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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2010 - 2014  Ph.D. Biomedicine, University of Pompeu Fabra, Spain
Thesis: Urban renewal and health: The effects of the Neighbourhoods Law on health and health inequalities in Barcelona

2008 - 2010  M.Sc. Health Studies and Gerontology, University of Waterloo, Canada
Thesis: Urban Aboriginal Health: Using individual and contextual approaches to better understand the health of Aboriginal populations living in Toronto

2004 - 2008  Honors Bachelor Degree in Science, University of Toronto, Canada
Majors: Health Studies & Human Biology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fall 2015 - present  Assistant Professor, Department of Health Behavior & Health Education
University of Michigan Schools of Public Health

2015  Post-doctoral, Collaboratory for Research on Urban Neighborhoods, Community Health & Housing (CRUNCH)
McMaster University

Winter 2015  Lecturer, Chang School of Graduate Studies
Ryerson University

2010-2014  Research Associate, Public Health Agency of Barcelona, Spain

Sept-Dec 2013  Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology, University of Leeds. UK

PEER-REVIEW PUBLICATIONS


**OTHER PUBLICATIONS**


GRANTS (PAST & PRESENT)

Grant (Mehdipanah, Etienne & Norman) 01/01/2018-31/12/2021 ($250,000)
Quicken Loans & Poverty Solutions
Evaluation of Right of First Refusal (RoR) Program
Goal: The goal of this proposal is to evaluate the RoR project through local partnerships to learn what reinforces or interferes with the new homeowners remaining in the homes and to ensure identify support they may need.
Role: Co-Investigator: Responsible for scientific oversight of the health related data collected and analysis.

Pilot (Mehdipanah) 01/01/2018-31/12/2018 ($18,523.00)
Michigan Center on the Demography of Aging
Examining the role of housing tenure and health on aging populations in the U.S.
Goal: This project seeks to examine the relation between housing status, including affordability and conditions, and the health of aging populations in the U.S. using the Health & Retirement Study.
Role: Principal Investigator

R01 PA04328 (PI: Morgenstern) 09/01/2017-08/31/2022 ($7,501,717.00)
NIH/NIA
Cognitive impairment in Mexican Americans: a population-based study
Goal: This project seeks to determine the prevalence and outcomes of cognitive impairment and dementia in Mexican Americans. It also seeks solutions to help patients with cognitive impairment and dementia and their caregivers get the resources they need.
Role: Co-Investigator: Responsible for scientific oversight of the needs assessment of dementia patients and caregivers including the measurement of social support and neighborhood barriers and facilitators for care.

Pilot Grant (Mehdipanah) 2017 ($25,869)
Michigan Institute for Clinical & Health Research
Reducing Impacts of Housing Discrimination on Health (RIHDH)
Goal: To understand the associations between housing discrimination and social, economic and environmental characteristics at the neighborhood level to better guide and focus education efforts and public awareness initiatives on this topic.
Role: Principal Investigator

Grant Award (Mehdipanah) 2017 ($24,994)
Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan
Helping a House Remain a Home: Property Tax Exemption as a Poverty Solution
Goal: The purpose of this project is to work in partnership with the United Community Housing Coalition, the Healthy Environments Partnership and a research team, to evaluate the effectiveness of the implementation of the policy and study potential factors that may hinder or facilitate its access. Findings will inform best practices across local governing bodies to strengthen this policy’s ability to alleviate poverty in Detroit and statewide.
Role: Principal Investigator

Pilot Grant (Mehdipanah) 2015 - 2016 ($20,000)
World Health Organization
Urban HEART @ Detroit: Addressing health equity in the city of Detroit
Goal: The aim of this project was to adapt and implement the Urban Health Equity Assessment Response Tool developed by the WHO for the city of Detroit to identify health equity gaps and develop a response plan. This process is being completed through collaboration with partners including Detroit community based organizations, health systems, the University of Michigan and the Detroit’s Department of Health and Wellness.
Role: Principal Investigator

Seed Grant (Mehdipanah) 2015 - 2017 ($20,000)
Healthy Cities & Communities, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto
Developing a Health Evaluation Framework for the Tower Renewal Program in the City of Toronto
Goal: The purpose of this study was to create an evaluation framework for all Tower Renewal programs focused on high-density apartment neighborhoods in the city of Toronto.
Role: Principal Investigator

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS
(*presenter)


INVITED PRESENTATIONS


Making Housing More Affordable. Poverty Solutions Housing Symposium. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, US. April 7, 2017


Using a mixed-methods approach for the evaluation of complex urban interventions. Seminar at the University of Torino and the Public Health Agency of Torino, Italy. December 2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Winter 2018  
Population Determinants of Health 
Undergraduate Program, School of Public Health, University of Michigan 
Role: Instructor 
Undergraduate level: 100 students

Fall, 2016, 2017  
Urban Health 
Department of Health Behavior & Health Education, University of Michigan 
Role: Instructor 
Master’s level: 23-27 students

Winter 2018  
Needs Assessment 
Department of Health Behavior & Health Education, University of Michigan 
Role: Instructor 
Master’s level: 25-30 students

Winter 2015  
Community Health & Health Promotion 
Chang School for Graduate Studies, Ryerson University 
Role: Instructor 
Undergraduate level: 20 students

Fall 2014  
Concept Mapping for Planning & Evaluation 
Center for Inner City Health Research, St Michael’s Hospital, Toronto 
Role: Co-Instructor 
Professional level: 50 students

Winter 2018  
Concept Mapping for Planning & Evaluation 
Public Health Agency of Barcelona, Spain 
Role: Co-Instructor 
Professional level: 10 students

2009 Fall Term  
HLTH 101 Introduction to Health Studies 
Health Studies, University of Waterloo 
Role: Graduate Student Instructor 
Professional level: 2 discussion sessions - 40 students

2009 Winter Term  
HLTH 102 Introduction to Health Studies 
Health Studies, University of Waterloo 
Role: Graduate Student Instructor 
Professional level: 2 discussion sessions - 40 students
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Jan 2013 – 2014  Committee Member, Young Epidemiologists of Spain Group (Grupo EJE).
Jan 2011 – 2014  Member, Spanish Society of Epidemiologists

EDITORIAL SERVICES

Reviewer for:
Evaluation and Program Planning
Gaceta Sanitaria
Health Affairs
Health & Place Journal
Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health
Social Science and Medicine

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

November 2017  Academic Partner of the Year, The United Community Housing Coalition.
May 2014  European Doctorate Distinction
September 2008  University of Waterloo Graduate Scholarship
March 2007  University College Merit Award, University of Toronto

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Society of Urban Health