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CURRENT POSITION(S)

Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Department of Health Policy Nashville, TN
Health Policy Research Assistant January 2022-Present

Re-imagining Metastatic Breast Cancer Care

- Advisor: Dr. Mya Roberson; 10-20hrs./week. Analyzed qualitative data from interviews with metastatic cancer patients. Collaborated with patient-partner organization. Authored manuscripts and presentations to health policy audiences.

Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Nashville, TN
Front Desk Receptionist January 2020-Present

- Supervisor: Dennis L. Spann; 10hrs./week. Supported facility operations.

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University, School of Medicine Nashville, TN
MPH, Health Policy, David Satcher Public Health Scholar 2022-2024

Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN
BA, Anthropology with Highest Honors, *summa cum laude* 2018-2022

Jackson State Community College Jackson, TN
Non-degree seeking, Pre-nursing, cumulative 32hrs, GPA 4.0 2016-2020

Bolivar Central High School Bolivar, TN
High School Diploma, Pre-nursing with Honors 2014-2018

Stanford University Pre-Collegiate Summer Institutes Palo Alto, CA
Web technologies. [Link](#). Summer 2017

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

David Satcher Public Health Scholar 2022-2024
Vanderbilt University, School of Medicine; [Link](#)

- Provides tuition support and the opportunity to train at the Satcher Health Leadership institute to students from under-represented backgrounds.

The Goldberger Scholarship 2022-2024
Vanderbilt University, School of Medicine; [Link](#)

- Provides competitive tuition support pending satisfactory academic performance.

The Fay Renardson Award 2022
Vanderbilt University, Department of History of Art and Architecture; [Link](#)

- Funds immersive summer archaeological fieldwork. One-time memorial award.

Outstanding Anthropology Course Assistant Award 2022
Vanderbilt University, Department of Anthropology; [Link](#)

- Recognizes exemplary assistance in providing excellent education to undergraduates.

The Charles V. Harris Scholarship 2018-2022
Vanderbilt University

- Provides financial support to student(s) from West Tennessee in the Vanderbilt University College of Arts and Science with academic excellence.

Williams-Hutchins Health Equity Award [honorable mention] 2021

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Minority Health and Health Equity; [Link](#)

- Recognizes exceptional CDC Undergraduate Public Health Scholars (CUPS) program student projects that advance health disparity science and minority health.

American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting Travel Award 2021

Society for Medical Anthropology; [Link](#)

- Provides competitive financial support, based on merit and need, to attend the American Anthropological Association's Annual Meeting.

Public Health RISE Fellow 2021

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; [Link](#). Kennedy Krieger Institute; [Link](#)

- Provides opportunities for enhanced public health leadership training in maternal and child health, focusing on social determinants of health, elimination of health disparities, and developmental disabilities.

The Emily Ann Bennett Plant Award in Anthropology 2021

Vanderbilt University, Department of Anthropology; [Link](#)

- Supports cost of tuition and living expenses associated with supplemental educational activities that enrich the study of anthropology.

Digital Humanities Fellow 2020-2021

Vanderbilt University

- Funds immersive projects in the digital humanities.

Buchanan Fellow 2020

Vanderbilt University; [Link](#)

- Supports hands-on student learning opportunities that build desirable skills and deepen students' understanding of resources and services in Vanderbilt Libraries.

The Rankin Scholarship 2020

Vanderbilt University, Department of Classical and Mediterranean Studies; [Link](#)

- Supports participation in a summer program or project that deepens understandings of the classical ancient Mediterranean world.

UNPUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

Woods, J., Laws, C. M., Weiland, L. 2022 *Primary Care Patient Retention Report: Covering Years 2017-2022 for the West Tennessee Regional Department of Health*. Report. August 2022. Presented to Shavetta Conner, MD, Interim Regional Director.

Woods, J. *Heart Health in the Heartland: An Ethnography of Heart Diseases in Hardeman County, TN*. Undergraduate Honors Thesis. January 2021 - May 2022. Successfully Defended with Highest Honors April 22, 2022. [Link](#).

PRESENTATIONS AND EXHIBITIONS

Woods, J., Torres Colón, G. A., Harvey, T. S. Re-imagining Cardiovascular Health Communication: Evidence-based Perspectives from Biocultural Anthropology. Presented at *The American Public Health Association's Annual Meeting and Expo*. Boston, MA. Oral Presentation as Recipient of Public Health Education and Health Promotion Student Contest Award. November 6-9, 2022. [Link](#).

Glenn, L., **Woods, J.**, Maues, J., James, D., Roberson, M. Wellness for Individuals Living with Metastatic Breast Cancer. Presented at *The Society for Integrative Oncology's 19th International Conference*. Scottsdale, AZ. Poster Presentation. October 20-22, 2022.

Roberson, M., **Woods, J.**, Glenn, L., Mause, J., James, D., Reid S. A., Cluff Elmore, S. N. Reimagining Metastatic Breast Cancer Care Delivery: A patient-partnered qualitative investigation. Presented at *The American Society of Clinical Oncology Quality Care Symposium*. Chicago, IL. Poster Presentation. September 30 – October 1, 2022.

Woods, J. Heart Health in the Heartland: The Sociocultural Salience of Genetics and Family History. Presented at *The 2022 Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology*. Salt Lake City, UT. Poster Presentation. March 24, 2022. Also presented at *The American Anthropological Association's 2021 Annual Meeting: Truth and Responsibility*. Baltimore, MD. Poster Presentation. November 19, 2021. Also presented at *The Vanderbilt Undergraduate Research Fair*. Nashville, TN. Poster Presentation. September 30, 2021. [Link](#).

Woods, J. Adverse Childhood Experiences and Legislation Implications in Maryland. Presented at *The 2021 CDC Undergraduate Public Health Scholars Program and Dr. James A. Ferguson Emerging Infectious Diseases Showcase and Expo*. Virtual. July 26-28, 2021. Also presented at *The Hopkins C.A.R.E.S. Symposium*. Virtual. July 29, 2021. [Link](#).

Woods, J. Re-viewing the West Pediment of the Parthenon. Presented at *The Tenth Annual Classics Undergraduate Research Conference held by the University of Tennessee at Knoxville 2021*. Paper Presentation. February 13, 2021. Knoxville, TN. [Link](#).

Apgar, T., James, D., **Woods, J.**, Yang, Y., and Zhao, S. "Faculty: A Gilded Age Golden Promise." In *Taking Root: Vanderbilt University's First Decade, 1875-1885*. Digital Exhibit. Featured in *Vanderbilt Magazine* December 2020. [Link](#).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Vanderbilt University	Nashville, TN
<i>Undergraduate Principal Investigator</i>	January 2021-May 2022
Applied Ethnography of Cardiovascular Diseases in Rural Tennessee	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Advisors: Drs. Gabriel A. Torres Colón and T. S. Harvey; Variable hrs./week. Designed and directed interdisciplinary research detailing sociocultural determinants of heart health in Hardeman County, TN with emphases in anthropology and public health. Presented findings to multiple national, anthropological conferences. Reported findings in thesis form.	
<i>Research Collaborator (Digital Humanities Fellow)</i>	April 2020-May 2021
Digital Archaeology at Ancient Corinth, Greece	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Advisor: Dr. Betsey A. Robinson; Variable hrs./week. Processed 1960s archaeological excavation notebook data. Transformed database entries into three-dimensional ArcGIS maps.	
<i>Co-Curator (Buchanan Fellow)</i>	August 2020-December 2020
Historical Digital Exhibition Creation on Vanderbilt University's First Decade	

- Advisors: Carla Beals, Mary Anne Caton, Teresa Gray, and Kathleen Smith. Variable hrs./week. Examined historically significant university manuscripts and artifacts. Co-created digital exhibit presence.

Research Assistant

March 2020-May 2020

Digitization of Archaeological, Bibliographic Database

- Advisor: Dr. David Michelson. Variable hrs./week. Catalogued primary and secondary literature related to the archaeological study of Caesarea Maritima.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Tennessee Department of Health, West Regional Office

Jackson, TN

Administrative Intern

May 2022-August 2022

- Supervisor: Lauren Weiland; 24hrs/week. Designed, conducted, and analyzed a text-based primary care patient retention survey, garnering a #% response rate out of 9,000 successfully reached patients from a sample pool of ## patients across the years 2017-2021. Provided additional assistance to programs and initiatives as needed.

Office of Health Equity, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Nashville, TN

Community Health Improvement Intern

January 2022-May 2022

- Supervisors: Michelle Southard, Carleigh Frazier, Elisa Friedman. 15hrs./week. Chartered rural health advisory committee. Reviewed rural community health needs assessment data and strategy. Drafted findings from organizational stakeholder interviews.

Vanderbilt University

Nashville, TN

Interim Website Maintenance Technologist

December 2020-September 2021

- Supervisor: Dr. Tiffany A. Tung. 3hrs./week. Maintained departmental website and social media presence.

Kennedy Krieger Institute

Baltimore, MD

CDC Undergraduate Public Health Scholar

May 2021-July 2021

- Supervisors: Dr. Harolyn Belcher, Barbara Obst, RNMS, Emily Arneson. 40hrs./week. Interpreted and presented on Department of Health and Human Services child maltreatment data with Maryland state legislators with Kennedy Krieger's Department of Government Affairs. Aided in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention grant application for Maryland school nurse training with Kennedy Krieger's Specialized Health Needs Interagency Collaboration.

Various Rural Health Providers

Bolivar, TN

Clinical Intern

January 2018-May 2018

- Supervisor: Lisa Pulse. 10hrs./week. Distributed medications to hospital patients. Cared for long-term care facility patients. Conducted out-patient physical therapy. Assisted in veterinary surgeries.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Vanderbilt University

Nashville, TN

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Fall 2021

- Professor: Dr. Beth A. Conklin; 9hrs./week. Helped develop course design and teaching for Anthropology 1101: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology.

Course Co-producer

Spring 2021

- Professor: Dr. Kevin D. Murphy; Variable hrs./week. Filmed and edited digital course materials for History of Art 1400: U.S. Icons and Monuments.

SKILLS

Interpersonal

Active Listening
Committee Development
Cultural Humility
Flexibility
Independence
Patient Compassion
Team Cooperation

Technical

Adobe Suite
ArcGIS and [Photogrammetry](#)
Front-end Web Design
MAXQDA
Microsoft and iOS Suites
[Photography](#)
Video editing

Research

Academic Writing
Applied Research
Interviewing
Interdisciplinary Efforts
PCORI Engagement Principles
Qualitative Analyses
Theoretical Research

AFFILIATIONS

Society for Applied Anthropology

- Member

October 2021-Present

American Anthropological Association

- Member

August 2021-Present

American Heart Association

- Member

August 2021-Present

Vanderbilt Association of Student Anthropologists

- Chief External Affairs Officer; [Web Architect](#); Member

August 2020-May 2022

Questbridge Scholars

- Past member; Alumnus

August 2018-May 2022

Health Occupations Students of America

- Past competitor; Alumnus

August 2014-August 2018

INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENTS

Vanderbilt MPH Diversity Committee

- Student Representative

August 2022-Present

Vanderbilt University Office of Health Equity

- Secondary grant reviewer for annual Health Equity Innovation Awards cycles beginning 2022

May 2022-Present

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

American School of Classical Studies at Athens

- Supported data entry associated with select research projects.

July 2022

REFERENCES

Professional

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Research

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Research and Character

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