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EDUCATION

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| 2019 | Doctor of Public Health (Public Health Executive Leadership)
University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health |
| 2012 | Master's in public health (Health Management and Policy)
University of North Texas School of Public Health |
| 1996 | M.S. in Food Science and Technology,
Ghent University (Belgium) |
| 1995 | M.S. in Agricultural Engineering (Nutrition & Dietetics),
Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium) |
| 1992 | B.S. in Agricultural Engineering, Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium) |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2023 to Present | Stephen F. Austin State University – Nacogdoches, Texas
<i>Assistant Professor of Public Health – Department of Kinesiology and Health Science</i> |
| 2019 to Present | The University of North Texas at Dallas - Dallas, TX
<i>Adjunct Assistant Professor – Public Leadership Graduate Program</i> |
| 2021 to 2024 | University of Cincinnati - Cincinnati, Ohio
<i>Adjunct Assistant Professor – Department of Africana Studies</i> |
| 2021 to 2023 | Union Institute & University – Cincinnati, Ohio
<i>MA Faculty – Applied Nutrition & Dietetics, Health & Wellness, and Human Lactation Studies</i> |
| 2017 to 2019 | Reaching Our Brothers Everywhere, Inc. – Decatur, GA
<i>Director</i>
Reaching Our Brothers Everywhere (ROBE), Inc. is a national member network that maximizes opportunities to engage Black men in breastfeeding support and their children's well-being by educating, equipping, and empowering them within their communities. ROBE uplifts fathers' challenges, builds solid relationships and partnerships with community stakeholders, and creates platforms for exchanging Black men's health and well-being practices. ROBE documents resources that fathers may use immediately, catalogs best practices for community-based participatory approaches, and communicates best practices for community-based participatory approaches. |
| 2008 to 2017 | City of Dallas Office of Community Care – Dallas, TX.
<i>Senior Public Health Educator</i>
I directed the launching and implementation of the Women Infants & Children (WIC) Peer Dad Program, a promotional and educational nutrition and breastfeeding intervention targeting father breastfeeding support. I developed training materials for men's nutrition and breastfeeding education and trained all Peer Dad Breastfeeding Counselors in Texas. I chaired the “Men of WIC” task force at the National WIC Association to transform WIC into a father-friendly environment. I developed a father-directed nutrition and breastfeeding interventions network at local hospitals, high schools, and communities. I reported and forecasted program budgets. |

- 2003 to 2008 **City of Dallas Health and Environmental Services – Dallas, TX**
Supervisor and Public Health Nutritionist
 Supervised staff, completed attendance reports and performance appraisals, directed the team to conduct outreach activities in the community, provided nutrition counseling and education to Women, Infants, and Children participants, and trained students for their community nutrition rotation.
- 2001- 2003 **Open Door Family Medical Group, Ossining, NY**
Nutritionist and Smoking Cessation Facilitator
 Identified nutritional risks, supervised nutritional status, developed curricula for group sessions, and taught classes. Advised patients to complete the circuit of prenatal care (OB-GYN, PCAP, HIV, LAB). Helped smoking participants understand their addictive condition and evaluate their readiness to change by following the American Cancer Society FRESHSTART quit guidelines.
- 1998 – 2001 **Atara Designs, Riverdale, NY**
Assistant to the president
 Responsible for bookkeeping, Graphics, and logo designs of manufactured products. Handling orders of finished products, assessing outcomes quality before shipping.
- 1995 – 1997 **Ghent University/ Faculty of Bioscience Engineering – Ghent, Belgium**
Research Assistant
 Evaluated methodologies for detecting foodstuff pathogens by applying conventional culture, ISO, ELISA, Latex Test, Immuno-magnetic separation (Dynabeads), and Identification systems (BBL Crystal). Performed Microbial analysis of Foods, specifically detecting Escherichia Coli 0157: H7 in minced meat and cheese by ELISA and conventional culture methods.
- 1994 – 1995 **Catholic University of Louvain/ Department of Food Microbiology – Louvain La Neuve, Belgium**
Research Assistant
 I analyzed the correlation between classical (Plate Count, Most Probable Number) and microscopic enumeration by Direct Epifluorescent Filter Technique. The technique was developed to enumerate food bacteria, and I modified it to count bacteria from different soil substrates.

PUBLICATIONS

Whembolua GL, Amutah N, Elewonibi B, **Mwamba M** (2014) Role of Parental Nativity in Breastfeeding among Black children in the United States, 2011, *Journal of Race and Policy*.

Ilunga T., Whembolua GL, Conserve DF, **Mwamba M** (2014) Factors associated with health insurance coverage and health insurance knowledge among Congolese immigrants in Illinois. *Journal of Public Health*.

PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

Mwamba M. (2024). Are immigrant men experiencing a fatherhood crisis in their cities of residence? Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance (submitted for review)

Mwamba M. (2024). How to equip a Black boy/male to succeed from an immigrant perspective. Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance (submitted for review)

Mwamba M. (2024). To what extent the health of Black immigrants is subjected to weathering in growing cities? Global Encyclopedia of Public Administration, Public Policy, and Governance (submitted for review)

Whembolua GL, **Mwamba M**. PAMODJA: A Congolese Community-Based Initiative. Submission to LIGHT—Leaders Igniting Generational Healing and Transformation—is a literary journal in public health.

Whembolua GL, **Mwamba M**, Cannon J, Conserve DF. Fathers Cultural Experiences Role in the Decision to Support Breastfeeding: The Case of Congolese Immigrants. *Ethnicity & health* (submitted for review).

Mwamba M, Ilunga T, Whembolua GL. Culture Matters: Congolese Fatherhood Identity Crisis in Dallas. *Journal of Race and Policy* (in progress)

Whembolua GL, Conserve DF, Ilunga T., **Mwamba M**, Kabamba D, Ball C. Breastfeeding in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: A Review. *International Breastfeeding Journal* (in progress).

Whembolua GL, Conserve DF, Ilunga T., **Mwamba M**, Perry S. HIV Prevention in The Democratic Republic of the Congo: A Review. *Aids Behavior* (in progress).

Whembolua GL, Conserve DF, Ilunga T., **Mwamba M**, Perry S. Determinants of exclusive breastfeeding among mothers in D.R. Congo: a cross-sectional study. *International Breastfeeding Journal* (in progress).

REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Olufemi A, Funmilola FO, Temisola EO and Fumnanya LO (2024). Influence of intimate partner violence and male involvement on maternal healthcare services utilization in Nigeria. *Frontiers in Global Women's Health Maternal health*

Titilayo AO, Bless MN, Cordelia M, Yasmeen G and Samuel EN (2024). "... He's not beating me" -Traditional Birth Attendants and Sociocultural Construction of Intimate Partner Violence: Implications for Maternal & Child Health in Rural Communities in Hohoe, Ghana ' *Frontiers in Global Women's Health Maternal health*

Sophie K, Joseph R, Sandra M, Lou G, Lauren M, Samuel O, Jane W, Constance S, Ash R, Julius M, Beffy V, Angeline S, Richard G and Lawrence P (2024). Interpersonal violence against women and maternity care in Migori County, Kenya: Evidence from a cross-sectional survey. *Frontiers in Global Women's Health Maternal health*

Aminat A and Elhakim I (2024). Prevalence and Predictors of Men's Involvement in Pregnancy Care in Modakeke, Southwest Nigeria. *Frontiers in Global Women's Health Maternal health*

Abraham T, Mamusha A, Adisu B, Fira A and Yohannes K (2024). Husband's intention to support during pregnancy for the use of maternity waiting home in Jimma Zone, Southwest, Ethiopia: a community-based cross-sectional study. *Frontiers in Global Women's Health Maternal health*

Lukas B, Braian L, Marco A, Vanda M, Antonio A, Heloisa B and Alexandre A (2024). Intergenerational consequences of violence: violence during pregnancy as a risk factor for infection in infancy. *Frontiers in Global Women's Health Maternal health*

Aristide Romaric Bado (2024). Determinants of DMPA-SC/ Self-Injectable Contraceptive Uptake among Modern Contraceptive Users in Burkina Faso: Findings from the 2021 Demographic and Health Survey. *Frontiers in Global Women's Health Maternal health*

REVIEWED BUT NOT YET PUBLISHED

Fikre ML, Aklilu A, Wubshet E, Genet A, Addisalem H & Fekadu AK. (2024). Male Partner Involvement in Postnatal Care Service Utilization and its Associated Factors in Wolaita Sodo town, Southern Ethiopia, 2023. *Frontiers in Global Women's Health Maternal health*

REVIEWED AND REJECTED PUBLICATIONS

Teklemariam EY, Hailay AG, Margo SH & Tefera B. (2024). Effect of couple-based health education on maternal knowledge, attitude and utilization of maternity waiting homes in rural Ethiopia: a cluster-randomized Trial. *Frontiers in Global Women's Health Maternal health*

Natnael A, Awoke A, Tezera M, Fanos Y & Kelemu A. (2024). Magnitude and determinants of husbands' involvement in ensuring partners' reproductive rights in Southern Ethiopia: Cross-sectional study. *Frontiers in Global Women's Health Maternal health*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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| 2021, April | <i>"What Role Do Fathers' Cultural Experiences Play in the Decision to Support Breastfeeding"?</i> Gold Lactation Online Conference. |
| 2021, April | <i>"Cultural Competence in Community."</i> UNT Dallas SERCH Institute & City of Dallas AmeriCorps VISTA members |
| 2021, March | <i>"Public Health in Urban Communities."</i> UNT Dallas SERCH Institute & City of Dallas AmeriCorps VISTA members |
| 2021, February | <i>"Citizenship: Strategies for Action."</i> UNT Dallas SERCH Institute & City of Dallas AmeriCorps VISTA members |
| 2021, February | <i>"Culture Matters: Congolese Fatherhood Identity Crisis in Dallas"</i> Online annual Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA) |
| 2019, December | <i>"Leadership Lessons learned from WIC"</i> Annual Meeting of State WIC directors of the Southwest Region. Food Nutrition Services of USDA, Dallas, TX |
| 2019, August | <i>"Safe Sleep and Infant Mortality Rate, A Historical Perspective."</i> Reaching Our Brothers Everywhere Pre-Summit. Collaborative Conversation. Atlanta, GA |
| 2019, June | <i>"Inclusive Breastfeeding Support of Partners, Spouses, and Family Voices in Breastfeeding Support."</i> National Breastfeeding Conference & Convening. Taking Equity from Theory to Practice. Bethesda, MD |
| 2016, July | <i>"Reaching Our Brothers Everywhere."</i> Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere (ROSE) Breastfeeding Summit: The Rose That Grew From The Concrete, New Orleans, LA |
| 2016 Marsh | <i>"Breastfeeding and Health Equity."</i> W.K. Kellogg Foundation 2016 First Food Forum. Achieving Health Equity in Every Community, Washington DC |
| 2016, February | <i>"What Can We Learn from African Immigrants within the African American Minority Group."</i> Reducing Racial and Ethnic Inequities in Breastfeeding Conference, Oklahoma City, OK |
| 2016, February | <i>"Fathers' Panel of Fathers of breastfed Babies: How Dads Can Support Breastfeeding"</i> & <i>"Engaging Fathers in Breastfeeding Support."</i> Becoming Baby-Friendly in Oklahoma Summit, Oklahoma City, OK |
| 2015, September | <i>"An Untapped Resource: Men and Dads at WIC."</i> Annual WIC Conference for Northern and Southern Nevada, Reno & Las Vegas, NV |

2015, March	Men and Dads at WIC: Building Successful Participation. California WIC Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA
2014, September	<i>Achieving a Healthy Start through Collective Impact. Healthy Dad. Healthy Mom. Healthy Baby.</i> The 7 th Annual Infant Mortality Awareness Summit. Dallas, TX
2014, September	<i>“What Dads Got To Do With It?”</i> A Dad’s Peer Counseling Panel. National WIC Association of Nutrition Education and Breastfeeding Conference. Atlanta, GA
2014, July	<i>“Male Lactation Consultants.”</i> 2014 Lactation Summit. Addressing Inequities Within the Lactation Profession. Phoenix, AZ
2014, July	<i>“A Qualitative Description of African American men’s experience fathering breastfed infants.”</i> Oral presentation at the Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere Breastfeeding Summit in Atlanta, GA
2014, June	<i>“City of Dallas: Call to Action to Support Breastfeeding.”</i> The poster illustrates many of the creative and productive endeavors WIC staff developed to promote, protect, and support breastfeeding in the Dallas area. Austin, Texas
2013, August	<i>“Reaching Our Brothers Everywhere.”</i> Panel presentation at the Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere Breastfeeding summit in Atlanta, GA
2013, February	<i>“Engaging Fathers –Culturally Competent Practices for Diverse Populations”</i> at the first W.K. Kellogg Foundation First Food Forum in Atlanta, GA
2012, July	<i>“Creating Environments that Support Breastfeeding. The Lactation Care Center Collaborative Approach”</i> . Poster presented at the University of North Texas School of Public Health in Fort Worth, Texas
2011, February	<i>“Peer Dads – Redefining a Father’s Role in Breastfeeding”</i> presented at the 9 th Annual Texas Healthy Start Alliance Education Conference in San Antonio, Texas
2010, September	<i>“The Potential Role of the Father in Breastfeeding”</i> at the 3 rd Annual Infant Mortality Awareness Summit. Dallas Healthy Start, September 8, 2010
2010, April	City of Dallas Peer Dad Program presented at the Texas WIC 2010 Nutrition and Breastfeeding Conference on April 7, 2010, in Austin, Texas.
2010, May	<i>“WIC Peer Dads, Combating Breastfeeding Barriers.”</i> Poster presentation at the National WIC Association in May 2010 in Portland, Oregon
2009, Austin	<i>“Fit Families Beyond Personal Will.”</i> Poster presentation at the Department of Texas State Health Services for the Obesity Prevention Project in September 2009 in Austin, Texas

CERTIFICATES AND LICENCES

2024	<i>Fostering A Culture of Belonging</i> by the Association of College and University Educators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing the Impact of Biases • Reducing Microaggressions • Addressing Imposter Phenomenon and Stereotype Threat • Cultivating an Inclusive Environment
2022	<i>Essential Competencies for Teaching Online</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching the 21st Century Learner • Assignment Design • Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
2010	<i>International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant</i>

The IBLCE's mission is to develop an internationally recognized certification standard and award credentials to individuals who demonstrate competence in providing breastfeeding assistance to mothers and children worldwide.

2009

Certified Lactation Counselor

This certification establishes a solid foundation of evidence-based knowledge and skills in lactation support, the scope of practice, and the code of ethics based on the WHO/UNICEF footprint.

VOLUNTEER

Since 2020

Pamodja Global

Director of Pamodja-USA

Pamodja is a Congolese Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) mainly composed of diasporic Congolese working in collaboration with Congolese back home. Its purpose is to tackle the three essential areas of Congo's development: health and Medical, Education, and Agriculture. Pamodja's headquarters is in Kinshasa, with three satellite offices in Johannesburg, Brussels, and Dallas.

2015 -2017

The University of Kansas Medical Center School of Nursing

Preceptor for Public Health Graduate Leadership Practicum Courses

Developed practicum objectives and professional goals. Practicum objectives are based on course objectives, core competencies for public health nurses, the preceptor's expertise, and the practicum agency's needs. Streamlined practicum objectives and professional goals for African immigrant students in breastfeeding blueprint of African American natives versus African Immigrants.

Since 2014

United States Breastfeeding Committee

Board of Directors, Governance Chair, Nominating Committee

The United States Breastfeeding Committee (USBC) is an independent nonprofit coalition of more than 50 nationally influential professional, educational, and governmental organizations that share a joint mission to drive collaborative efforts for policy and practices that create a landscape of breastfeeding support across the United States. First African-American father to be elected to the Board of Directors since its inception in 1995. As chair of the Governance Committee, completed the extended overdue Executive Director succession plan that resulted in the organization's top leadership transition.

Since 2013

Africana Health Research Laboratory (AFROLAB)

Senior Researcher

AFROLAB is a global public health laboratory striving to understand how socio-demographic, psychosocial, and environmental agents influence the mental and physical health of populations of African descent worldwide.

Since 2012

Reaching Our Sisters Everywhere (ROSE)

Board Member

Focusing on increasing breastfeeding initiation and duration rates, ROSE seeks to normalize breastfeeding by serving as a catalyst that provides resources and networking opportunities for individuals and communities.

2012 - 2017

Parkland Memorial Hospital Breastfeeding Steering Committee

Documenting community follow-up for mothers and infants breastfeeding after discharge contributes to the Best Fed Beginnings program, a national initiative to assist hospitals in acquiring the Baby-Friendly Hospital designation.

2010 - 2017

African Social and Immigration Services

Community Health Educator

Preventative healthcare education that focuses on improving nutrition and physical activity is provided to the underserved refugee communities in the Dallas/Fort Worth area in America's context of health disparity.

2010 - 2017

Dallas Area Breastfeeding Alliance

Member

The mission of the Dallas Area Breastfeeding Alliance is to protect, promote, and support breastfeeding in the Greater Dallas Area. It is part of the Texas Breastfeeding Coalition and the United States Breastfeeding Committee.

GRANTS

2014

Co-investigator "Examination of African Fathers Roles in the Decision-Making Process to Breastfeed, Summer 2014." Funded by the Taft Research Center (Summer Research Fellowship), \$8,500.

2013

Co-Investigator "A Qualitative Description of African American Men's Experiences as Fathers of Breastfed Infants." Funded by the Baylor University School of Nursing. \$ 4,500

2009 & 2010

City of Dallas and University of Texas Obesity Prevention Mini-Grant Recipient

GRANT APPLICATIONS

2024

Co-investigator. "Well-being in Minority Rural Communities: The Role of Housing and Health Determinants." R21 proposal grant application.

UNFUNDED GRANT APPLICATIONS

2022

Co-Principal Investigator "A Culture of Sexual Health Literacy" with the Urban SERCH Institute. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant application.

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Global Health
Health Advocacy and Policy
Core Concepts of Health
Cultural Diversity & Cultural Competency
Health Concepts for Child and Adolescent
African Health & Development
Diversity & Health

Graduate Courses

Public Health Leadership
Public Service and Society
Public Private Partnerships
Intergovernmental Relations and Management
Healthcare Administration
Community and Public Health Nutrition
Infant/Child Growth & Development
The Art and Science of Lactation
Human Resources Management

MASTER'S THESES REVIEWER

2023, C. Mia O'Driscoll, Title: *Supporting Lactation in the LGBTQ+ Community*

2023, Meghan O’Leary. Title: *The Influence of Maternal Grandfathers on Infant Feeding Decisions and Breastfeeding Behaviors*.

2023, Britny Nalini Keefer. Title: *The Experience of Working Lactation Professionals During COVID-19*

2023, Allycia DeCaire. Title: *Healthcare Professional’s Knowledge Level and Attitude Toward Breastfeeding in Urban and Rural Areas in the Middle Tennessee Region*

2023, Iris Y. Ortiz. Title: *Mother of Infants Diagnosed with Ankyloglossia and Other Oral Restrictions*

2023, Jennifer Rothrock. Title: *The Role of Lactation Specialist on Breastfeeding Initiation and Duration in Mothers with Postpartum Depression*

2023, Jasmine Irene Fromm. Title: *Vegetable and Whole Grain Intake Among WIC and Non-WIC Participants*

2023, Delaney Smith. Title: *Cooking for Mental Health: Investigating the Relationship between Cooking Behavior, Dietary Quality, and Depression Severity*

2023, Rebecca Alicia Thomas. Title: *The Intercorrelated Factors of Food Perception: A Qualitative Analysis*

2023, Reagan Jennifer Critchfield. Title: *The Dietary Habits of the Missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*.

SKILLS

Foreign Language: Fluent in French, Swahili, Lingala, conversant in Spanish

Computer: Operating System - Windows & Apple Macintosh; Software: M.S. Office, QuickBooks, WICSIS, TXWIN; Web design: HTML, Adobe Acrobat, Photoshop

Data Analysis: SPSS, NVivo, EndNote