods, offering comfort and nourishment to approximately 12 families of sick and disabled children.

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2024 Graduation Celebration
Sunday, December 15, 2024 ~ 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Capstone, Carolina Campus Room, 1st Floor

Program

Welcome/Occasion

Johnnie McFadden, Ph.D.

The Benjamin E. Mays Distinguished Professor Emeritus
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Greetings

Ann Vail, Ph.D.

Professor and Dean of the Graduate School

Musical Performance

Julian D. Owens, PhD, 2015 GJMPP Alumnus
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Blessing of Food

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Dinner/Introduction of Speaker

Words of Encouragement

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