

**Jennifer Scott née Perkins, PhD, MPH, CHES®, CSE**

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**Summary of Professional Characteristics**

Dr. Scott has over twenty years of experience as a public health practitioner and academician, working with non-profit organizations at the local and national level, as well as governmental health agencies. She is a Certified Health Education Specialist and Certified Sexuality Educator and remains active in the American Public Health Association, the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality and The American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists. Dr. Scott has worked with a variety of organizations, primarily addressing the sexual health needs of adolescents, young adults, women and MSM populations. She received her Ph.D. in Health Studies/Community Health from Texas Woman's University in 2004. She received both her MPH and BS from Indiana University. Her research interests are focused on sexuality and reproductive health specific to adolescents and women.

**EDUCATION**

Sexual Health Certificate	University of Michigan, 2019 Sexuality Counseling and Sexuality Education
Doctor of Philosophy	Texas Woman's University, 2004 Health Studies Area of Concentration: Community Health
Master of Public Health	Indiana University, 1997 Community Health Bloomington, Indiana
Bachelor of Science	Indiana University, 1995 Applied Health Science Bloomington, Indiana

**CERTIFICATION**

Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES®) #7840  
Certified Sexuality Educator (AASECT)

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Adolescent Health Behaviors  
Women's Health and Wellness  
Sexuality and Reproductive Health  
Public Health Workforce Development

## **TEACHING and ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

### **Graduate Degree Program**

Associate Dean, Public Health Practice and Continuing Education  
Walden University, College of Health Sciences, School of Health Sciences  
2018 – Present

- Applied Practice Experience

Adjunct Faculty, Widener University, Center for Human Sexuality Studies  
Fall 2020

- HSED-643-A\_20/FA: Theories of Development and Education in Human Sexuality

Faculty Member, MPH and MHA Practicum Coordinator  
Walden University, College of Health Sciences, School of Health Sciences  
2009 - 2018

- Practicum I: Field Experience in Public Health
- Practicum II: Capstone Experience in Public Health

Adjunct Professor  
University of North Texas, Dallas Campus  
Fall Semester 2016

- Introduction to Public Health

Interim Academic Program Director  
MS Health Informatics, MS Clinical Research Administration  
Walden University, College of Health Sciences, School of Health Sciences  
2014 - 2015

- Health Informatics Practicum

Adjunct Faculty  
A. T. Still University of Health Sciences, School of Health Management  
2005-2007

- Public Health Educational Concepts
- Needs and Capacity Assessment Strategies
- Systems Thinking for Public Health Environments
- Introduction to Public Health Concepts

### **Course Development**

Walden University, School of Health Sciences

- Applied Practice Experience
- Sexual Health and Well-being
- Practicum I: Field Experience in Public Health
- Practicum II: Field Experience and Applied Project in Public Health

- A. T. Still University of Health Sciences, School of Health Management
- Systems Thinking for Public Health Environments, 2006

Guest Lecturer

University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth,  
Summer 2005

- Culture, Race, Ethnicity and Health

### **Undergraduate Degree Program**

Adjunct Instructor

University of North Texas, Dallas Campus, Department of Life Sciences  
Introduction to Public Health, Fall 2016

Teaching Assistant

Texas Woman's University, Department of Health Studies, Spring 2003  
Cultural Diversity and the Health Consumer

Instructor

Texas Woman's University, Department of Health Studies, Spring 2001  
Fitness and Health

Teaching Assistant

Indiana University, Department of Applied Health Science, HPER 1997  
Human Sexuality

### **PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE:**

- 2020 – Present Associate Director, HRSA/SAMHSA Programs  
Abounding Prosperity, Inc. Dallas, Texas
- 2008 – 2009 Program Manager, Community Health  
Susan G. Komen for the Cure®, Headquarters
- 2006 - 2008 Assistant Director, Public Health Preparedness  
Dallas County Health and Human Services, Dallas, Texas
- 2004-2006 Public Health Manager, Public Health Preparedness  
Dallas County Health and Human Services, Dallas, Texas
- 2003-2004 Professional Health Planner – 13 months March - April  
Ryan White Planning Council of the Dallas Area  
Ryan Consortium of North Texas  
Dallas County Health and Human Services, Dallas, Texas
- 2002-2003 Biostatistician/HIV Prevention Specialist, TX SCSN Project  
Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas
- 2001-2001 Project Coordinator, Extending Boundaries Project  
Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas

1999-2001 Project Director, HIV Programs  
LaSima Foundation, Inc., Dallas, Texas

### **PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS:**

**Perkins, J.S.** (2014). In W. McCollum (Ed.) *How to Use Emotional Intelligence, Cultural Intelligence and Spiritual Intelligence to Mentor Doctoral learners*. (pp 403-416) Fort Washington, MD

**McMillian, JS.** (2004), Perceptions, attitudes and behaviors of African American adolescent females exposed to sexually explicit music videos. Doctoral Dissertation, May 2004

### **PRESENTATIONS and PUBLIC SPEAKING:**

#### **Peer Reviewed**

Steward WT, Elwood, Fields A, He H, **Perkins JS**, Tobe CJ. Closing linkage-to-care gaps for clients in Ryan White Program Clinics: the SPNS Rapid Start Initiative. Oral presentation at the 2022 Ryan White Conference on HIV Care & Treatment. Washington DC. August 25, 2022.

**Perkins, JS**, Hunter-Wright, J., Flowers, P. & Myers, K. (2021) HIV/HCV Testing and Linkage to Care within Black MSM Baby Boomers in Southern Dallas County: A FOCUS Project. Poster Presentation at 149<sup>th</sup> American Public Health Association Annual Meeting (October 24-27, 2021) Virtual.

#### **Peer Reviewed (Co-authorship with student)**

**Perkins, JS**, Johnson, K. & Alli, A. (2020) A CBO's Journey to Expansion of HIV/HCV Testing and LTC. Oral Presentation at SYNChronicity 2020. (September 8-11, 2020) Virtual.

Dixon, R. & **Perkins JS**, (2015). African American and Latino Youth Views on Accessing Reproductive Health Services. Oral Paper at the 143<sup>rd</sup> American Public Health Association Annual Meeting (October 31-November 4), Chicago, Illinois.

#### **Peer Reviewed (Co-authorship with student)**

Fleming, T. & **Perkins JS**, (2012). Evaluating fidelity; The role of program and organizational structure in replication outcomes. Oral Paper at the 140<sup>th</sup> American Public Health Association Annual Meeting (October 27-31), San Francisco, California.

Shaw, M., **McMillian, JS**, Murray, M. & Rollins, B. (November 2006). Distorted perceptions of sexuality in the Black community: Implications for family wellness (Symposium). 2006 SSSS Annual Meeting, Sexual Fantasies versus Realities: Implications for Sexual Research and Practice. The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, (November 9-12) Las Vegas, Nevada.

#### **Non-Peer Reviewed**

**Perkins, JS** (2020) Black Women with HIV Initiative, Abounding Prosperity, Inc. Special Projects of National Significance Convening. Health Resources & Services Administration, Virtual.

**McMillian JS** (2007, July). Public Health Preparedness Update for Dallas County. Dallas County Public Health Advisory Committee Meeting. Dallas County Health and Human Services, Dallas, TX.

**McMillian, JS** (2004, January) Nuts and Bolts of Community Planning. Ryan White Planning Council and Consortium of North Texas. Dallas County Health and Human Services, Dallas, TX.

**McMillian, JS** (2002, September) Planning and Conducting Focus Groups. Lubbock-Midland/Odessa Local Area Needs Assessment Task Force Meeting. Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need, Lubbock, TX.

**McMillian, JS** (2000, June) Accessing Technology to Enhance Community Awareness. Center for Health Policy, Development Issues Facing Women With HIV/AIDS: A Leadership Training Institute, San Antonio, Texas.

**McMillian, JS** (1999, October) Developing Effective Outreach Programs for African American Women. Oklahoma State Conference on HIV/AIDS, Oklahoma City, OK.

**ACADEMIC MENTORING, Walden University**

Chair: Doctoral Dissertation

Tammi Fleming-White, 2010-2012	Completed
Rena Dixon, 2010 – 2014	Completed
Edwin Guobadia, 2010 –2015	Completed
Crystal Terry, 2012 – 2016	Completed

Member: Doctoral Dissertation

Tia Jeffery	Completed 2014
Alminda D’Agostino	Completed 2014
Jessie Tudor	Completed 2013
Patricia Peters	Completed 2012
Jonas Nguh	Completed 2011

**SERVICE**

- Objective Review Committee  
Health Resources Services Administration  
Grant Proposal Review for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Funding 2021
- Objective Review Committee  
Health Resources Services Administration  
Grant Proposal Review for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Funding 2020
- Abstract Reviewer  
American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists, 2020 Annual Conference, Tampa, Florida
- Objective Review Committee  
Health Resources Services Administration

## Grant Proposal Review for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Funding 2019

- Annual Meeting Trustee  
68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Public Health Education, 2017 Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado
- Abstract Reviewer  
142<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the American Public Health Association, 2014 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Scientific Review Committee  
The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, 2013 Annual Meeting, San Diego, California
- Abstract Reviewer  
141<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the American Public Health Association, 2013 Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts
- Book Proposal/Chapter Reviewer, 2012-2013  
Sage Publications Inc., Thousand Oaks, California
- Scientific Review Committee  
The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, 2012 Annual Meeting, Tampa, Florida
- Abstract Reviewer  
140<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the American Public Health Association, 2012 San Francisco, California
- Judge, Student Poster Presentations  
The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, 2011 Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas
- Scientific Review Committee  
The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, 2011 Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas
- Moderator: Early Sexual Experiences: Contexts and Impact.  
138<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the American Public Health Association, 2010 Denver, Colorado
- Baylor Research Institute, Institutional BioSafety Review Committee, Dallas, Texas  
Member, 2007- 2014
- Dallas County Public Health Advisory Committee, Dallas, Texas  
Member, 2004 – 2008
- North Central Texas HIV Prevention Planning Group  
Member, Interventions Committee 2003
- Ryan White HSPC/Consortium of the Dallas Area  
Vice-Chair, Minority Access Committee, 2000

Member, Minority Access Committee, 1999

**RESEARCH PROJECTS/GRANTS:**

*Project Director (Active)*

(2022 – present) Abounding Prosperity, Inc. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration – Center for Mental Health Services. Dallas Minority AIDS Initiative – Service Integration. (\$485,000)

(2022 – present) Abounding Prosperity, Inc. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration – Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. Substance use treatment and harm reduction services for MSM and Transgender populations in Dallas. (\$375,000)

(2021 – present) Abounding Prosperity, Inc. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. HIV Prevention Navigator for Racial/Ethnic Minorities. (\$200,000)

(2020 – present) Abounding Prosperity, Inc. TogetHER Project. Health Resources and Services Administration-Special Project of National Significance. Black Women First Initiative. (\$360,000)

(2020 – present) Abounding Prosperity, Inc. Rapid Start Project. HRSA-Special Project of National Significance. Rapid Start (\$205,000)

(2020 – present) Abounding Prosperity, Inc. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. HIV Capacity Building Initiative – Youth Focused. (\$257,354)

Funded (Completed)

*Co-writer*

(2005) DCHHS Cooperative Agreement for Local Public Health Preparedness and Bioterrorism Response Grant. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through Texas Department of Health. (\$3.2 million)

(2000) The Sankofa Project: A Community-Based Adolescent HIV and Substance Abuse Prevention Program. Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (\$288,137)

(1999) Project 216: Targeted HIV Prevention. Texas Department of Health (\$75,218)

(1999) Targeted Access for Minority Populations. Ryan White Title I via Dallas County Pass Through Grant Funds (\$117,597)

**CONSULTING:**

(2010 – 2015) Program Evaluation, Women Ready-to-Respond (Substance Abuse and HIV Prevention Project) Funded through the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. External evaluator responsible for the development and implementation of process and outcome evaluation activities. The Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Central Texas, Dallas, Texas.

(2011 – 2012) Program Evaluation, More Than a Picnic (Cancer education and screening project) Funded through the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas. External evaluator responsible for the development and implementation of process and outcome evaluation activities. Texas A&M University, Center for Health Disparities, College Station, TX.

(2004-2007) Program Development and Evaluation, Imani Project (Substance Abuse Treatment Project for Ex-offenders) Funded through the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. Assisted in the development of strategic prevention and evaluation framework. LaSima Foundation, Inc. Dallas, Texas

(2004) Focus Group Facilitation, HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Needs Assessment  
New Solutions, Inc.

(1999-2000) Program Evaluation, Planning for Title III Early Intervention HIV Care Services  
Health Resources Services Administration, LaSima Foundation, Inc. Dallas, Texas

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Public Health Association (current)

The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (current)

American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists (current)

Texas Public Health Association (past)

The Society for Public Health Education, *2017 Annual Meeting Trustee* (past)

### **PROFESSIONAL AWARDS/RECOGNITION**

June 2007                      Outstanding Faculty  
A. T. Still University of Health Sciences, School of Health Management

January 2002                Department of Health Studies Student Award for Academic Excellence  
Texas Woman's University