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EDUCATION

- 2021 – 2026** **University of North Texas Health Science Center** Fort Worth, Texas
Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health Sciences
Concentration: Health Behavior Research
- 2017 – 2021** **University of Oklahoma**, Norman, Oklahoma
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Bachelor of Arts in Women’s and Gender Studies
Honors College
Capstone Paper: “The Unending Presence of Health Disparities in America”
GPA: 3.96

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021 – Present** **University of North Texas Health Science Center**
Fort Worth, TX
Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Stacey Griner
- Projects**
- *Adapting an Efficacious Alcohol and Sexual Health Intervention for Young Adults to Disseminate in Communities*, Sponsor: NIMHD U54 Texas Center for Health Disparities
 - *Increasing HPV Vaccination through Interprofessional Partnerships with Dental Hygienists*, Sponsor: MD Anderson
 - *Prenatal Syphilis Screening Guidelines and Policies: Examining Multi-level Determinants of Implementation*, Sponsor: University of North Texas Health Science Center
 - *Chlamydia and Gonorrhea Vaccine Acceptability among Young Adults and Parents of Adolescents*, Sponsor: American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association
- Summer 2020** **University of Delaware, Isett & Toth Policy Lab**
Newark, DE
Research Assistant, Drs. Isett and Toth
- Assisted in research on the accessibility of healthcare in Delaware with a focus on health professional shortage areas (HPSAs)
 - Designed research questions to assess the accessibility of healthcare to Delaware’s Public Health Department Primary Care & Specialist Physicians Survey

- Assessed the validity of each state's Primary Care & Specialist Physician Survey and gathered data to improve Delaware's survey
- Presented research at the University of Delaware Undergraduate Research Conference

2019 – 2020 University of Oklahoma

Norman, OK

Research Assistant, Laboratory of Dr. Lara Mayeux

- Assessed the ways in which honor culture behaviors influence middle school student's popularity and view of self
- Coded surveys using Egan and Perry's Gender Typicality Scale, Attitudes Toward Women Scale, and Honor Ideology for Manhood
- Input data into SPSS
- Catalogued all data utilizing proprietary statistical software
- Presented work at the Texas National McNair Scholars Conference

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Griner, S.B., Aiken, J., **Johnson, K.C.**, Webb, N.J., & Kline, N. (2023). The Role of Direct-to-Consumer Sexually Transmitted Infection Screening for Survivors of Sexual Assault. *HPHR* (Accepted)

Griner, S.B., **Johnson, K.C.**, Neelamegam, M., Webb, N.J., Kinard, A., & Kline, N. (2023). Direct-to-consumer STI screening methods: Preferred communication sources and channels among young adult women. *Sexually Transmitted Diseases* (In Press).

Kline, N., Webb, N., **Johnson, K.C.**, Brunner, H., Griner S.B., & Brunnell, D.J. (2023). Mapping transgender policies in the US 2017–2021: The role of geography and implications for health equity. *Health & Place*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2023.102985>

Griner, S.B., Reeves, J.M., Webb, N.J., **Johnson, K.C.**, Kline, N., & Thompson, E.L. (2022). Consumer-based STI screening among young adult women: The negative influence of the social system. *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*. doi: [10.1097/OLQ.0000000000001655](https://doi.org/10.1097/OLQ.0000000000001655)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Johnson, K.C., Balasundaram R.B., Akpan, I.N., & Griner, S.B. (2023) Informational Sources About Breastfeeding Associated with Breastfeeding Initiation: Insights into Racial Disparities (In preparation)

Diener, A. K, Kinard, A., **Johnson, K.C.**, Thompson, E. L., & Griner, S. B. Understanding the Barriers to Immediate Postpartum Long-Acting Reversible Contraception among Prenatal Physicians. (Submitted).

Johnson, K.C., Akpan, I., Kinard, A., Reeves, J., & Griner, S.B. (2023). Self-Sampling Methods for STI Screening among College Women: A Qualitative Study to Identify Opinion Leaders. *HPHR*. (Under Review).

Griner, S.B., Neelamegam, M., Kinard, A., **Johnson, K.C.**, Lemuz, T., Kline, N. (2022). Chlamydia Screening Guidelines: Dissemination and Acceptability (In preparation).

Griner, S.B., Neelamegam, M., **Johnson, K.C.**, Kinard, A., Lemuz, T., Nelsen, M., Allison, W. (2022). Awareness, Acceptability, and Feasibility of Prenatal Syphilis Screening Guidelines and Policies (In preparation).

Griner, S.B., **Johnson, K.C.**, Neelamegam, M., Webb, N., Kline, N. (2021). Communication Channels for Direct-to-Consumer STI Screening Methods (In preparation).

Griner, S.B., Aiken J., **Johnson, K.C.**, Garg, A., Galvin, A., Akpan, I., Thompson, E.L. (2021). COVID-19 Vaccinations Among Pregnant Women (In preparation).

CONFERENCE ORAL PRESENTATIONS

*indicates mentee presentation

Diener, A.K., Kinard, A., **Johnson, K.C.**, Thompson, E.L., & Griner, S.B. (2024, May). Understanding the Barriers to Immediate Postpartum Long-Acting Reversible Contraception among Prenatal Physicians. *American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists 2024 Annual Clinical and Scientific Meeting*, San Francisco, CA. (Submitted).

Johnson, K.C., Lemuz, T., Terrillion, R., Kinard, A., Kline, N., & Griner, S.B. (2023) Policy Change and Reproductive Healthcare in Texas: Prenatal Providers' Perspectives. American Public Health Association 2023 Annual Meeting. Savannah, GA. (Accepted).

Johnson, K.C., Baal Balasundaram, R., Akpan, I.N., & Griner, S.B. (2022) Breastfeeding Initiation and Information Sources by Race. American Academy of Health Behavior 2023 Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. (Accepted).

Johnson, K.C., Kinard, A., Lemuz, T., Allison, W., & Griner, S.B. (2022) College enrollment and STI knowledge among sexually active young adults. American Public Health Association 2022 Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. (Accepted).

Johnson, K.C., Lemuz, T., Kinard, A., Kline, N., Neelamegam, M., & Griner, S.B. (2022) Chlamydia and gonorrhea vaccine acceptability: Is there an association with COVID-19 vaccine uptake? American Public Health Association 2022 Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. (Accepted).

Griner, S.B., Allison, W., Nelsen, M., Van Der Pol, B., **Johnson, K.**, Kinard, A., & Lemuz, T. (2022). Gonorrhea vaccine acceptability among young adults and parents of adolescents. American Public Health Association 2022 Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. (Accepted).

Kinard, A., Lemuz, T., **Johnson, K.C.**, & Griner, S.B. (2022). Prenatal provider practice behavior regarding immediate post-partum LARC. American Public Health Association 2022 Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. (Accepted).

Kinard, A., Lemuz, T., **Johnson, K.C.**, Nelsen, M., & Griner, S.B. (2022). Immediate postpartum LARC: Do practice behaviors differ by ACOG membership? ACOG District XI: 2022 Annual District Meeting. San Antonio, TX (Accepted).

Griner S.B., **Johnson, K.C.**, Kinard, A., Neelamegam, M., Kline, N., & Van Der Pol, B. (2022). Perceptions and adoption of evidence-based prenatal chlamydia screening guidelines. Julius Schachter Fifteenth International Symposium on Human Chlamydial Infections, San Antonio, TX.

Johnson, K.C., Kinard, A., Nelsen, M., Kline, N., Thompson, E.L. & Griner, S.B. (2022). Providers' perceptions and knowledge of state-level policies and national guidelines for syphilis screening during pregnancy. American Academy of Health Behavior Annual Scientific Meeting (Invited Presentation).

Griner, S.B., Aiken, J., **Johnson, K.C.**, Galvin, A., Garg, A., Akpan, I., & Thompson, E.L. (2022). Comfort in the time of COVID: Patient-provider communication for prenatal COVID-19 vaccine uptake. American Academy of Health Behavior Annual Scientific Meeting (Invited Presentation).

Johnson, K.C., Kline, N., Webb, N., Brunner, H., Griner S.B., & Yockey, R.A. (2022). Examining transgender inclusion and exclusion through state-level legislation in the US: A policy scan. Law & Society Association Annual Conference, Lisbon, Portugal.

Griner, S.B., Yockey, R.A., & **Johnson, K.C.** (2021). Oral health among sexual minority adolescents. 2021 AdventHealth Dental Health Equity Summit (Invited Presentation).

CONFERENCE POSTER PRESENTATIONS

*indicates mentee presentation

Terrillion, R., Lemuz, T., Kinard, A., **Johnson, K.C.**, & Griner, S.B. (2023). Implementation of changing clinical practices: Prenatal syphilis screening in Texas. University of North Texas Health Science Center Research Appreciation Day. Fort Worth, TX. (Accepted).

Johnson, K.C., Kinard, A., Johnson, K.C., Lemuz, T., Terrillion, R. & Griner, S.B. (2023). Demographic factors associated with Parents' Knowledge About Sexually Transmitted Infections. University of North Texas Health Science Center Research Appreciation Day. Fort Worth, TX. (Accepted).

Webb, N.J., Kline, N., **Johnson, K.C.**, Brunner, H., Griner, S.B., & Brunell, D.J. (2023). Mapping Political Determinants of Health for Transgender Populations: A Policy Scan. University of North Texas Health Science Center Research Appreciation Day. Fort Worth, TX. (Submitted).

Johnson, K.C., Griner, S.B., Akpan, I.N., Galvin, A.M., Webb, N., Kline, N.S., Litt, D.M., Lewis M.A., & Thompson E.L. (2022) Young Adults' Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs Related to Alcohol Use: The Perspectives of Community Stakeholders. American Academy of Health Behavior 2023 Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. (Accepted).

Kinard, A., **Johnson, K.C.**, Lemuz, T., Terrillion, R., Diener, A., & Griner, S.B. (2022). Sexually Transmitted Infections: Does knowledge impact perceived susceptibility? American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologist Annual Clinical and Scientific Meeting. Baltimore, MD. (Submitted).

- *Gray, J., **Johnson, K.C.**, & Griner, S.B. (2022). How Does Alcohol Affect Sexual Behavior in First Year College Students. Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists, Anaheim, CA (Accepted).
- Griner, S.B., **Johnson, K.C.**, Kinard, A., Lemuz, T., Akpan, I.N, & Allison, W.E. (2022). Factors influencing implementation of prenatal syphilis screening policies in Texas. 15th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health. Washington, DC (Accepted).
- Lemuz, T., **Johnson, K.**, Kinard, A., Nelsen, M., Allison, W., & Griner, S.B. (2022). Prenatal sexually transmitted infection screening guidelines: Preferred dissemination sources among physicians. American Public Health Association 2022 Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. (Accepted).
- Lemuz, T., Kinard, A., **Johnson, K.**, & Griner, S.B. (2022) Parental perceptions of chlamydia vaccines and risks for their children, ages 10-17. American Public Health Association 2022 Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. (Accepted).
- Kinard, A., Lemuz, T., **Johnson, K.C.**, & Griner, S.B. (2022). Chlamydia vaccine uptake in adolescents: Parents perceived barriers. American Public Health Association 2022 Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. (Accepted).
- Kinard, A., **Johnson, K.C.**, Lemuz, T., Van Der Pol, B., & Griner, S.B. (2022). Young adult acceptance and perceived barriers to future chlamydia vaccines. American Public Health Association 2022 Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. (Accepted).
- *Gray, J., **Johnson, K.C.**, & Griner, S.B. (2022). How does alcohol affect sexual behavior in first year college students. Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists, Anaheim, CA (Submitted).
- Lemuz, T., **Johnson, K.C.**, Kinard, A., Neelamegam, M., Kline, N. & Griner, S.B. (2022). Physician practice behaviors related to COVID-19 vaccination among prenatal patients. ACOG District XI: 2022 Annual District Meeting. San Antonio, TX. (Accepted).
- Kinard, A., **Johnson, K.C.**, Nelsen, M., Diener, A., & Griner, S.B. (2022). Sexually transmitted infection screening during pregnancy: Factors considered by prenatal providers. John Peter Smith Health Network Research and Quality Symposium.
- Thompson, E., Griner, S.B., Galvin, A., Kline, N., Akpan, I., **Johnson, K.C.**, Webb, N., Cao, J., & Gray, J. (2022). Adapting a sexual health and alcohol intervention for young adults and community dissemination. Texas Conference on Health Disparities, Fort Worth, TX.
- *Gray, J., **Johnson, K.C.**, & Griner, S.B. (2022). How does alcohol affect sexual behavior in first year college students. Institute for Health Disparities Summer Research Internship Poster Session. Fort Worth, TX.
- Johnson, K.C.**, Kinard, A., & Griner, S.B. (2022). Prenatal providers awareness of information sources regarding syphilis screening guidelines. University of North Texas Health Science Center Research Appreciation Day, Fort Worth, TX.

Kinard, A., **Johnson, K.C.**, & Griner, S.B. (2022). Prenatal screening for sexually transmitted infections: Guideline information sources. University of North Texas Health Science Center Research Appreciation Day, Fort Worth, TX.

Johnson, K.C., Kinard, A., Akpan, I., Thompson, E.L., & Griner, S.B. (2022). Patient characteristics and guidelines physicians consider for prenatal syphilis screening. Texas Public Health Association Annual Meeting.

Griner, S.B., **Johnson, K.C.**, Kinard, A., Nelsen, M., Kline, N., & Thompson, E.L. (2021). Acceptability, feasibility, and appropriateness of prenatal chlamydia screening guidelines. American Academy of Health Behavior Annual Scientific Meeting.

Johnson, K.C. (2020). Access to healthcare in light of language availability. University of Delaware Undergraduate Research Conference, University of Delaware, Newark, DE.

Johnson, K.C. (2020). A study: How honor culture, gender endorsements, and gender typicality interact. Texas National McNair Scholars Conference, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.

RESEARCH MENTORING

Undergraduate

Jessica Gray – *Institute for Health Disparities Undergraduate Summer Research Internship Program*
Sai Kaushika

Graduate

Tiffany Lemuz
Ellie Rice – *TCOM Pediatric Research Program*

GRANTS

8/1/23 – 7/31/24 **Racial Disparities in Breastfeeding Initiation in the Sexual and Gender Minority Community**; Lesbian Health Fund; Role: PI (Under Review)

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2023	Healthy Smiles Volunteer
2023- Present	Secretary, Public Health Student Government Association
2022	Annual Summit Volunteer, Health Equity Alliance
2021-2022	PhD Representative, Public Health Student Government Association
2022	Annual Summit Volunteer, Health Equity Alliance

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2023- Present	This is Public Health Student Ambassador, Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
2022-2023	Maternal and Child Health Fellow, American Public Health Association
2022	Guest Lecturer – MACH 5335 Human Sexuality, Fall 2022
2021-Present	Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer

- Journal of American College Health
 - Journal of Public Health Dentistry
 - Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- 2021-Present Student Member, American Public Health Association
2021-Present: Abstract Reviewer *MCH, SRH*
- 2021-Present Student Member, American Academy of Health Behavior

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019-2021 Ronald E. McNair Scholar, \$1,400 per year
- 2017-2021 OU National Scholarship Award, \$24,381 per year