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## EDUCATION

- August 2010    **Master of Public Health**, concentration: Social and Behavioral Sciences  
College of Health Professions and Social Work, Temple University, Philadelphia PA
- May 2008      **Bachelor of Science in Public Health**  
College of Health Professions and Social Work, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016 - present    **Director of Undergraduate Studies in Public Health and Instructor**  
Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA  
Responsible for the management and administrative oversight of the Bachelor of Science program in Public Health as well as the accelerated 4+1 Bachelor of Science in Public Health to Master of Public Health program. This includes curriculum oversight and development, serving as the point person for prospective and current students for any questions or concerns about the program, and supervising three academic advisors and the academic fieldwork specialist. Responsible for teaching undergraduate courses including Professional Seminar in Public Health and Internship.
- 2011-2016      **Fieldwork Coordinator and Instructor**  
Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA  
Responsible for the development and implementation of undergraduate and master level students' courses including Professional Seminar, Internship and Fieldwork. Other course taught include Public Health Program Planning 1 & 2, Introduction to Public Health, and Contemporary Health Issues. Facilitated placement for all undergraduate Public Health and MPH students' fieldwork placements. Developed partnerships and maintained relationships with public health organizations for fieldwork placement and practice based learning experiences. Coordinated professional development events for undergraduate and graduate students such as internship and career panels as well as networking events.
- 2010-2011      **Adjunct Professor**  
Department of Public Health, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA  
Responsible for developing and implementing curricula in the Public Health Department. Courses include Internship, Professional Seminar, and AIDS and Society.
- 2010-2011      **Project Assistant**  
Center for Preparedness Research, Education and Practice, Temple University  
Philadelphia, PA  
Coordinated statewide meetings with an advisory group that included service providers and community organizations that serve special populations and facilitated the development of a strategic plan. Responsible for the creation of a chapter regarding special medical needs shelters to be published in the PA Department of Health Special Populations Guide. Surveyed alternate care sites that may be used as special medical needs shelters during a disaster.

2007-2010      **Group Home Counselor**  
Elwyn, Vineland, NJ  
Responsible for managing and supervising activities and functions of developmentally disabled individuals. Assisted, taught, and supported individuals in independent management of personal health care, hygiene, and social interaction. Also was responsible for creating and teaching individual habilitation skills to maximize independence.

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## PUBLICATIONS

Bass S, Gordon T, Maurer L, Greener J, Mora G, Ruggieri D, **Wolak C**, and Parvanta C. Health Security. October 2016, 14(5): 331-344. doi:10.1089/hs.2016.0037.

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Bass, S.B, Greener, J.R., Ruggieri, D., Parvanta, C., Mora, G., **Wolak, C.**, Normile, R., and Gordon, TF. (2015). Attitudes and Perceptions of Urban African Americans of a “Dirty Bomb” Radiological Terror Event: Results of a Qualitative Study and Implications for Effective Risk Communication. Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness, 9, pp 9-18. doi:10.1017/dmp.2014.158.

Gordon, TF, Bass, SB, Ruzek, SB, **Wolak, C\***, Rovito, MJ\*, Ruggieri, D\*, Ward, S, Parajape, A. Developing a typology of African Americans with limited literacy based on health maintenance orientation: Implications for colorectal cancer screening strategies. Journal of Health Communication. 2014; 19(11):1259-77. doi:10.1080/10810730.2013.872725

Bass, SB, Gordon, TF, Ruzek, SB, **Wolak, C\***, Ruggieri, D\*, Mora, G\*, Rovito, MJ, Britto, J, Parameswaran, L, Abedin, Z, Ward, S, Paranjape, A, Lin, Meyer, B, Pitts, K\*. Developing a Computer Touch-screen Interactive Colorectal Screening Decision Aid for a Low-Literacy African American Population: Lessons Learned. Health Promotion Practice, 2013. 14(4):589-98. Doi: 10.1177/1524839912463392.

Ruggieri, DG\*, Bass, SB, Rovito, MJ, Ward, S, Gordon, TF, Paranjape, A, Lin, , Meyer, B, Parameswaran, L, Wolak, C\*, Britto, J, Ruzek, SB. Perceived colonoscopy barriers and facilitators among urban African American patients and their medical residents. Journal of Health Communication, 2013; 18(4):372-90. DOI:10.1080/10810730.2012.727961

**Wolak, C\***, Bass, SB, Tedaldi, E, VanDenburg, M, Rohrer, C\*. Minority HIV Patients’ Perceptions of Barriers and Facilitators to Participation in Clinical Research. Current HIV Research, 2012; 10(4): 348-55.

Bass, SB, Gordon, TF, Ruzek, SB, **Wolak, C\***, Ward, S, Paranjape, A, Lin, K, Meyer, B, Ruggieri, D\*. Perceptions of colorectal cancer screening in urban African American clinic patients: Differences by gender and screening status. Journal of Cancer Education. 2011; 26(1): 121-8. DOI: 10.1007/s13187-010-0123-9

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## **PRESENTATIONS**

**Wolak, C.** Patterson, F., Frankel, A., Boyer, J., Ibrahim, J. Creating an evidenced based MPH fieldwork model: From research and implementation through evaluation and dissemination. Presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Conference, November 2015.

**Wolak C.**, Bass SB., Tedaldi E., Vandenberg-Wolf M., Rohrer C. Minority HIV patients' perceptions of barriers and facilitators to participation in clinical research. Poster presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Conference. November 2011.

**Wolak C.** Gordon, TF., Bass, SB., Ruzek, SB. Assessing literacy in a low-income, African American clinic population to facilitate improving health education interventions. Poster presented at the Health Literacy Annual Research Conference. October 2009.

**Wolak C.** Gordon, TF., Bass, SB., Ruzek, SB. Assessing literacy in a low-income, African American clinic population to facilitate improving health education interventions. Presented at the Pennsylvania Public Health Association Annual Conference. October 2009.

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## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### *Undergraduate Courses*

Professional Seminar in Public Health - 2010 to present

Internship I - 2011 to present

Internship II – 2011 to present

AIDS and Society – Summer 2012

Intro to Public Health Programs (Community Based Program Planning I) – Fall 2015

PH Program Administration (Community Based Program Planning II) – Spring 2016

Introduction to Public Health: How We Live, Work and Play – 2015-2016

Contemporary Health Issues – Summer 2015

### *Graduate Courses*

MPH Fieldwork I – 2012-2014

MPH Fieldwork II – 2012 – 2014

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## **UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

External Reviewer, Drexel University School of Public Health undergraduate program alignment review

Member, Awards Committee – Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Member, Undergraduate Council – College of Public Health

Member, Fieldwork Taskforce – College of Public Health

Superintendent Search Committee Chair, Boro of Clayton Board of Education

Curriculum Chair and Member, Boro of Clayton Board of Education

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## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Public Health Association

Pennsylvania Public Health Association

Association for Schools and Programs of Public Health, Undergraduate Network for Public Health and Global Health Education

Delta Omega, Public Health Honorary Society

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## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2018 - Service Award, Department of Public Health

2016– Undergraduate Service Award, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences

2014 – Service Award, Department of Public Health