

ALEXANDRA (“LEXIE”) S. LIPHAM

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Experienced Program Manager with a decade of success in Public Health programming. Proven track record in team management, program planning and implementation, and establishing sustainable community partnerships. Completing a Master of Public Health with a focus on Health Policy in May, leading major projects addressing food insecurity and reproductive health policy.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER, INSTITUTE FOR MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Nashville, Tennessee

Senior Program Manager | December 2021-Present

November 2015-Present

- Manages and develops programs, project plans, budgets, and timelines for the Vanderbilt Community Engaged Research Core (CERC), fostering and sustaining community-academic partnerships.
- Supervises and guides staff and programming, delivering regular progress reports to leadership and the CERC Community Advisory Council.
- Consults with interdisciplinary faculty researchers on strategies for incorporating Community Engagement and Health Equity principles into their research and with diverse community organizations on strategies to partner with academic institutions to address the needs of the communities their organization serves.

Program Manager | January 2020-December 2021

- Facilitated and supported 50+ community-academic partnerships in Community Engaged Research projects with CERC. Monitored and approved programmatic budget activities, while providing supervision to staff members across programs.
- Managed projects funded by federal grants from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), offering administrative and project management support.

Associate Program Manager | December 2016-January 2020

- Supported CERC projects and programming, built and managed community partnerships, and measured progress and program impact.
- Supervised undergraduate student worker, delegating tasks, and overseeing progress.

Research Analyst II | November 2015-December 2016

- Supported the Midsouth Practice Transformation Network through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services by coordinating and monitoring project sub-groups and developing reports on enrollment and quality improvement metrics.
- Supported CERC programming by scheduling meetings, coordinating and tracking progress, and collaborating with faculty, staff, and community partners.

URBAN GREEN LAB

Nashville, Tennessee

Program Evaluation AmeriCorps VISTA

November 2014-November 2015

- Developed and implemented a monitoring and evaluation plan, managed participant databases, developed surveys, collected and analyzed data across programs, and created annual and monthly reports.
- Wrote and received the largest grant for the organization at the time from the Environmental Protection Agency.

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University, School of Medicine | Master of Public Health, Health Policy Track | Nashville, Tennessee

May 2024

▪ **Projects:**

Practicum | *“A Geospatial Analysis of the Association between Food Insecurity and Academic Performance among Elementary Schools in Davidson County, Tennessee”*

- Conducted an in-depth analysis using ArcGIS of Zip Code-level food insecurity data and standardized test scores among third graders in Davidson County. The analysis aimed to identify correlations between food insecurity and academic performance in light of the Tennessee Learning Loss Remediation and Student Acceleration Act. Leveraging these insights, with partner organizations and groups, I developed and presented policy recommendations to the State Legislature, advocating for a holistic approach to measuring academic success that considers external factors, such as food insecurity, to mitigate existing inequities and ensure more equitable educational outcomes.

Thesis | *“Examining the Impact of State Abortion Restriction Policies on Food Insecurity between 2010 and 2020”*

- Inspired by a passion for reproductive health policy, I applied a differences-in-differences design to explore the economic implications of abortion restriction policies, particularly their effect on food insecurity. Concentrating on state-level data spanning from 2010 to 2020, my research examined the correlation between abortion restrictions and variations in food insecurity rates. Through comparative analysis between states with and without such policies, I sought to underscore the significant strain on public resources and exacerbated economic hurdles engendered by these legislative measures.

Furman University | Bachelor of Science, Major in Health Sciences | Greenville, South Carolina

May 2014

KEY COMPETENCIES

- Public Health
- Project Management
- Policy Analysis
- Strategic Planning & Impact
- Research Translation & Dissemination
- Program Evaluation
- Creative Solutions & Quality Improvement
- Internal & External Collaboration
- Equity
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Policy Research
- Quantitative Data Analysis
- Project Development & Implementation
- Research Dissemination
- Partnership Development
- Health Policy
- Community Engagement
- Community Engaged Research
- Manuscript Development
- Funding Reports
- Verbal & Written Communication
- Time Management
- Attention to Detail
- STATA
- Microsoft Office
- Mac OS

PUBLICATIONS

- Fair, A.M., Dunkel, L., Frost, M., Israel, T., Lane-MuMin, F., **Lipham, L.**, Ray, D., Spiroff, M., Witte, B., Wolfsfeld, C., Vaughn, Y., Miller-Hughes, S., (In press) Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action. *2021 Community Engagement Studio Virtual Training Summit: Increasing the Diversity of Stakeholders Engaged in Research*
- Alexander, L., Sullivan, C., Joosten, Y., **Lipham, L.**, Adams, S., Coleman, P., Carpenter, R., Hargreaves, M. Advancing community-engaged research through partnership development: overcoming challenges voiced by community-academic partners. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action*. Fall 2020; 14.3: 315-326.
- Cunningham-Erves, J., Joosten, Y., Hollingsworth, C.P., Cockroft, JD., Murry, VMB., **Lipham, L.**, Luther, P., Vaughn, Y., Miller ST. Implementation and evaluation of a dual-track research training program. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships*. Spring 2020; 14(1): 75-87.
- Cunningham-Erves, J., Joosten, Y., Bruce, MA., Elzey, J., Luther, P., **Lipham, L.**, Vaughn, Y., Micah, T., Wilkins, CH., Miller, ST. Comprehensive strategy for capturing and integrating community input into community research training curricula. *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science*. 2018; 2(1), 1-7.

PRESENTATIONS OF RESEARCH

- Suiter, S., **Lipham, L.**, Murry, VMB., Miller, ST., Ahonkhai, AA., Wilkins, CH. (2023). Aligning Dollars with Values: Community-Engaged Grant Making for Health Equity. American Evaluation Association Annual Meeting: "Disseminating Stories about the Multidimensional Impact of Health Research to Diverse Patient and Community Groups" Presentation Session. Indianapolis, IN.
- Lipham, L. Kas-Osoka, C., Murry, VMB., Wilkins, CHB., Miller, ST. (2023). Training Graduate Students, Medical Students, and Medical Trainees on Community Engaged Research: Lessons Learned from Implementing a Community Scholars Program. Translational Science 2023 Conference Poster Presentation. Washington, D.C.
- Alexander, L., Hargreaves, M., Larson, C., Mitchell, E., Adams, S., Coleman, P., Griffith, D., **Lipham, L.**, Joosten, Y., Sullivan, C. (2016). Advancing Community Engaged Research through Partnership Development: The Scope and Impact of a Mini-Grant Program. Advancing the Science of Community Engaged Research Poster Presentation. Washington, DC.
- **Lipham, L.**, Powers, A (2014). Determination of food deserts in Greenville County, SC. Furman Engaged Poster Presentation. Furman University, SC.
- **Lipham, L.**, Ward, K., Powers, A (2013). Determination of food deserts in Greenville County, SC. Furman Engaged Poster Presentation. Furman University, SC.
- **Lipham, L.**, Powers, A (2012). Determination of food deserts in Greenville County. South Carolina Clinical and Translational Research Scientific Retreat on Obesity, Charleston, SC.
- **Lipham, L.**, Powers, A (2012). Determination of food deserts in Greenville County. Piedmont Health Foundation Board Meeting. Greenville, SC.