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SUMMARY

With nearly 20 years in public health, I specialize in engaging, actionable health communication efforts. I bring expertise in strategic communication and social marketing, a strong track record in project management and product development, and a dedication to health equity. My core competencies include data-informed marketing strategy; writing and substantive editing; and translating science into clear, concise content.

EXPERIENCE

Senior Marketing and Communications Manager

Suicide Prevention Resource Center, University of Oklahoma

- Developed weekly newsletter and marketing emails with a 39% open rate and 7% click rate on average in 2024
- Provides expert consultation on editorial style and messaging best practices; supervises copyediting staff
- Guides product planning efforts, including health communication strategy tailored for different audiences
- Leads marketing strategy, including audience analysis, channel selection, and partner engagement

Senior Writer/Editor

Suicide Prevention Resource Center, Education Development Center

- Served as writer and managing editor for weekly newsletter with more than 15,000 subscribers
- Led the development and implementation of marketing efforts; supervised product marketing specialist
- Expanded social media presence across multiple platforms; increased Twitter following 200%

Clinical Research Coordinator/Health Science Specialist

VA Boston Healthcare System

• Managed operations for clinical research activities in cardiology, oncology, and maternal health

Research Associate

New England Centenarian Studies, Boston University Medical Center

• Studied the genetic, environmental, medical, and neuropsychological factors associated with longevity

Research Fellow

Department of Psychiatry, Stellenbosch University

• Published two peer-reviewed studies on intimate partner violence using data from the WHO World Mental Health Survey Initiative

Regional Coordinator, Sub-Saharan Africa/Latin America

International Programs Division, Population Council

• Provided project management support for international programs in sexual and reproductive health

Assistant to the Vice President

International Programs Division, Population Council

• Supported the division management team; helped develop funding proposals for global public health programs

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May 2016 - Sept 2020

Oct 2020 - Present

Jun 2014 - May 2016

Mar 2011 - Jun 2014

Jun 2009 - Aug 2009

Jan 2007 - Aug 2008

May 2005 - Dec 2006

EDUCATION

MPH, Concentration in Global Mental Health

Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health; New York, NY

- Allan Rosenfield Fellowship for Leadership in Public Health; 2008-2009, 2009-2010
- Leitner Family Fellowship for Research in Africa, 2009

BA, English Literature

McGill University; Montreal, Canada

- Lionel Shapiro Award in Creative Writing, 2001 •
- Chester MacNaghten Prize in Poetry, 2001 .

SKILLS

Adobe Acrobat Pro, Airtable, Basecamp, Canva, Constant Contact, Drupal, Facebook, Google Analytics, Hootsuite, InDesign, Instagram, LinkedIn, Mailchimp, Microsoft Office, SharePoint, WordPress, X, YouTube

CERTIFICATIONS

Education Development Center Core Competencies for Supervisors, Implicit Bias Program; Project Management for Development Professionals (PMD Pro); Tufts University Plain Language for Health (PL4H)

PUBLICATIONS

Andersen, S. L., Sun, J. X., Sebastiani, P., Huntly, J., Gass, J. D., Feldman, L., Bae, H., Christiansen, L., & Perls, T. T. (2012). Personality factors in the Long Life Family Study. Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences.

Gass, J.D., Stein, D.J., Williams, D.R., & Seedat, S. (2010). Intimate partner violence, health behaviours, and chronic physical illness among South African women. South African Medical Journal, 100(9), 582-585.

Gass, J.D., Stein, D.J., Williams, D.R., & Seedat, S. (2010). Gender differences in risk for intimate partner violence among South African adults. Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 27(2).

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Boston Marathon Team Member

Samaritans of Boston

• Led a \$5,000 fundraising campaign and ran the marathon to support suicide prevention services

Intern, Child Psychiatric Epidemiology Group

New York State Psychiatric Institute

Conducted interviews and assessments for The Parental Experiences and Children's Wellbeing Study •

Suicide Hotline Volunteer

Samaritans of New York

Trained in a communications-oriented crisis intervention model and provided support to callers •

2001

2015

2010

2007-2008