

Sarah Elizabeth Messiah

Education

Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY	BA	1989	Psychology, sport and health
Florida International University, Miami, FL	MPH	1997	Epidemiology, maternal child health
University of Miami, Miami, FL	PhD	2005	Epidemiology, perinatal subspecialty

Academic Title: Professor of Epidemiology, Human Genetics and Environmental Sciences, UTSPH
Professor of Pediatrics, UT Southwestern Medical Center
Director, Center for Pediatric Population Health, a Children's Health and UTSPH collaborative

Academic Profile: Dr. Messiah has published extensively in two main areas of research (1) the epidemiologic investigation of risk factors for childhood obesity and cardiometabolic disease biomarkers with emphasis on ethnic and racial disparities and (2) the implementation of evidence-based practices into clinical settings to prevent childhood-onset obesity. She has authored or edited two books, nine chapters, and over 100 original research papers and 200 scientific abstracts. Her research has been funded from both federal grants and private foundation sources. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2011 Micah Batchelor Award for Excellence in Children's Health Research, in 2012 the Miami Dade County Commissioners' Women Leadership Award for Science and Technology, in 2014 the C.W. Chuck Pezoldt Award for outstanding community service, and in 2016 the outstanding abstract prize at the Obesity Society annual meeting.

Scholarship Area #1. Dr. Messiah's career has focused on the population prevalence of health-related comorbidities associated with obesity during the pediatric years. Her doctoral dissertation documented the extent of obesity-related comorbidities in childhood, which were disproportionately prevalent in ethnic minority groups. Her publications in the *Journal of Pediatrics* ([Relationship Between Body Mass Index and Metabolic Syndrome Risk Factors Among US 8 to 14 Year Olds, 1999-2002](#); [Body Mass Index, Waist Circumference, and Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Adolescents](#)) and *Obesity* ([Body Mass Index, Waist Circumference, and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors among Preschool-Age Children in the United States](#); [Ethnic Differences in Prevalence of Metabolic Syndrome Components Independent of Body Mass Index among American Youth, 1999-2008](#)) were some of the first to significantly contribute to this important field. Her interest in population-level pediatric severe obesity has led to key publications in the pediatric bariatric surgery literature, including [Ethnic Group Differences in Weight Loss among Adolescents Undergoing Bariatric Surgery: 1-Year Results from the Bariatric Outcomes Longitudinal Database](#) (*World J of Diabetes*); and [Changes in Weight and Comorbidities among Morbidly Obese Adolescents Undergoing Bariatric Surgery: 1-Year Results from the Bariatric Outcomes Longitudinal Database](#) (*Surg Obes Rel Diseases*).

Scholarship Area #2. Dr. Messiah is also internationally known for her dissemination and implementation of interventions to decrease the childhood obesity epidemic among vulnerable groups in preschools, elementary schools, and afterschool park-based settings. She has been the Co-Principal Investigator of local- and USDA-funded work research for a decade to implement obesity prevention strategies in childcare centers that have led to recognition by the Bipartisan Policy Center for its attention to center-level environmental and policy change ([Healthy Caregivers-Healthy Children Phase 2: Integrating Culturally Sensitive Childhood Obesity Prevention Strategies into Childcare Center Policies](#), *Contemporary Clin Trials*). She has also received international notoriety for her unique partnership with the Miami Dade County Department of Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces to develop and implement the park-based *Fit-2-Play* afterschool program to promote childhood healthy weight and cardiometabolic health. Her team's research findings were the first to document biomedical health benefits of park-based afterschool programming ([Impact of a Park-Based Afterschool Program Replicated over Five Years on Modifiable Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors](#) published in *Prev Med*; [Effect of a Park-Based Afterschool Program on Participant Obesity-Related Health Outcomes](#) published in *Am J of Health Prom*). This program gained the attention of the White House and First Lady Michelle Obama, and in 2014, a Miami Dade County Park was chosen to announce the partnership of her *Let's Move* program with the National Recreation and Parks Association. Additionally, *Fit-2-Play* was a cornerstone achievement in Miami Dade County securing the 2016 Culture of Health prize from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and is the National Recreation and Park Association's model of excellence to promote healthy weight in children across the nation.

Dr. Messiah has served as an expert advisor to promote healthy weight and cardiometabolic health throughout childhood on numerous national organizations, including the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children, The University of Tennessee's Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board, the American Heart Association's Policy Recommendations for Obesity Prevention and Health Promotion in Child Care Settings, University of California Berkeley's Center for Weight and Health, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Women's Sports Foundation, and the Florida Department of Health.

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Curriculum Vitae

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II. HIGHER EDUCATION

11. **Institutional (institution; degree; date conferred):**
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 - Florida International University; MPH; May 1997
 - Skidmore College; BA; May 1989
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III. EXPERIENCE

14. **Academic (institutions; rank/status; dates):**
 - University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston; Professor; September 2018- present
 - University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center; Professor; Pediatrics; September 2018-present
 - University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; Voluntary Professor; May 2018-present
 - University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; Research Associate Professor; July 2011-April 2018
 - University of Miami Miller School of Medicine; Research Assistant Professor; September, 2005- 2011
15. Hospital Appointments (institutions, dates: Children's Health pending)
16. Non-Academic (employers; title; responsibilities; dates):
 - Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Miami, Florida; Senior Research Associate 3/Science Projects Coordinator. Responsible for the daily management of an NIH P20 research center including coordinating all attached research projects; August 2001- August 2005

Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, Florida; Senior Research Associate, Intervention Specialist; Responsible for managing and coordinating 3 NIH funded studies, with specialization in behavioral interventions and epidemiology; May 1997- July 2001

Florida International University, Department of Public Health, Miami, Florida; Research Assistant; Assisted Department Chair in all phases of 3 NIH-funded research projects as well as teaching and tutoring; January 1996- April 1997

Florida International University, Department of Public Health, Miami, Florida; Graduate Assistant; Assisted Department Chair in all phases of NIH-funded research projects as well as teaching and tutoring; January 1995-December 1995

17. Military (branch; rank; responsibilities; dates): N/A

IV. PUBLICATIONS

18. Books and monographs published:

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Chapters:

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6. **Messiah SE**, Arheart KL, Wilkinson JA (2012). Chapter 1: Epidemiology of the Metabolic Syndrome in Youth: A Global Population-to-Clinical Perspective. Pediatric Metabolic Syndrome: Comprehensive Clinical Review and Related Health Issues. (ed. Lipshultz, Miller, Messiah) Springer, London, United Kingdom.
7. **Messiah SE**, Carrillo A, Cruz M (2011). Obesidad en la Edad Pediátrica, Prevención y Tratamiento. Chapter 4: Factores de Riesgo en el Desarrollo de la Obesidad en la

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9. Alvarez J, Miller T, **Messiah SE**, Lipshultz SE (2011). Updated: Chapter 278 – “Preventive Cardiology.” In American Academy of Pediatrics Textbook of Pediatric Care, (eds. McInerny TK, Adams HM, Campbell DE, Kamat DM, Kelleher KJ). Oak Grove Village, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics (ISBN-10: 1581102682 EAN: 9781581102680) Available at “Pediatric Care Online” by the American Academy of Pediatrics.
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11. Hollar D, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Hollar TL, Lombardo M (2010). Global View on Childhood Obesity: Current Status, Consequences and Prevention. Debasis Bagchi Editor-in-Chief. Chapter 32: School-Based Obesity Prevention Interventions Show Promising Improvements in the Health and Academic Achievements among Ethnically-Diverse Young Children. Elsevier, St. Louis, MO.
12. Sokol KC, **Messiah SE**, Buzzard CJ, Lipshultz SE (2008). Chapter 191 – “High Blood Pressure in Infants, Children, and Adolescents. In American Academy of Pediatrics Textbook of Pediatric Care,” (eds. McInerny TK, Adams HM, Campbell DE, Kamat DM, Kelleher KJ). Oak Grove Village, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics (ISBN-10: 1581102682 EAN: 9781581102680) Available at “Pediatric Care Online” by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

19. JURIED OR REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES, BOOKS AND EXHIBITIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES (*DENOTES STUDENT AUTHOR; ** DENOTES FELLOW AUTHOR)

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V. PROFESSIONAL

22. Funded Research Performed (include all grants received in the last five years, identifying the principal investigator, and the amounts and dates of the awards):

CURRENT:

National Institute of Health (NIMHD)

1R01DK108644-01	8/1/18- 3/30/23	2.4 calendar
Socioecological Factors Associated with the Decision to Have Bariatric Surgery and Post-Operative Weight Loss		
Role: Principal Investigator		

National Institutes of Health (NIMHD)

1R01MD007724-05	7/5/13-3/31/19	0.8 calendar
\$1,912,500		
<i>Families Preventing and Reducing Obesity Health Disparities in Hispanic Youth</i>		
Investigation of a family-based obesity prevention Intervention in Hispanic youth.		
Role: Multi-Principal Investigator		

National Institutes of Health (NIMHD)

	1/1/15-12/31/19	0.3 calendar
\$70,160		
<i>Families Preventing and Reducing Obesity Health Disparities in Hispanic Youth</i>		
<u>Supplement</u> to include personal tracking devices/ Fitnessmonitors to collect additional data		
Role: Multi-Principal Investigator (Somarriba lead)		

National Institutes of Health (NIMHD)

	1/1/15-12/31/18	0.3 calendar
\$65,160		
<i>Families Preventing and Reducing Obesity Health Disparities in Hispanic Youth</i>		
Supplement to include gender differences analysis		
Role: Multi-Principal Investigator (Perrino lead)		

US Department of Agriculture

	4/1/15- 3/31/19	2.4 calendar
\$1,652,000		
<i>Healthy Caregivers Healthy Children Phase II</i>		
This study is the second phase of a randomized controlled trial of 24 preschools in Miami Dade County Florida to assess an obesity prevention intervention where teachers/caregivers are the role models and will introduce a train-the-trainers model.		
Role: Multi-Principal Investigator		

US Department of Education

	10/1/16-9/30/21	1.2 calendar
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H327S160017	\$2,167,000	
<i>Step Up AT to Promote Early Language and Literacy</i>		
The goal of this project is to introduce assisted technology resources to promote early literacy among preschool children with disabilities, most of whom are ethnic minorities.		
Role: Co-Investigator, Statistician		
Micah Batchelor Award	1/1/12-12/31/19	1.2 calendar
<i>Relationship Between Addiction and Gut Hormones in Young Bariatric Surgery Patients</i>	\$300,000	
This study will examine the concept of food and substance abuse/addiction transfer from pre-post surgery and the relationship with gut hormone levels among a sample of local bariatric patients.		
Role: Principal Investigator		
Past:		
Verizon Foundation	1/1/15-12/31/15	1.2 calendar
<i>South Florida Children's Health Project: Technology-Enabled Obesity Initiative</i>	\$150,000	
This study will test the efficacy of a technology-enhanced obesity prevention program in the pediatric mobile clinic that serves non-insured and under-insured patients.		
Role: Principal Investigator		
National Institutes of Health (NIDA) (K01 DA026993)	7/1/09-6/30/15	3.6 calendar
<i>Growth and Cardiometabolic Risk Among in Utero Cocaine Exposed Children</i>	\$753,000	
This study will produce growth curve analysis and cardiometabolic disease risk factors among a cohort of perinatally exposed and non-exposed 18-19 year olds.		
Role: Principal Investigator		
Aetna Foundation	9/1/12- 8/31/14	0.6 calendar
<i>Measuring and Tracking the Benefits of Evidenced-Based Active Recreation Programming in an Out-of-School Program Environment</i>	\$40,000	
This study will evaluate the effectiveness of afterschool parks programs on physical fitness and growth in 5-to-13 year olds.		
Role: Principal Investigator		
US Department of Agriculture (Grant # 2009-05065)	5/1/10-8/30/13	0.6 calendar
Natale and Messiah (co-PIs)	\$1.1 million	
<i>Healthy Caregivers Healthy Children</i>		
This study is a randomized controlled trial of 24 preschools in Miami Dade County Florida to assess an obesity prevention intervention where teachers/caregivers are the role models.		
Role: Multi-Principal Investigator		
University of Miami Specialized Center of	10/1/12-9/30/13	0.6 calendar

Research (SCOR) on Addiction and Health Developmental Award	\$40,000	
<i>Exploration of the Concept of Addiction Transfer Among Bariatric Surgery Patients</i>		
This is an institutionally supported pilot study which seeks to explore the various addictions (drugs, alcohol, nicotine, food) among bariatric patients both pre-and post-surgery		
Role: Principal Investigator		
Children's Trust Foundation	11/01/07-03/30/09	1.2 calendar
Natale (PI)	\$197,571	
<i>Healthy Inside-Healthy Outside (HI-HO)</i>		
The major goal of this project was to assess the effectiveness of an Obesity prevention intervention in the daycare setting among 3-5 year olds		
Role: Investigator		
Thrasher Foundation	10/01/06-12/31/07	1.2 calendar
Messiah (PI)	\$25,000	
<i>Investigation of the Relationship between Obesity and the Metabolic Syndrome in Multiethnic 7-12 Year Olds</i>		
The major goal of this project was to examine the effect of obesity on the prevalence of the MS in a multiethnic clinic sample of 200 children ages 7-12		
Role: Principal Investigator		
Child Health Advocacy for Miami	7/1/06-6/30/08	0.6 calendar
Forster (PI)	\$41,000	
Pediatricians (CHAMP) Program		
At the University of Miami		
<i>Investigation of Barriers to Successful Breastfeeding in a Multiethnic WIC Population</i>		
The primary aim of this study was to assess the barriers to successful breastfeeding intention, initiation and duration at 3-months postpartum among a multiethnic WIC population.		
Role: Co- Investigator		
Previous participation; effort was reduced due to K01 award:		
National Institutes of Health (NICHD)	1/01/09-12/31/12	1.2 calendar
Rothman (PI)	\$1.3 million	
The major goal of this project is to assess the effectiveness of an obesity prevention intervention in the clinical setting among 4-36 month olds		
Role: Miami site Investigator		
National Institutes of Health (NICHD)	10//01/09-12/31/12	0.6 calendar
Lipshultz (PI)		
National Children's Study		
Role: Co-Investigator		

PENDING:

National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI)

1R61 HL143445-01 4/1/19- 3/30/24 2.4 calendar
Addressing obesity disparities in family \$3,775,155
childcare homes
Role: Multi- Principal Investigator

Funded Mentored Research:

National Institutes of Health (NIDDK) 9/1/18-7/31/20 N/A
F31 \$68,000
A Machine Learning Approach for Predicting Early Childhood Obesity Among Multiethnic Families
Role: Primary Sponsor/Mentor to Lebron (PI, predoctoral candidate in prevention science)

National Institutes of Health (NIMHD) 1/1/18-12/31/24 N/A
U54 Center on Latino Health Research Opportunities (CLaRO) \$1 million
Role: Scientific Mentorship Board Member

National Institutes of Health (NIDDK) 4/1/18-3/31/24 N/A
T32 \$1 million
Translational Research Training in Gastroenterology and Hepatology
Role: Mentor

23. Editorial responsibilities [with inclusive dates]:

Editorial Board Member: World Journal of Diabetes (April 2010-present)
Editorial Board Member: Cardiology Research (September 2010-present)
Reviewer: Lancet (2013-present)
Reviewer: Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine (JAMA) (2009-present)
Reviewer: Journal of Pediatrics (2008-present)
Reviewer: Pediatrics (2008-present)
Reviewer: Journal of the American College of Cardiology (2006-present)
Reviewer: Journal of General Internal Medicine (2005-present)
Reviewer: Medical Care (2004-present)
Reviewer: Childhood Obesity (2011-present)
Reviewer: European Journal of Pediatrics (2012-present)
Reviewer: Circulation (2011-present)
Reviewer: American Journal of Epidemiology (2011-present)
Reviewer: International Journal of Pediatric Obesity (2009-present)
Reviewer: Ethnicity and Disease (2009-present)
Reviewer: Journal of Adolescent Health (2009-present)
Reviewer: Journal of Urban Health (2003-present)
Reviewer: American Journal of Kidney Diseases (2014-present)
Reviewer: Research in Developmental Disabilities (2014-present)
Reviewer: Ethnicity and Health (2016)
Reviewer: Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health (2012-present)
Reviewer: Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases (2013-present)

24. Professional and Honorary Organizations (member; officer; date):

Member: National Organization of Urban Maternal and Child Health Leaders (2018-)
Member: American Heart Association, Cardiovascular Disease in the Young Council Member (2005-2011)

Member: Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiological Research (2005-2007)
Member: Obesity Society (2009-present)
Member: Pediatric Academic Society (2009-present)
Member: Healthy Weight Research Network (2014-present)
Member: American Public Health Association (2005-present)
Member: National ParkRx Initiative Steering Committee (2016-)
Member: Physical Activity Policy Research Network (PAPRN), Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity, Physical Activity Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Parks and Recreation sub-committee member (2016-present)
Member: Healthy Parks Healthy People Committee, National Park Service, Office of Public Health/Health Promotion Branch (2016-present)
Member: Park Conservation Corps, Miami Dade County Department of Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces and the Miami Parks Foundation (2015-present)

25. Honors and Awards:

The National Association of Counties (NACo) 2018 Achievement Award for “Fit2Play: An Evidenced-Based Afterschool Program” in the category of Children and Youth, Nashville, TN July 15, 2018.

University of Miami Graduate School, Faculty Mentor of the Year Award nominee, 2017, 2018.

Florida Blue Foundation Sapphire Award (*Recognizing Excellence and Innovation in Community Health*) April 20, 2017 for “Fit2Play” program. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gxob5GEs4Kg>

Robert Wood Johnson Culture of Health Finalist and Winner, Miami Dade County Health Department Lead Miami Dade County Department of Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces-UM partnership’s Fit2Play and Park Rx4Health Programs as Cornerstones, September 15, 2016. <http://www.rwjf.org/en/library/collections/coh-prize-winners/2016-winner-miami-dade-fl.html>

The 2016 Obesity Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA Top Ten Abstract Prize, Bariatric Surgery Section for research titled “Relationship between Duodenum Serotonin and Cortisol and Self-Reported Anxiety and Depression in Ethnically Diverse, Young Adult Weight Loss Surgery Patients.”

C.W. Chuck Pezoldt Award, Great Parks Summit. For outstanding community service by and individual or organization to improve the quality and quantity of youth recreation opportunities in Miami Dade County, Florida, April 4, 2014.

Women’s History Month Award, The Office of the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, Miami Dade County, March 20, 2012.

Miami Dade County Board of Commissioners “In the Company of Women” Leadership Award, Science and Technology, February, 2012.

Micah Batchelor Award for Excellence in Children’s Health Research, November, 2011.

University of Miami Specialized Center of Research (SCOR) on Addiction and Health Developmental Award, August 2011.

Nominated and Selected to Delta Omega National Public Health Honor Society, May, 2010.

National Institutes of Health, Career Development Award (K01- DA026993-01), 2009.

Academic scholarship recipient, Institute of Mind-Body Medicine's "Food as Medicine" Training Conference, Miami, Florida, November 19-22, 2009.

Nominated and Selected to the Society for Pediatric Research, 2009.

Nominated by the American Heart Association to serve on the 2010-2011 Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committee to Examine Overweight in Young Children, 2009.

Finalist, American Heart Association's Sandra Daugherty Junior Faculty Award in Cardiovascular Epidemiology, 2009.

Miami Dade County Citizen's Involvement Award. Miami Dade Intracoastal District 6 Police Station, Miami Dade County Citizen's Crime Watch. May, 2008.

Thrasher Research Fund, New Research Award, Investigation of the Relationship between Obesity and the Metabolic Syndrome in Multiethnic 7-12 Year Olds, 2006.

Magna Cum Laude and with Academic Merit, University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine, Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Epidemiology, December, 2005 (3.85 GPA).

Student Award for Outstanding Master's Thesis and Contribution to Research, Third Annual Florida Epidemiology Conference, July 14-16, Miami, FL, 1997.

Summa Cum Laude, Florida International University, Masters of Public Health Degree, May 1997 (4.0 GPA).

American Academy of Distinguished Students, Florida International University and University of Miami School of Medicine, 1996.

Phi Kappa Phi Academic Honor Society, Florida International University, 1996.

Women's Sports Foundation (WSF), Future Olympian Support Grant Award to support training toward Olympic Games (1992), US Women's Sprint Kayak Team.

26. Post-Doctoral Fellowships: N/A

27. Other Professional Activities

Reviewer: Flanders/Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek Vlaanderen, FWO Research Foundation; Belgium.

Member: University of Tennessee Maternal and Child Nutrition Leadership Education and Training Program National Advisory Committee (HRSA/MCHB funded)(2018-)

Reviewer: Florida International University-RCMI Pilot Grant Program NIH/NIMHD Grant #1 U54 MD012393-01 (2018-)

Member: NIH/NHLBI Programs to Increase Diversity Among Individuals Engaged in Health-Related Research (PRIDE) CVD science (Mentor to Dr. Denise Vidot, 2017-)

Member: 2014/05 ZDA1 MXL-F (10) S National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse I/START Small Grant Review

Member: National Institutes of health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Special Emphasis Panel, ZDA1 HXO-H (07), NIH Summer Research Experience Programs (R25) (2015-present)

Reviewer: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Active Living Research Annual Conference Abstracts. (2016 for 2017 conference)

Member: New England Journal of Medicine Invited Expert Panel (2016- present) for bariatric surgery and pediatric obesity growth curve manuscript submissions.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited International, National, State and Local Platform/Featured:

1. **Messiah SE.** Closing the Healthcare Coordination Loop: How Academic, Clinical and Community-Based Organizations Can Partner to Achieve Pediatric Health Outcomes. Invited seminar presentation to the University of Texas School of Public Health/UT Southwestern/Dallas Children's Hospital, Dallas, TX, May 1, 2018.
2. **Messiah SE.** Visiting Professor, University of Tennessee. Fit2Play: An example of how academic and community-based organizations can successfully collaborate to improve children's health. Three lectures to nursing, graduate students over two days. Knoxville, TN, March 22-24, 2018.
3. **Messiah SE.** Father Involvement in Birth Outcomes. Expert Panel Member, Fatherhood Task Force Advocacy Network Town Hall Meeting, Miami, Florida, February 2, 2018.
4. **Messiah SE.** The BUILD Initiative and the QRIS National Meeting *Expanding Reach, Enhancing Impact, Advancing Equity* featured speaker presenting "Building Nutrition and Obesity Prevention Strategies into QRIS: A Cross-systems Look at Leveraging Policy" Dallas, TX, June 27-29, 2017.
5. **Messiah SE.** Healthy Caregivers Healthy Children (HC2) Outcomes. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion and Physical Activity Promotion Program, National Webinar Presentation, April 25, 2017.
6. **Messiah SE.** American Public Health Association Featured Speaker for American Public Health Week. "How Park Prescription Models can Improve the Nation's Health." April 4, 2017.
7. **Messiah SE.** Florida Recreation and Parks Association Statewide Webinar keynote presentation on Fit2Play Evaluation and Outcome Measures to Develop Local

Programming. December 19, 2016.

8. **Messiah SE.** National ParkRx Initiative, National Park Service & Golden Gate Foundation. Webinar keynote speaker, “Evaluation of Park Rx Programs,” November 16th, 2016.
9. **Messiah SE.** Featured speaker. Etiology of early childhood obesity. Early Learning Coalition, Doral High School, Miami, FL September 24, 2016.
10. **Messiah SE.** Expert Panel Member, Health Benefits of Nature and Parks. Innagural Parks Conservation Corps Meeting, Crandon Tennis Center. August 20, 2016.
11. **Messiah SE.** Florida Park and Recreation Association Annual Meeting Keynote Speaker on “Prescribing (Rx) Parks and Recreation for Health and Wellness.” Orlando, Florida, August 30, 2016.
12. **Messiah SE.** Saint Thomas Aquinas High School. Keynote Speaker on “Health and Wellness Strategies for Optimal Academic and Athletic Performance.” Fort Lauderdale, Florida, June 2, 2016.
13. **Messiah SE.** University of New Hampshire/Dartmouth College/University of North Carolina joint meeting on “Addressing Health Disparities” featured panel expert and speaker, University of New Hampshire, April 1, 2016.
14. **Messiah SE.** National Park and Recreation Association International Webinar Keynote Speaker on “Parks Rx 4Health: Prescribing Wellness at Parks”, March 3, 2016.
15. **Messiah SE.** University of Miami Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds. Keynote Speaker on “Partnering Parks and Pediatricians to Reduce Health Disparities and Inequity,” February 26, 2016.
16. **Messiah SE.** Common Threads, national childhood obesity prevention organization, featured expert panel member and speaker on “Strategies to Reduce Obesity in Hispanic Children.” Knight Foundation, January 26, 2016.
17. **Messiah SE.** New England Journal of Medicine featured article “Weight Loss and Health Status 3 Years after Bariatric Surgery in Adolescents” (Inge et al) featured expert discussant, online format, January 11, 2016.
18. **Messiah SE.** Florida Recreation and Parks Association, Southeast Region Summit. Keynote Speaker, Palm Beach County, October 22, 2015.
19. **Messiah SE.** Miami Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department Senior Leadership Retreat. Keynote Speaker, Goulds Park, September 11, 2015.
20. **Messiah SE.** Alliance for a Healthier Generation Healthy Out-of-School-Time Summit. Platform Speaker. May 28, 2015.
21. **Messiah SE.** National Recreation and Park Association, Innovation Lab. Platform Speaker. March 12, 2015.
22. **Messiah SE.** Alliance for a Healthier Generation Afterschool Summit. Keynote Speaker. May 22, 2014.
23. **Messiah SE.** City Park Alliance Health and Wellness International/National Webinar Panel Keynote member, May 21, 2014.
24. **Messiah SE.** Great Park Summit, Health and Wellness Panel Member. Fairchild

Botanical Garden, Miami, Florida, April 4, 2014.

25. **Messiah SE**, Caban-Martinez A, Arboleda N. Communicating Your Public Health Message: Strategies to Boost Impact. University of Miami Public Health Alumni Association Panel and Networking Reception, January 7, 2014.
26. **Messiah, SE**. Miami Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces “Fit-to-Perform” Florida Sterling Showcase: Improving Kid’s Health and Wellness Through Fit-2-Play Program: Implications for a National Model. Presented to the Florida Sterling Council, October 17, 2013.
27. **Messiah, SE**. Current State of Childhood Obesity Prevention in the Nation. Visiting Professorship with numerous lectures, platform presentations and teaching opportunities, University of New Hampshire. September 17-20, 2013.
28. **Messiah, SE**. Obesity as a Risk Factor for Cancer. Presented to the University of Miami Cancer Center, August 28, 2013.
29. **Messiah SE**. Early Childhood Obesity Policy Recommendations. Presented to the American Heart Association and Mt. Sinai Foundation, Chaired by Dr. William Dietz, Cleveland, Ohio, January 29, 2013.
30. **Messiah SE**. Institute of Medicine’s Report on Early Childhood Obesity Prevention: Discussion and Future Direction. Presented to the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children, Chicago, Illinois, July 27, 2012.
31. **Messiah SE**. It Starts in the Parks: Healthy Lifestyle Promotion in Miami Dade County Park After School Programs. Programming Parks to Help People Be Healthy” panel, on Tuesday, July 17 Greater and Greener: Re-Imagining Parks for 21st Century Cities, New York, New York, July 17, 2012.
32. **Messiah SE**. Pursuing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Programs in your College Education and Beyond. Featured Speaker and United States Olympic Committee and DeVry University athlete/scientist appointee. Herworld State of Georgia event, March 29, 2012.
33. **Messiah SE**. Pursuing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Programs in your College Education and Beyond. Featured Speaker and United States Olympic Committee and DeVry University athlete/scientist appointee. Herworld South Florida Regional, March 28, 2012.
34. **Messiah SE**. Epidemiology of Obesity and the Metabolic Syndrome in US Youth: A Population-to-Clinical-Based Perspective. Oral platform presentation, University of Miami Obesity Symposium, October 10, 2011.
35. **Messiah SE**. Health Consequences of Overweight in Childhood. Nutrition Programming in School and Community Settings: Health and Academic Improvements Symposium for 50th Anniversary Meeting of American College of Nutrition, October 1-4, 2009, Orlando, FL.
36. **Messiah SE**. Growth and Cardiometabolic Health of In Utero Drug Exposed Children. Presentation on behalf of the National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, at the International Society of Addiction Medicine Annual Meeting, September 26-30, 2009, Calgary, Canada.

37. **Messiah SE.** Nutrition and Environmental Etiology of Metabolic Syndrome in Childhood. Presentation to University of Queensland Environmental and Nutrition Graduate Program, June 17, 2009, Brisbane, Australia.
38. **Messiah, SE.** Health and Wellness in School-Age Children. Presented to the Miami Dade County Public School Parent Academy Event, April 19, 2009, Miami, FL.
39. **Messiah SE.** Cardiometabolic disease risk in US Children. Presented at the Nutrition Reauthorization Act Briefing: Improving the National School Lunch Program, US Senate and House of Representatives, Capitol Hill, April 30- May 1, 2009, Washington, D.C.
40. Hollar D, Hollar T, Lombardo M, **Messiah SE.** Effective Multilevel, Multi-sector, School-based Obesity Prevention Programming improves Weight, Blood Pressure, and Academic Performance among Low Income Children. World Health Organization Child Health Conference, March 30- April 2, 2009, Barbados, West Indies.
41. **Messiah, SE.** Metabolic Syndrome in Children: No Longer For Adults Only Presented to the Masters of Pediatrics Conference, Preventive Pediatric Cardiology: State of the Art for General Pediatric Care Cardiology Workshop, January 28-February 2, 2009, Miami, FL.
42. Hollar D, **Messiah SE,** Lopez-Mitnik G, Hollar TL, Agatston AS. School-Based Obesity and Related Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Intervention Effect on Weight and Academic Performance. Presentation to the United States Conference of Mayors Winter Meeting, January 17, 2009, Washington, D.C.
43. Hollar D, **Messiah SE,** Lopez-Mitnik G, Hollar TL, Agatston AS. School-Based Obesity and Related Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Intervention Effect on Weight and Academic Performance in Hispanics. Presentation to the Healthy Youth for a Healthy Future Hispanic-Latino Roundtable and Media Event, January 14, 2009, Miami, FL.
44. **Messiah SE.** Interventions to Prevent Obesity through Promoting Nutrition and Physical Activity in Low-Income Childcare Centers. Workshop Leader and Featured Speaker, 5th Biennial Childhood Obesity Conference, June 9-12, 2009, Los Angeles, California.
45. **Messiah SE.** Obesity Prevention Intervention Among Inner-city Preschool Children: Outcomes, Lessons Learned and Future Directions. Presented to the Consortium to Prevent Childhood Obesity in Chicago Children (CLOCC). June 16, 2008, Chicago, IL.

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International:

1. **Messiah SE,** D'Agostino E, Kling H, Booth J, Patel H, Okeke D, Mathew S, Hansen H. How One of Our Greatest Global Resources Can Contribute to Youth Obesity Prevention and Cardiovascular Health: It Starts in the Parks! Invited Plenary Presentation to the 2nd World Congress on Nutrition and Obesity Prevention Source, London, UK. August 13-15, 2018.
2. Schladant M, Dowling M., **Messiah SE,** Natale R. Measuring the Efficacy of a Teacher Training Program to Promote AAC Use in Inclusive Preschools. Platform presentation to

the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC) Conference, Goldcoast, Australia, July 25-27, 2018.

3. Vidot D, Sardinias K, **Messiah SE**. Eating Behavior, Weight Loss Practices, and Marijuana Use among Emerging Adults. Accepted as a poster presentation at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence Annual Meeting. Hôtel Bonaventure, Montréal, Canada June 17-22, 2017.
4. Khorgami Z, Chi W, Arheart KL, **Messiah SE**, de la Cruz-Munoz. Effect of ethnicity on weight loss after bariatric surgery. Accepted as a poster presentation, 14th World Congress of Endoscopic Surgery, Paris, France, June 25-28 2014.
5. **Messiah SE**, Arheart KL, Vidot DC, Accornero VH, Xue L, Lipshultz SE, Miller TL, Bandstra ES. Relationship Between Prenatal Cocaine Exposure, Sex/Gender, Anthropometric Growth and Risk Factors for Cardiometabolic Disease In Later Adolescence. Accepted to the First International conference on Nutrition and Growth Paris, France, March 1- 3, 2012.
6. De La Cruz- Muñoz N, Arheart KL, Lopez-Mitnik, G, Lipshultz SE, Livingstone A, **Messiah SE**. American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery-Designated Bariatric Surgery Centers of Excellence's Bariatric Outcomes Longitudinal Database (BOLD): Two-Year Adolescent Percent Weight Loss Varies Significantly by Surgery Type. Accepted as a feature platform presentation to the XVI World Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders, Hamburg, Germany, August 31-September 3, 2011.
7. De La Cruz- Muñoz N, Arheart KL, Lopez-Mitnik, G, Lipshultz SE, Livingstone A, **Messiah SE**. Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass Versus Laparoscopic Adjustable Gastric Banding Procedure: Gender Differences in Body Mass Index Reduction. Accepted as a poster presentation to the XVI World Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders, Hamburg, Germany, August 31-September 3, 2011.
8. De La Cruz- Muñoz N, Cuesta M, Lopez-Mitnik, G, Arheart KL, **Messiah SE**. Weight Loss Following Laparoscopic Roux-En-Y Gastric Bypass or Banding Procedure Varies Significantly By Ethnicity. Accepted as a poster presentation to the XVI World Congress of the International Federation for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders, Hamburg, Germany, August 31-September 3, 2011.
9. Hill AC, Martínez A, Medina P, Balderrabano N, Huang F, Sánchez M, Del Río B, Carrillo A, **Messiah SE**, Garibay N. Effect of 6- month metformin intervention on endothelial function markers in Mexican adolescent patients with polycystic ovary syndrome. Accepted as a poster presentation to the Latin American Society of Pediatric Endocrinology, Cartagena de Indias, Columbia, September 7-10, 2011.
10. Ramón F, Hill A, Medina P, Martínez A, Alvarez C, Balderrabano N, Huang F, Sánchez M, Del Río B, Carrillo A, **Messiah SE**, Garibay N. Endothelial dysfunction in Mexican adolescents with polycystic ovary syndrome and their non PCOS obese and normal weight counterparts. Accepted as a poster presentation to the Latin American Society of Pediatric Endocrinology, Cartagena de Indias, Columbia, September 7-10, 2011.

11. **Messiah SE**, Arheart KL, Lipshultz SE, Miller TL. Ethnic Group Differences in the Perinatal Antecedents of Early Childhood Obesity: A Population-Based Analysis. **Oral** presentation to the 5th World Congress of Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery, June 21-26, 2009, Cairns, Australia.
12. Hollar D, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Hollar R, Agatston A. School-Based Obesity and Related Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Intervention Effect on Weight and Academic Performance: Three Year Results. Accepted as a poster presentation to the 2nd National Obesity Summit, Quebec City, Canada, April 30-May 4, 2011.
13. Hollar D, Lopez-Mitnik G, Hollar TL, Agatston AS, **Messiah SE**. Elementary school-based obesity prevention intervention effect on waist circumference among multiethnic 6-13 year olds. Accepted as a poster presentation to the 2nd National Obesity Summit, Quebec City, Canada, April 30-May 4, 2011.
14. Garibay NL, Medina P, Lopez-Mitnik G, Carrillo A, Pastrana Y, **Messiah SE**. Prevalence of the Metabolic Syndrome Among Obese Hispanic Adolescents in the Presence and Absence of Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome. Presented to the Latin American Society of Pediatric Endocrinology, October 11, 2008, Lima, Peru.
15. Garibay NL, Medina P, Lopez-Mitnik G, Carrillo A, Pastrana Y, **Messiah SE**. I International Comparison of Metabolic Syndrome Risk Factors Among Obese Hispanic Adolescents. Presented to the Latin American Society of Pediatric Endocrinology, October 11, 2008, Lima, Peru.

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16. Silberstein J, Gwynn L, Arheart KL, Mathew M, **Messiah SE**. Evidence to Support Univesal Blood Pressure Screenings in School Health Clinic Settings. Accepted as a roundtable oral presentation to the Annual American Academy of Peditrics meeting, Orlando, FL, November 2-6, 2018.
17. Siyao L, Westrick A, Koru-Sengal T, **Messiah SE**, Hliang WW. Hospital Length of Stay by Race-Ethnicity and Weight Loss Procedure Types. Accepted as a poster presentation to the 2018 American College of Epidemiology Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio, September 23-25, 2018.
18. Patel HH, D'Agostino EM, Ahmed Z, Hansen E, Mathew MS, Nardi M, **Messiah SE**. Changes in Cardiovascular Health and Physical Fitness in Youth with Disabilities Participating in a Park-Based Afterschool Program for Two Years. Accepted as a platform presentation to the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 10-14, 2018.
19. Lebron CN, Arheart KL., Natale RA, Mathew S, **Messiah, SE**. AAP Nutrition and Physical Activity Recommendations for Preschoolers: Are racially/ethnically diverse families adhering to guidelines? Accepted as a poster presentation for the CityMatCH Leadership and MCH Epidemiology Conference, Portland, OR, September 12-14, 2018.

20. D'Agostino EM, Frazier SL, Hansen E, Ahmed Z, Patel HH, Okeke D, Nardi M, **Messiah SE**. Two-year implementation results from a community park-based mental health promotion and violence prevention program targeting at-risk minority youth. Accepted as a Poster Presentation to the Society for the Epidemiology Research Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD June 14-16, 2018.
21. D'Agostino EM, Patel H, Ahmed Z, Hansen E, Mathew MS, Nardi M, **Messiah SE**. Relationship between race/ethnicity, gender, change in neighborhood segregation and cardiovascular health among minority youth attending a park-based afterschool program. Accepted as a poster presentation to the Society for Epidemiology Research Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, June 14-16, 2018.
22. Spector R, Natale RA, **Messiah SE**. Healthy Caregivers, Healthy Children: An Evidence-based Child Care Obesity Prevention Program. Accepted as a workshop session, National Smart Start Conference, Greensboro, NC, April 30- May 3, 2018.
23. **Messiah SE**, D'Agostino E, Patel H, Hansen E, Mathew S, Okeke D, Nardi M. Sex Differences in Fitness Outcomes After Participation in a Park-Based After school Program Among Minority Youth. Accepted as a poster presentation to the EPI/Lifestyle 2018 Scientific Sessions, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 20-23, 2018.
24. St. George S, Lee TK, Lebron C, **Messiah SE**, Prado G. Effects of General and Domain-specific Parental Monitoring on the Lifestyle Behaviors of Hispanic Youth in a Family-based Trial. Accepted as a poster presentation to the Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 11-14, 2018.
25. Schladant M, **Messiah SE**, Pujals P, Dowling M, Natale R. Knowledge and practice outcomes of an early literacy assistive technology program. Platform presentation to the Assistive Technology Industry Association, Orlando, Florida, February 26-28, 2018.
26. Natale R, **Messiah SE**, Pujals P, Dowling M, Schladant M. Strategies to enhance cultural competency of an assistive technology program to promote early literacy among preschoolers with disabilities. Poster presented at the Association for University Centers on Disabilities National Conference, Washington, D.C., December 4-6, 2017.
27. D'Agostino E, Hansen E, Patel H, Nardi M, Hansen E, **Messiah SE**. Longitudinal analysis of cardiovascular disease risk profile in neighborhood poverty subgroups: Five year results from an afterschool fitness program in the USA. Accepted as a late breaker poster presentation, American College of Epidemiology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, September 24 – 26, 2017.
28. **Messiah SE**, Monnette A, Koru-Sengal T, Fleurantin NL, Al Maqbali, MS, Hlaing WM. Sociodemographic Predictors of Bariatric Surgery by Procedure in Florida, 2013. Accepted as a poster presentation, American College of Epidemiology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, September 24 – 26, 2017.
29. Stine-Rowe A, Silberstein J, Lin N, **Messiah SE**, Gwynn L. Analysis of biometric screening data collected in school-based health clinics serving diverse youth. Accepted as a roundtable platform presentation. American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference, Chicago, IL, September 16-19, 2017.

30. Corsia L, Vidot DC, Gwynn L, **Messiah SE**. Prevalence of obesity and related cardiometabolic disease risk factors in newly arrived immigrant adolescents. Accepted as a platform presentation to ENDO, Orlando, Florida, April 1-4, 2017.
31. Lee T, Moises R, Soares M, Bahamon M, St. George S, **Messiah SE**, Prado G. The Influence of Parental Stress and Social Support on Physical Activity Among Hispanic Youth. Presented as a poster presentation to the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, DC, May 30-June 2, 2017.
32. Natale RA, Sardinias K, Palenzuala J, Chang C, **Messiah SE**. Perinatal Risk Factors for Overweight/Obese Among Preschool Children with Disabilities. Accepted as a poster presentation to the Association of Universities Centers on Disabilities, Washington, DC, December 4-7, 2016.
33. **Messiah SE**, D'Agostino E, Vidot D, Hansen H, Matthew S, Kardys J, Nardi M, Arheart KL. Impact of a Park-Based Afterschool Healthy Weight Program on Modifiable Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors in Youth Over 6 Years of Implementation. Accepted as a late-breaker platform presentation to the American Public Health Association 2016 Annual Meeting and Expo, Denver, CO, Oct. 29 - Nov. 2, 2016.
34. Gauri A, **Messiah SE**, Sengul T. Burden of cervical cancer In Florida (1981-2013): A comparison of racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities with cancer stage at the time of diagnosis. Accepted as a poster presentation to the American Public Health Association 2016 Annual Meeting and Expo, Denver, CO, Oct. 29 - Nov. 2, 2016.
35. **Messiah SE**, D'Agostino E, Vidot D, Hansen H, Matthew S, Kardys J. Longitudinal Impact of a Park-Based Health and Wellness Afterschool Program on Obesity and Cardiovascular Health Disparities. Accepted as a poster presentation to The Obesity Society's Annual Meeting/ObesityWeek, New Orleans, LA, October 31 - November 4, 2016.
36. **Messiah SE**, Fitzgibbons J, Sardina K, Chang C, Palezuela J, Mathew S, Natale R. Relationship between Childcare Center Nutrition and Physical Activity Environment and Child Body Mass Index. Accepted as a poster presentation to The Obesity Society's Annual Meeting/ObesityWeek, New Orleans, LA, October 31 - November 4, 2016.
37. ***Messiah SE**, Vidot DC, Spadola C, Cuesta C, Dao S, Daunert S, de la Cruz-Munoz N. Relationship between Duodenum Serotonin and Cortisol and Self-Reported Anxiety and Depression in Ethnically Diverse, Young Adult Weight Loss Surgery Patients. Accepted as a poster presentation to The Obesity Society's Annual Meeting/ObesityWeek, New Orleans, LA, October 31 - November 4, 2016. *Selected as a Prize Winner, best research of Annual Meeting.
38. Moise R, Natale R, **Messiah SE**. Prevalence and Perinatal Etiology of Obesity in Haitian Preschool Children. Accepted as a platform presentation to the American Public Health Association 2016 Annual Meeting & Expo, Denver, Colorado, October 29 - Nov. 2, 2016.

39. Alvarez A, Choi C, Gwynn L, **Messiah SE**. Use of Telehealth in Optimizing Pediatric Obesity Care for Medically Underserved Patients in a Unique Primary Care Setting. Accepted as a featured roundtable presentation to the American Public Health Association 2016 Annual Meeting & Expo, Denver, Colorado, October 29 - Nov. 2, 2016.
40. Blizzard A, Frazier S, Hansen E, D'Agostino E, **Messiah SE**, Kardys J, Nardi, M. Workforce capacity building in after-school settings: Training paraprofessionals to promote youth mental health. Accepted as a platform presentation at the 50th annual Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Convention, New York, NY, November 1, 2016.
41. Natale R, Chang C, Sardinias K, Palenzuela J, Fitzgibbons J, **Messiah SE**. Cuidadores Saludables - Niños Saludables: Éxito en coaliciones comunitarias en la niñez. Healthy Caregivers, Healthy Children: First Year Implementation Results. Accepted as a platform presentation to the Children First 2016 Annual Conference, Miami, FL, September 24, 2016.
42. Al Maqbali MS, Koru-Sengul T, Fleurantin NL, Monnette A, **Messiah SE**, Hlaing WM. Weight Status and Type-2 Diabetes Mellitus Among Inpatient Youth of Florida. Accepted as a poster presentation, 2016 Epidemiology Congress of the Americas, Miami, FL, June 26-29.
43. Monnette A, Koru-Sengul T, Fleurantin NL, Al Maqbali MS, Bispo, J, **Messiah SE**, Hlaing WM. Bariatric Surgery and Insurance Status in Florida. Accepted as a poster presentation, 2016 Epidemiology Congress of the Americas, Miami, FL, June 26-29.
44. Cuadra A, St. George S, Gwynn L, Choi C, **Messiah SE**. Lessons Learned from a Multidisciplinary, Technology-Enabled Intervention Targeting Overweight/Obese Latino Adolescents and their Families. Accepted as a poster presentation to the National Latina/o Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, September 29-October 2, 2016.
45. Natale R, Sardinias K, Chang C, **Messiah SE**. Relationship Between Preschool Nutrition And Physical Activity Policies and Environment and Child Body Mass Index. Accepted as a poster presentation to the Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior, San Diego, California, July 30-August 2, 2016.
46. St. George SM, Sardinias K, Lebron C, Patin H, **Messiah SE**, Prado G. Adapting an Evidence-Based Family-Centered Substance Use and Sexual Risk Behavior Intervention for Obesity Prevention in Hispanic Adolescents. Accepted as a platform presentation to the Society for Preventive Research, San Fransisco, California, August 2-14, 2016.
47. Vidot DC, Llabra M, Gellman M, Hlaing W, Prado G, **Messiah SE**. Current Marijuana Use and Metabolic Syndrome among US Emerging Adults by Race/Ethnicity. Accepted as a poster presentation to the American Society of Prevention Science Annual Meeting, San Franscisco, CA, May 24-28, 2016.
48. Pareja D, **Messiah SE**, Corsia L, Gwynn L, Koru-Sengul T. The prevalence of obesity and cardiometabolic disease risk factors among ethnic minority, medically underserved

youth. Accepted as a poster presentation to the 2016 Epidemiology Congress of the Americas, Miami, FL, June 21-24, 2016.

49. Natale RA, Balza B, Alpeter M, Englebert N, Uhlhorn S, **Messiah SE**. Utilization of the RE-AIM framework (Reach, Effectiveness, Adoption, Implementation, and Maintenance) to assess outcomes of an obesity prevention intervention in the preschool setting. Accepted as a platform presentation to the 8th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation, December 14-15, 2015, Washington, DC.
50. Spadola, C.E., Wagner, E.F., Padilla, de la Cruz-Munoz, N., **Messiah SE**. Young adult weight loss surgery patients and alcohol use: a content analysis. Poster presentation to the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood 7th Biennial Conference, October 17, 2015, Miami, FL
51. Jimenez M, Botero P, Hoy EM, Koru-Sengul T, **Messiah SE**. Acculturation and other predictors of NAFLD among an ethnically diverse population of children and adolescents. Accepted as a poster presentation. North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Annual Meeting, October 7 – 11, Washington, DC.
52. **Messiah SE**, Hansen E, Forster L, Nardi M. Prescribing (Rx) Parks and Recreation for Health and Wellness. Featured Platform Session at the National Recreation and Park Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, September 15, 2015.
53. Vidot DC, Prado G, Hlaing WH, Arheart KL, Acheampong AB, and **Messiah SE**. Combined and independent relationships between current marijuana and cigarette use and cardiometabolic disease risk among United States young adults: Results from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys 2007-2012. Poster Presentation. College on Problems of Drug Dependence 77th Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, July 2015.
54. Aytur S, Jones S, Evenson K, Stransky M, Reichard A, Bush K, Carlson C, **Messiah SE**. Developing Inclusive Measures of Active Living in Outdoor Community Recreational Environments: Relevance for Implementation Science. Presented at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation/Active Living Research Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA: February 23, 2015.
55. Spadola CE, Wagner EF, Ruggianoa N; Accornero VH, E.; VidotD, de la Cruz-Munoz N, **Messiah SE**. Urban, young adult bariatric surgery patients: Post-operative alcohol use, depression and anxiety. Accepted as a platform presentation to the 45th Annual Urban Affairs Association Conference, April 8-11, 2015, Miami, FL.
56. Vidot DC, Duan R, **Messiah SE**, Prado G, and Hlaing WM. Link between Current Substance Use and Unhealthy Weight Loss Practice in Adolescents. Accepted as a poster presentation to the American College of Epidemiology (ACE) Conference, September 6 - 9, 2014, Silver Springs, MD.
57. **Messiah SE**, Arheart KL, Somarriba G , Diego A, Kardys J, Kirwin K, Hansen E, Nottage R, Ramirez S, Armstrong JH. How One of our Nation's Greatest Resources Can Help Children Maintain Healthy Weight and Cardiovascular Fitness: It Starts in the

Parks! Feature platform presentation to the National Park and Recreation Association Annual Meeting, October 13-15, 2014, Charlotte, NC.

58. **Messiah SE**, Arheart KL, Somarriba G, Diego A, Kardys J, Kirwin K, Hansen E, Nottage R, Ramirez S, Armstrong JH. How One of our Nation's Greatest Resources Can Help Children Maintain Healthy Weight and Cardiovascular Fitness: It Starts in the Parks! Feature platform presentation to the American Public Health Association Meeting, November 15-19, 2014, New Orleans, LA.
59. Khorgami Z, Chi W, **Messiah SE**, de la Cruz-Munoz N. Predicting Feasibility of Next-day Discharge Following Stapling Bariatric Surgery. Accepted as a poster presentation to the 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Southeastern Surgical Congress, January 13-15, Chattanooga, TN.
60. Khorgami Z, Chi W, **Messiah SE**, de la Cruz-Munoz N. Recent Trends in Morbidly Obese Patient Undergoing Sleeve Gastrectomy. Accepted as a poster presentation to the Scientific Sessions at the 31st Annual Meeting of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery at Obesity Week 2014, Nov. 2 - 7, 2014, Boston, MA.
61. Vidot D, Prado G, Hlaing W, de la Cruz-Munoz N, **Messiah SE**. Relationship between Post-Operative Marijuana Use, Food Addiction, and Disordered Eating among Young Adult Bariatric Surgery Patients. Accepted as a poster presentation to the Scientific Sessions at the 31st Annual Meeting of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery at Obesity Week 2014, Nov. 2 - 7, 2014, Boston, MA.
62. Spadola C, Wagoner E, Vidot D, Pulgaron L, Accornero V, de la Cruz-Munoz, Messiah SE. Prevalence of Post-Operative Alcohol Use, Depression, and Anxiety among Young Adult Bariatric Surgery Patients. Accepted as a poster presentation to the Research Society on Alcoholism, June 14-19, 2014, Seattle, Washington.
63. Vidot D, Arheart KL, Prado G, Hlaing WW, Messiah SE. Current marijuana use and cardiometabolic disease risk in United States emerging adults, 2005-2010. Accepted as a platform presentation to the College on Problems in Drug Dependence Scientific Meeting, June 14-19, 2014, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
64. Vidot D, Arheart KL, Accornero V, Messiah SE, Bandstra ES. Prenatal Marijuana Exposure, Current Marijuana Use, and Metabolic Syndrome in Late Adolescence among African Americans. Accepted as a poster presentation to the Pediatric Academic Societies and Asian Society for Pediatric Research Joint Meeting., Vancouver, BC, Canada, May 2-6, 2014.
65. Pulgarón, E., Marchante, A., de la Cruz, N. Messiah, S., Delamater, A. Reliability and Validity of a Tool to Measure Intrinsic Motivation for Successful Weight Management in Children. Poster presentation at The National Conference of the Society of Pediatric Psychology, March 17-20, 2014, Philadelphia, PA.
66. Natale RA, Messiah SE, Uhlhorn S, Townsend M. Factor analysis to predict healthy nutrition habits in Hispanic families in California and Florida. Platform presentation to the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, November 2-8, 2013, Boston, MA.

67. Ahmad HH, Arheart KI, Messiah SE, Wong D, De La Cruz Munoz N. Revisional Bariatric Surgery Outcomes. Accepted as a poster presentation to the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Annual Meeting at The Obesity Society Annual Meeting, November 11-16, Atlanta, GA.
68. Spadola CE, Messiah SE, Vidot DC, Dillon FR, Wagner EF, Mooreheard M, de la Cruz-Muñoz. Post-operative relationship between alcohol use, depression, and anxiety among predominantly Hispanic/Latino young adult bariatric patients. Accepted as an oral platform presentation to the National Hispanic Science Network 13th Annual International Conference, October 9-11, 2013, Bethesda MD.
69. Vidot DC, Messiah SE, Spadola CE, Cuesta M, Prado G, de la Cruz- Muñoz. Post-operative prevalence of marijuana use and food dependence among Hispanic/Latino young adult bariatric surgery patients. Accepted as a poster presentation to the National Hispanic Science Network 13th Annual International Conference, October 9-11, 2013, Bethesda MD.
70. Spadola CE, Messiah SE, Wagner EF, Dillon FR, Wagner EF, Trepka MJ. Alcohol use among weight loss surgery patients: A review of the literature and future research implications. Accepted as a poster presentation to the National Hispanic Science Network 13th Annual International Conference, October 9-11, 2013, Bethesda MD.
71. Messiah SE, Gurnurkar S, Alhezayen R, Vidot DC, Natale RA, Arheart KL. Obesity is significantly associated with cardiometabolic disease risk factors in multiethnic 2-to-9 year olds. Submitted to The Obesity Society Annual Meeting, November 11-16, Atlanta, GA.
72. Vidot DC, Arheart K, Hlaing WH, Bandstra ES, and **Messiah SE**. Association between Illicit Drug Use and Cardiometabolic Disease Risk: An Analysis of 2005-2008 NHANES Data. Poster Session at the American College of Epidemiology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, September, 2012.
73. Vidot DC, **Messiah SE**, Spadola CE, Bandstra ES, and Arheart K. Relationship between Prenatal Cocaine Use, Depression, Anxiety and Prevalence of Cardiometabolic Disease Risk 18-Years Later Among High Risk African American Women. Accepted for NIDA Early Career (Vidot DC) Poster Session. American Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, August, 2012.
74. Pulgaron E, **Messiah SE**, Merzier A, Patino-Fernandez AM, De La Cruz Munoz N, Delamater A. Psychological Functioning of Adolescent Bariatric Surgery Candidates: Potential Predictors of Success. Presented to the American Psychological Association as a platform presentation, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 31, 2013.
75. Gomez-Meade C, Lopez-Mitnik G, Arheart KL, **Messiah SE**, Carrillo A. Comparison of the Prevalence of Cardiometabolic Risk Factors Among Hispanic Adolescents With and Without Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome. Accepted as a poster presentation to the Endocrine Society Meeting, Houston, Texas, June 23-26, 2012.
76. Gomez-Meade C, Lopez-Mitnik G, Gurnurkar S, **Messiah SE**, Sanchez J, Carrillo A.

Vitamin D Insufficiency in Children with Type 1 Diabetes is Associated with Autoimmune Thyroiditis. Accepted as a poster presentation to the American Diabetes Association's 72nd Scientific Sessions, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 8-12, 2012.

77. Perrino T, Pantin, H, **Messiah, SE**, Prado, G. Parent and Family Risk and Protective Factors in Adolescent Obesity: Implications for Obesity Prevention Interventions. Poster presented at the 2012 Annual Conference of the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, DC, May 31, 2012.
78. **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Accornero V, Spadola C, Arheart K, de la Cruz-Munoz N. Prevalence of Substance Use and Mental Health Disorders Among A National Sample of Adolescent Patients undergoing Bariatric Surgery. Accepted as a poster presentation to the Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, April 30- May 1, 2012.
79. **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Uhlhorn S, Hapeman-Scott S, Natale R, Miller TL. Relationship Between Birthweight, Infant Feeding Behaviors and Body Mass Index Among Multiethnic Preschool-Age Children. Accepted as a poster presentation to the Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, April 30- May 1, 2012.
80. Natale R, Lopez-Mitnik G, **Messiah SE**, S, Hapeman-Scott S, Delamater A. The Effect of a Preschool-Based Obesity Prevention Intervention on Parent/Caregiver Healthy Lifestyle Role-Modeling Behavior for Their 2-to-5 Year Old Children. Accepted as a poster presentation to the Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, April 30- May 1, 2012.
81. Arbeitman, L, OBrien, R, Somarriba,G. **Messiah, S**, NeriAlmeida, D, Miller TL. Prevalence of Obesity in HIV-infected Children in a Miami Cohort. Accepted as a poster presentation to the Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, April 30- May 1, 2012.
82. Gomez-Meade C, Lopez-Mitnik G, Arheart KL, **Messiah SE**, De La Cruz-Munoz N, Carrillo A. Effect of Bariatric Surgery on Cardiometabolic Disease Risk Factors Among a Multiethnic Sample of Women with Polycystic Ovary Syndrome. Accepted as a poster presentation to the Androgen Excess and Polycystic Ovary Syndrome Society Annual Meeting, October 13-14, 2011, Orlando, FL.
83. De La Cruz- Muñoz N, Arheart KL, Lopez-Mitnik, G, Lipshultz SE, Livingstone A, **Messiah SE**. American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery-Designated Bariatric Surgery Centers of Excellence's Bariatric Outcomes Longitudinal Database (BOLD): First Report of Adolescent Patients' Long-Term Weight Outcomes. Accepted as a poster presentation to the American College of Surgeons 97th Annual Clinical Congress, San Francisco, CA, October 23-27, 2011.
84. De La Cruz- Muñoz N, Arheart KL, Lopez-Mitnik, G, Lipshultz SE, Livingstone A, **Messiah SE**. Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass Procedure Reverses the Metabolic Syndrome in Multiethnic Adults. Accepted as a poster presentation to the Obesity Society 29th Annual Scientific Meeting, Orlando, Florida, October 1-4, 2011.

85. **Messiah SE**, Arheart KL, Vidot DC, Glavach MK, Accornero VH, Xue L, Lipshultz SE, Miller TL, Bandstra ES. The effect of prenatal cocaine exposure and sex/gender on anthropometric growth through ages 16-17 years. Accepted as a poster presentation to the 73rd Annual College on Problems of Drug Dependence Meeting, Hollywood, FL, June 18-23, 2011.
86. De La Cruz- Muñoz N, Arheart KL, Lopez-Mitnik, G, Lipshultz SE, Livingstone A, **Messiah SE**. American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery-Designated Bariatric Surgery Centers of Excellence's Bariatric Outcomes Longitudinal Database (BOLD): First Report of Adolescent Patients' One Year Weight Outcomes. Accepted as a *late-breaker* platform presentation to the Pediatric Academic Societies and Asian Society for Pediatric Research Meeting, Denver, CO, April 30-May 3, 2011.
87. **Messiah SE**, Arheart KL, Lopez-Mitnik G, Vidot DC, Glavach MK, Accornero VH, Xue L, Lipshultz SE, Miller TL, Bandstra ES. Effect of prenatal cocaine exposure and sex/gender on anthropometrics and blood pressure at 16-17 years of age. Submitted to the Pediatric Academic Societies and Asian Society for Pediatric Research Meeting, Denver, CO, April 30-May 3, 2011.
88. Dadlani GH, Casadonte J, Harmon WG, Stapleton G, Crawford M, O'Brien R, Reinthaler T, Miller TL, **Messiah SE**, Ludwig D, Wilkinson J, Lipshultz SE. Community-Based Cardiovascular Screening in Adolescents Identifies Hypertension, Overweight/Obesity and Potentially Preventable Causes of Sudden Cardiac Death. Accepted as an oral presentation to the Pediatric Academic Societies and Asian Society for Pediatric Research Meeting, Denver, CO, April 30-May 3, 2011.
89. Natale RA, Ulhorn S, Scott S, Sanders L, Delamater A, Lopez-Mitnik G, **Messiah SE**. Preschool Obesity Prevention Interventions focus on Teachers and Caregivers as Nutritional Gatekeepers. Accepted as a poster presentation to the American Psychological Association 118th Annual Convention, San Diego, CA, August 12-15, 2011.
90. De La Cruz- Muñoz N, Cuesta M, Lopez-Mitnik, G, Arheart KL, **Messiah SE**. Ethnic and Gender Differences in the Prevalence of Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease and Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis Among Patients Undergoing Bariatric Surgery. Submitted to the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery 28th Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL June 12-17, 2011.
91. De La Cruz- Muñoz N, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik, G, Arheart KL, Livingstone A. Laparoscopic Gastric Bypass Surgery and Adjustable Gastric Banding Significantly Decreases the Prevalence of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus and Pre-Diabetes Among Morbidly Obese Multiethnic Adults: Long-Term Outcome Results. Accepted as an **oral** presentation to the Southern Surgical Society Annual Meeting, West Palm Beach, FL, December 7-10, 2010.
92. De La Cruz- Muñoz N, Lopez-Mitnik, G, Arheart KL, Livingstone A, Forno E, Miller TL, Lipshultz SE, **Messiah SE**. Laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery and adjustable gastric banding significantly improves cardiometabolic disease risk among morbidly obese multiethnic adolescents. Accepted as an **oral** presentation, American Heart

Association Scientific Sessions, Chicago, Illinois, November 17-20, 2010.

93. De La Cruz- Muñoz N, Lopez-Mitnik, G, Arheart KL, Livingstone A, Lipshultz SE, **Messiah SE**. Laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery and adjustable gastric banding significantly improves cardiometabolic disease risk among morbidly obese Hispanic adults. Accepted as a poster presentation, American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, Chicago, Illinois, November 17-20, 2010.
94. Hollar D, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Hollar TL, Agatston AS. School-based obesity and related cardiovascular disease prevention intervention effect on weight and academic performance: Three year results. Accepted as a poster presentation, Global Obesity Summit, November 10-11, 2010, Jackson, Mississippi.
95. Hollar D, Lopez-Mitnik G, Hollar TL, Agatston AS, **Messiah SE**. Elementary school-based obesity prevention intervention effect on waist circumference among multiethnic 6-13 year olds. Accepted as a poster presentation, Global Obesity Summit, November 10-11, 2010, Jackson, Mississippi.
96. Zebrowski J, Miller TL Vila C, **Messiah SE**, Seavers D, Hall G. World Fit – A Novel Fitness Intervention for Middle School Youth. Poster presentation to the American Academy of Pediatrics 2010 National Conference and Exhibition, San Francisco, CA, October 2-5, 2010.
97. Hollar D, Lopez- Mitnik G, Hollar L, Agatston A, Lombardo M, **Messiah SE**. Successful Community-Wide Obesity Prevention “Laboratories” with Schools as “Hubs” of Prevention Interventions. Poster presentation to the American Academy of Pediatrics 2010 National Conference and Exhibition, San Francisco, CA, October 2-5, 2010.
98. De La Cruz- Muñoz N, **Messiah SE**, Torres C, Lopez-Mitnik G, Arheart KL. Five-year weight outcomes of laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery and adjustable gastric banding among multiethnic adolescents. Accepted as a poster presentation to the Obesity Society Annual Conference, San Diego, California, October 2-5, 2010.
99. Hollar D, Lopez- Mitnik G, Hollar L, Agatston A, Lombardo M, **Messiah SE**. Elementary School-Based Obesity Prevention Intervention Effect on Waist Circumference Among Multiethnic 6-13 Year Olds. Accepted as a poster presentation to the Obesity Society Annual Conference, San Diego, California, October 2-5, 2010.
100. **Messiah SE**, Arheart KL, Ludwig D, Accornero VH, Xue L, Lipshultz SE, Miller TL, Bandstra ES. Effect of prenatal cocaine exposure on childhood growth. **Oral** presentation to the College on Drug Dependence Annual Conference, Scottsdale, AZ, June 12-17, 2010. **Winner of a Junior Investigator Travel Award.**
101. Hollar D, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Hollar TL, Agatston AS. School-Based Obesity Prevention Intervention Effect on Weight and Academic Performance: Three Year Results. Poster presentation to the International Social and Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, June 9-12, 2010.
102. Hollar D, Lombardo M, **Messiah SE**. School-based Obesity Prevention Program Improves Academic Achievement, and Student Health. Poster presentation to the

American Association of School Administrators 2010 National Conference on Education, Phoenix, AZ, February 11-13, 2010.

103. **Messiah SE**, Arheart KL, Lipshultz SE, Miller TL. Perinatal Etiology of Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors in Young Children: A Population-Based Analysis. Accepted as an **Oral** Presentation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 15th Annual Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology (MCH EPI) Conference, Tampa, FL, December 5-7, 2009.
104. Hollar D, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Hollar TL, Agatston AS. School-Based Obesity and Related Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Interventions Improve Diastolic and Systolic Blood Pressures in Elementary-Aged Children. Submitted to the 50th Anniversary Meeting of American College of Nutrition, Orlando, FL October 1-4, 2009.
105. Hollar D, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Hollar TL, Agatston AS. School-Based Obesity Prevention Program Improves Weight and Academic Performance: Three Year Results. Submitted to the 50th Anniversary Meeting of American College of Nutrition, Orlando, FL October 1-4, 2009.
106. Hollar D, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Hollar TL, Agatston AS. School-Based Obesity and Related Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Interventions Improve Diastolic and Systolic Blood Pressures in Elementary-Aged Children. Presentation to the 5th Biennial Childhood Obesity Conference, Los Angeles, California, June 9-12, 2009.
107. Hollar D, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Hollar TL, Agatston AS. School-Based Obesity Prevention Program Improves Weight and Academic Performance: Three Year Results. Presentation to the 5th Biennial Childhood Obesity Conference, Los Angeles, California, June 9-12, 2009.
108. Sanders L, MD, Natale R, Barth J, Enders C, **Messiah SE**. Obesity Prevention in Early Child Care Settings: Results of a Randomized, Controlled Trial. Poster presentation to the Pediatric Academic Society, May 2-5, 2009. Baltimore, MD.
109. Hollar D, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Hollar TL, Agatston AS. School-Based Obesity and Related Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Intervention Effect on Weight and Academic Performance: Three Year Results. Presentation to the American College of Cardiology 58th Annual Scientific Session. Orlando, FL March 28-31, 2009.
110. Hlaing W, **Messiah SE**, Lipshultz S, Miller TL. Obesity and its Association with Hospital Length of Stay and Charges among Children/Adolescents. Presentation to the American Heart Association, 49th Annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention in association with the Council on Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Metabolism, Palm Bay, FL, March 12-14, 2009.
111. Natale R, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Barth J, Sanders L, Noya M. The Impact of Center-Based Obesity Prevention Efforts on Child Care Center Practices and Child Body Mass Index. Presented to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Active Living Research Conference, San Diego, CA, February 18-20, 2009.
112. **Messiah SE**, Arheart K, Natale R, Hlaing W, Lipshultz SE, Miller TL. Body

Mass Index, Waist Circumference and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors among US 3 to 6 Year Olds, 1999-2004. Presentation to the American Heart Association, 49th Annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention in association with the Council on Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Metabolism, Palm Bay, FL, March 12-14, 2009. *Finalist for a Sandra Daugherty Junior Faculty Award.*

113. Hollar D, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Hollar TL, Agatston AS. Elementary-aged Children Lose Weight And Blood Pressure Improvements (achieved During School Year) During Summer Vacation. **Oral** Presentation to the American Heart Association, 49th Annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention in association with the Council on Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Metabolism, Palm Bay, FL, March 12-14, 2009.
114. Barth J, Natale R, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Sanders L, Noya M. Comparison of Center-Based versus Family-Based Components of an Obesity Prevention Program for Preschool Children. Presented to the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, CO, April 4, 2009.
115. **Messiah SE**, Carrillo-Iregui A, Cossio S, Lopez-Mitnik G, Arheart K. Co-Occurrence of Depression, Anxiety and Metabolic Syndrome Risk Factors in Multiethnic Overweight Adolescents. Presentation to the Masters of Pediatrics Conference, January 29, 2009.
116. Carrillo-Iregui A, Garibay-Nieto N, Arheart K, Miller TL, **Messiah SE**. Relationship Between Aminotransferases Levels and Associated Cardiometabolic Abnormalities in a Multiethnic Sample of Overweight Children. Presentation to the Masters of Pediatrics Conference, January 29, 2009.
117. Cossio S, **Messiah SE**, Carrillo-Iregui A, Garibay-Nieto N, Flores P, Arheart KA. Body Mass Index, Waist Circumference and Waist-Hip Ratio: Correlation with Cardiometabolic Disease Risk Factors Among Multiethnic Overweight Children. Presentation to the Masters of Pediatrics Conference, January 29, 2009.
118. **Messiah SE**, Carrillo-Iregui A, Cossio S, Lopez-Mitnik G, Arheart K. Co-Occurrence of Depression, Anxiety and Metabolic Syndrome Risk Factors in Multiethnic Overweight Adolescents. Presentation to the Obesity Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, AZ October 3-7, 2008.
119. **Messiah SE**, Natale R, Lopez-Mitnik G, Barth J, Noya M. National Waist Circumference and Waist-Height Ratio Prevalence Estimates: A Comparison with an Inner-city Sample of Hispanic and Black 2-5 Year Olds. Presentation to the Obesity Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, AZ October 3-7, 2008.
120. Natale R, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Barth J, Noya M, Sanders L. An Obesity Prevention Program with Preschool Children: One Year Follow-up Data. Presentation to the Obesity Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, AZ October 3-7, 2008.
121. Hollar D, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Hollar TL, Agatston AS. Effect of an Elementary School-Based Obesity Prevention Intervention on Weight and Academic Performance in Low Income Children. Oral Presentation to the Obesity Society Annual

Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, AZ October 3-7, 2008.

122. Siano CJ, **Messiah SE**, Banan L, Arheart KL, Garcia-Pena BM. A Multivariate Survey Regarding Swim Lessons and Proficiency in a High Risk Geographic Area. Presentation to the American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition, Boston, MA, October 11-14, 2008.
123. **Messiah SE**, Carrillo-Iregui A, Cossio A, Lopez-Mitnik G, Arheart K. Co-Occurrence of Depression, Anxiety and Metabolic Syndrome Risk Factors in Multiethnic Overweight Adolescents. Presentation to the Obesity Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, AZ October 3-7, 2008.
124. **Messiah SE**, Natale R, Lopez-Mitnik G, Barth J, Noya M. National Waist Circumference and Waist-Height Ratio Prevalence Estimates: A Comparison with an Inner-city Sample of Hispanic and Black 2-5 Year Olds. Presentation to the Obesity Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, AZ October 3-7, 2008.
125. Natale R, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Barth J, Noya M, Sanders L. An Obesity Prevention Program with Preschool Children: One Year Follow-up Data. Presentation to the Obesity Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, AZ October 3-7, 2008.
126. Hollar D, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Hollar TL, Agatston AS. Effect of an Elementary School-Based Obesity Prevention Intervention on Weight and Academic Performance in Low Income Children. Presentation to the Obesity Society Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, AZ October 3-7, 2008.
127. Siano CJ, **Messiah SE**, Banan L, Arheart KL, Garcia-Pena BM. A Multivariate Survey Regarding Swim Lessons and Proficiency in a High Risk Geographic Area. Presentation to the American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition, Boston, MA, October 11-14, 2008.
128. Hollar D, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Hollar TL, Agatston AS. The Effect of Summer Vacation on Weight and Blood Pressure in Multiethnic Elementary Aged Children. Oral presentation to the American Dietetic Association Annual Food and Nutrition Conference and Exposition, Chicago IL, October 25-28, 2008.
129. Barth J, Natale R, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Sanders L, Noya M. Improving Health and Preventing Overweight in Multiethnic, Inner-City Preschoolers. Presentation to The 116th Annual American Psychological Association Convention, August 14-17, 2008, Boston, MA.
130. Natale R, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Barth J, Strickman-Stein N, Sanders L. The Immigration and Health Paradox: Obesity in Multiethnic Young Children. Presentation to the Third International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences. Monash University Centre, Prato, Tuscany, Italy, July 22-28, 2008.
131. **Messiah SE**, Carrillo-Iregui A, Garibay-Nieto N, Arheart K, Miller TL. Relationship Between Aminotransferases Levels and Associated Cardiometabolic Abnormalities in a Multiethnic Sample of Overweight Children. Presentation to The Endocrine Society's 90th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, June 15-18, 2008.

132. Cossio S, **Messiah SE**, Carrillo-Iregui A, Garibay-Nieto N, Flores P, Arheart KA. Body Mass Index, Waist Circumference and Waist-Hip Ratio: Correlation with Cardiometabolic Disease Risk Factors Among Multiethnic Overweight Children. Presentation to The Endocrine Society's 90th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, June 15-18, 2008.
133. Natale R, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Barth J, Sanders L. Healthy-Inside, Healthy Outside: Impact of Classroom Based Interventions. Presentation to the National Head Start Organization, Washington, DC, June 13-15, 2008.
134. Natale R, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Barth J, Sanders L, Noya M. Healthy Inside- Healthy Outside: Impact of Classroom-Based Interventions. Presentation to the National Conference in Child Health Psychology, Miami, Florida, April 11, 2008.
135. Hollar D, **Messiah SE**, Lopez-Mitnik G, Hollar TL, Agatston AS. School-Based Obesity and Related Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Interventions Improve Diastolic and Systolic Blood Pressures in Elementary-Aged Children. Presentation to the American College of Cardiology Conference 57th Annual Scientific Session, Chicago, IL, March 29- April 1, 2008.
136. **Messiah SE**, Arheart K, Lipshultz SE, Miller TL. Relationship Between Body Mass Index, Waist Circumference, and Elevated Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors Among US 12-19 Year Olds, 1999-2004. Presentation to the American Heart Association, 48th Annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention in association with the Council on Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Metabolism, Colorado Springs, CO, March 11-15, 2008.
137. **Messiah SE**, Natale R, Lopez-Mitnik G, Barth J. Effect of a School-Based Obesity Prevention Intervention on Body Mass Index and Nutrition in Inner-City, Multiethnic Preschool Children. Presentation to the American Heart Association, 48th Annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention in association with the Council on Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Metabolism, Colorado Springs, CO, March 11-15, 2008.
138. Carrillo-Iregui A, **Messiah SE**, Guadalupe GN, Arheart KL, Miller TL. Effect of Overweight and High Blood Pressure on Plasma Lipids and Insulin Resistance in Multiethnic Adolescents. Presentation to University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Cardiovascular Research Conference, Miami, FL, March 13, 2008.
139. **Messiah SE**, Carrillo-Iregui, A, Garibay-Nieto, G, Arheart KL, Miller TL. Prevalence of the Metabolic Syndrome among Latin American and Afro-Caribbean Obese Adolescents Living in the United States. Presentation to University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Cardiovascular Research Conference, Miami, FL, March 13, 2008.
140. **Messiah SE**, Arheart KL, Miller TL, Lipshultz, SE, Armstrong FD, Strickman-Stein, N. Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factor Clustering Among US Children and Adolescents, 1999-2002. Presentation to University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Cardiovascular Research Conference, Miami, FL, March 13, 2008.

141. Natale R, **Messiah SE**, Barth J, Sanders L, Lopez-Mitnik G. Healthy Inside - Healthy Outside: Preliminary Results of an Obesity Prevention Intervention Among Low Income Inner City 3 - 5 Year Olds in the Childcare Setting. Presentation to the 2007 U.S. Psychiatric & Mental Health Congress, Kissimmee, Florida, October 10-13, 2007.
142. Forster L, **Messiah SE**. Relationship Between Maternal Postpartum Depression, Barriers to Breastfeeding, and Infant Feeding Method Among Inner City Latin Mothers. Presentation to the 12th Annual International Meeting of the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine "Frontiers in Breastfeeding Medicine", Dallas/Fort Worth, TX October 11-14, 2007.
143. Natale R, **Messiah SE**, Sanders L. The Prevalence of Childhood Obesity in an Ethnic Minority Inner-City Preschool Population. Presentation to the American Academy of Pediatrics Conference The Future of Pediatrics: Community Pediatrics, Medical Home and Beyond, Orlando, Florida, June 29-July 1, 2007.
144. Guadalupe GN, Medina P, Dorantes L, **Messiah SE**, Carrillo-Iregui A, Garcia L, Arheart KL. Prevalence and Predictors of the Metabolic Syndrome in Mexican Adolescents with Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome. Presentation to The Endocrine Society's 89th Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, June 2-5, 2007.
145. Carrillo-Iregui A, **Messiah SE**, Guadalupe GN, Arheart KL, Miller TL. Effect of Overweight and High Blood Pressure on Plasma Lipids and Insulin Resistance in Multiethnic Adolescents. Presentation to The Endocrine Society's 89th Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, June 2-5, 2007.
146. **Messiah SE**, Carrillo-Iregui, A, Garibay-Nieto, G, Arheart KL, Miller TL. Prevalence of the Metabolic Syndrome among Latin American and Afro-Caribbean Obese Adolescents Living in the United States. Presentation to the Second Annual International Congress on Prediabetes and the Metabolic Syndrome, Barcelona, Spain, April 25-28, 2007.
147. **Messiah SE**, Arheart KL, Miller TL, Lipshultz, SE, Armstrong FD, Strickman-Stein, N. Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factor Clustering Among US Children and Adolescents, 1999-2002. Presentation to the American Heart Association, 47th Annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention in association with the Council on Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Metabolism, Orlando, FL March 2-4, 2007.
148. Strickman-Stein N, Gervais, MD, **Messiah SE**, Lipshultz, SE, Miller, TL, 2007. Prevalence of Overweight and Characteristics Associated with Higher Body Mass Index (BMI) among Haitian Immigrant Children. Presentation to the American Heart Association, Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology Conference, Orlando, FL March 2-4, 2007.
149. **Messiah, SE**. Pediatric Nutrition: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly. Presented to the University of Miami Masters of Pediatrics Conference, Miami Beach, FL February 21-22, 2007.
150. **Messiah SE**, Arheart KL, Miller TL, Lipshultz, SE, Armstrong FD, Strickman-

Stein, N. Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factor Clustering Among US Children and Adolescents, 1999-2002. Presentation to the University of Miami Masters of Pediatrics Conference, Miami Beach, FL February 21-22, 2007.

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VI. TEACHING

28. Teaching Awards Received: N/A

29. Teaching Specialization (courses taught):

- Currently teaching *Maternal and Child Health (EPH 671)* graduate course for MPH, MSPH, PhD, and MD/MPH students, with an emphasis on perinatal epidemiology/research methods. **Course description:** This course provides a local, national and global perspective on critical maternal and child health (MCH) issues and health outcomes and is taught within a lifecourse framework. Attention is paid to the biological, social and behavioral factors that determine the

health status of these populations; their health and social needs; and programs designed to meet these needs. We identify the determinants of these health outcomes and the current public policy surrounding these issues, including a special focus on women of reproductive age, adolescents, children, and infants. The course emphasizes health promotion, disease prevention, and supportive programs at different stages of a child's life including pregnancy. The course includes an introduction to the perinatal epidemiology methods that provides the evidence base for MCH programs.

-Guest lecturer, various MPH/PhD courses focusing on primary prevention, obesity prevention in children, school-based obesity prevention, afterschool primary obesity prevention, 2012-present

-Guest lecturer, medical students GI rotation

-Diabetes Research "All Star" Program, bariatric surgery outcomes in adults and adolescents, 2009- present

30. Thesis and Dissertation Advising/Post-doctoral student supervision:

1. Research Mentor and Lead Committee Member, Nayely Neito, Pediatric Endocrinology Fellow June 2006-June 2007.
2. Research Mentor and Lead Committee Member, Sissi Cossio, Pediatric Endocrinology Fellow, June 2007-June 2008.
3. Research Mentor and Lead Committee Member, Carley Gomez-Meade, Pediatric Endocrinology Fellow, January 2011-December 2012.
4. Independent study supervisor, PhD student, Denise Vidot, Spring, Fall Semester 2012, Spring semester 2013.
5. Research Mentor and Lead Committee Member, Dr. Shilpa Gurnurkar, Pediatric Endocrinology Fellow, September 2011-June 2013.
6. Research Mentor and Lead Committee Member, Dr. Liat Corsio, Pediatric Endocrinology Fellow, September 2013-December 2015.
7. Public Health in Film, Documentary Advisor for Master of Public Health students Daniella Orihuela and Alyshah Jaffer, Fall semester 2013.
8. Junior Faculty Outside Mentor, Dr. Semra Aytur, Associate (and tenured, 2015) Professor of Public Health, University of New Hampshire, August, 2012-present.
9. Research Advisor, Sarah Selem, University of Miami Medical Student, Class of 2014.
10. Research Rotation Advisor, Lila Asfour, University of Miami Epidemiology Doctoral Student, Spring 2013.
11. Research Rotation Advisor, Kanathy Haney, University of Miami Epidemiology Doctoral Student, Spring 2013.
12. Post-Doctoral NIH Minority Fellow, Dr. Elizabeth Pulgaron, Faculty Advisory Committee Member, 2012-2014.
13. Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member and Mentor, School of Social Work, Florida International University, Christine Spadola, December, 2012 (successfully defended November, 2015).
14. Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member and Mentor, Department of Public Health Sciences, Denise Vidot, December 2013 (successfully defended June, 2015). *2017 NIH DP5 Finalist; **NHLBI Fellow, summer 2017; 2017-2019 NIH/NIDA LRP awardee for project titled "*Differences between Medicinal and Recreational Marijuana Users in the United States: Frequency, Patterns of Use, and Physical Health Risk*"
15. MPH Capstone Outside Committee Mentor, Reem Alhezayen, December, 2012.
16. MPH Capstone Outside Committee Mentor, Minnie Mass, February, 2013.
17. Capstone MPH Project Outside Committee Member/Mentor, Leighann Panico, January 2014.

18. MPH Capstone Outside Committee Member/Mentor, Rachel Nomberg, January 2014.
19. MPH Capstone Project Outside Committee Member/Mentor, Maggie Nichols, August, 2014.
20. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Alexandra Salinas, August, 2014.
21. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Hannah Kling, September 2014.
22. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Meredith Jackson, September 2014.
23. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Ali Amari, October, 2014.
24. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Armando Alvarez, November 2014.
25. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor Sandy Jiang*, September 2014. (*2015, 2016 and 2017 winner of aUnited Health Foundation Diversity Scholarship:
<http://med.miami.edu/news/medical-student-wins-united-health-foundation-diversity-scholarship>)
26. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Olivia Lawson, September 2014.
27. MSPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Denisse Pareja-Valarezo, October, 2014. Thesis titled "*The Prevalence of Obesity and Cardiometabolic Disease Risk Factors among Ethnic Minority, Medically Underserved Youth*" currently under review at JIMH.
28. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Stephany Giraldo, October 2014.
29. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Francia Portacio, August 2014.
30. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Michael Krishna Rao, November 2014.
31. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Stephanie Chilvers, September 2014.
32. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Suzandaise De Almeida Inacio, December, 2014.
33. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Thea Tagliaferro, December, 2014.
34. MSPH Thesis Academic Advisor, Elizabeth Hoy, August, 2014. Thesis titled "*The Relationship Between Acculturation, Nutrition, Exercise Behaviors and the Prevalence of Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) in Multiethnic Youth*"
35. MSPH Thesis Academic Advisor, Pamela Botero, August, 2014. Thesis titled "*Predictors of Non-Alcoholic Liver Disease in Ethnically Diverse Overweight Children and Adolescents*" published in *Current Pediatric Reviews*, June 2017.
36. Research Mentor and Lead Research Committee Member, Dr. Maria Jimenez, Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellow, July 2014- December 2015.
37. Advocacy Project Academic Advisor, Pediatric Resident Sean Curtis, April 2015.
38. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Hannah Bittel, June 2015.
39. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Jason Grey Faulkenberry, May 2015.
40. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Erin Hansman, July 2015.
41. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Osaremhen Odion Ikhile, September 2015.
42. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Jean Paul Godreau, September 2015.
43. MSPH Thesis Academic Advisor, Aliyah Gauri, October 2015. Thesis titled "*Cervical Cancer Sociodemographic and Diagnostic Disparities in Florida: A Population-Based Study (1981-2013) by Stage at Presentation*" currently under review at Cancer.
44. MPH/MD Capstone Academic Advisor, Sarah Simko, November 2015.
45. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Mackenzie Grady, November, 2015.
46. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Kevin Tonorio, October 2015.
47. MPH/MD Capstone Academic Advisor, Nadine Najjar, August, 2015.
48. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Osamoje Imoohi, October, 2015.*Currently a Kuvin MISH fellowship awardee.
49. Medical Intern (PGY-1) Kalyl Cable, Advocacy Project Academic Advisor, January 2015.
50. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor and Comprehensive Advisor, Sindy Jaramillo Bemajo, May, 2015.
51. Research Mentor, MD/MPH 2nd year student Nawara Alawa, Fall Semester, 2015.

52. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Vanessa Jamarillo, December, 2015.
53. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Lauren Pascual, December, 2015.
54. PhD candidate outside mentor, CUNY ABD student Emily D'Agostino, January 2016.
55. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Kyle Andrade-Bucknor, February, 2016.
56. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Christine Wilkins, April, 2016.
57. MD/MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Veronica Jamarillo, January, 2016.
58. Doctoral Dissertation Committee Co-Chair and Mentor, PhD student in Prevention Science, Rhoda Moises, February, 2016.
59. Doctoral Dissertation Chair and Mentor, Jordan Baeker-Bispo, PhD student in Epidemiology and Population Health, March, 2016.
60. Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member, Cynthia Lebron, PhD student in Prevention Science, April, 2016.
61. MSPH Thesis Co-Chair and Comprehensive Academic Advisor, Marzhan Kumarovna Rakhimzhanova, May 2016.
62. Junior Faculty Research Mentor, Dr. Lunthita Duthely, OB/GYN, December 2016.
63. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Hersila Hemant Patel, Summer 2016.
64. Internship Supervisor, undergraduate Gates Millenium Scholar Liris Stephanie Berra, Spring 2017.
65. MPH Capstone Academic Advisor, Carley Siedlecki, Spring 2017.
66. MD Second Year Student Mentor, Madhumita Parmar, Winter 2017.
67. MD/MPH Comprehensive Academic Advisor and MPH Capstone Advisor, Molly McKinney, Spring 2017.
68. MD/MPH Academic and Capstone Advisor, Corinne Bullock, Spring 2017.
69. MPH Capstone preceptor, Zhengis Serikbaiuly Makhambet (foreign MD), Spring/Summer 2017.
70. MPH Capstone Advisor, Alison Salem, Spring/Summer 2017.
71. Masters Thesis Committee, Daniella Carucci, Masters in Clinical Health Psychology candidate, Summer 2017.
72. Masters Thesis Committee, Dr. Pranjal Desai, MSPH Candidate, Summer 2017. Thesis titled "Assessing Impact of Disparity and Smoking on Cervical Cancer: A Population-Based Study in Florida" to be submitted to *Journal of Gynecology and Oncology*.
73. Faculty comprehensive advisor and capstone advisor, Shweta Kamboli, MPH candidate, Fall, 2017.
74. Faculty comprehensive advisor and capstone advisor, Rachel Askowitz, MPH candidate, Fall, 2017.
75. Faculty comprehensive advisor and capstone advisor, Julia Janecki, MPH candidate, Fall, 2017.
76. Faculty Independent Study supervisor, Zara Mansoor, PhD student in Communications, Summer, 2018; effect of climate change-induced displacement on women's reproductive health in Northern Pakistan.
77. Faculty Capstone Advisor, Spencer Lacy, MD/MPH candidate, Spring 2018.
78. Masters Thesis Committee Chair, Justine Ransdell, MSPH candidate, Spring 2018.
79. Doctoral Committee member, Mary Kate Klennan, Department of Psychology, Spring 2018.
80. Doctoral Dissertation Qualifying Paper Committee member, Marissa Kobayashi, PhD candidate in Prevention Science, Spring 2018.

VII. SERVICE

31. University Committee and Administrative Responsibilities:

Pillar Lead, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Metabolism, Nutrition and Diabetes Research Focus Area (2017-2018)

Member, Department of Pediatrics Research Advisory Committee (2016-2018)

Co-Director, Division of Community-Based Training and Research, Mailman Center for Child Development, Department of Pediatrics (2015-2018)

Co-Director, Community Health and Wellness Intraprofessional Collaborative, Mailman Center for Child Development, Department of Pediatrics (2015-2018)

Member, Department of Public Health Sciences Doctorate of Epidemiology Admissions Committee (2014-2018)

Member, Department of Public Health Sciences Masters of Public Health Admissions Committee (2011-2012)

Member, Department of Public Health Sciences Ph.D. Epidemiology Comprehensive Exam Committee (2011-2012, 2016-2018)

Member (student), Curriculum Committee, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health Teaching Programs (2003-05)

Faculty Advisor, The Advisor of Miller Art Guild Medical Student Organization (2016-2018)

Faculty Advisor, Healthy Hospitals 4 U. Medical Student Organization (2015-2018)

32. Community Activities:

Expert Facilitator, Local Public Health System Assessment (LPHSA) Community Meeting, August 24-25th, 2017; May 10, 2018

Spokesperson, United States Olympic Committee, athlete/scientist national HERWORLD program (2012)

Member, Women's Sports Foundation, Travel and Training Award Judge Panel (2013-present)

Member, Women's Sports Foundation, GoGirl!Go Pennsylvania Grant Judge Panel (2012-present)

External Advisory Board Member, Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children (2011-present)

Expert Advisor, National Park and Recreation Association, Park Rx program, 2015-present.

Expert Advisor, Playtime Corporation, Denver, Colorado (Summer, 2013).

Expert Advisor, Common Threads National Organization to provide healthy nutrition to at risk

children and families, 2015-present.

Advisory Board Member, City of Hialeah and the Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida, Hialeah Healthy Kids Campaign to Fight Childhood Obesity (2011-present)

Member, Data and Evaluation Work Group, City of Hialeah and the Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida, Hialeah Healthy Kids Campaign to Fight Childhood Obesity (2011-present)

Member, Miami Dade County Public School's Wellness Advisory Committee (2009-present)

Chair, Ada Merritt K-8 Center Wellness Committee (2007-2012)

Community Health Action Response Team (CHART) Member for the City of North Miami Parks & Recreation Department, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ACHIEVE study to prevent obesity in the community (2009-present)

Advisor, Miami Dade County Public School Parent Academy (2008-present)

Congressional Advisor, US Senator Bingaman (Democrat, New Mexico), Childhood Obesity Prevention Initiatives (2008)

Advisor, American Heart Association, Policy Recommendations for Obesity Prevention and Health Promotion in Child Care Settings (2008- present)

Advisor, Obesity Prevention Strategies and Recommendations among Preschool-Age Children. Child care nutrition and physical activity environments in California to develop policy recommendations. California Food Policy Advocates (CFPA), UC Berkeley's Center for Weight and Health, Samuels & Associates and the Child Care Food Program (CCFP) and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. July 14, 2008.

Member, Consortium for a Healthier Miami-Dade County, Built Environment Committee (2007)

Member, review panel for Miami Dade County Women Infants and Children Nutrition Program, Breastfeeding Coordinator Position (2006-present)

Member, Board of Directors of the University of Miami Canterbury Preschool (2000-07), member of Recruitment and Long-Range Planning committees

Vice President, Student and Alumni Association, Department of Public Health, Florida International University (1995-1997).

OTHER

Bronze Medalist, Women's 45-49 shotput, 4th in weight throw, 2014 United States Track and Field Association Masters Indoor National Championships, Boston, MA, March 14-16, 2014. Previous Member of United States Women's Olympic Sprint National Kayak Team (1992-1994) Previous Member of United States Women's Olympic Marathon National Kayak Team (1991-1992)

Previous Member of United States Women's Olympic Marathon World Championship Kayak Team (1991, ranked 9th in the world)

New York State Record holder in Women's Sprint Kayak 500 meters, 1000 meters (singles) 500 meters (quad), 1990
Florida State Record holder in Women's Sprint Kayak 500 meters (singles), 1997
Double Silver Medalist, Olympic Festival, San Antonio, TX, 1991
Women's Sports Foundation Grant recipient to support the training of future Olympians, 1991