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#### **EDUCATION:**

2013	Ph.D. Public Policy. The Georgia State University/ Georgia Tech University Joint
	Program in Public Policy. Atlanta, Georgia. Dissertation: From Policy to Practice:
	Implementation of Georgia's Medicaid Family Planning Waiver

- **1996 M.A.** Public Policy with a concentration in Women's Studies. The George Washington University. Washington, D.C.
- **1992 B.A.** International Studies (with honors). The University of South Carolina. Columbia, S.C.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2013-present	<b>Director,</b> MPH and MSPH Programs in Health Policy & Management, Department of Health Policy and Management, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, G.A.
2014-present	Assistant Research Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, G.A.
2001-2013	<b>Senior Associate,</b> Department of Health Policy and Management, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, G.A.
1995-2001	<b>Research Scientist</b> , Center for Health Services Research and Policy (CHSRP), The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
1995	<b>Research Assistant</b> , Department of Professional Employees, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.
1993-1995	Paralegal, Venable, Baetjer, Howard and Civiletti, Washington, D.C.
1992-1993	<b>Intern</b> , National Partnerships for Women and Families (formerly, Women's Legal Defense Fund), Washington, D.C.

#### HONORS/ AWARDS

Delta Omega Phi Public Health Honor Society Faculty Inductee (2014); Emory University Teaching Award (2012), USC Community Service Scholarship (1989-1991); Congress-Bundestag Exchange Scholarship (1987-1988); Dean's List, Gamma Beta Phi and Sigma Iota Rho honor society memberships (1988-1992)

#### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

#### **Principal Investigator**

- 2015 *Transitions to Care for Older Women Seeking Cancer Screening Services in Safety Net Settings in Georgia.* Emory University Winship Cancer- American Cancer Society Institional Research, \$30,000
- 2013 *Developing a Long Term Care Emergency Preparedness Portal for Public Health*. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, \$130,000
- 2001-2005 *Using Health Care Purchasing to Promote Public Health*. Subcontract with The George Washington University, \$165,000

#### **Co-Investigator**

2013-2015	<i>Taking Care of You</i> , Cross Site Evaluation Project, Healthcare Georgia Foundation, \$365,000
2015	Understanding the Mental Health Treatment Process for Youth in the Safety Net
2014	Alliance for a Healthier Generation, Alliance Benefit Evaluation, \$133,320
2012-2013	<b>Promising Approaches to Improve Infant Health Outcomes,</b> Healthcare Georgia Foundation, \$52,000
2012-2014	<b>Evaluation of Comprehensive Contraceptive Counseling and Reproductive Health</b> <b>Promotion (CC-RHP) in Title X Settings</b> . Office of Population Affairs, DHHS. \$250,000
2011-2013	Georgia Study on the Feasibility of Linking the BCCP with GCCR and Medicare Data. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
2011-2012	What New Mothers Need to Know. Georgia Department of Human Resources, \$125,000
2010-2013	An Evaluation of Vaccination Practices of Nursing Home Residents and Staff. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. \$250,000
2010-2013	<b>Evaluation of the Planning for Healthy Babies Program (P4HB).</b> Georgia Department of Community Health.

2009-2011	<b>Expanding Medicaid Coverage and Time to Treatment: Effects by Race</b> . American Cancer Society, \$394,000
2010-2012	Multiple Perspective on Dual Protection Use for Young Women, \$300,000
2009-2011	<b>Evidence for Improvement: Evaluating Quality Improvement Training Programs.</b> Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, \$300,000
2007-2013	<b>Improving Disaster Planning for Nursing Home, Home Health, and Dialysis Providers</b> , Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, \$1,015,564
2008-2009	<b>Examining barriers to increasing Chlamydia trachomatis (Ct) screening of young, sexually active women enrolled in commercial health plans.</b> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, \$145,000.
2007-2010	<b>Medicaid Family Planning Waivers: Service Delivery, Use and Unintended Pregnancy</b> . Office of Population Affairs, \$600,000
2006-2008	<b>Inventory and Assessment of NBCCEDP Interventions</b> , Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, \$500,000
2005-2007	<b>Breast and Cervical Cancer in GA: BCCPTA Implementation and Effects.</b> American Cancer Society, \$425, 992
2005-2006	<b>Increasing Chlamydia trachomatis (Ct) Screening of Young, Sexually Active Women</b> <b>Enrolled in Commercial Health Plans.</b> Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, \$150,000

# PUBLICATIONS

# PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Adams, EK, Bayakly, AR, Berzen, AK, **Blake S**C, Joski, Li, C, Hall, IJ, Sabatino, SA. (2015) Enhancing screening and early detection among women transitioning to Medicare coverage from the NBCCEDP in Georgia. *Cancer Causes and Control.* 26(5):795-803. doi: 10.1007/s10552-015-0560-1.

Daugherty, JD, **Blake**, **SC**, Grosholz, JM, Omer, SB, Polivska-West, L, Howard, DH. (2015). Influenza vaccination rates and beliefs among nursing home employees. AJIC. 43 (2): 100-106.

Grosholz JM, **Blake S**, Daugherty JD, Ayers E, Omer SB, Polivka-West L, Howard DH. (2014). Accuracy of influenza vaccination rate estimates in United States nursing home residents. *Epidemiology and Infection* DOI: <u>http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S0950268814003434</u>

**Blake, SC**, Andes, K, Hilb, L, Kaska, K, Chien, L, Flowers, L, Adams, KE. (2014). Facilitators and Barriers to Cervical Cancer Screening, Diagnosis, and Enrollment in Medicaid: Experiences of Georgia Women's Health Medicaid Enrollees. J Cancer Educ. June 2014. DOI 10.1007/s13187-014-0685-z

Gaydos L, **Blake S**, Woodruff W, Thompson W. George-Dalmida S, Gazmararian J. (2014). Revisiting Safe Sleep Recommendations for African-American Infants: Why current counseling is insufficient. Maternal and Child Health Journal. 19 (3): 496-503.

Johnston, EM, **Blake, SC**, Andes, KL, Chien, LN, Adams, EK. (2014). Breast Cancer Treatment Experiences by Race and Location in Georgia's Women's Health Medicaid Program. *Womens Health Issues*. Mar-Apr;24(2):e219-29. doi: 10.1016/j.whi.2014.01.002. Epub 2014 Feb 20.

Gazmararian, JA, Dalmida, SD, Merino, Y, **Blake, S,** Thompson, W., Gaydos, L. (2013). What New Mothers Need to Know: Perspectives from Women and Providers in Georgia. *Maternal and Child Health*. DOI 10.1007/s10995-013-1308-8

Daugherty, JD, **Blake, SC,** Kohler, SS, Culler, SD, Hawley, JN., Rask, KJ. 2013. Quality Improvement training: experiences of frontline staff. *International Journal of Health Care Quality Assurance*. 26(7):627-41.

Atherly, A. and **Blake, SC**. (2013). Efforts by Commercial Health Plans to Increase Chlamydia trachomatis Screening Among Their Members. *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*. 40(1):55-60.

**Blake, SC,** Kohler, KK, Culler, SD, Hawley, JN, Rask, KJ. (2012). Designing effective healthcare quality improvement training programs: Perceptions of nursing and other senior leaders. *J Nurs Educ Pract.* 5(3):66-77.

**Blake, SC**, Howard, DH, Eiring, H, Tarde, S. (2012). San Diego's Area Coordinator System: A Disaster Preparedness Model for U.S. Nursing Homes. *Disaster Medicine and Public Health* Preparedness. 6(4):424-427.

Escoffery, CT, Kegler, MC, Glanz, K, Graham, TD, **Blake, SC,** Shapiro, JA, Mullen, PD, Fernandez, ME. (2012). Recruitment for the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. *Am J Prev Med* 42(3): 235-41.

Eiring, H. Blake, SC, Howard, D. (2012). Nursing homes' preparedness plans and capabilities. *Am J Disaster Med.* 7(2):127-35.

Daugherty, J, Eiring, H, **Blake, S**, Howard, D. (2012). Disaster Preparedness in Home Health and Personal-Care Agencies: Are They Ready. *Gerontology*. Published Online, April 6, 2012. http://content.karger.com/ProdukteDB/produkte.asp?Aktion=ShowPDF&ArtikelNr=000336032&Ausgabe=0& ProduktNr=224091&filename=000336032.pdf

Perry, MS, Swint, C, Hawley, J, Kohler, S, **Blake, S**, Rask, K, Sladky, J, Krawiecki, N. (2011). Caregiver Measures for Seizure Control, Efficacy, and Tolerability of Antiepileptic Drugs for Childhood Epilepsy: Results of a Preference Survey. *Epilepsy Behavior*. 22(3):542-7. Epub 2011 Oct 1.

Rask, KJ, Gitomer, RS, Spell, RS, Culler, SD, **Blake, SC**, Kohler, SS, Hawley, JN, Bornstein, WA. (2011). A Two-Pronged Quality Improvement Training Program for Leaders and Frontline Staff. *The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety*. April, 2011, Vol. 37 (4):147-153.

**Blake, SC**, Switkowski, KM, Jacobson, KL, Gazmararian, JA, and Kripalani, S. (2010). Qualitative Evaluation of a Health Literacy Intervention to Improve Medication Adherence for Underserved Pharmacy Patients. *JHCPU*. 21:559-567

Johnson, VR, Jacobson, KL, Gazmararian, J.A., **Blake, SB**. (2010). Does Social Support Help Limited-Literacy Patients with Medication Adherence? A Mixed Methods Study of Patients in the Pharmacy Intervention for Limited Literacy (PILL) Study. *Patient Ed & Counseling*, 29:14-24.

**Blake**, **S**., and J. Ottoson (2009). The Big Umbrella: Understanding Knowledge and Its Application to Evaluation. *New Direction for Evaluation*. 124:21-34.

Adams, E.K, **Blake, SC**, Raskind-Hood, C., Chien, L, Zhou, M., Liff, J., Eley, W. (2007). The Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act (BCCPTA) in Georgia: Women Covered and Medicaid Costs in 2003. *J Georgia Public Health Association*. Vol. 1(1): 1-10.

**Blake, S.** Kohler, S, Rask, K, Davis, A, Naylor, D. (2006). Facilitators and Barriers to 10 NQF Safe Practices. *American Journal of Medical Quality*. Vol. 21(5): 323-334.

**Blake, S.**, Kassler, W., Irwin, K, and Levi, J. (2005). Improving Delivery of STD Prevention and Control Services: Recommendations for Purchasers of Health Care Benefits. *Journal of Compensation and Benefits*. 21(5):5-14.

Rosenbaum, S., Hawkins, D., Rosenbaum, E., and **Blake, S**. (1998). State Funding of Comprehensive Primary Medical Care Service Programs for Medically Underserved Populations. *American Journal of Public Health*.

#### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

**Blake, S.**, Thorpe, KE, and Howell, KG. *Access to Health Care in the United States*. Chapter in <u>Access To Health Care</u>. Ed. M. Guilliford. Kings College, London. 2003.

#### **REPORTS FOR FUNDERS**

Atherly, A. and **Blake, S.** *Improving Chlamydia Screening: Strategies from Top Performing Plans.* Prepared for the National Committee on Quality Assurance, 2008.

Kenney, K, **Blake, SC**, Maloy, K, Ranji, U. Hearing their Voices: Lessons from the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act (BCCPTA). Prepared for the Kaiser Family Foundation, 2004. Available at: http://www.kff.org/womenshealth/loader.cfm?url=/commonspot/security/getfile.cfm&PageID=48606

Mauery, R.D., Kamoie, B., **Blake, S**., and Levi, J. *Public Health Communicable Disease Reporting Laws: Managed Care Organizations' Laboratory Contracting Practices and Their Implications for State Surveillance and Reporting Statutes.* Prepared for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. October 2003.

Nolan, L., Harvey, J., Vaquerano, L, **Blake, S**., Kamoie, B.K., Chawla, S. and Levi. J. *Factors Leading To Passage Of State Dental Practice Laws Allowing Alternative Models Of Preventive Oral Health Care Delivery To Low-Income Children*. Prepared for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2003. **Blake, S.** Using Performance Measures To Improve Management of State Programs: Report of the 2001 ASPE Conference on Performance Measurement. Prepared for the Office of the Assistance Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, United States Department of Health and Human Services. August 2001.

**Blake, S**, DeGraw, C, Moore, B, and Zuvekas, A. *Health Professions Workforce Issues and Access to Care for Underserved Populations*. Prepared for the Bureau of Health Professions, HRSA. November 2000.

**Blake S.**, Mauery D., Rosenbaum S. *Medicaid Managed Care and Reproductive Health: A Focused Study of State Medicaid Managed Care Contracts.* Prepared for the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. July 2000.

Rosenbaum S, Mauery D, **Blake** S & Wehr E. *Public Health in a Changing Health Care System: Linkages Between Public Health Agencies and Managed Care Organizations in the Treatment and Prevention of Sexually Transmitted Diseases*. Policy Brief prepared for the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. March 2000. Available at <u>http://www.kff.org</u>.

**Blake, S**., Mauery, D. Richard, Rosenbaum, S., and Wehr, E. *Public Health and Managed Care Collaborations: The Use of Memoranda of Understanding and Implications for Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention and Control Programs.* Prepared for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. September, 1998.

Wehr, E., Fagan, M., **Blake, S**., and Rosenbaum, S., *An Analysis of HIV/AIDS Related Provisions of Medicaid Managed Care Contracts: A Focused Study Based on Negotiating the New Health Care System: A Nationwide Study of Medicaid Managed Care Contracts.* Prepared for the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. June 1998.

**Blake, S.**, Rosenbaum, S., and Wehr, E. *Contract Specifications for Family Planning Services in Medicaid Managed Care Plans.* A Focused Study for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. May 1997.

**Blake, S.**, Rosenbaum, S., and Wehr, E. *Contract Specifications for Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Services in Medicaid Managed Care Plans*. A Focused Study for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. April 1997.

# MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Breastfeeding Support for New First-Time Mothers: Patient and Provider Perspectives

Implementing Medicaid expansions: Case study of Georgia's Family Planning Waiver Program

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2002-present Women's Health Policy: A Lifecycle Approach (HPM 591R): Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health, Course Instructor
  2013-present Qualitative Methods for Health Services Research (HPM 533). Emory University,
  - **I3-present** Qualitative Methods for Health Services Research (HPM 533). Emory University, Rollins School of Public health, Course Instructor

**2010-2011** Introduction to the U.S. Healthcare System (CMPH 500D); Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health, Course Instructor

## **MASTER'S THESIS**

2013	Ijeoma Ihiasota. Racial Difference in Hysterectomy Route. Health Policy and Management, Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University, Spring 2013 (Committee Member)
2011	Maris Perlman, The Effect of Comprehensive Sex Education on Contraceptive Use Behaviors. Health Policy and Management, Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University, Spring 2011 (Committee Member).
2008	Alex Smith, <i>Emergency Contraception: Insurance as a Barrier to Use</i> . Health Policy and Management, Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University (Committee Member).
2007	Valerie Ready Johnson. <i>Social Support's Influence on Medication Adherence and Health: Does Health Literacy Matter?</i> Behavioral Sciences and Health Education, Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University (Committee Member).
2004	Melissa Naser. <i>Experiences and Responses to Delivering Health Care Services to Latino Immigrant Patients in the Health Department Setting: Perspectives from Health Care Providers in Georgia</i> . Department of Global Health, Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University. (Chair).

# UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2011	Member, Rollins Public Health and Aging Interest Group
2006-present	Faculty Admissions Representative, Department of Health Policy & Management
2006	Faculty Representative for On-Line Course Evaluations, Rollins School of Public Health

# **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

- 2001-present Academy Health
- 2006 American Public Health Association, Georgia Public Health Association

# PRACTICE-RELATED CONSULTANCIES

2014	Lifting Latina Voices Initiative (LLVI), Feminist Women's Health Center LLVI Evaluation
2013-2014	<b>Children's Healthcare of Atlanta</b> Assessing Patient Centered Care among Caregivers of Children with Type 1 Diabetes
2007	<b>Georgia Healthcare Foundation</b> <i>Teenage Pregnancy and Adverse Birth Outcomes: Defining the Problem and Identifying</i> <i>Potential Solutions</i>
2004-2005	Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention (HDSP) Policy Project

## PRESENTATIONS

Using Data to Assess Program Outcomes and Build Evaluation Capacity. Annual Conference of the Georgia Charitable Care Network. Athens, Georgia. May 4, 2015.

*Improving Birth Outcomes through Public-Private-Academic Partnerships*. Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs (AMCHP). Washington, DC. January 26, 2015

"Climate versus Culture: Barriers to Influenza Vaccination among Nursing Home Staff." Academy Health. Annual Research Meeting, June 2013.

"Disaster Planning and Preparedness Activities in Florida Nursing Homes." Florida Health Care Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, August 2012

"Cervical Cancer Screening and Diagnosis: Experiences of Medicaid Enrollees and Implications for Health Reform." Academy Health Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, June 2012

"Communication is the Key: Improving Disaster Planning in Nursing Homes and Home Health Agencies." Academy Health Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, June 2012

"Ensuring Quality of Care in Nursing Homes through Disaster Preparedness: The San Diego Area Coordinator Model" Academy Health Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, Poster Presentation, June 12, 2011

"Knowledge Translation through Training: A Study of Organizational Learning in Quality Improvement." Academy Health Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, Poster Presentation, June 13, 2011

"The Implementation of Family Planning Waivers in Six States, Effects on Access and Unintended Pregnancy." Academy Health Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, Poster Presentation, June 12, 2011.

"Emergency Preparedness of Nursing Home Providers: A Qualitative Study" APHA Annual Conference, Oral Presentation, November 8, 2010, Denver, Colorado.

"Women's Health Waiver Program: A Case Study of Arkansas' Medicaid Family Planning Expansion." APHA Annual Conference, Oral Presentation, November 9, 2010, Denver, Colorado

"Medicaid Family Planning Expansions: Service, Delivery, Use and Unintended Pregnancy: Results from a Qualitative Evaluation" Women's Health 2010 Congress, March 28, 2010.

"Improving Disaster Planning for Nursing Home Providers." 2010 Public Health Preparedness Conference, February 17, 2010

"Facilitators and Barriers to 10 NQF Safe Practices in Georgia Hospitals." Georgia Public Health Association Annual Meeting, September 6, 2006.

"Breast and Cervical Cancer in Georgia: BCCPTA Implementation and Effects." American Cancer Society, Reducing Breast and Colorectal Cancer Disparities Meeting, June 21, 2006.

"BCCPTA in Georgia: Implementation and Effects" American Cancer Society, Reducing Breast and Colorectal Cancer Disparities through Policy Change, June 21, 2006.

"Evaluation Implications of Different Process Lenses: Transfer, Diffusion, Implementation, Knowledge Utilization & Application." American Evaluation Association Annual Meeting, November 2004.

"State Implementation of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000" Academy Health National Conference, June 2003.

"State Implementation of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000" CDC/CMS Building Partnerships Meeting, October 2002.

"Public Health and Managed Care Collaborations: Opportunities and Challenges for STD and HIV Prevention and Control." National Coalition of STD Directors Annual Meeting, February 14-15, 2000.

"Public Health and Managed Care Collaborations: The Use of Memoranda of Understanding and the Implications for Sexually Transmitted Diseases" 1998 National STD Prevention Conference, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), December 7, 1998.

"The Impact of Medicaid Managed Care on the Prevention and Control of HIV and STDs: Opportunities and Challenges for Public Health/Managed Care Collaborations" 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas HIV/STD Conference, Texas Department of Health and Texas Health Foundation, May 12, 1998.

"Medicaid Managed Care and Women's Health" The Future of Managed Care and Women's Health: New Directions for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, National Conference of the United States Public Health Service's Office on Women's Health, January 26, 1998.

"Managed Care and Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for Women" National Conference on Women, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency, September 23, 1997.

"Medicaid Managed Care: Changing Health Care Systems" Building Partnerships: A Conference of Involved Federal Officials and Title X Trainers and TA Providers, Office of Population Affairs, United States Public Health Service, June 18, 1997.