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Areas of Research

BIPOC Health and Health Services Utilization, LGBTQ+ Health and Health Services Utilization, Health Equity, Health Disparities, Structural Racism and Health Outcomes, Intersectionality, and Critical Race Theory

Education

- 2016-2020 **PhD- Health Services Research**| University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Dissertation: Environmental and Social Barriers and Facilitators to Healthcare Access and Utilization for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual (LGB) People in California
Advisor: Dylan H. Roby, PhD
Committee: Luisa Franzini, PhD, Andrew T. Fenelon, PhD, Typhanye V. Dyer, Bradley Boekeloo PhD, and Neil J. Sehgal, PhD
- 2009-2010 **MA- Women's Health**| Suffolk University, Boston, MA
Master's Thesis: Falling Through the Gaps: A Systematic Review of Qualified Student Health Insurance Plans in Massachusetts
- 2005-2009 **BA-Psychology Minor: African-American Studies**| San Diego State University

Positions

- 2021- Present **Assistant Professor of Health Policy and Clinical Practice**
The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice| Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth
- 2020- 2021 **Postdoctoral Researcher**
Department of Medicine, Health, and Society| Vanderbilt University
LGBT Health Disparities and Aging| LGBT Health Policy Lab
Advisors: Tara McKay, PhD, Gilbert Gonzales, PhD, and Christopher Carpenter, PhD
Affiliated
Department of Health Policy| Vanderbilt University Medical Center
- 2017-2020 **Social Media, Digital Communication and Data Coordinator**
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Centers for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight (CCIIO)
- 2013-2017 **Rate Review Communications and Compliance Analyst**
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Centers for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight (CCIIO)

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2012-2013

Rate Review Grant Program Officer

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Centers for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight (CCIIO)

Peer Reviewed Publications

Akré, E.L., Marthey, D.J., Ojukwu, C., Ottenwaelder, C., Comfort, M., & Lorvick, J. (Forthcoming). Social Stability and Unmet Health Care Needs in a Community-Based Sample of Women Who Use Drugs. *Health Services Research & Managerial Epidemiology*

Robertson, L., **Akré, E.L.**, & Gonzales, G. (2021). Mental Health Disparities at the Intersections of Transgender Status, Race, and Ethnicity. *LGBT Health*. DOI: 10.1089/lgbt.2020.0429

Williams, N.D., Turpin, R. **Akré, E.L.**, Boekeloo, B.O., & Fish, J.N. (2021). Sexual Identity Differences in Mental Health Care Access and Satisfaction: Findings from Nationally Representative Data. *Journal of Psychiatric Research. Psychiatric Services*. <https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.ps.202100045>

Akré, E.L., Anderson, A.C., Stojanovski, K., Chung, K., VanKim, N. & Chae, D. (2021). Depression, Anxiety and Alcohol Use among LGBTQ+ People During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *American Journal of Public Health*. <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2021.306394>

Turpin, R. **Akré, E.L.**, Williams, N.D., Boekeloo, B.O., & Fish, J.N. (2021). Differences in Health Care Access and Satisfaction Across Intersections of Race/Ethnicity and Sexual Identity. *Academic Medicine*. DOI: 10.1097/ACM.00000000000004243

Akré, E.L., Boekeloo, B., Dyer, T., Fenelon, A., Franzini, L., Seghal, N.J., & Roby, D.H. (2021). Disparities in Health Care Access and Utilization at the Intersections of Urbanicity and Sexual Identity in California. *LGBT Health*. DOI: 10.1089/lgbt.2020.0259

Anderson A.C., **Akré E.L.**, Chen J. (2019). Exploring national trends of patient- and family-centered care among US children. *J Child Health Care*. 23(2):200-212. PubMed PMID: 30016885.

Newman, S., **Akré, E.**, Bossarte, R & Mack, K. (2010). Suicides in National Parks: September 2003 – December 2009. *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* December 3, 2010 59(47); 1546-1549.

Under Review/In Preparation

Akré, E.L., & Gonzales, G. (Under Review). Disparities in Health and Health Behaviors Among Women at the Intersection of Sexual Orientation and Race, and Ethnicity.

Akré, E.L., Boekeloo, B., Dyer, T., Fenelon, A., Franzini, L., Seghal, N.J., & Roby, D.H. (Revise and Resubmit). Associations between Income and Sex on Health Care Access in Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual adults in California. *Annals of LGBTQ Public and Population Health*

Akré, E.L., Kelly, K., & McKay, T. (In Progress). The Effects of Health Beliefs on Health Behavior in Older Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Adults of Color in the US South During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Akré, E.L., Anderson, A., Dyer, T., & Chae, D. (In Progress). Changes in Depression, Anxiety and Alcohol Use among LGBTQ+ People Experiencing Economic Shock During the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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Akre, E.L. & McKay, T. (In Progress). Perceptions and Awareness of the Undetectable Equals Untransmittable Campaign in Gay and Bisexual Cisgender Men Over the Age of 50.

Other Research Activities

2021-Present **Affiliated Research Scientist**| University of Maryland Health Systems and Policy Lab

2019-Present **Affiliated Research Scientist**| University of Maryland Prevention Research Center

2020-2016 **Graduate Research Assistant**| University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Health Care Access and Sexual Orientation: Before and after the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Advisor: Andrew T. Fenelon, PhD

How do Medicaid Agencies and Managed Care Plans use Payment and Contracting to Address Enrollees' Social Needs?

Advisor: Dylan Roby, PhD

2017 **Research Fellow**| University of Cape Town, Cape Town, SA
Meaningful Engagement in Health Policy Decision Making Among Members of the Learning Network for Health and Human Rights

Advisor: Leslie London, PhD

2009-2010 **Graduate Research Assistant**| Suffolk University, Boston, MA

Barriers to health care and social services for previously incarcerated women.

Advisors: Susan Sered PhD and Maureen Norton-Hawk PhD

Teaching

2018-2020 **Instructor**

Public Health Science Certificate Program| University of Maryland, College Park, MD

- SPHL 602 Leadership, Teams, and Coalition Building: Policy to Advocacy (Online) Summer 2020

Public Health Science | University of Maryland, College Park, MD

- PHSC 497 Public Health Capstone Fall 2018-Spring 2020

2016-2019 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Public Health Science |University of Maryland, College Park, MD

- SPHL 100 Public Health Foundations Fall 2018: Spring 2019

Masters of Public Health Program| University of Maryland, College Park, MD

- HLSA 772 Leadership and Healthcare Communication Fall 2019
- HLSA 601 Introduction to Health Systems Fall 2017

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Honors and Awards

- (2020) Delta Omega Honor Society in Public Health Zeta Gamma Chapter
- (2019) Lavender Leadership Honor Society
- (2019) Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant
- (2019) APHA Community Health Planning and Policy Development Travel Scholarship
- (2019) APHA Health Administration Section Annual Meeting Registration Scholarship
- (2019) Health Policy and Management Dissertation Research Enhancement Award
- (2018) Public Health Community Improvement Award, CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield
- (2017) Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant
- (2016) Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai International Exchange Fellowship
- (2016) University of Maryland Dean's Fellowship
- (2016) Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) Fellowship
- (2015) CMS' Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO), Oversight Group/Exchange Policy and Operations Group Team Award
- (2014) CMS', Health Insurance Market Place Award Winner
- (2009) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Undergraduate Public Health Summer Program Outstanding Scholar Award
- (2008) Africana Studies Faculty and Staff Scholarship
- (2007-2009) Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Funded by the National Institute for General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) and National Institute of Health (NIH)
- (2006-2009) McNair Scholar Program Funded by the United States Department of Education
- (2008) American Psychological Association Convention. Boston, MA, Student Research Award (Top 6 student presentations)
- (2007-2009) Psi Chi Psychology National Honor Society
- (2007) Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated, Outstanding Service Award
- (2007) Student African American Brotherhood, Women of the Year

Service

MENTORSHIP AND RESEARCH SUPERVISION

- 2017- 2020 Peer Mentor, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2018-2020 Undergraduate Capstone Supervision, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2019- 2021 Undergraduate Research Supervisor, University of Maryland, College Park

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PROFESSION

Journal Reviewer: *LGBT Health, Journal of Urban Health, Health Education and Behavior, Culture, Health, and Sexuality*

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/COMMITTEES

- 2021- **Member, Interdisciplinary Association of Population Health Scientists**
- 2021 - **Community Advisory Board Member, University of Maryland- Prevention Research Center**
- 2020 - 2021 **Research Affiliate, University of Maryland- Prevention Research Center**
- 2017 - 2020 **Student Research Affiliate, Population Association of America**
- 2016 - **Member, American Public Health Association**
- 2016 - **Member, AcademyHealth**

Conference Presentations/Invited Talks

Akré, E.L. (2021). The Association between Unmet Social Needs and Access to Health Care by Sexual Orientation in United States. Poster presentation accepted at the AcademyHealth 2021 Annual Research Meeting. June 14-17, 2021. Virtual.

Akré, E.L., Roby, D., Fenelon, A., Franzini, L., Sehgal, N., Dyer, T., & Boekeloo, B. (2021). Disparities in Healthcare Access and Utilization at the Intersections of Sexual Identity, Gender, and Income. University of Kansas LGBTQ Research Symposium. June 3-4, 2021

Akré, E.L. (2021). Health disparities at the intersections of social identity: Policy and practice implications to advance towards health equity. Health Equity and Health Disparities Graduate Student Seminar. Brown University. Health Services, Policy, and Practice

Akré, E.L., Boekeloo, B., Dyer, T., Fenelon, A., Franzini, L., Sehgal, N.J., & Roby, D.H. (2021). Health disparities at the intersections of social identity: Policy and practice implications to advance towards health equity. Health Equity Graduate Student Seminar. Dartmouth College. The Dartmouth Institute and Geisel Medical School. February 2021.

Akré, E.L., Boekeloo, B., Dyer, T., Fenelon, A., Franzini, L., Sehgal, N.J., & Roby, D.H. (2020). Environmental and Social Barriers to Healthcare Access and Utilization for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual (LGB) people in California. Graduate Student Seminar. University of Maryland College Park. April 2020.

Akré, E.L., Roby, D., Fenelon, A., Franzini, L., Sehgal, N., Dyer, T., & Boekeloo, B. (2020). Disparities in Healthcare Access and Utilization at the Intersections of Sexual Identity, Gender, and Income. Poster presentation accepted at the AcademyHealth 2020 Annual Research Meeting. July 2020. In-Person meeting canceled due to COVID-19.

Akré, E., Driscoll, R., & Gonzales, G. (2019). Health Disparities Among Older Women at the Intersections of Sexual Orientation and Race/Ethnicity. **Oral presentation** presented at the American Public Health Associations Annual Conference. Philadelphia, PA.

Akré, E. & London, L. (2018). What Can I Do with Nothing? Meaningful Engagement in Health Policy Decision Making Among Members of the Learning Network for Health and Human Rights. Poster presented at the AcademyHealth 2018 Annual Research Meeting. Seattle, WA.

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Akré, E. & Fenelon, A. (2018). Health Care Access and Sexual Orientation: Before and after the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Poster presented at the AcademyHealth 2018 Annual Research Meeting. Seattle, WA.

Akré, E. & Franzini, L. (2017). Emergency Department Utilization in Individuals with a Usual Source of Care. Poster presented at the New England Symposium for Research at Harvard University. Boston, MA.

Akré, E. & Fenelon, A. (2017). Changes in Access to Health Care Utilization in the LBG population from 2013 through 2015. Oral presentation at the University of Maryland College Park. College Park, MD.

Akré, E. (2011). "Policy Surrounding Obesity Prevention and their Impacts on Low-Income Communities of Color." Guest Lecturer. Charles Drew University 1st Annual Obesity Conference. Los Angeles, CA.

Akré, E. (2011). "Transit Oriented Districts and Their Implications on Community Safety." Guest Lecturer. Project RENEW Transit Oriented District Community Workshops. Los Angeles, CA.

Akré, E. & Mack, K. (2009). The Epidemiology of Sting Injuries in the United States Emergency Departments. Oral presentation presented at Morehouse College Public Health Science Institute Research Symposium. Atlanta, GA.

Akré, E., Ulloa, E. & Hokoda, A. (2009). How gender interacts with authoritarian parenting and teen relationship violence. Poster presented at the 2009 Western Psychological Association (WPA) Conference. Portland, OR. Oral presentation presented at San Diego State University's Student Research Symposium. San Diego, CA. Poster presented at the 8th Annual California Council for Family Relations Conference. San Diego, CA.

Akré, E., Carrico, A., Johnson, M., & Neiland, T. (2008). Analyzing psychosocial factors and their effects on non-adherence to antiretroviral medications. Oral presentation presented at Howard University Student Research Symposium. Washington, DC. Poster presented at the 2008 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS). Orlando, FL.

Belfy, J., **Akré, E.,** Hokoda, A., & Ulloa, E. (2008). Peer and personal norms in relation to teen relationship violence. Poster presented at the 2008 Annual Student Research Symposium (SRS) at San Diego State University. San Diego, CA. Poster presented at the 2008 American Psychological Association (APA) Conference. Boston, MA.

Barrenson, K., **Akré, E.,** Gomez, J., Ulloa, E., & Hokoda, A. (2008). Depression Mediating the Relationship between Harmful Family Influences and Adolescent Dating Violence. Poster presented at the 22nd International Violence Abuse and Trauma Convention. San Diego, CA.

Akré, E., Gomez, J., Hokoda, A., & Ulloa, E. (2008). Examining exposure to violence, depression and teen relationship violence in Mexican adolescents: A Mediation model. Symposium conducted at the 2008 Annual Student Research Symposium (SRS) at San Diego State University. San Diego, CA. Poster presented at the 2008 Western Psychological Association (WPA) Conference. Irvine, CA.

Akré, E., Valenzuela, G., & Reed, H., (2007). Examining authoritarian parenting, peer influences and teen relationship violence in Mexican adolescents. Poster presented at the 21st International Violence Abuse and Trauma Convention. San Diego, CA.

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Valenzuela, G., Reed, H., **Akre, E.**, Hokoda, A., & Ulloa, E. (2007). Examining authoritarian parenting, peer influence and teen relationship violence in Mexican adolescents. Poster presented at the 2007. Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS). San Antonio, TX.

Akre, E., Hokoda, A., & Ulloa, E. (2007). Examining authoritarian parenting, depression, and teen relationship violence in Mexican adolescent. Symposium conducted at the University of California San Diego Summer Research Conference. San Diego, CA.