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Home Town: Orange, CA

B.A.: UC Irvine

PhD: UC Merced

Post Doc: UCSF

Joined UC Merced: 2021

NCPC DIRECTOR & CO-INVESTIGATOR

Current Research Focus:

- Substance use interventions for marginalized communities
- Culturally tailored smoking cessation programs
- Addressing health disparities
- Community-engaged prevention and health communications

Past Research Topics:

- Self-regulation frameworks in health behavior
- Cancer/tobacco control among people experiencing homelessness
- HIV prevention among sexual minority young men

Teaching Responsibilities:

Undergrad Courses: *Global Health, Research Methods: Health Services Research and Public Health, Internships in the Community*

Recent Success:

- TRDRP Renewal: The renewal of the NCPC reflects our ongoing leadership in advancing research and policy interventions that reduce tobacco-related harm in California's San Joaquin Valley & local foothills.
- NIDA R34 Grant: This will support the development of an innovative community-engaged intervention aimed at reducing smoking among LGBTQ+ groups in high-stigma environments.

Health Equity, Tobacco Control, Community-Engaged Scholarship

Areas of expertise:

- Health equity and social justice
- mHealth interventions
- LGBTQ+ and Latine/x health advocacy
- Cancer/tobacco control among marginalized populations

Current Grad Students: 1

Community Affiliations:

- Out with Big Tobacco: Central Valley
- CalPride
- California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus
- LGBTQ+ Advisory Panel

