

**Miriam (Mimi) Kiser**  
**Curriculum Vitae**

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**Educational Background**

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D.Min.	Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC “Boundary Leaders: Seeing and Leading in the Midst of the Whole”	2011
M.P.H.	Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA	1993
B.A.	Georgia State University, Sociology Department, Atlanta, GA	1990
A.D. R.N.	New Hampshire Institute of Technology, Nursing, Concord, NH	1978

**Professional Experience**

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1999 – Present	Program Director, Interfaith Health Program Assistant Professor, Hubert Department of Global Health Rollins School of Public Health Adjunct Faculty Candler School of Theology, Emory University
1993 – 1999	Program Coordinator, Interfaith Health Program, The Carter Center, Atlanta GA
1988 – 1993	Health Screening Coordinator and Instructor, Metropolitan Atlanta American Red Cross, Atlanta, GA
1980 – 1987	Community Health Nurse, Lakes Region Community Health Agency, Laconia, NH
1978 – 1980	Staff Nurse, Lakes Region General Hospital, Laconia, NH

**Teaching Experience and Interests**

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“Religion, Health, and Development.” Blevins/Kiser/McFarland. A summer course for students from Emory University and St. Paul’s University in Limuru, Kenya that includes two week-long seminars and an eight-week field placement.

“Community Transformation.” Collaborated with a faculty team to develop and facilitate a January intensive course based on Freirian pedagogy and methods in Training for Transformation taught for RSPH students and community partners, 2010-2011.

“Building Healthy Communities and Faithful Leaders,” Memphis Theology Seminary. Developed and taught one week winter immersion graduate course, 2009.

“Faith and Health: Transforming Communities.” Cross listed at Candler School of Theology and Rollins School of Public Health, 2003 – Present.

“Health as Social Justice.” Cross listed at Rollins School of Public Health, Candler School of Theology and NHW School of Nursing, 2000 – Present.

### **Thesis Advisement**

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“Qualitative Analysis of Religiosity, Spirituality, and Social Support in African-American College-Educated Women: Implications for Development of Health Interventions”- B. Badgett

“Assessing Deliberate and Non-Deliberate Suicide Prevention Activities” - I. Edwards

“Transformation for Health: An Evaluation of a Community-Based Empowerment Program”- E. Ferreira

“Caregiver and Provider Perspectives: A Participatory Empowerment Approach to Assess Problems of Childhood Asthma” - A. Jackson

“Rapid Participatory Health Assessment (RPHA) of the Obunga Estate in Kisumu, Kenya,” Zaruba, L.

“A Tool for Assessing Congregational Strengths to Build Healthy Communities: A Pilot Study in Two Metropolitan Areas in the Southeastern United States” - S. Doan

“Responsible Volunteerism in Global Health: The development of volunteer manuals for Global H.E.E.D., a nongovernmental organization based in Atlanta” – A. Petrilla

“Be like one team’: An exploration of interorganizational partnerships in the Nairobi informal settlement of Mukuru” - R. Berkowitz

“Trust in faith-based HIV/AIDS care: the importance of “uninterruptable courage” – Emily Griswold

“Incorporating reflection in the creation of a youth leadership development manual” – Ken Balla

“Addressing the Sexual Health of the Homeless: Recommendations for STI Prevention Education for Homeless Women” - Rachel Rosmarin

### **Research and Evaluation**

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“Faith Health Collaborations & Leadership Development Program”  
Project Director responsible for implementation and evaluation with Kenya partner of PEPFAR funded team-based community leadership program to reduce HIV social health disparities. 2012 – Present.

“Faith-Based Community Networks: Reaching Vulnerable, At-Risk, and Minority Populations”  
Project Director responsible for program evaluation of CDC funded immunization initiative.  
Developed a “Model Practices Framework” which describes the capacity of community and  
faith-based networks of organizations to break through barriers of mistrust, culture, geography,  
and low-income. 2009 – Present.

Facilitated partnership relationships between CDC safe water project leaders, HHS Center for  
Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, an RSPH student, and Africa partners (Church  
Health Associations of Zambia/Kenya) for the implementation of a safe water and sanitation  
project in a network of health care settings. 2009-2010.

“National Center for Public Health and Faith Collaborations”  
Responsible for supporting PI and project director in developing and implementing CBPR  
evaluation and outcome monitoring activities for global HIV/AIDS work activities. 2005 – 2012.

“Institute for Public Health and Faith Collaborations”  
As Project Director, oversaw program evaluation for this CDC funded national team-based  
leadership development program. 2001 – 2007.

## **Publications**

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Kiser, M. (2015). “Faith, Health and Development: Collaborating for Sustainable HIV  
Community Care.” Atlanta: Interfaith Health Program.

Berkowitz, R., Young, A., **Kiser, M. et. al. (2015).** *Assets and Partnerships in Mukuru” A  
Report on Mukuru on the Move’s Work (2008-2012).* Atlanta: Interfaith Health Program.

Kiser, M. & Santibanez, S. (2014). Influenza Pandemic. In E. Idler (Ed.), *Religion as a Social  
Determinant of Public Health* (pp. 382-395). New York: Oxford University Press.

Blevins, J., **Kiser, M.**, Thurman, S. & Beres, L. (2012). Community health assets mapping: A  
mixed methods approach in Nairobi.” In J. Olivier & Q. Wodon (Eds.), *Mapping, Cost, and  
Reach to the Poor of Faith-Inspired Health Care Providers in Sub Saharan Africa* (pp.76-  
90). Washington, DC: The World Bank.

Kiser, M. (2011). Boundary leaders: Seeing self in the midst of the whole.” In J. Cochrane, B.  
Schmid, & T. Cutts (Eds.), *When Religion and Health Align: Mobilising Religious Health  
Assets for Transformation* (pp. 62-74). Pitermaritzburg, SA: Cluster Publications.

Kegler, M., Hall, S., & **Kiser, M.** (2010). Facilitators, challenges, and collaborative activities in  
faith and health partnerships to address health disparities. *Health Education & Behavior*, 37  
(5), 665-679.

Kegler, M., **Kiser, M.**, & Hall, S. (2007). Evaluation findings from the Institute for Public  
Health and Faith Collaborations. *Public Health Reports*, 122(6), 793-802.

Kiser, M., Jones, D.L., & Gunderson, G.R. (2006). Faith and health: Leadership aligning assets to transform communities. *International Review of Mission*, 93 (376/377), 50-58.

Gunderson, G. & **Kiser, M.** (2004). Institute for public health and faith collaborations. *Leadership in Public Health*, 6 (4), 29-35.

Kiser, M. & Hatcher, M. (1999). *Engaging Faith Communities as Partners in Improving Community Health*. Atlanta: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Droege, T., Wenger, F. & **Kiser, M.** (1997). *Starting Point: Empowering Communities to Improve Health – A manual for training health promoters in congregational coalition. Interfaith Health Program*. Atlanta: The Carter Center.

Kiser, M., Boaria, M. & Hilton, D. (1995). Transformation for health. *Journal of Health Education* 26 (6), 361-365.

## **Training and Curriculum Development**

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Executive Leadership Institute – Co-led a needs assessment and feasibility study with a Kenyan partner in preparation for the development of a curriculum that will strengthen the advocacy capacity of religious leaders for assuring capacity and reach of HIV/AIDS services. 2012.

St. Paul's and Emory University "Faith Health Collaboration and Leadership Program," Project Director leading redesign of Institute curriculum to contextualize for Kenya and local community HIV/AIDS capacity building. 2011 – present.

Community Transformation. One of several faculty who taught in the January term intensive course. I devoted a considerable amount of time in the planning of this course with other faculty and student leaders. 2001 – 2007.

Turning Point Leadership Development National Excellence Collaborative (TPLDNEC), "Collaborative Leadership" curriculum design partner. 2003 – 2004.

"Institute for Public Health and Faith Collaborations," Project Director lead design team which developed an innovative national leadership curriculum. 2001 – 2004.

Training for Transformation. Co-facilitated eleven 5-day workshops for Global Health Action preparing persons for community-based and overseas work then adapted for a semester long community-based seminar at RSPH. 1997 – 2002.

## **Leadership and Professional Service**

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*Emory University*

2006 - 2013 Chair, Academic Programs, Emory Religion and Public Health Collaborative

2006 – present Executive Committee, Religion and Public Health Collaborative  
2008 – 2009 University Transforming Community Project

*External*

2011 – Present International Religious Health Assets Programme Associate  
2011– 2013 Advisory Committee member for the National Environmental Health Promotion Network  
2011- 2012 Formal invited reviewer for the Tony Blair Faith Foundation’s report “Global Health and Africa: Assessing Faith Work and Research Priorities.”  
2010 National Prevention Strategy Key Stakeholders panelist for public input hosted by HHS in DC  
2010 – 2011 ASPR National Medical Countermeasures Public Engagement Initiative Steering Committee  
2009 Alliance for the Healthiest Nation, Transition Board Member  
2009 – 2012 Strategic Alliance for Health Advisory Group, Dekalb Board of Health  
2004 – 2008 Steering Committee member, GA State Obesity CDC Initiative  
2005 Invited participant in an ecumenical and international consultation in Breklum, Germany on "The global health situation and the mission of the church in the 21st century", organized by the World Council of Churches (WCC)  
1996 – 1998 Program Chair, APHA Caucus on Public Health and the Faith Community  
1996 – 1998 Board Member, International Health Ministries Association  
1995 – 1998 Chair, Faith Task Force, National Coalition for Healthy Cities and Communities

**Selected Presentations and Lectures**

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Participated on a panel during a CDC Public Health Ethics meeting on “Religion as a Social Determinant of Health” and spoke on IHP’s multi-site influenza network and the role of FBOs in responding to 2009 H1N1 – a promising model for reaching vulnerable populations.

“Stronger Together: Aligning Public Health and Faith Communities’ Capacity to Protect our Communities” made as part of the plenary panel, “Focus on Special Populations,” at the 2014 May National Adult Influenza and Immunization Summit.

“Religion as a Social Determinant of Public Health” – Moderated plenary panel for the APHA Caucus on Public Health and Faith Communities, 2014, New Orleans.

“Religion and Three Public Health Challenges of Our Time” - Author panel member for Emory Conference, “Practices, Peoples, Partnerships, and Politics: A Conference on Religion as a Social Determinant of Public Health,” Nov. 4-7, 2014.

“Keeping the Faith: Model Practices for Public Health to Partner with FBOs to Increase Flu Prevention Among Hard-to-reach Populations,” 2014 Preparedness Summit.

“Habits of Seeing: A New Lens of Self and Community Well-Being” keynote at 15th Annual Health Ministry Symposium, September 2013, San Antonio TX.

American Academy of Religion paper presentation with co-author Blevins, “Engaging Different Disciplines and Contexts: The Opportunities and Challenges of International Study Opportunities and Field Placements for Theology and Public Health Students,” 2012.

“Faith-based organizations and public health agency collaboration: Reaching at-risk, vulnerable populations with seasonal influenza immunizations,” APHA 2012.

“Integrating Health Programs: The Way of the Future” plenary panelist during the Global Health Council Annual Conference, June 16, 2011 in DC.

“Global Health: What Kind of Help is Helpful?” – Guest lectures in Dr. Ndunge Kiiti class at Houghton College, 2009 & 2010

“Boundary Leaders in a Complex World: Seeing and Leading in ‘the Whole’.” Paper given at the conference When Religion and Health Align: Mobilizing Religious Health Assets for Transformation, Cape Town, SA. 14 July 2009.

Invited Participant, Better Words Workshop: Deepening Appreciation for Cross-Disciplinary Research in Religion and Health. University of Witwatersrand and The University of Cape Town, Johannesburg and Cape Town, South Africa, 19-23 October 2008.

Designed and led an interdisciplinary faculty seminar for Emory’s Religion and Public Health Collaborative, pairing researchers from health sciences with faculty from theology/religion/social sciences, 2007-08.

“AIDS, Religion and Public Life,” Guest lecturer in course at University of Cape Town, South Africa, 2004.

“Use and Support of the 2010 Objectives by Faith-based Organizations”, Secretary’s Council on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2010, Washington, D.C. September 12, 2000.

“Transformation for Health: An Introduction to Participatory Education”, Pacific School of Religion, 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Earl Lectures and Pastoral Conference, January 25- 28, 2000.