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## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2004** **Ph.D.:** Psychology, Neuroscience, and Animal Behavior  
**Emory University** – Atlanta, GA
- 2000** **MA:** Psychology, Neuroscience, and Animal Behavior  
**Emory University** – Atlanta, GA
- 1998** **BS:** Psychology/Biology  
**University of Massachusetts** – Boston, MA

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 01/2011 –** **Assistant Research Professor**  
**Emory University** – Atlanta, GA
- Principal investigator/evaluator/performance monitor  
Innovative health care integration programs; State Title V Needs Assessment; State Autism and Title X needs assessments; sexual health programs for women with severe mental and addiction disorders; international disability social integration programs; non-profit agency program evaluation and organizational restructuring
  - Instructor for graduate-level courses  
Mental and Reproductive Health Services Research; Grant Writing for Public Health; Child and Maternal Health Policy; Foundation of Maternal and Child Health; Health Services Research Methods
  - Thesis Director for the Master of Science in Public Health Program
  - Core faculty/director for Center for the Excellence in Maternal and Child Health Education, Science, and Practice and the Center for Behavioral Health Policy Studies
  - Authored and published research journal articles, book chapters, and professional presentations
- 05/2004 to 12/2010** **Director of Research Projects**  
**Emory University** – Atlanta, GA
- Responsible for directing all aspects of seven federally – funded health policy research studies through the entirety of their program cycles, including:
- Establishment and maintenance of positive relationships with research staff, regulators, health care providers, and community agencies
  - Federal grant proposal development, implementation, and coordination
  - Personnel hiring, training, and supervision
  - Budget preparation and oversight; contract renewals
  - Statistical analysis of baseline, implementation, and outcomes data

#### EMORY COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

- 2020 – **Co-Founder and Co-Chair** of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee for the Department of Health Policy and Management
- 2019 – Emory University Health Sciences **Interprofessional Team Training Facilitator**
- 2019 – **Member**, Clinical and Research Track Faculty Committee
- 2019 – **Member** of BSHE Faculty Search Committee
- 2015 – **Faculty representative** to the RSPH Honor Council
- 2015 – **Collaborator**; Grady Health Systems' Transgender Clinic Implementation (qualitative data collection and analysis and technical assistance with clinic implementation)
- 2015 – **Co-Chair** (2016-2019) and **Member** (2015 – Current), Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Awards Committee
- 2013 – **Member** of the Ruth Katz Award Committee
- 2013 – **Member** Emory Women's Club Scholarship award selection committee
- 2012 – **Faculty Collaborator**. Established a network of graduate students writing grants for non – profit community organizations, including Atlanta Community Foodbank, Urban Recipe, Malachi's Storehouse, Piney Grove, Intown Collaborative Ministries, City of Refuge, DDD, Feminist Health Center, etc.
- 2019 **Selected to participate** in "Write to Change the World" OpEd workshop organized by the Emory College and the Center for Faculty Development and Excellence, May 15-16, 2019.
- 2016 – 2018 **Member** Laney Graduate School EGDF Social Sciences and Humanities Committee, Diversity scholarship committee
- 2014 – 2015 **Chair** (2015) and **Member** (2014) of the Shepard Award Committee
- 2004 – 2017 **Consultant** for The Carter Center Mental Health Program, Atlanta, GA, to develop and evaluate policy, fellowships, and action-oriented policy meetings.
- 2004 – 2018 **Member** The Carter Center Journalism Fellowship for Mental Health Reporting award selection committee.
- 2015 **Member** of Committee on HPM Departmental Teaching Goals
- 2014 **Selected to be a faculty member** of the Institute for Developing Nations Ebola Faculty and Community Discussion Forum
- 2014 **Initiated writing initiative** for HPM students with the RSPH Writing Center in response to employers' requests for higher writing skills for new hires
- 2013 – 2015 **Member** of the HPM faculty recruitment committee
- 2013 – 2014 **Chair** of Health Policy and Management Curriculum Committee
- 2003 – 2005 **Member** Emory University Biomedical Institutional Review Board

#### EXTRAMURAL COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

- May 2020 – **Member** Georgia's Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) Steering Committee
- July 2019 – **Member** (Public Health Practitioner), HR 590 - House Study Committee on Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome ("PANS") and Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal infection ("PANDAS")
- Dec 2018 – **Board Member**, Postpartum Support International, GA Chapter
- Dec 2018 – **Co-Organizer and Fund Raiser** for "Climb out of Darkness" fundraiser for Perinatal Mood Disorders for Postpartum Support International, GA Chapter
- 2014 – **Graduate Mentor** for "Change Agent" Leadership development program *Raising Your Game: A Journey to Increase Your Impact*

<https://www.leadershipandchangemagazine.com/raising-your-game-a-journey-to-increase-your-impact/>

- 2018 – **Technical assistance and consultation** for TACC Atlanta and Ser Familia (mental health)  
May 2019 **Co-Organizer and fundraiser** for Atlanta Birth Center and Perinatal Mood Disorders for Postpartum Support International, GA Chapter's "All Mother's Day" event
- May 2019 **Co-Organizer** for Postpartum Support International 2-day Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders Training, Macon, GA, May 16-17, 2019
- May-Sept 2019 **Abstract reviewer**, APHA's 2019 Annual Meeting and Expo; Women's Caucus program  
June 2018 **Invited attendee** for HRSA Maternal Mortality Summit, June 19 - 21, 2018. *Promising Global Practices to Improve Maternal Health Outcomes.*
- 2017 **Grant writing assistance and technical assistance** for the United Way and Urban League of Greater Atlanta Project Ready Goal 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant
- 2016 – 2017 **Technical assistance and consultation** for United Way, Urban League of Greater Atlanta Project Ready Goal; 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant
- 2014 **Technical assistance and consultation** for Pre Arrest Diversion (PAD) program  
**Member** of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Annual Meeting Planning Committee

#### GRADUATE COURSE TEACHING

- 2020 – BSHE 590 Capstone: Grantwriting  
2013 – HPM#581: MSPH Research Seminar I  
2013 – HPM#582: MSPH Research Seminar II  
2012 – BSHE/EPI/GH/HPM 596 and lab: Foundations in Maternal and Child Health  
2011 – HPM 543: Grant Writing for Public Health

#### OTHER GRADUATE TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 2013 – **Core Faculty** for the Center for the Excellence in Maternal and Child Health Education, Science, and Practice
- 2013 – **Core Faculty** of the Center for Behavioral Health Policy
- 2015 – **Co-trainer.** Emory University and Morehouse School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry residents in *Prescribe, Refer, Educate: A psychiatrist's guide to sexual and reproductive health.*
- 2013 – 2018 **Instructor** for Emory University TATTO course
- Spring 2019 **Guest lecturer.** "From the lab to the Appalachians and the Caucasus." Neuroscience and Animal Behavior research seminar, Emory University Psychology Department, Mar 21, 2019.
- Spring 2019 **Guest lecturer.** "Evaluation and Performance Monitoring" Guest lecture. Mar 7, 2019, For GA State University, graduate-level non-profit fundraising class.
- Spring 2019 **Interviewee** for the "Interview an Evaluator" assignment for the GA State University MPA degree program. Apr 4, 2019.
- Fall 2018 **Guest lecturer.** "We don't talk about That Stuff": Integrating Sexual and Reproductive Health Services into Outpatient Psychiatrist Practice." Oct 22, 2018, M2M700 seminar, RSPH
- Spring 2017 **Guest lecturer.** MCH journal club presentation. *Can Romantic Relationship Quality Mediate the Relation between Psychopathy and Subjective Well – Being?*
- Fall 2016 **Faculty participant**, SE MCH Scholar Collaborative, New Orleans, September 23 – 24, 2016.
- Spring 2016 **Guest lecturer.** CoLA course on Female Incarceration: *"Mental Illness, Women, and the Criminal Justice System."*
- Fall 2015 **Presenter.** HPM Lunch and Learn Event Wednesday, *"We don't talk about that stuff. Developing a tool for psychiatrists."*
- Fall 2013 and 2014 **Guest lecturer.** HPM Ph.D. seminar: *"Ethics in Health Services Research."*

## CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MENTORING

### RECOGNITIONS

#### Honors

1998 – 2004	Woodruff Fellow, Laney Graduate School, Emory University,
2015	Nominated for Crystal Apple award
2016	Modupe Dayo Mentoring award by Emory Black Student Association
2016 and 2017	Thesis committee chair of record award by Executive MPH program
2017 and 2018	Mentored MSPH student received Shepard Award; Best school-wide Thesis
2019	Accepted as a member of the 2020 class of Woodruff Health Educators Academy Teaching Fellowship

### PEER REVIEW ACTIVITIES

2011 –	Current Reviewer for BMC Psychiatry, BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making Research, BMC Systematic Reviews, National Institute for Health (NIHR) Research and the Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) Programme for The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety, Emory Global Health Institute's Multidisciplinary Team Field Scholars Award proposal, CUNY Collaborative Grant, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, PLOS ONE, and Health Affairs
2020 –	Geriatrics

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Wetzel M, Yarbrough C, **von Esenwein SA**, Hockenberry, J (2020). Association of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Laws with Bedridden and Missed Work Days, Health Services Research. In press.
- Zatloff JP, **von Esenwein SA**, Philip Z, Ward MC (2020). Navigating a Complex Health System: the Perceptions of Psychiatric Residents in Addressing Sexual and Reproductive Health of Women with Severe Mental Illness. Acad Psychiatry. 2020 Feb 21.
- Loomer L, Ward KC, Reynolds EA, **von Esenwein SA**, Lipscomb J. (2019) [Racial and socioeconomic disparities in adherence to preventive health services for ovarian cancer survivors](#). J Cancer Survival. 2019 Jun 6.
- Druss, BG, Singh, M, **von Esenwein, SA**, Glick GE, Tapscott, S, Jenkins – Tucker, S, Lally, CA, Sterling, EW. (2018) Peer-Led Self – Management of General Medical Conditions for Patients with Serious Mental Illnesses: A Randomized Trial. In print. Published online: Feb 1, 2018, <https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.ps.201700352>
- Kim, H, Filson, C, Joski, P, **von Esenwein, SA**, Lipscomb, J. (2018). Association between Online Information Seeking and Guideline Adherence in Breast and Prostate Cancer Screening, 2012 – 2014. In print, Preventing Chronic Disease.
- Druss, BG, **von Esenwein, SA**, Glick, GE, Deubler, E., Lally, C., Ward, M, Rask, K. (2017) Randomized Trial of an Integrated Behavioral Health Home: The Health Outcomes Management and Evaluation (HOME) Study. American Journal of Psychiatry, Mar 1; 174(3):246 – 255.
- Kotlar, B, Kornrich, R, Deneen, M, Kenner, C, Theis, L, **von Esenwein, SA**, Webb – Girard A. (2015). Meeting Incarcerated Women's Needs for Pregnancy-Related and Postpartum Services: Challenges and Opportunities. Perspective Sex Reprod Health. 2015 Dec; 47(4):221 – 5.
- Anderson, A, **von Esenwein, SA**, Spaulding, A, & Druss, B (2015). Involvement in the criminal justice system among attendees of an urban mental health center. *Health & Justice*, 3, 4.

- von Esenwein, SA & Druss BG.** (2014). Using electronic health records to improve the physical healthcare of people with serious mental illnesses: A view from the front lines. *International Review of Psychiatry*, 26: 629–637.
- Druss, BG & **von Esenwein, SA.** (2013). Randomized Trial of an Electronic Personal Health Record for Patients with Serious Mental Illnesses. *American J. Psychiatry*. 2014; 171(3): 360 – 68.
- Krishan, S, **von Esenwein, SA**, Druss, BG. (2012). The health literacy of adults with severe mental illness. *Psychiatry Services*, Apr;63(4):397.
- Druss BG, **von Esenwein SA**, Compton MT, Zhao L, Leslie DL. [Budget impact and sustainability of medical care management for persons with serious mental illnesses.](#) *Am J Psychiatry*. 2011 Nov; 168(11):1171 – 8.
- Druss BG, **von Esenwein SA**, Compton MT, Rask KJ, Zhao L, Parker RM. The Primary Care Access Referral and Evaluation (PCARE) Study: A Randomized Trial of Medical Care Management for Community Mental Health Settings. *Am J Psychiatry* 2010; 167:151 – 159.
- Druss BG, Zhao L, **von Esenwein SA**, Bona JR, Fricks L, Jenkins Tucker S, Sterling EW, DiClemente R, Lorig, K. The Health and Recovery Peer (HARP) Program: A peer-led intervention to improve medical self – management for persons with serious mental illnesses. *Schizophrenia. Res.* 2010, [Volume 118, Issues 1 – 3](#), 264 – 270.
- Druss BG, **von Esenwein SA.** [Improving general medical care for persons with mental and addictive disorders: a systematic review.](#) *Gen Hosp Psychiatry*. 2006 Mar-Apr; 28(2):145 – 53.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

**Report:** Conducted a statewide needs assessment for Adult Autism Services for the state of GA. [Improving the Community – Based Infrastructure to Meet the Developmental Disability Service Needs of Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Georgia](#)

**Book Chapter:** **von Esenwein, SA & Druss, BG.** (2014). Integrating Care in the Public Sector. In P. Summergrad & R. Kathol (Eds.) *Integrated Care in Psychiatry: Redefining the Role of Mental Health of Professionals in the Medical Setting*. Springer. pp 127 – 141.

## SELECTED ORAL AND MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS

1. Cook, S, **von Esenwein, SA.** *Improving the quality of care and wellbeing of transgender patients: Creating an innovative, multidisciplinary clinic.* Accepted to the 2018 APA Annual Meeting, NY, NY.
2. Cook, S., **von Esenwein, SA**, and Ward, M. (2017). "We don't talk about That Stuff": Integrating Sexual and Reproductive Health Services into Outpatient Psychiatrist Practice. *Emory Brain Health Center Research Day, May, Atlanta, GA*
3. **von Esenwein, SA**, Ward, M., Cook, SB, Philip, Z. "We don't talk about that stuff: How psychiatrists view sexual and reproductive health services." Poster presentation during the APHA 2017 Annual Meeting & Expo (Nov 4 – Nov 8) in Atlanta, GA.
4. Howard, J, Edukuye, O, Phillip, Z, Cook, S, **von Esenwein, SA**, Herbert, S. *Transgender Health: Assessing Residents and Fellows Medical Knowledge and Personal Comfort When Working with Transgender Patients.* USPATH Conference, February 2017, Los Angeles, CA.
5. **von Esenwein, SA.** *Developing a tool for psychiatrists to address the reproductive health needs of their female patients.* RSPH, MCH Faculty Pilot Grant Series, Jan 31, 2017.
6. **von Esenwein, SA & Sterling, WE.** *Qualitative Analysis of the statewide needs assessment for Adult Autism Services for the state of GA.* Presentation given at the Autism Initiative Community Advisory Board Meeting, Aug 26, 2016.

7. **von Esenwein, SA**, Cook, SB. *Prescribe, Refer, Educate: Integrating Sexual and Reproductive Health Services into Psychiatric Outpatient Practice*. 2016 CityMatCH Leadership and MCH Epidemiology Conference, September 14 – 16. Philadelphia, PA.
8. **von Esenwein, SA**, Ward, M., Cook, SB. *"We don't talk about that stuff": Integrating Sexual and Reproductive Health Services into Outpatient Psychiatrist Practice*. APHA 2016 Annual Meeting and Expo, Denver, CO, Oct 29 – Nov 2, 2016. Roundtable Discussion.
9. von Esenwein SA, Ward MC, Cook SB. *Establishing the need for sexual and reproductive health services among women with serious mental illness*. APHA Annual Meeting & Expo; Oct 29 – Nov 2, 2016, 2016; Denver, CO.
10. Kotlar, B, Kornrich, R, Deneen, M, Kenner, C, Theis, L, **von Esenwein, SA**, Webb – Girard A. (2015). *Meeting Incarcerated Women's Needs for Pregnancy-Related and Postpartum Services: Challenges and Opportunities*. *Perspect Sex Reprod Health*. 2015 Dec; 47(4):221 – 5.
11. **von Esenwein, SA**, Nuhaily S, Kotlar, B. *Maternity and Postpartum Care in Incarcerated Populations*. CityMatCH Leadership and MCH Epidemiology Conference. Sept 2015. SLC
12. **von Esenwein, SA**, Webb – Gerard, A & Kotlar, B. *"Prenatal Curriculum for pregnant inmates in the state of Georgia."* Abstract presented at the 2015 CityMatCH Annual Urban MCH Leadership Conference, Salt Lake City, UT. September 28 – 30, 2015.
13. **von Esenwein, SA**, Nuhaily S, Kotlar, B. *Motherhood Beyond Bars: An initiative among pregnant and postpartum incarcerated women in Georgia"*; "Perinatal & Women's Health Poster Session" during the 143rd APHA Annual Meeting and Expo in Chicago, IL, 2015.
14. Interview and video: *"PHR resulted in significantly improved quality of care and use of services"* Society for Participatory Medicine blog, by [e – Patient Dave](#), Feb 25, 2014.
15. *"Safety net populations do benefit from online PHRs"*: poster at ICSI/IHI Colloquium. Society for Participatory Medicine blog, by [e – Patient Dave](#), Feb 25, 2014.