

T32 Mentors

| Name | De-grees | Rank | Primary Department or Program | Research Interests |
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| Project Directors | | | | |
| Fernandez, Maria E. | PhD | Prof | Health Promotion/ Behavioral Sci | Cancer screening (breast/cervical/colorectal), HPV vaccination; dissemination and implementation research; health disparities and Hispanics' health; health communication and tailoring technology in health education; community-based participatory research |
| Mullen, Patricia Dolan | DrPH, MLS | Prof | Health Promotion/ Behavioral Sci | Tobacco use and environmental exposure risk; informed decision making for values based cancer screening; adaptation of evidence –based cancer interventions; systematic review/meta-analysis |
| Vernon, Sally W. | PhD | Prof | Health Promotion/ Behavioral Sci; Epidemiology | Cervical, breast and colorectal cancer screening; HPV vaccination |
| Internal Advisory Committee/Mentors | | | | |
| Basen-Engquist, Karen M. | PhD MPH | Prof | Behavioral Sciences, UT MD Anderson Cancer Ctr; UT SPH (adj) | Physical activity weight management, cancer survivorship, cancer prevention |
| Du, Xianglin L. | MD, PhD | Prof | Epidemiology | Analyses of SEER-Medicare data on cancer screening; stage at diagnosis; treatment disparities and survivorship issues |
| Fernández-Esquer, Maria E. | PhD | Assoc Prof | Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences | Health disparities; cancer prevention; STI reduction; prevention of risky drinking; Latino research |
| Hoelscher, Deanna M. | PhD | Prof | Health Promotion/ Behavioral Sci | Design/ implementation/evaluation/dissemination of nutrition/physical activity programs for children/school staff/underserved populations; physical activity programs for children; evaluation of legislative policies that address nutrition/physical activity requirements/programs; dietary/physical activity assessment techniques; epidemiologic studies of child nutrition/ physical activity/behavioral risk factors; gene-environment interactions |

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| Tiro, Jasmin | PhD MPH | Assoc Prof | UT Southwestern Dept of Clinical Sciences; UT SPH Dallas regional campus (adj) | Mixed methods to design, implement and evaluate interventions promoting cancer prevention and control behaviors in safety-net health systems; breast, cervical, colorectal, and hepatocellular cancer screening and surveillance; HPV vaccination and parent-provider communication during vaccine discussions |
| Other Mentors | | | | |
| van den Berg Alexandra E. | PhD | Prof | Health Promotion/ Behavioral Sci | Dietary intake; physical activity; environmental influences on behavior |
| Highfield, Linda | PhD | Prof | Management, Policy & Community Health Practice | Dissemination and implementation of cancer interventions to healthcare contexts and the community; geospatial analysis of cancer; mathematical modeling and targeting of service delivery |
| Kohl III, Harold W. | PhD | Prof | Epidemiology | Epidemiology of physical activity; development of physical activity national guidelines; physical activity promotion among cancer survivors and for chronic disease prevention |
| Linder, Stephen H. | PhD | Prof | Management, Policy & Community Health | Knowledge transfer, evidence-based policy; community surveys accessible to stakeholder analysis |
| Markham, Christine | PhD | Prof | Health Promotion/ Behavioral Sci | Sexual health education, dissemination and implementation research |
| McNeill, Lorna H. | PhD MPH | Assoc Prof | Health Disparities, UT MD Anderson Cancer Ctr; UT SPH (adj) | Cancer-related health disparities in minority populations; influence of social contextual determinants of cancer in minorities; role of physical activity as a key preventive behavior |
| Pruitt, Sandi L. | PhD | Assoc Prof | UT Southwestern/Simmons Cancer Ctr; UT SPH Dallas regional campus (adj) | Social and behavioral epidemiology; large database analysis; geographic information science |

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| Reininger, Belinda M. | DrPH | Prof | Health Promotion/ Behavioral Sci | Community based participatory research |
| Savas, Lara S. | PhD | Assoc Prof | Health Promotion/ Behavioral Sci | Cancer prevention and control; intervention and evaluation research; multi-level intervention studies; health disparities; cancer screening, HPV vaccination, and smoke-free home interventions |
| Sharma, Shreela V. | PhD | Prof | Epidemiology | Behavioral epidemiology of nutrition and physical activity; obesity prevention in early childhood especially in low-income, minority populations; obesity prevention in India. |
| Springer, Andrew E. | DrPH | Assoc Prof | Health Promotion/ Behavioral Sci | Physical activity; obesity prevention |
| Strong, Larkin L | PhD MPH | Assoc Prof | Health Disparities, UT MD Anderson Cancer Ctr; UT SPH (adj) | Improving cancer preventive behaviors and health disparities in minority and underserved populations; physical activity |
| Tao, Cui | PhD | Prof | UTHealth School of Biomedical Informatics; UT SPH (adj) | Ontologies, standard terminologies, semantic web, information extraction and integration; application of ontology and semantic web technologies to clinical and translational studies, e.g., HPV "siri" |
| Balasubramania, Bijal | PhD | Prof | Epidemiology | Improvements to health care delivery in primary care using implementation science frameworks; evaluating system-level interventions in real-world health care settings; health care disparities in vulnerable populations |
| Byrd-Williams, Courtney Erin | PhD | Asst Prof | Health Promotion/ Behavioral Sci | Maternal and child health; nutrition and physical activity environment of early care and education (ECE) centers |
| DeSantis, Stacia | PhD | Prof | Biostatistics | Longitudinal data analysis; latent variable methods with applications in mental health and substance use; systematic review; methods for meta-analysis |
| Durand, Casey | PhD | Asst Prof | Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences | Physical activity; research methods; health disparities |

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| Fujimoto, Kayo | PhD | Prof | Health Promotion/ Behavioral Sci | Systems science methods and public health research by specializing in social-network analysis and stochastic network-modeling methods |
| Myneni, Sahiti | PhD | Assoc Prof | UTHealth School of Biomedical Informatics; UT SPH (adj) | Consumer informatics, health-related social media analytics; data-driven digital health technologies and idea to product translation (mHealth device development and testing); informatics-driven solutions in the domains of consumer and population health |
| Rajan, Suja S. | PhD | Assoc Prof | Management, Policy & Community Health | Cancer prevention; cancer health outcomes; economic evaluation; large data analysis; Women's health; Racial and socio-economic disparities |
| Swartz, Michael | PhD | Assoc Prof | Biostatistics | Statistical methods for identifying cancer genes and statistical methods applied to cancer data. |
| Other Co-Mentors | | | | |
| Allcock, Marlyn | PhD | Asst Prof | Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences | Cancer prevention and control; healthy survivorship; health disparities |
| Brown, Louis | PhD | Assoc Prof | Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences | Community-based health promotion interventions, social justice, cancer prevention |
| Chan, Wenyaw | PhD | Prof | Biostatistics | Continuous-time Marlow chain; longitudinal studies |
| Harrell, Melissa | PhD MPH | Assoc Prof | Epidemiology | Child and adolescent health; global/international health with special emphasis on India; tobacco prevention and cessation; obesity prevention; behavioral epidemiology |
| Lairson, David R. | PhD | Prof | Management, Policy & Community Health | Economics of cancer prevention and treatment |
| Shay, Laura A. | PhD MSW | Asst Prof | Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences | HPV vaccination; patient-provider communication and medical decision making about cancer prevention and survivorship; adolescent and young adult cancer survivors |
| Moya, Eva | PhD | Assoc Prof | College of Health Sciences; UTEP | Homelessness; Intimate Partner Violence; Health Disparities; Community Health Engaged Scholarship; Photovoice method; and HPV |

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| Peskin, Melissa | PhD | Prof | Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences | Development, implementation, and evaluation of evidence-based programs; adolescent sexual health and dating violence |
| Cuccaro, Paula | PhD | Assoc Prof | Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences | Development, implementation, evaluation and dissemination of adolescent life skills development and HIV, STI, and pregnancy prevention interventions |
| Kelder, Steven | PhD | Prof | Epi, Human Genetics & Environmental Sciences | School-based programs that address risk behaviors among children and adolescents with the aim of reducing chronic disease, including promotion of healthy eating and physical activity and prevention of tobacco use |
| Buu, Anne | PhD | Assoc Prof | Health Promotion & Behavioral Sciences; Biostatistics | Ecological momentary assessment for substance abuse related risk behaviors; Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention; Developmental Psychopathology; Longitudinal Data Analysis Bioinformatics |
| Deshmukh, Ashish | PhD | Asst Prof | Management, Policy & Community Health | Health technology assessment and the design and assessment of economic evaluation studies using observational data or as part of clinical trials; epidemiology and prevention of human papillomavirus and associated cancers |