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**CURRENT POSITION**

**Western Kentucky University**, Bowling Green, KY  
Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health  
August 2021- present

**EDUCATION**

**Southern Illinois University, Carbondale**, Carbondale, IL  
Ph.D., Health Education, May 2021

**Austin Peay State University**, Clarksville, TN  
M.S., *with honors*, Concentration in Public Health Education, 2017  
B.S., *with honors*, Major: Political Science. Minor: English, 2008

**Tennessee State University**, Nashville, TN  
M.P.A., 2014  
Certificate in Non-profit management, School of Public Service and Human Services,  
2014

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – ACADEMIC**

**Western Kentucky University**, Bowling Green, KY  
Assistant Professor: Current position

Courses taught:

- Fall 20210
  - PH 575: Program Planning in Public Health (3 credits)
  - PH 587: Health Behavior (3 credits)

**Southern Illinois University, Carbondale**, Carbondale, IL

Interim MPH Coordinator: Spring 2021-Summer 2021

- Advise students in the Master of Public (MPH) program.
- Assist students in negotiating and securing field placement sites for MPH students, including development and approval of MOUs.
- Oversee evaluation of student performance in field placement settings including assessment of capstone projects (PH 599A 599B, 599C).
- Evaluate and monitor performance of preceptors supervising MPH students in field placement settings.
- Serve as the principal liaison between the Public Health Program and multiple healthy community coalitions in the region.
- Serve as the primary student recruiter for the MPH.

- Oversee and monitor the application process to MPH-related programs through SLATE; coordinating correspondence among the MPH Program, the Graduate School, and the applicants as needed.
- Monitor students' progress toward degree, negotiate academic issues, approving field placement and capstone project requirements, and clearing persons for graduation.
- Monitor, review, update, and replace information on the MPH Program's website.

**Southern Illinois University, Carbondale**, Carbondale, IL

Teaching Assistant: Fall 2017-through Fall 2021

Courses taught:

- Fall 2017  
PH 101: Foundations of Human Health (2 credits, 3 sections taught)
- Spring 2018  
PH 101: Foundations of Human Health (2 credits, 3 sections taught)
- Fall 2018  
PH 326: Evaluation in Health Education (3 credits)  
PH 355: Community Health (3 credit)
- Spring 2019  
PH 312: Emotional Health (3 credits)  
PH 101: Foundations of Human Health (2 credits)
- Fall 2019  
PH 101: Foundations of Human health (2 credits, 2 sections taught)  
PH 410/WGSS 411: Human Sexuality (3 credits)
- Spring 2020  
PH 312: Emotional Health (3 credits)  
PH 101: Foundations of Human Health (2 credits)
- Fall 2020  
PH 410/WGSS 411: Human Sexuality (3 credits)  
PH 101: Foundations of Human Health (2 credits)
- Spring 2021  
PH 599A: Applied Practical Experience Seminar (1 credit)  
PH 599B: Applied Practical Experience (2 credits)  
PH 599C: Integrated Learning Experience (3 credits)
- Sumer 2021  
PH 505: Foundations of Public Health Knowledge (3 credits)  
PH 599B: Applied Practical Experience (2 credits)  
PH 599C: Integrated Learning Experience (3 credits)

**Austin Peay State University**, Clarksville, TN

Instructor: Fall 2014- Present

Course taught:

- Fall 2014  
APSU 3000: Transfer Seminar (1 credit)
- Fall 2016  
APSU 1000: Freshman Seminar (1 credit)

- Fall 2017  
HHP 4060: Consumer Health (3 credits)
- Fall 2018  
HHP 4060: Consumer Health (3 credits)
- Spring 2019  
HHP 4060: Consumer Health (3 credits)
- Fall 2019  
HHP 4060: Consumer Health (3 credits)  
APSU 1000: Freshman Seminar (2 credits)
- Spring 2020  
HHP 4060: Consumer Health (3 credits)
- Fall 2020  
HHP 4060: Consumer Health (3 credits)
- Spring 2021  
HHP 4060: Consumer Health (3 credits)  
HHP 4600: Public Health Law (3 credits)

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE – NON-ACADEMIC**

#### **Advise TN, Paris, Tn**

College Access Advisor in Henry County High School, Fall 2016-Summer 2017

- Worked for Advise TN grant
- Met with high school seniors and juniors to assist them in developing post-secondary education plans
- Coordinated meetings and workshops for students, parents, and other high school staff and faculty
- Maintained data and meeting notes

#### **Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN**

Admissions Counselor, Summer 2008-Fall 2016

- Represented the institution at various events across the state of Tennessee, as well as Kentucky, Missouri, and Illinois
- Developed and implemented recruitment plan to assist with increasing student enrollment
- Assisted with campus events
- Coordinated state Academic Decathlon as host institution

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

1. Brewer, K., Diehr, A., & Bliss, K. (2020). Why Don't We Just Ask Them? College Student Perceptions on what Topics should be Included in an Introductory Health Course. *Pedagogy in Health Promotion*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/2373379920926193>

2. McDaniel, J. T., Hangadumbo, F. S., Brewer, K., Moss, A., Yahaya, M., Lockett, B., Alruwaili, M., Albright, D. L., & Godfrey, K. (2018). Rural-urban disparities in physical activity among service member and veteran cancer survivors. *Military Behavioral Health, 10*(1). doi:10.1080/21635781.2018.1490228

### **NON-REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

1. Brewer, K. (2018). The challenging dual role of being a public health professional degree-seeking student and having a life outside of school – a commentary. *Florida Public Health Review, 15*

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

1. Brewer, K., McDermott, R., Bliss, K., McDaniel, J., Gary, M. Teaching sex, drugs, and alcohol in a relevant way. Dissertation-editing phase.
2. Brewer, K. & Hubbard, J. Rural Perceptions of Sexual Health. Literature review phase.
3. Brewer K., McDermott, R., Bliss, K., McDaniel, J., Gary, M. Student Perceptions of course relevancy and impact on course content: A systematic literature review. Editing phase.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

1. McDaniel, J. T., Hangadumbo, F. S., Brewer, K., Moss, A., Yahaya, M., Lockett, B., Alruwaili, M., Albright, D. L., & Godfrey, K. *Rural-urban disparities in physical activity among service member and veteran cancer survivors*. Poster presentation at the American Academy of Health Behavior Conference, Portland, Oregon – March 2018.
2. Brewer, K. *Requiring mental health education: A review*. Workshop presentation at the Tennessee Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Annual Conference, Murfreesboro, Tennessee – October 2018.
3. Bliss, K. & Brewer, K. *Impacting public health students: A collaborative approach to teaching health literacy*. Poster presentation at the Tennessee Public Health Association, Cool Springs, Tennessee – September 2019.
4. Brewer, K., Bliss, K. *How is this relevant?* Poster presentation at the International Consortium for Interdisciplinary Education about Health and the Environment, Cologne, Germany – December 2019.
5. Brewer, K. *Research frustrations in the times of COVID-19*. Student presentation at the International Consortium for Interdisciplinary Education about Health and the Environment, Cologne, Germany (Virtual meeting)– December 2020.

### **SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS**

Presidential Academic Scholarship from Austin Peay State University, 2004-2008

### **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

- Certified Health Education Specialist – NCHCEC, Inc. (2020)

- American Public Health Association (Fall 2017 – present)
- American College of Health Education (Spring 2019-present)
- Eta Sigma Gamma – Alpha Alpha Chapter (Spring 2019 – present)
- Society for Public Health Education (Fall 2018-present)

## **SERVICE**

### **PROFESSIONAL**

Editorial Assistant for *Journal of School Health*, Spring 2018-present

### **INSTITUTION**

Southern Illinois University

- Elena M. Sliepcevich Centennial Symposium on the Future of School Health Committee. Committee member  
Summer 2018-Spring 2019      Chair: Robert McDermott
- School of Human Science working group. Committee member  
Fall 2019-present
- Reproductive Rights and Justice Panel. Coordinator and Co-moderator.  
Fall 2019

### **COMMUNITY**

- Guest speaker on comprehensive sexual health education for Marion High School in Illinois through Department of Public Health.
- Habitat for Humanity Restore in Clarksville, TN.: Cleanup day
- Down Syndrome Association of Middle Tennessee: Fundraising team and Buddy Walk participant