Marcus L. McKay, Jr.

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EDUCATION

The University of Michigan School of Public Health, April 2021

Master of Public Health in Epidemiology Certificate: Graduate Certificate in Health Informatics Cumulative GPA: 3.86 / 4.00

Georgia State University, August 2018

Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences Cumulative GPA: 3.58 / 4.00 (Cum Laude)

SKILLS

Microsoft - Word, Teams, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, OneNote, Publisher, Access SAS 9.4 SPSS 26 SQL R Studio Tableau Research Design Data Visualization Statistical Analysis Data Collection IRB Writing (Proficient) Scientific Communication (Proficient) Spanish (Limiting)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA), Plymouth, MI

Public Health Consultant, June 2020 – Present

- Consulted with MSYSA leadership to advise on safe, public health practices for the restart of statewide soccer clubs, and related activities including 90,000 players, 11,000 coaches/staff members, and parents.
- Researched federal, state, and soccer-specific recommendations to generate public health informed guidelines and decision charts for MSYSA return-to-training and soccer day camp programs.
- Utilized virtual meeting services for working in a remote capacity with a team of public health graduate students and faculty to address any concerns MSYSA had with playing soccer during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Michigan School of Public Health, Department of Epidemiology, Ann Arbor, MI

Instructional Aide, August 2020 – December 2020

- Demonstrated flexibility when coordinating with a team, supported by the Epidemiology Department, to pioneer an initiative that nurtured a sense of community among new graduate students participating in virtual learning.
- Constructed weekly lesson plans to facilitate discussion among 20 to 50 students to aid in their comprehension of challenging epidemiology concepts.
- Employed bi-weekly surveys to capture feedback from the 100 students which contributed to improving the quality of the instructional aide sessions over 4 months.

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HomeMD Care Resource Team, Howell, MI

COVID-19 Outcomes Evaluator, June 2020 – August 2020

- Communicated research on COVID-19 related treatments and patient care management that aided in the Cares Resource Team's understanding of the virus.
- Analyzed 100+ electronic medical records to identify patients who had COVID-19 and their pre-existing conditions to establish a monitoring procedure of the patient's recovery progress.
- Conducted a survey across 50 healthcare facilities in partnership with HomeMD to evaluate if any change in equipment, sanitation, testing, and staffing protocols were correlated with the outcomes of patients with COVID-19.

Gordon Research Group, Michigan School of Public Health, Department of Epidemiology, Ann Arbor, MI

Laboratory Technician, September 2019 – August 2020

- Consolidated a database of influenza test results from human respiratory samples for use in future collaborative research with US partners.
- Performed polymerized chain reaction (PCR) on purified RNA samples to confirm the presence of specific influenza strains when surveying the health of a cohort population in Nicaragua.
- Organized and managed the upkeep of 100,000 human respiratory and RNA samples within subzero freezers that coincides with a detailed record of samples in a shared data network.

CDC/Morehouse Undergraduate Public Health Scholars Program, Washington, D.C.

Public Health Scholar, May 2019 – August 2019

- Developed public health competencies and acquired professional exposure through participation in a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Undergraduate Public Health Scholars (CUPS) Program Training Grant funded program.
- Executed a cross-sectional, public health study, using SPSS, on a dataset containing 800 participant survey responses.
- Spearheaded the logistics involving the non-profit organization's bi-weekly outreach missions that resulted in registering a total of 70 individuals for free STD screening in the surrounding communities through a mobile care unit.
- Presented findings from the research project to over 100 conference attendees at The Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS, CA, 2019).

C. Cichlid Laboratories, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Undergraduate Researcher, January 2018 – April 2018

- Organized a detailed record of experiments performed to ensure the quality and control of future laboratory experiments.
- Generated primers, performed PCR, and gel electrophoresis on RNA primers and performed in-situ hybridization wash on Convict Cichlid Embryos to monitor their gene expression.

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- Discovered the Sonic Hedge-Hog gene was present in the frontal lobe of the Amatitlania nigrofasciata embryos and shared findings at two poster conferences during the course of the study.
- Collaborated on a 15-person team to accomplish the project objective and was awarded Most Professional amongst lab group.

Kroger Family of Companies, Pharmacy, Atlanta, GA

Pharmacy Technician, May 2017 – September 2017

- Assisted the standing pharmacist in providing customer service to store and pharmacy patrons through clear communication and carefully dispersing prescribed medications.
- Familiarized myself with Kroger Pharmacy's 'EasyFill' electronic health record systems to improve the care of pharmacy patients.
- Trained new employees on pharmacy processes and procedures to develop a competent work staff capable of patient care.

NIH STREAMS Program, Boonshoft School of Medicine, Wright State University, Dayton, OH

Biomedical Research Scholar, May 2016 – August 2016

- Studied the applications of technology in the biomedical field and acquired professional exposure through participation in The National Institute of Health Funded Short-Term Training Program To Increase Diversity In Health-Related Research (STREAMS) program.
- Authored and obtained approval for an Institutional Review Board demonstrating scientific writing skills and assisting with the start of a research study.
- Constructed the framework for a Public Health study related to Alzheimer's research for evaluating chess players' and their brain activity to understand the oxygen demands of the human brain.
- Utilized biomedical equipment such as Functional Near-Infrared Spectroscopy for a clinical study assessing the association between chess and developing Alzheimer's.
- Employed my scientific communication and public speaking skills that contributed to weekly journal club discussions.

CERTIFICATES

Research Data Services @ Georgia State University (RDS@GSU) Data Certification Date Awarded: 12/18/2020

• Completed workshops on data analysis tools (SPSS, 3 hours; SAS, 1.5 hour; R, 3 hours; Python, 3 hours), data analysis methods (Survey Design, 3 hours; Networks, 3 hours; Logics & Logistics of Qualitative Methods, 1.5 hours), and data visualization (Tableau, 3 hours).

John Hopkins University COVID-19 Contact Tracing

Date Awarded: 06/16/2020

• Completed workshops on the Basics of COVID-19, Contact Tracing for COVID-19. Steps to Investigate Cases & Trace Their Contacts, Ethics of Contact Tracing & Technological Tools, and Skills for Effective Communication in a total of 8 hours.

A.S.T.H.O. Making Contact: A Training for COVID-19 Contact Tracers Date Awarded: 06/18/2020

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- Provided by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and the National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSD).
- Completed workshops on Basics of COVID-19, Basics of Contact Tracing, Effective Communication & Interviews and Case Monitoring & Resources in a total of 8 hours.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

This Is Public Health (TIPH)

Ambassador, April 2020 – June 2021

- Served as a champion of public health education and inspiring a passion for public health in the next generation of students through the Association of Schools & Programs of Public Health (ASPPH).
- Maintained TIPH Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter social media platforms for 1 week to actively participate in public health pipeline building and professional development opportunities.
- Shared my professional experiences at ASPPH virtual recruitment fairs and virtual speaking events to spread awareness of public health career options