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EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Education

Univ. of Texas- School of Public Health Prevention and Control	NCI Postdoctoral Fellowship 2009-2010		Cancer
Baylor College of Medicine Epidemiology & Outcomes & VA Health Services Research	Postdoctoral Fellowship 2006-2009		Clinical
Univ. of Texas- School of Public Health	Ph.D.	Epidemiology	2006
Univ. of Texas- School of Public Health	M.S.	Epidemiology	2000
Tufts University	B.A. <i>Cum Laude</i>	International Relations (Latin American Studies)	1994

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Univ. of Texas School of Public Health	Assistant Professor (NTT)	2011- present
Univ. of Texas School of Public Health	Faculty Associate	2010- 2011
Baylor College of Medicine & VA Health Services Research	Postdoctoral Fellowship Clinical Epidemiology & Outcomes	2006-2009
Univ. of Texas School of Public Health	Project Director & Data Manager	2005 –2006
Univ. of Texas School of Public Health in Cancer Prevention and Control	Pre-Doctoral Fellow	2002 –2005
Univ. of Texas School of Public Health	Senior Research Assistant	2000 – 2001
Univ. of Texas Medical School	Project Director	1997 –2000

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Univ. of Texas School of Public Health Graduate Research Assistant 1996
 & U.T. MD Anderson Cancer Research Center
 in Cancer Prevention Education - (R25E CA56452)

FUNDED RESEARCH

Active (total direct costs)

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

2015-2018 Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas
 Competitive Continuation/Expansion Prevention Grant Award. (PP160047)
*A Community-Based Program to Increase Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening and HPV
 Vaccination to Reduce the Impact of Breast and Cervical Cancer among Latinas.* (Direct
 Costs: \$1,387,008.00)

CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

2018-2021 (Vernon, PI) Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, Prevention Grant.
 (PP190029) *Adolescent Vaccination Program (AVP): Expanding a Successful Clinic- based
 Multicomponent HPV Vaccination Program to the San Antonio Area* (\$636,416)

2015-2019 (Vernon, PI) Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, CPRIT Research Grant.
 (RP150014) *Multi-component Interventions to Increase HPV Vaccination in a Network of
 Pediatric Clinics in Houston, TX.* (Direct \$1,451,013; Indirect \$76,366.00)

2014 -2019 (Vernon, PI) Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, CPRIT Prevention Grant.
 (PP140183) *Multi-component Interventions to Increase HPV Vaccination in a Network of
 Pediatric Clinics.* (\$1,495,389).

CO-INVESTIGATOR

2018-2021 (Mullen, PI) Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (Subcontract: MDAnderson,
 PI: Blalock). (PP180077) *Increasing Access to Smoking Cessation and Smoke Free Home
 Services for Low-Income Pregnant Women in Northeast Texas* (Subcontract: \$405,250)

2018-2021 (Valerio/Fernandez, Co-PIs) Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. (PI of
 subcontract: PI, MDAnderson). *Alliance for Colorectal Cancer Testing 2.0.* (Subcontract:
 \$230,000)

2016-2019 (Fernandez, PI) Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, Research Grant
 (RP170493). *For Our Children: A tailored multi-level intervention for parents ad healthcare
 providers to increase HPV vaccination rates.* (\$1.4 million).

2013-2018 (Fernandez, PI) Puerto Rico Community Cancer Control Outreach Program. MDAnderson/
 NIH. (Direct \$471,407; Indirect \$245,132).

2015-2018 Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. (Co-PI of subcontract: MDAnderson, PI
 Foxhall). (PP150054) *Alliance for Colorectal Cancer Testing (ACT) in Southeast Texas.*
 (Subcontract: \$517,396)

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Completed

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

- 2011-2013 Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, CPRIT. (PP110081) Health Behavior Change Through Public and Professional Education and Training. Title: *Using an Evidence-based Lay HealthWorker Program to Increase Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening in Low-Income Hispanic Women* (40% through July 2013/ 65% through August 2013; \$599,724)
- 2013 National Institute of Health. (PI of subcontract; PI, Emory University, Kegler). Emory University Adaptation of *Brief Intervention to Create Smoke-Free Home Policies in Low-Income Households*. (45% - June 2013-July 2013; \$209,997)
- 2005-2006 National Cancer Institute. *Predoctoral fellow* (wrote an R03 grant with advisor mentorship to support my dissertation research; Dr. Vernon, PI) *A Cancer Study among Female Veterans in Texas, 1979-2002* (NCI Funded Grant R03 CA103512-2)

CO- PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

- 2014-2017 (Fernandez Co-PI of Subcontract, Legacy Community Health Services, PI, Megdal) Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. Evidence-Based Cancer Prevention Services. CPRIT Prevention Grant. (PP140208) *Implementing a multilevel intervention to increase HPV vaccination and decrease cancer disparities among FQHC patients in Harris and Jefferson counties*. (\$246,143, subcontract)
- 2012-2017 (Fernandez Co-PI of subcontract; Cancer and Chronic Disease Consortium, PI, Valdez) Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas Prevention Grant. (. (PP120211) *Unidas por Vida y Salud: Increasing Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening in El Paso*. (\$327,646, subcontract)

CO-INVESTIGATOR

- 2015-2017 (Fernandez, PI) Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. CPRIT Prevention Grant. (PP1600051). *Dissemination of an Evidence-Based HPV Vaccination Intervention in Community and Clinical Settings*. (\$300,000)
- 2013-2016 (Fernandez, PI) Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, Research Grant. (RP130459) *Cancer Communication Interventions to Increase HPV Vaccination among Hispanic Adolescents*. (\$1.4 million).
- 2011-2016 (Mullen, Subcontract PI; PI, Emory University, Kegler). National Cancer Institute NIH S713745/U101CA154282 *Brief Intervention to Create Smoke-Free Home Policies in Low-Income Households*. (\$615,907)
- 2009-2014 CDC-funded Texas Prevention Research Center Special Interest Project (Fernandez, PI) (SIP 002-09) Cancer Prevention and Control Research Netw
- 2010-2013 Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, CPRIT. (Fernandez, PI) (RP10086) *Cancer Communication Interventions to Increase HPV Vaccination among Hispanic Adolescents*. (5% ; \$1,309,332)

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2010-2012 Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, CPRIT. (Fernandez, PI) (PP100077) *Increasing Breast, Cervical, and Colorectal Cancer Screening and HPV Vaccination among Underserved Texans: A Collaboration with the United Way's 2-1-1 Program.* (5%; \$961,024)

2012-2015 Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, CPRIT. (Fernandez, PI) (PP120086) *Increasing Breast, Cervical, and Colorectal Cancer Screening and HPV Vaccination among Underserved Texans: A Collaboration with the United Way's 2-1-1 Program.* (\$2,699,988)

GRANTS SUBMITTED PENDING 2018

2019-2024 **PI of Research Proposal.** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. University of Texas Research Center. \$2,413,042.

2019-2022 **Principal Investigator.** Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas.

GRANTS SUBMITTED AND NOT AWARDED

Submitted 2018

2018-2020 **Co-Principal Investigator** (Shegog PI). Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas. Adolescent vaccination program: Online decision support for adoption of evidence-based HPV vaccination strategies by Texas Pediatric Clinics. \$284,968.

2018-2023 **Co-Investigaor** (Fernandez PI). National Institute of Health. Multi-level primary care intervention to link provider recommendation to adolescent HPV vaccine uptakes. \$413,334.

2018-2021 **Principal Investigator.** Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas. Unidas por Vida y Salud: Increasing breast and cervical cancer screening and HPV vaccination in a nine county region of West Texas. (Cancer and Chronic Disease Consortium of El Paso, CCDC, Subcontract, Valdez PI). \$469,045.

2018-2021 **Co-Investigator** (Mullen PI subcontract). Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas. Increasing access to smoking cessation and smoke free home services for low-income pregnant women in Northeast Texas. (Subcontract: MDAnderson, PI: Blalock) \$384,988.

2018-2023 **Co-Investigator** (Fernandez PI). National Institute of Health. Improving reach, effectiveness and implementation of a multilevel intervention for increasing CRCs and follow-up in Federally Qualified Health Care Centers (FQHCs). \$4,316,852.

2018-2021 **Co-PI** (Fernandez PI). Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas. Increasing HPV vaccinations in Harris and Jefferson counties using combined evidence-based approaches in a federally qualified health center. \$381,605 (Legacy Community Health Subcontract).

2018-2021 **Principal Investigator.** Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas. Unidas por Vida y Salud: Increasing breast and cervical cancer screening in El Paso and West Texas. \$270,887 (CCDC Subcontract, Valdez PI).

Submitted 2017

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Co-Investigator. (Fernandez, PI of subcontract with U OF NEW MEXICO. National Institute of Health. *Enhancing Practice to Improve Cervical Cancer Screening (EPICCS)* UTHealth will lead the formative assessment, development and pilot test of the intervention across the four EPICC PROSPR collaborating sites, NM, KPNC, KPSC and Montefiore. (\$387,192)

Co-Investigator (Fernandez PI). NIH. *Increasing HPV vaccination among the underserved: A collaboration with 2-1-1* (\$2,497,738).

Co-Investigator. (Mullen PI of subcontract with MD Anderson) CPRIT. *Increasing Access to Cessation Services for Pregnant Smokers in Texas.* (\$98,163)

Co-Investigator. (Multi PIs, Fernandez and McLaughlin, Radiant Creative) National Cancer Institute Small Business Technology Transfer Research (STTR). *For Our Children/For Our Patients: Improving HPV vaccination rates with a tailored multi-level intervention for parents and healthcare providers.* (\$900,000)

Co-Investigator. (Valerio, PI of subcontract with MD Anderson)) CPRIT. *Alliance for Colorectal Cancer Testing 2.0.* (\$230,060)

Principal Investigator of subcontract with Legacy Community Health. CPRIT. *Increasing Breast, Cervical, and Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates for the Medically Underserved using Population Health Strategies at a Multi-County FQHC.* (\$53,723)

Submitted 2016

Co-Investigator. (Fernandez, PI) NIH. *For Our Children/For Our Patients: Improving HPV vaccination rates with a tailored multi-level intervention for parents and healthcare providers.* (Total Direct costs \$584,415.00, Indirects \$315,584.00).

Co-PI (Fernandez, PI), Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) Prevention Grant. *Increasing cancer control behaviors among the underserved: A collaboration with Texas 2-1-1 programs.* (\$1.5 million)

Co-Investigator. (Valerio, PI) *Preventing HPV in the Coastal Bend Area: A Multi-Level Strategy to Reach Boys & Girls.* (CPRIT) Prevention Grant. (\$1,491,531).

Submitted 2015

Co-Investigator. (Fernandez, PI) CDC. *Organized Approaches to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening in Community Health Centers in Texas: the Gulf Coast CRCS Collaborative.* (Total Direct costs \$6,738,435.00, Indirects \$1,154,980.00).

Co-PI (Fernandez, PI), Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) Prevention Grant. *Increasing cancer control behaviors among the underserved: A collaboration with Texas 2-1-1 programs.* (\$1.5 million)

Submitted 12/2014

PI. Texas Department of State Health Services. National State-Based Tobacco Control Programs Competitive Component. CDC of the FOA DP15-1509 *National State-Based Tobacco Control Programs*, catalogue # 93.305, total budget was \$2,337,714. Direct costs: \$2,010,072. Competitive Component Total: \$500,000; Direct costs \$472,670.

Submitted: 7/ 2014.

PI. Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT). Proposal Title: *Women Helping Women Prevent Cancer: A breast and cervical Cancer prevention education & navigation program for Hispanic and African American Women.* (Total Direct Costs: \$1,498,639)

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Submitted 6/ 2014

Co-PI. (Vernon, Co-PI) Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, PCORI. *A Multilevel Intervention to Increase Patient-Centered Communication about HPV Vaccination In A Network of Pediatric Clinics.* (\$2,108,033).

Submitted 2/ 2014

Co-Investigator. (Vernon, PI) Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, CPRIT. *Using the Texas Cancer Registry to Increase Recommended Surveillance Behaviors of Colorectal Cancer Survivors Statewide.* (1,243,036).

Submitted: 2/ 2014.

PI. Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, (CPRIT). Proposal Title: *Unidas Contra El Cancer: A breast and cervical cancer education and navigation program to increase screening and HPV vaccination among Hispanic women in East Texas* (Total Direct Costs: \$1,499,816).

Submitted: 8/2012.

PI: Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) Proposal

Title:

Unidas Contra El Cancer: A Breast and Cervical Cancer Education and Navigation Program to increase screening and HPV vaccination among Hispanic Women.

(Total Direct Costs: \$1,471,396)

Submitted: 7/2012.

Co-Investigator of subcontract (PI of subcontract, McCurdy; NIH/ BCM. Proposal Title: Clinical sequencing in smokers with psychotic disorders.:: Savas LS. (30% ; Total Direct Costs \$1,056,222)

Submitted: 5/31/2012

Co-Investigator (Vernon, PI) Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) Proposal Title: *Using the Texas Cancer Registry to Increase Recommended Surveillance Behaviors of Breast and Colon Cancer Survivors Statewide.* (Total \$1,506,797)

Co-Investigator. (Vernon, PI) Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) Proposal

Title: *TAKE ACTION: Promoting And Maintaining Screening in Breast and Colorectal Cancer Survivors.* (Total Direct Costs \$2,967,547)

Submitted: 2/21/2012/

PI of subcontract (PI, MD Anderson, Foxhall) Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) Proposal Title: *Para Nosotras: Breast and Cervical Cancer Education and Screening for the Mano a Mano Mexican American Cohort* (Subcontract Total 499,641)

UT Physicians: 1115 Waiver Programs, Submitted, 2013

Performing Provider Name/TPI: UTHealth, UTPhysicians / 111810101

- Houston Community-Based Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Education and Health Coaching Program to Increase Utilization of Screening and HPV Vaccination (**PI: Savas**)
- Expanding 2-1-1: A United Way and UTHealth collaboration to enhance access to health services (PI: Fernandez, **Co-I: Savas**)
- Increasing Colorectal Cancer Screening among Diverse Low Income Underserved Populations in Houston (PI: Fernandez, **Co-I: Savas**)
- Evidence based Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Program Title: Improving Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination in Male and Female Adolescents and Young Adults (PI: Vernon, **Co-I: Savas**)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles (reverse chronologic order) (*) indicates postdoctoral or graduate student

- **H-Index Score:** 12 (Scopus Author ID: 23981200500; ORCID ID: <https://orcid.org/0000-0003-0799-4012>)
1. *Rodriguez SA, **Savas LS** Baumler E, Nyitray AG, Mullen PD, Vernon SW, Fernandez ME. Parental predictors of HPV vaccine initiation among low-income Hispanic females aged 11–17 years. *Vaccine*. 2018. Aug 9;36(33):5084-5090. PMID: 29980388; doi: 10.1016/j.vaccine.2018.06.071. Epub 2018 Jul 3.
 2. *Rodriguez SA, Roncancio AM, **Savas LS**, Lopez DM, Vernon SW, Fernandez ME. Using Intervention Mapping to develop and adapt two education interventions to increase HPV vaccination among Hispanic adolescents. *Frontiers in Public Health*. 2018. 6(164). PMID: 29963542, PMCID: PMC6013574; doi: 10.3389/fpubh.2018.00164 eCollection 2018.
 3. *Serra YA, Colón-López V, **Savas LS**, Vernon SW, Fernández-Espada N, Vélez C, Fernández ME. Using Intervention Mapping to Develop Health Education Components to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening in Puerto Rico. *Frontiers in Public Health*. 2017 Dec; 5:324. PMID: 29270400, PMCID: PMC5725404; doi:10.3389/fpubh.2017.00324.
 4. *Farias AJ, **Savas LS**, Fernandez ME, Coan SP, Shegog R, Healy CM, Lipizzi E, Vernon SW. Association of physicians' perceived barriers with human papillomavirus vaccination initiation. *Preventive Medicine*. 2017 Dec 105, 219-225. PMID:28834689, PMCID:PMC5661985; doi: 10.1016/j.ypmed.2017.07.016.
 5. Escoffery, C. Mullen, P.D., Rogers, B.G., Bundy, L., Owolabi, S., Haardoerfer, R., Williams, R., **Savas, L.S.**, Kegler, M.C.. Coaching to create a smoke-free home in a brief secondhand smoke intervention. *Health Education Research*, 2017 Dec. 32(6), pp 555–568. PMID:29253133, PMCID:PMC5661985; doi.org/10.1093/her/cyx072.
 6. **Savas LS**, Mullen PD, Hovell MF, Escoffery C, Monroy JA, Fernandez ME, Jones JA, Cavazos J, Kegler MC. A qualitative study among Mexican Americans to understand factors influencing the adoption and enforcement of home smoking bans. *Nicotine and Tobacco Research*. 2017 Nov 7;19(12):1465-1472. PMID: 27698093; doi: 10.1093/ntr/ntw270.
 7. *Amith M, Cunningham R, Boom J, **Savas LS**, Schvaneveldt R, Tao C, and Cohen T. Using Pathfinder Networks to Discover Alignment Between Expert and Consumer Conceptual Knowledge From Online Vaccine Content. *Journal of Biomedical Informatics*. 2017 Oct. 74: 33-45. PMID: 28823922 doi.org/10.1016/j.jbi.2017.08.007.
 8. *Karanth SS, Lairson DR, **Savas LS**, Vernon SW, Fernández ME. The cost of developing a computerized tailored interactive multimedia intervention vs. a print based Photonovella

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- intervention for HPV vaccine education. *Evaluation and Program Planning*. 2017 Aug; 63:1-6. PMID: 28279866; doi: 10.1016/j.evalprogplan.2017.02.009.
9. Colon-Lopez V, Fernandez-Espada N, Velez C, Diaz-Toro EC, Calo WA, **Savas LS**, Pattatucci A, Fernandez ME. Communication about Sex and HPV among Puerto Rican Mothers and Daughters. *Ethnicity and Health*. 2017 Aug; 22 (4):348-360. PMID:27882783; doi: 10.1080/13557858.2016.1246938
 10. *Karanth, SS, Lairson DR, Huang D, Vernon SW, **Savas LS**, Fernandez ME. The cost of implementing two small media interventions to promote HPV vaccination. *Preventive Medicine*. 2017 Jun; 99(1): 277-281. PMID:28322881; doi: 10.1016/j.ypmed.2017.03.002.
 11. Mullen PD, **Savas LS**, Bundy L, Haardörfer R, Hovell M, Fernández ME, Monroy JA, Williams RS, Kreuter MW, Jobe D , Kegler MC. Minimal intervention delivered by 2-1-1 information and referral specialists promotes smoke-free homes among 2-1-1 callers: A Texas generalization trial. *Tobacco Control*. 2016 Oct; 25(Suppl. 1), i10-i18. PMID:27697943; PMCID: PMC5099226; DOI:10.1136/tobaccocontrol-2016-053045.
 12. *Nayak P, Vernon SW, **Savas LS**, Basen-Enquist K, Morgan R, Elting LS. Functional impairment and physical activity adherence among gynecologic cancer survivors, a population-based study. Supportive Care in Cancer. *International Journal of Gynecological Cancer*. 2016; 26(2): 381-388. PMID: 26807568;.doi: 10.1097/IGC.0000000000000620.
 13. Escoffery C, Bundy L, Haardoerfer R, Berg CJ, **Savas LS**, Williams RS, Kegler MC. A Process Evaluation of an Intervention to Promote Home Smoking Bans among Low Income Households. *Evaluation and Program Planning*. 2015. April; 55:120-125. PMCID: PMC4769918, PMID: 26795538; doi: 10.1016/j.evalprogplan.2015.12.008.
 14. **Savas LS**, Vernon SW, Atkinson J., Fernández ME. Effect of Acculturation and Access to Care on Colorectal Cancer Screening in Low-Income Latinos. 2014; 17(3), 696-703. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*. PMID: 25047403; PMCID: PMC4303535; doi: 10.1007/s10903-014-0061-4.
 15. Tiro JA, Sanders JM, Shay AL, Murphy CC, Hamann H, Bartholomew LK, **Savas LS**, Vernon SW. Validation of self-reported post-treatment mammography surveillance among breast cancer survivors by electronic medical record extraction method. 2015; 151(2), 427-434. *Breast Cancer Research and Treatment*. 2015 Jun;151(2):427-34. PMID:25922083; PMCID: PMC4935542. doi: 10.1007/s10549-015-3387-2.
 16. Fernández ME, **Savas LS**, Williams J, Wilson K, Torres-Vigil I, Byrd T, Vernon SW. Colorectal Cancer Screening among Latinos in Three Communities on the Texas-Mexico 2015 Feb;42(1):16-25. *Health Education & Behavior*. PMID: 24786793; PMCID: PMC4214900; doi: 10.1177/1090198114529592
 17. Glenn B, Tsui M, Coronado G, Fernández ME, **Savas LS**, Taylor V, Bastani R. Understanding HPV vaccination among Latino adolescent girls in three U.S. regions. 2015

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- Feb;17(1):96-103; *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*. doi: 10.1007/s10903-014-9996-8.
18. Fernández ME, Le YC, Fernandez-Espada N, Calo WA, **Savas LS**, Colón-López V. Knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs about Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination among Puerto Rican mothers and daughters: A qualitative study. *Preventing Chronic Disease*. 2014;11:140171. PMID:25474384; PMCID: PMC4264466. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5888/pcd11.140171>
 19. Fernández ME, **Savas LS**, Carmack CC, Chan W, Lairson DR, Byrd TL, Wilson KM, Arvey SR, Krasny S, Vernon SW. A randomized controlled trial of two interventions to increase colorectal cancer screening among Hispanics on the Texas Mexico border. 2013; Jan;26(1):1-10. *Cancer Causes and Control*. PMID: 25466604; doi: 10.1007/s10552-014-0472-5.
 20. Lairson DR, Huo JH, Ball Ricks KA, **Savas LS**, Fernández ME. The Cost of Implementing a 2-1-1 Call Center-Based Cancer Control Navigator Program. *Evaluation and Program Planning*. 2013; 8;39:51-6.. 2013 doi: 10.1016/j.evalprogplan.2013.04.001. PMID: 23669647
 21. Carpentier MY, Tiro JA, **Savas LS**, Bartholomew LK, Melhado TV, Coan SP, Argenbright KE, Vernon SW. Are cancer registries a viable tool for cancer survivor outreach? A feasibility study. *J Cancer Surviv* 2013; 7:155-63. doi:10.1007/s11764-012-0259-1. PMCID: PMID:23247719. doi: 10.1007/s11764-012-0259-1
 22. White DL, **Savas LS**, Daci K, El-Serag R, Graham DP, Fitzgerald SJ, Smith SL, Tan G, El-Serag HB. Trauma history and risk of the irritable bowel syndrome in women veterans. *Alimentary Pharmacology & Therapeutics*, 2010. Aug; 32 (4):551-61. PMCID: PMID: 20528828. doi: 10.1111/j.1365-2036.2010.04387.x
 23. Graham DP, **Savas L**, White D, El-Serag R, Laday-Smith S, Tan G, El-Serag HB. Irritable bowel syndrome symptoms and health related quality of life in female veterans. *Alimentary Pharmacology & Therapeutics*. 2010 Jan;31(2):261-273. PMID: 19814746, PMCID: 2887289; doi: 10.1111/j.1365-2036.2009.04159.x.
 24. **Savas LS**, del Junco DJ, Bastian LA, Vernon SW. Mortality Ascertainment of women veterans: a comparison of sources of vital status information, 1979-2002. *Medical Care*. 2009 Jan;47(1):125-8. PMID:1910674. PMCID: PMC2943761 ; doi: 10.1097/MLR.0b013e3181809125.
 25. **Savas LS**, White DL, Wieman M, Daci K, Fitzgerald S, Laday Smith S, Tan G, Graham DP, Cully JA, El-Serag HB. Irritable bowel syndrome and dyspepsia among women veterans: prevalence and association with psychological distress. *Alimentary Pharmacology & Therapeutics*. 2009 Jan;29(1):115-125. PMID: 18785989, PMCID: 2939246; doi: 10.1111/j.1365-2036.2008.03847.x.
 26. del Junco DJ, Vernon SW, Coan SP, Tiro JA, Bastian LA, **Savas LS**, Perz CA, Lairson DR, Chan W, Warrick C, McQueen A, Rakowski W. Promoting regular mammography screening I. a systematic assessment of validity in a randomized trial. *JNCI Journal of the National Cancer Institute*. 2008. Feb 26:100(5):333-346. PMID:18314473, PMCID: 2846634; doi:10.1093/jnci/djn027.

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27. Morgenstern LB, Bartholomew LK, Grotta JC, **Staub L**, King M, Chan W. Sustained benefit of a community and professional intervention to increase acute stroke therapy. *Archives of Internal Medicine*. 2003 Oct 13; 163(18):2198-2202. doi: 10.1001/archinte.163.18.2198; PMID: 14557217.
28. Morgenstern LB, **Staub L**, Chan W, Wein TH, Bartholomew LK, King M, Felberg RA, Burgin WS, Groff J, Hickenbottom SL, Saldin K, Demchuk AM, Kalra A, Dhingra A, Grotta JC. Improving delivery of acute stroke therapy: the T.L.L. Foundation Stroke Project. *Stroke*. 2002 Jan; 33(1):160-166. doi: 10.1161/hs0102.101990; PMID: 11779906.
29. Burgin WS, **Staub L**, Chan W, Wein TH, Felberg RA, Grotta JC, Demchuk AM, Hickenbottom SL, Morgenstern LB. Acute stroke care in non-urban emergency departments. *Neurology*. 2001 Dec 11; 57(11):2006-2012. PMID: 11739817.
30. Wein TH, **Staub L**, Felberg R, Hickenbottom SL, Chan W, Grotta JC, Demchuk AM, Groff J, Bartholomew LK, Morgenstern LB. Activation of emergency medical services for acute stroke in a nonurban population: the T.L.L. Temple Foundation Stroke Project. *Stroke*. 2000 Aug; 31(8):1925-8. PMID: 10926958.

(Invited peer review papers)

31. Fernández ME, **Savas LS**, Lipizzi, E., Smith, JS, Vernon, SW. Cervical cancer control for Hispanic women in Texas: Effective strategies from research and practice. *Gynecology Oncology*. 2014; 132 (Suppl. 1):S26-32. PMID: 24398135; PMCID: PMC4053183. doi: 10.1016/j.ygyno.2013.12.038.
32. **Savas, LS**, Carmack C, Fernandez M.E. Human Papillomavirus Vaccine: 2-1-1 Helplines and Minority-Parent Decision-Making. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. 2012; 43(6 Suppl 5):S490-6. doi: 10.1016/j.amepre.2012.09.003. PMCID: PMID:23157770. doi: 10.1016/j.amepre.2012.09.003.
33. **Staub L**, Morgenstern LB. Stroke in Hispanic Americans. *Neurologic Clinics*. 2000 May; 18(2):291-307. doi:10.1016/S0733-8619(05)70193-6; PMID: 10757827.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW (> indicates revise and resubmit stage)

- > *Rodriguez SA, **Savas LS**, Loomba P, Fernandez ME. Low-income Hispanic parent recall of daughters' HPV vaccination status: Correlates of accurate reporting of daughters' HPV-vaccine naïve status compared with electronic health records. Submitted to Vaccine.
- > *Walker TJ, Rodriguez SA, Vernon SA, **Savas LS**, Frost EL, Fernandez ME. Validity and reliability of measures to assess constructs from the Inner Setting domain of the Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research in a pediatric clinic network implementing HPV programs. Submitted to BMC Health Services Research.
- > **Savas LS**, Tiro JA, Shay LA, Bartholomew LK, Murphy CC, Vernon SW. Correlates of Breast Cancer Survivors' Surveillance Behavior: A Hospital-Based Registry Pilot Study. August 2018 Under Review.

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ABSTRACTS AND PRESENTATIONS (*) indicates postdoctoral or graduate student.

Shegog R, *Crawford C, Frost EL, Gabay EK, *Becker ER, Coan S, **Savas LS**, Healy CM, Spinner SW, Fernandez ME, Vernon SW. HPV Cancer Free: Feasibility of a mHealth intervention to influence parent HPV vaccination decision-making. Poster presented at the 32nd International Papillomavirus Conference, Sydney, Australia, Oct 6, 2018.

*Crawford C, *Eska J, Frost EL, Shegog R, Gabay EK, *Becker ER, Coan S, **Savas LS**, Healy CM, Lairson DR, Spinner SW, Fernandez ME, Vernon SW. HPV cancer Free mHealth Intervention. Poster presented at the 2018 Healthier Texas Summit, Austin, TX, Oct 25-16, 2018.

Savas LS, Heredia NI, Coan SP, Fernandez, ME. Effectiveness of a community health worker-delivered intervention to increase breast and cervical cancer screening among medically underserved Hispanics. E-Poster, Oral Presentation presented at World Cancer Congress; October 4, 2018; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

*Rodriguez SA, Mullen PD, Lopez DM, **Savas LS**, Fernandez ME. Individual-, provider-, and clinic-level factors associated with adolescent HPV vaccination outcomes: A multilevel framework based on a systematic review of reviews. Poster to be presented at the 32nd International Papillomavirus Conference, Sydney, Australia, October 2-6, 2018.

*Becker ER, Shegog R, **Savas LS**, Healy CM, Gabay EK, Frost EL, Spinner SW, Fernandez ME, Vernon SW. Tech-based approach to informing mHealth product creation: Parent perspectives of HPV using online synchronous focus groups. Poster presented at the 39th Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, New Orleans, LA, Apr 14, 2018.

Savas LS, Heredia NI*, Coal SP, Sicheluff AC, Fernandez ME. Outcome Evaluation of a Community Health Worker-Delivered Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Intervention Targeting Low Income Hispanics. Advancing the Science of Cancer in Latinos. San Antonio TX. February 22, 2018.

*Rodriguez SA, **Savas LS**, Loomba P, Lopez DM, Vernon SW, Fernandez ME. Hispanic parental recall of daughter's HPV vaccination status: Findings from *Por Nuestros Hijos*. Advancing the Science of Cancer in Latinos Conference, San Antonio, TX, February 21-23, 2018.

*Rodriguez SA, Mullen PD, Lopez DM, **Savas LS**, Fernandez ME. Individual-, provider-, and clinic-level factors associated with adolescent HPV vaccination outcomes: A multilevel framework based on a systematic umbrella review. University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center Celebration of Women in Science and Medicine, Dallas, TX, February 7, 2018.

Savas LS., Farias AJ, Eska JS, Frost EL, Healy CM, Shegog R, Fernandez ME, Coan SP, Spinner S, Vernon SW. Physician-reported human papillomavirus vaccination (HPV) recommendation and initiation among adolescent patients (11-12 years): Does wording

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matter?. Poster presentation at the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference. Austin TX. November 2017.

Savas LS, Delaney J, Valencia-Torres IM, Bundage K, Megdal T, Stevens L, Mims M, Ramondetta L, Fernandez ME. Development of a Provider Training to Increase HPV Vaccination among 11-26 Year Olds in a Federally Qualified Health Clinic. Poster presentation at the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference. Austin TX. November 2017.

*Siceluff, A., Adlparvar, E., Cuccaro, P., Fernandez, M. E., and **Savas, LS**. Using Intervention Mapping to Adapt a Breast and Cervical Cancer Education Prevention Program. Poster accepted at the Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Austin TX. November 2017.

*Eska J, Lairson D, **Savas L**, Shegog R, Healey C, Spinner S, Fernandez M, Vernon S., Implementation costs of a multi-component intervention to increase human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination in a network of pediatric clinics. Poster presentation at the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference. Austin, TX, Nov 14, 2017.

*Becker E, Shegog R, **Savas LS**, Healy C, Gabay E, Frost E, Spinner S, Fernandez ME, Vernon S. HPV vaccination in the digital age: Development of HPVcancerFree, a parent-focused smartphone app to increase HPV vaccination rates. Poster presentation at the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference. Austin TX. November 2017.

Savas LS, Heredia NI*, Coan SP, Bartholomew LK, Fernandez ME. A randomized controlled study of a community-based intervention to increase breast and cervical cancer screening in low-income Hispanics. 41st Annual American Society for Preventive Oncology Conference. Seattle, Washington, March 11-14th, 2017.

Fernandez ME, **Savas LS**, Rodriguez SA, Fernandez-Espada N, Lipizzi E, Cuccaro PM, Roncancio A, Vernon SW. Development and adaptation of two educational interventions for Hispanic parents to increase HPV vaccination among adolescents.

- Poster presented at the 31st International Papillomavirus Conference: HPV 2017, Cape Town, South Africa, February 28-March 4, 2017.

Fernandez ME, **Savas LS**, Lipizzi E, Roncancio A, Khan M, Fernandez-Espada N, Rodriguez SA, Cuccaro P, Vernon SW. "Parental Recall of Daughter's HPV Vaccination Status."

- Poster Presentation at the 47th CDC National Immunization Conference, Atlanta, GA, September 2016.
- Rodriguez SA*, **Savas LS**, Lipizzi E, Roncancio A, Khan MJ, Fernandez-Espada N, Vernon SW, Fernandez ME. Poster at the John P. McGovern Award Lecture in Health Promotion Student

Poster Competition, Houston, TX, February 16, 2016.

- Poster presentation at the 30th International Papillomavirus Conference and Clinical and Public Health Workshops (HPV 2015) in Lisbon, Portugal, September 17-21, 2015.

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Fernandez ME, **Savas LS**, Rodriguez SA, Fernandez-Espada N, Khan MM, Roncancio AM, Vernon SW. Evaluation of two HPV vaccination educational interventions for Hispanic parents.

- Poster presented at the 9th American Association for Cancer Research Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic and the Medically Underserved, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, September 25-28, 2016.
- Poster at the CDC 47th National Immunization Conference, Atlanta, GA, September 13-15, 2016.

Fernandez ME, **Savas LS**, Lipizzi E, Roncancio A, Khan M, Fernandez-Espada N, Rodriguez SA, Vernon SW. Evaluation of two HPV vaccination educational interventions for Hispanic parents.

- Oral presentation at the National Conference on Best and Promising Practices for Increasing HPV Vaccination presented by the National HPV Vaccination Roundtable, Atlanta, GA, August 29, 2016.
- Oral presentation at the National Hispanic Science Network 15th Annual International Conference, Palm Desert, CA, June 15-17, 2016.
- 30th International Papillomavirus Conference and Clinical and Public Health Workshops (HPV 2015) in Lisbon, Portugal, September 17-21, 2015.

Healy CM, Lipizzi E, **Savas LS**, Polivka KM, Coan SP, Shegog R, Spinner SW, Miller CA, Fernandez ME, Vernon SW. Increasing HPV Vaccination in a Network of Pediatric Clinics in Houston, TX: A Baseline Assessment. Poster presented at the 2015 Texas Immunization Conference, Austin, TX, Nov 18, 2015.

Savas, LS., Mullen, PD., Hovell, M., Cavazos, J., Escoffery, C., Kegler, M., Jones, J., Monroy, JA., and Fernandez, ME. Formative Research for A Smoke-Free Homes (SFH) Intervention for Hispanic Texan Households. Poster presentation, Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Austin, TX, Nov, 9-10, 2015.

Lipizzi E, **Savas LS**, Polivka KM, Coan SP, Shegog R, Fernandez ME, Healy CM, Spinner SW, Miller CA, Vernon SW. Increasing HPV Vaccination in a Network of Pediatric Clinics in Houston, TX: A Baseline Assessment. Poster presented at the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Austin, TX, Nov 9, 2015.

McGlone MS, Stephens KK, **Savas LS**, Rodriguez SA, Vernon SW, Fernandez ME. Texts for taking action: Agency assignment in text message HPV vaccination reminders.

- Poster presented at the 31st International Papillomavirus Conference: HPV 2017, Cape Town, South Africa, February 28-March 4, 2017.
- Oral presentation at the CDC 47th National Immunization Conference, Atlanta, GA, September 13-15, 2016.

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- Abstract in conference booklet for the National Conference on Best and Promising Practices for Increasing HPV Vaccination presented by the National HPV Vaccination Roundtable, Atlanta, GA, August 29, 2016.
- Oral presentation at the Kentucky Conference on Health Communication, Lexington, KY, April 14-16 2016.

Rodriguez SA*, Mims MK, **Savas LS**, Stevens L, Bundage K, Megdal T, Ramondetta L, Fernandez ME. Development of a provider training to increase HPV vaccination among 11-26 year olds in a federally qualified health clinic.

- Poster presented at the 31st International Papillomavirus Conference: HPV 2017, Cape Town, South Africa, February 28-March 4, 2017.
- Poster at the CDC 47th National Immunization Conference, Atlanta, GA, September 13-15, 2016.
- Abstract in conference booklet for the National Conference on Best and Promising Practices for Increasing HPV Vaccination presented by the National HPV Vaccination Roundtable, Atlanta, GA, August 29, 2016.

Gatus LA*, Figueroa E, **Savas LS**, Morales P, Valdes A, Hernandez K, **Fernandez ME**. Increasing Screening Prevention to Reduce Disparities in Underserved Hispanic Women. Poster presentation, Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Austin, TX, November 9-10, 2015.

Rodriguez SA*, **Savas LS**, Megdal T, Bundage K, Khan MM, Fernandez ME. Characteristics of HPV vaccination initiation and completion among 11-26 year olds at a large urban FQHC. Poster presentation, Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Austin, TX, November 9-10, 2015.

Fernández ME, **Savas LS**, Lipizzi E, Roncancio AM, Khan MM, Fernández-Espada N, Rodriguez SA, Vernon SW. Evaluation of Two HPV Vaccination Educational Interventions for Hispanic Parents. Poster presentation, Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference. Austin, TX, November 9-10, 2015.

Fernandez ME, **Savas LS**, Arya RV, Dawson G, Wood R, Khan M, Jobe D, Vernon S. Evaluation of the CPRIT 2-1-1 Program to Increase Cancer Control Behaviors Among Underserved Texans. Poster Presentation, Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Austin, TX, November 9-10, 2015.

Mullen PD, **Savas LS**, Bundy L, Haardörfer R, Monroy JA, Williams R, Hovell M, Kreuter M, Jobe D, Fernandez ME, and Kegler M. A Minimal Intervention to Promote Smoke-free Homes among 2-1-1- callers: The Texas Gulf Coast Effectiveness Trial. Poster presentation, Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Austin, TX, Nov, 9-10, 2015.

Fernandez ME, Serra Y, **Savas LS**, Mullen PD. Innovations in health promotion: From research to practice. Presentation at Cumbre Atlántica de Promoción de la Salud y Educación para la Salud: Referentes con nombre propio, Madrid, Spain, October 19-21, 2015.

Savas LS, Lipizzi E, Polivka KM, Coan SP, Shegog R, Healy CM, Spinner SW, Miller CA, Fernandez ME, Vernon SW. Increasing HPV Vaccination in a Network of Pediatric

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Clinics in Houston, TX: A Baseline Assessment. Poster presentation, 30th International Papillomavirus Conference & Clinical and Public Health Workshops, Lisbon, Portugal, September 17-21, 2015.

- Lipizzi E*, **Savas LS**, Polivka KM, Coan SP, Shegog R, Healy CM, Spinner SW, Miller CA, Fernandez ME, Vernon SW. Increasing HPV Vaccination in a Network of Pediatric Clinics in Houston, TX: A Baseline Assessment. Poster presentation, 2015 Texas Immunization Conference, Austin, TX, November 18-20, 2015.

Savas LS, Mullen PD, Cavazos J. Formative Research for a smoke-free homes intervention (SFH) for low-income Latino Households. Poster presentation at the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco. Seattle, WA. February 8, 2014.

Lipizzi E, **Savas LS**, Healy CM, Spinner SW, Fernandez ME, Vernon SW. Stakeholder participation in the development of multi-component interventions to increase HPV vaccination in a network of pediatric clinics. Poster presented at the 29th International Papillomavirus Conference and Clinical & Public Health Workshops, Seattle, WA, Aug 24, 2014.

Karant SS, Lairson DR, Fernández-Espada N, **Savas LS**, Vernon SW, Fernández ME. Development cost of print and tailored interactive multimedia interventions to promote HPV vaccination. Poster presented at the 28th International Papillomavirus Conference & Clinical and Public Health Workshops, San Juan, PR. Dec, 2-6, 2012.

Fernandez ME, **Savas L**, Vernon SW. Cervical Cancer-Free Texas: A collaborative effort to eliminate cervical cancer among Texans. Presentation at the 28th International Papillomavirus Conference & Clinical and Public Health Workshops, San Juan, PR. Dec, 2-6, 2012.

Savas LS, Rivera S, Atkinson J, Bartholomew LK, Fernandez ME. Factors Related To Prior Breast Cancer Screening Among Low-Income Hispanic Women Participating in a Community-Based Screening Intervention Program in Houston, Texas. Poster presentation at the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference. Austin TX. Oct 23-26, 2012.

Savas LS. CPRIT Prevention in Practice Session: Topic Implementation of a breast and cervical cancer screening prevention program targeting low-income Hispanic women in Houston, Texas. Oral presentation at the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference. Austin TX. Oct 23-26, 2012.

Lipizzi E, Fernandez M, **Savas L**, Vernon S. Cervical Cancer-Free Texas: A collaborative effort to eliminate cervical cancer among Texans. Poster presentation at the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference. Austin TX. Oct 23, 2012.

Fernández ME, Ball Ricks KA, Prasad S, Cavazos, J, **Savas, LS**. and Odeneye EO. Enhancing telephone navigation through the use of MAPS in a paperless navigation system. Poster presentation at the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference. Austin TX. Oct 23, 2012.

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- Savas LS and Goetz M. Community-Campus Partnerships for Health's 15th Anniversary Conference. Hosted community site visit for conference attendees to provide an example of an intervention project implemented using a CBPR approach. April 18-21, 2012.
- Fernandez ME, Kimmel B, **Savas LS**, Fernandez-Espada N, De La Fuente N, Carmack C, Roncancio A, Vernon S. A Group Randomized Intervention Trial to Increase Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Among Hispanic Adolescents: Successes and Challenges of Clinic Recruitment. Poster presentation at the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference. Austin TX. Oct 23-25, 2012.
- Fernandez ME, Ball Ricks KA, **Savas LS**, Prasad S, Manriquez J, and Shafer L. Delivery of Training Curriculum to 2-1-1 Risk Specialists and Cancer Navigators. Oral presentation at Texas Society for Public Health Education (TSOPHE) Fall Conference. Houston TX. Oct 9, 2012.
- Fernandez M., Ball Ricks KA., Vernon S., **Savas L.** Advancing Dissemination and implementation research and practice: A collaboration between the CPRN and 2-1-1. Oral presentation at The Center for Disease Control National Cancer Conference. Washington DC. Aug 20, 2012.
- Savas LS**, Bartholomew LK, Carpentier MY, Haddock NM, Murphy CC, and Vernon SW. Correlates of Breast Cancer Survivor Surveillance Behavior: A Hospital-Based Registry Pilot Study. Poster Presentation at the 6th Biennial Cancer Survivorship Research Conference: Translating Science to Care, Arlington, VA. June 14, 2012.
- Tiro JA, Melhado TV, Hamann H, Argenbright K, Bartholomew LK, Carpentier MY, **Savas LS**, Vernon SW. Validation of Self-Reported Post-Treatment Screening Among Breast and Colorectal Cancer Survivors. Poster to be presented at the Cancer Survivorship Research Conference: Translating Science to Care, Arlington, VA, June 14, 2012.
- Fernandez M, Carmack CC, **Savas L.** Vale La Pena ("It's Worth It"): A Tailored Multimedia Intervention to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening. Poster presentation at the 12th Annual American Academy of Health Behavior Meeting, Austin TX. March 18-21, 2012.
- Savas LS**, Carmack, CC, Fernandez ME. Parent-level correlates of HPV vaccination uptake among Hispanic and Black daughters. Poster presentation at the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Austin, Texas. Nov 15-16, 2011
- Fernandez ME, Ball Ricks KA, **Savas LS**, Odeneye EO, Prasad S. Using Intervention Mapping to Develop an Innovative Telephone Navigation Training Program in Houston and Weslaco, Texas. Poster presentation at the Inaugural Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Austin, Texas. Nov 15-16, 2011.
- Ball Ricks K, Fernandez M, **Savas LS**, Manriquez J, Shafer L. Facilitating Collaboration to Improve Cancer Screening Behavior: Barriers and Challenges of a Telephone Navigation Program. Poster presented at the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Austin, TX, Nov 15-17, 2011.
- Fernandez, M, Ball Ricks, K, **Savas, L**, Odeneye, E, Prasad, S. Using Intervention Mapping to Develop an Innovative Telephone Navigation Training Program in Houston and Weslaco,

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- Texas. Oral and poster presentations at the Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Austin, TX, Nov 15-17, 2011.
- Fernandez M, **Savas L**, Vernon S, Ball Ricks K, Odeneye E, Manriquez J. Increasing access to cancer prevention and screening services among low-income Texans – A collaboration between the University of Texas School of Public Health and 2-1-1 helplines. Oral presentation at the Texas Society for Public Health Education Fall Conference. Oct 14, 2011, Houston TX.
- Fernandez ME, **Savas L**, Escobar-Chaves SL, Snipes SA. Factors influencing HPV Vaccination among Hispanics in Texas and Development of Materials to Increase Uptake. Poster presentation at the Inaugural Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Austin Texas. Nov 17-19, 2010
- Fernandez ME, **Savas LS**, Jobe D, Bryan R, Reininger B, Vernon SW. Decreasing Cancer-Related Health Disparities in Texas: A Collaboration with the 2-1-1 Texas Helpline. Poster presentation at the Inaugural Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference, Austin, Texas. Nov 17-19, 2010.
- Fernandez, ME, Byrd T, Arvey S, **Savas, LS**, Vernon SW. Development and Evaluation of A Lay Health-worker Delivered Interactive Program to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening among Hispanics on the Texas-Mexico Border. Poster presentation at the 20th IUHPE World Conference on Health, Equity and Sustainable Development. Geneva, Switzerland. July 12, 2010.
- Savas L**, del Junco D, Bastian L, and Vernon S. Leading Causes of Cancer Mortality among Women Veterans in Texas, 1979-2002. Poster presentation at American Society of Preventive Oncology 34th Annual Meeting, Bethesda, Maryland, March 21-23, 2010.
- Fernandez M, **Savas L**, Bryan R, Jobe D. Understanding cancer control and prevention needs of Houston Gulf Coast 211 callers. Poster Presentation at American Society of Preventive Oncology 34th Annual Meeting, Bethesda, Maryland, March 21-23, 2010.
- White D, **Savas L**, Fitzgerald S, Graham DP, Tan G, Smith LSL, El-Serag HB. Type and Timing of Trauma History and Risk of Irritable Bowel Syndrome in Women Veterans. Poster presentation at: Digestive Disease Week Annual Meeting.; Chicago, IL. June 1, 2009.
- Savas LS**, Fernandez ME, Williams J, Vernon SW. Barriers to colorectal cancer screening among low income and underinsured Hispanics. Poster presentation at the AACR Science of Cancer Health Disparities Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona, February 6-9, 2009.
- White DL, Graham DP, **Savas L**, Wieman L, Fitzgerald S, and El-Serag HB. History of trauma and the risk of IBS among women veterans. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, Washington, DC, 2008.
- Savas LS**, del Junco DJ, and Vernon SW. Female Veteran Breast and Gynecologic Cancer Mortality. Poster presentation at the 40th Annual Society for Epidemiologic Research Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts. June 19-22, 2007.
- Savas LS**, del Junco DJ, Coan SP and Vernon SW. Mortality Ascertainment for Women Veterans: A Comparison of Vital Status Sources. Poster presentation at the Second North American Congress of Epidemiology. Seattle, Washington, June 21-24, 2006.

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Morgenstern LB, King M, **Staub L**, Wein TH, Bartholomew LK, Chan WY, Felberg R, Burgin WS, Groff J, Demchuk AM, Saldin K, Kalra A, Hickenbottom SL, Grotta JC. Community and professional intervention to increase FDA approved acute stroke therapy: Final main results of the T.L.L. Temple Foundation Stroke Project. [meeting abstract] *Neurology*. 2001 April; 56(8 Suppl 3):A77-A77.

Staub L, Sweeney A, del Junco DJ, Symanski E, Cooper S, Wu X. Vietnam Veterans and Family Health Study: Phase I Preliminary Analysis. Poster presentation at the Sixth Annual Student Research Symposium, School of Public Health, University of Texas - Houston, April 2001.

Burgin S, Chan W, Wein T, **Staub L**, Felberg R, Demchuk A, Grotta J, Hickenbottom S, Morgenstern L. Emergency department practice patterns for stroke in rural America--The T.L.L. Temple Foundation Stroke Project. American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting, May 2000. [meeting abstract] *Neurology*. 2000 April; 54(7 Suppl 3): A156-A156.

Felberg RA, Wein TH, Kunyosing A, **Staub L**, Bartholomew LK, Groff J, Morgenstern LB. Activation of emergency medical services in acute stroke: who calls 911? The T.L.L. Temple Foundation Stroke Project. American Heart Association Stroke Meeting, February 2000. [meeting abstract] *Stroke*. 2000 Jan; 3(1):81.

Morgenstern L, Wein T, **Staub L**, Hickenbottom S, Groff J, Bartholomew L. Who are the appropriate targets to increase FDA approved acute stroke therapy? The T.L.L. Temple Foundation Stroke American Heart Association Stroke Meeting, February 2000. [meeting abstract] *Stroke*. 2000 Jan; 3(1):290

Morgenstern L, Bartholomew LK, Groff J, **Staub L**, Hickenbottom S, Wein T, Felberg R, Grotta J. Community survey of behavioral intentions in acute stroke: The T.L.L. Temple Foundation Stroke Project. [meeting abstract] *Neurology*. 1999 April; 52(6 Suppl 2):A146-A147.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Savas LS & Fernandez, ME. Patient-Focused and Directed Interventions. Oral Presentation at the 2014 HPV & Cervical Cancer Summit. United Way of Greater Houston. January 22, 2014.

Savas LS, Adaption and Implementation of a Community-Based Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Program for Latinas in Houston. Oral presentation at the Breast Health Collaborative of Texas General Membership Meeting. September 12, 2013.

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Courses at the University of Texas School of Public Health

PH1120 Intro to Program Evaluation. Lead Instructor. Spring 2013 (40% time), Spring 2014 (60% time), Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017 (60% time).

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PH 5098 700 Foundations of Academic Scientific Writing in Public Health (Co-Instructor Spring 2015 and Summer 2015), Lead Instructor (Fall 2016).

Teaching Assistant (as Doctoral Student)

PH 2720 Epidemiologic Proposal Development. Spring 2002, Summer 2002
Instructors: Vernon, Ph.D. Instructor: Sweeney, Ph.D.

PH 2615 Field Epidemiology. Fall 2001 Instructor: Sue R. Day, Ph.D.

PHEB 610 Epidemiologic Methods I Fall 2006 .At Texas A&M Health Science Center School of Rural Public Health, College Station, TX, Instructor: Deborah J. del Junco, Ph.D.

Lectures

PH1433/1434 Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences Research Seminar

- “Adapting and Delivering a Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Program to Underserved Hispanic Women in Texas”(2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017)
- “The Smoke-Free Home Project: A Collaboration with the United Way Helpline.” (1/2015, 9/2015)

PH 1224 Disparities in Health in America: Working Toward Social Change

Independent Study. Summer 2012-2014 Fall, Katharine Miller Nimmons, UTSPH, MPH Student

Mentoring

2015- Muhammad "Tuan" Amith UTHealth Innovation in Cancer Prevention Research Predoctoral Fellow University of Texas Health Science Center, School of Biomedical Informatics.

Dissertation Committee Member

2013-2017 Rodriguez, Serena A. Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences (PhD Program)
Dissertation: Rodriguez, S. A. Individual-level and clinic-level factors associated with HPV vaccine initiation among 11-17 year old adolescents.

2010- 2014 Nicole Hadock, Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences (PhD Program,)
Dissertation: Clinic Capacity and Spatial Access to Mammography in Texas and their Impact on the Stage of Diagnosis in Breast Cancer Survivors

2010- 2014 Pratibha Parklkar Nayak, Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences (PhD Program,)
Dissertation: Comorbidity burden and adherence to preventive health behavior among cancer survivors

Doctoral Student Advisees

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- 2014 - Carla Warneke, PhD Program
Behavioral Sciences – Doctoral Student
- 2013-2017 Jayson Rhoton, PhD Program
Behavioral Sciences – Doctoral Student
- 2012 - Benjamin Lee, DrPH Program
Behavioral Sciences – Doctoral Candidate

Masters Student Advisees

Current

- 2018- Theresa Hudson., Health Promotion and Behavioral Science Program
- 2018- Raina McClintock., Health Promotion and Behavioral Science Program
- 2014- Papiouannou, Maria A., Health Promotion and Behavioral Science Program

Graduated

- 2015-2018 Siceluff, Andrea Health Promotion and Behavioral Science Program
Thesis: Applying Intervention Mapping to adapt a community-based education program to promote breast and cervical cancer prevention and early detection among Latinas. University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, TX.
- 2015-2017 McPherson, Heidi M. Health Promotion and Behavioral Science Program
Thesis: Leadership and Health Promotion in Adults: A Literature Review
- 2015-2016 Abada, Sharon Rose. Health Promotion and Behavioral Science Program
Thesis: Characterization of Medication Regimens in Older Adult Self-Neglect: Polypharmacy, Potentially Inappropriate Medication Use, and Potential Drug-Drug Interactions
- 2014 Lui, Antoinette, MPH Health Promotion and Behavioral Science Program
- 2012- 2013 Cheng, Jacklyn. MD, MPH
Thesis: A process evaluation of the navigation component of an evidence based community health worker delivered health education.)

Mentor to Undergraduate CPRIT Summer Interns

- 2018 Sarah Smith
- 2017 Teresa Smith
- 2016 Alma Almanza
- 2015 Fadeke Muraina
- 2012 Aparna Dumingo Kankana Gomes
- 2012 Diana Valero
- 2011 Nana Sekyere

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Internal service at UTSPH/UTHSC

- Member of Behavioral Science Curriculum Committee, 2017- current
- Member of MD Anderson Cervical Comprehensive Cancer Control workgroup, 2012-current
- Member of MD Anderson HPV OAG Working Group, 2014-current
- Member of Cervical Cancer-Free Texas (part of the Cervical Cancer-Free Coalition) 2013-2014
- **Student Poster Presentation Judge**
 - UT Health School of Public Health Student Research Day (May, 2017)
 - L. Kay Bartholomew Eldredge Student Poster Competition (2016-2017)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer for the Following Journals

- Cancer Causes & Control
- Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved
- Public Library of Science (PLOS) ONE
- The Journal of Primary Prevention
- European Journal of Cancer Care
- Nicotine & Tobacco Research

Grant Review

2015-1027 Peer Review -Health Research Board

ICE Awards, Lead agency in Ireland supporting health research

- Member of the Steering Committee for the 2012, 2013, and 2014 HPV & Cervical Cancer Summits

Community Service

2017 Leader of the HPV Systems Improvement Workgroup for the Texas HPV Coalition.

2017 Member of Texas HPV Coalition Steering Committee

2012 Hosted the *Community-Campus Partnerships for Health Conference* community site visit to present a collaborative program representing a CBPR partnership, attended by attendees of the *Community-Campus Partnerships for Health's 15th Anniversary Conference*, April 18-21, 2012 in Houston, TX USA.

Consultations for non-profit organizations

The Rose (Breast Cancer Care), Breast Cancer Screening Program Evaluator, 2015-Present

Other Previous Professional & Community Service

2017-current **Member, Board of Directors**

Amigos de Las Américas (AMIGOS), *Houston Chapter*

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- 2002-2004 **Member, Board of Directors**
Co-Chair of Volunteer Training Committee (August 2003 – July 2004)
Amigos de Las Américas (AMIGOS), *Houston Chapter*
Worked on Training Committee to train volunteers for international community development and health projects
- 1997 **Field Programs Representative**
National Board of Amigos de Las Américas (AMIGOS)
- 1997-2001 **Docent**
Holocaust Museum, Houston, Texas
Provided educational tours through main exhibit
- 1994-1995 **Program Coordinator**, Crossroads a Community Partnership for Youth, a Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Program, Houston, Texas.

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International Volunteer Service

Amigos de las Américas, Inc.

- 1997 Project Director, Ecuador Community sanitation, hygiene & nutrition education projects
- 1994 Project Director, Paraguay Community sanitation, hygiene & nutrition education projects
- 1993 Assistant Project Director, Oaxaca, Mexico
- 1992 Field Supervisor, Costa Rica
- 1987 Community Health Volunteer, Paraguay

Undergraduate work at Tufts University

- 1992-1993 Associate Editor, Briefing Book
Transformations of the Global Economy Symposium
Education for Public Inquiry and International Citizenship (EPIIC), Tufts University
- 1991-1992 Programming Committee Member
International Security: The Environmental Dimension Symposium
Education for Public Inquiry and International Citizenship (EPIIC)
- 1992 Funded Student Research.
Topic: *Challenging 'Conservation by Self-Determination': The Miskito Indians of Nicaragua*, Education for Public Inquiry and International Citizenship (EPIIC)
Funded \$1,000 to conduct field research focused on the environmental impact of indigenous autonomy movements on the Miskito Coast of Nicaragua.
Presented research at the Tufts University EPIIC Symposium Conference

Previous Professional Affiliations

- Member, American College of Epidemiology 2008
- Member, Society of Epidemiologic Research 2007

Language Skills

English (native); Spanish (intermediate spoken and proficient written).