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## EDUCATION

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- 2026 (expected) **Doctor of Philosophy, Public Health Sciences, Health Behavior Concentration**  
Department of Population and Community Health  
School of Public Health  
University of North Texas Health Science Center Fort Worth, Texas
- 2022 **Master of Public Health, Epidemiology Concentration**  
Department of Disease Prevention and Population Health  
Program in Public Health  
University of California Irvine, Irvine, California
- 2022 **Certified in Public Health**  
National Board of Public Health Examiners
- 2020 **Bachelor of Science, Public Health Sciences**  
Program in Public Health  
Susan & Henry Samueli College of Health Sciences  
University of California Irvine, Irvine, California

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2022 – Present **University of North Texas Health Science Center**  
Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Erika Thompson – Young Adults Health Behavior (YAHB)
- 2022 – Present **University of North Texas Health Science Center**  
Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Scott Walters – NIH HEAL Research Dissemination and Engagement Center
- 2022 – Present **University of North Texas Health Science Center**  
Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Scott Walters – Smart-T Alcohol Adaptive Intervention Tool
- 2022 – Present **University of North Texas Health Science Center**  
Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Erika Thompson – HPV Decision Aid Tool (MERCK)
- 2022 – Present **University of North Texas Health Science Center**  
Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Erika Thompson – NIH Texas CEAL Survey
- 2021 – 2022 **University of California Irvine**  
Research Assistant, Dr. Suellen Hopfer – Vaccine Literacy in Social Media Study
- 2020 – 2022 **University of California Irvine**  
Research Coordinator, Dr. Andrew Odegaard – Diabetes and Chronic Illness Research Lab
- 2017 – 2020 **University of California Irvine**  
Student Researcher, Dr. Pavan Kadandale – Biology Education Research Lab

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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1. Lunningham, J. M., Akpan I. N., Taskin, T., **Alkhatib, S.**, Vishwanatha, J. K., Thompson, E. L., (2023, April). *Demographic and Psychosocial Correlates of COVID-19 Vaccination Status among a Statewide Sample in Texas*. *Vaccines*. 11(4):848. <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines11040848>.
2. Beheshtian, C., Garcia, V., Ng, T., **Alkhatib, S.**, Quang, E., Cho, K., Nguyen, T., Le, D., Kadandale, P. (2023, March). *Does exposure to research experiences have different learning outcomes than prior exposure to lab techniques in non-*

research settings? Wiley Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Education. 51(2):180-188.  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/bmb.21707>.

3. Hopfer, S., Phillips, K., Weinzierl, M., Vasquez, H. E., **Alkhatib, S.**, Harabagiu, S. M. (2022, July). *Adaptation of a National Cancer Institute evidence-based HPV vaccine cancer control program (EBCCP) to the social media message environment*. *Frontiers in Digital Health*, 4. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fdgh.2022.819228>.

#### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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1. Lunningham, J. M., Akpan I. N., **Alkhatib, S.**, Taskin, T., Desai, P., Vishwanatha, J. K., Thompson, E. L., (2023, August). *COVID-19 Clinical Trial Participation and Interest in Texas*. *Human Vaccines and Immunotherapeutics*.

#### MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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1. Thompson, E. L., Griner, S. B., Grace, J., Maynard, G., Akpan, I., Johnson, K., Webb, N., **Alkhatib, S.**, Kline, N. *Online recruitment of qualitative study participants: Lessons learned*.
2. Wheldon, C. W., Grace, J., Akpan, I., Taskin, T., **Alkhatib, S.**, Daley, E. M., Zimet, G. D., Thompson, E. L. *Development and usability evaluation of a decision aid for HPV vaccination among adults ages 27-45 years old in the United States*.
3. Thompson, E. L., Akpan, I., Taskin, T., **Alkhatib, S.**, Grace, J., Daley, E. M., Zimet, G. D., Wheldon, C. W. *Provider and Stakeholder Perspectives on Implementing HPV Vaccination Guidelines into Practice*.
4. Thompson, E. L., Taskin, T., **Alkhatib, S.**, Grace, J., Akpan, I., Daley, E. M., Zimet, G. D., Wheldon, C. W. *RCT of patient decision tool*.
5. Wheldon, C. W., **Alkhatib, S.**, Grace, J., Akpan, I., Taskin, T., Daley, E. M., Zimet, G. D., Thompson, E. L. *Provider acceptability & feasibility of using patient decision tool*.
6. Taskin, T., **Alkhatib, S.**, Akpan, I., Thompson, E. L. *Impact of predisposing, enabling and need-based factors on HPV vaccination among Hispanic emerging adult Women in the US: Andersen's Health Care Utilization Model*.

#### CONFERENCE POSTERS & PRESENTATIONS

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1. Akpan, I. N., Lunningham, J. M., **Alkhatib, S. A.**, Taskin, T., Vishwanatha, J. K., & Thompson E. L. (2023, November 12-15). *Exploring COVID-19 vaccine and treatment clinical trial awareness and participation: A cross-sectional study*. Poster presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Atlanta, Georgia, USA.
2. Lunningham, J. M., **Alkhatib, S. A.**, Akpan, I. N., Taskin, T., Vishwanatha, J. K., & Thompson, E. L. (2023, November). *Identifying common factors of COVID-19 information sources and their association with COVID-19 vaccination in Texas*. Oral Presentation at the American Public Health Association 2023 Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA, USA.
3. **Alkhatib, S. A.**, Lunningham, J., Akpan, I. N., Taskin, T., Vishwanatha, J. K., & Thompson, E. L. (2023, November). *Does Vaccine Confidence Mediate the Relationship Between Trusted News Sources and COVID-19 Vaccination?* American Public Health Association 2023 Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA, USA. (Submitted).
4. **Alkhatib, S. A.**, Lunningham, J., Akpan, I. N., Taskin, T., Vishwanatha, J. K., & Thompson, E. L. (2023, March). *Trusted News Sources and Confidence in the Safety of COVID-19 Vaccination*. Oral Presentation at the American Academy of Health Behavior 2023 Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, USA.
5. **Alkhatib, S.**, Odegaard, A., Shedd, K. (2022, June). *Adaptation of a National Diabetes Prevention Program at the University of California Irvine*. Poster presentation at the Master's in Public Health Practicum Research Symposium. Irvine, CA, USA.
6. Loeb, T., Gholami, M., Ramm, K., **Alkhatib, S.**, Shedd, K., Soetenga, S., Jackson, N., Duru, O., Mangione, C., Hamilton, A., Moin, T. (2022, April). *The Impact of COVID-19 on the RE-AIM Dimensions of the University of California Diabetes Prevention Program Initiative*. Poster Presentation at the Society for Implementation Research Collaboration Conference 2022. San Diego, CA, USA.

7. Loeb, T., Gholami, M., Ramm, K., **Alkhatib, S.**, Shedd, K., Soetenga, S., Jackson, N., Duru, O., Mangione, C., Hamilton, A., Moin, T. (2022, April). *Facilitators and Barriers to Implementing the Diabetes Prevention Program Across the UC System*. Poster Presentation at the Society for Implementation Research Collaboration Conference 2022. San Diego, CA, USA.
8. Beheshtian, C., Garcia, V., Ng, T., **Alkhatib, S.**, Quang, E., Cho, K., Nguyen, T., Le, D., Kadandale, P. (2020). *Does exposure to research experiences have different learning outcomes than prior exposure to lab techniques in non-research settings?* Poster Presentation at the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Research Symposium. Irvine, CA, USA.

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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| 2022 | <b>Outstanding Service in Public Health Award Recipient</b><br>University of California Irvine                           |
| 2020 | <b>Dean's Honor's List</b><br>University of California Irvine  |
| 2019 | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Place Overall Poster Award, Undergraduate Research Symposium</b><br>University of California Irvine    |
| 2019 | <b>Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) Symposium Fellowship Award</b><br>University of California Irvine |

## **TEACHING ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE**

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| 2021 | <b>PH138: Tobacco Control Policy</b><br>University of California Irvine<br>Dr. David S. Timberlake |
| 2021 | <b>PH90: Natural Disasters</b><br>University of California Irvine<br>Dr. Lisa Grant Ludwig         |
| 2020 | <b>PH1: Fundamentals of Public Health</b><br>University of California Irvine<br>Dr. Dustin Moore   |
| 2020 | <b>PH102: Social Epidemiology</b><br>University of California Irvine<br>Dr. Kristine Molina        |

## **MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE**

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| 2022 | <b>A'shawna Baptiste</b><br>University of North Texas Health Science Center<br>Outcomes: Poster Presentation |
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## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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| 2022 – Present | <b>Public Health Student Government Association</b><br>University of North Texas Health Science Center |
| 2020 – Present | <b>American Public Health Association</b>  |
| 2020 – 2021    | <b>Graduate Public Health Association</b><br>University of California Irvine                           |
| 2019 – 2020    | <b>American Heart Association</b>  |
| 2016 – 2020    | <b>Public Health Association</b><br>University of California Irvine                                    |

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

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- 2022      **Mental Health First Aid USA Certification**  
National Council for Mental Wellbeing
- 2021      **Lifestyle Coach Certification for Type 2 Diabetes Prevention Program**  
Temple University
- 2020      **Health Equity and Diversity Certification**  
University of California Irvine, Health Affairs Office of Education
- 2020      **Mentoring Excellence Certification**  
University of California Irvine, Graduate Division
- 2019      **Management Beyond the Classroom Certification**  
University of California Irvine, Graduate Division

## **PROGRAMS & TOOLS**

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Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Creative Suite, Salesforce, Looker, Canva, Slack, MailChimp, Figma, SAS, R-Script, MaxQDA