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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Tulane University School of Social Work (2020-present)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (2020)

University of California, Berkeley, School of Social Welfare

Dissertation Title: Bringing Health to Life: An Institutional Ethnography of the Social Determinants of Health Framework in a Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health Setting

M.S.W. (2016)

University of California, Berkeley, School of Social Welfare

Concentration: Direct Practice in Health

Post-Baccalaureate Studies (2010-2013)

University of Pennsylvania, College of Arts and Sciences

Concentration: Health & Societies, Urban Studies

B.A., cum laude, English Literature (2010)

Temple University, College of Arts and Sciences

GRANTS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

University of California Dissertation-Year Fellowship (\$27,000)

University of California Office of the President, 2019-2020

Jane B. Aron Health Policy Fellowship (\$17,900)

National Association of Social Workers, 2018-2019

Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$18,200)

University of California, Berkeley, 2018-2019

Graduate Division Summer Research Grant (\$1,000)

University of California, Berkeley, 2018

Myrtle Lytle Fellowship (\$1,200)

University of California, Berkeley, 2017

Human Rights Center Fellow (\$5,000)

University of California, Human Rights Center, 2016

Graduate Division Summer Research Grant (\$4,000)

University of California, Berkeley, 2015

Innovative Research Award

Seattle Implementation Research Conference, 2013

PUBLICATIONS (selected)

Gómez, A.M., **Downey, M.M.**, Carpenter, E., Leedham U., Begun, S., Craddock, J., Ely, G.E. (2020). "Advancing Reproductive Justice to Close the Health Gap: A Call to Action for Social Work." *Social Work*. doi: [10.1093/sw/swaa034](https://doi.org/10.1093/sw/swaa034)

Arteaga, S., **Downey, M.M.**, Freihart, B., Gómez, A.M. (2020). "'We Kind of Met In-Between': A Qualitative Analysis of Young Couples' Relationship Dynamics and Negotiations about Pregnancy Intentions." *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, 52(2), 87-95. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1363/psrh.12136>

Downey, M.M., Neff, J., Dubé, K. (2020). "Don't "Just Call the Social Worker": Training in Structural Competency to Enhance Collaboration between Healthcare Social Work and Medicine." *The Journal of Sociology and Social Work: Special Issue on Structural Competency*, 46(4), <https://scholarworks.wmich.edu/jssw/vol46/iss4/6>

Downey, M.M., Gómez, A.M. (2018). "Beyond Immutable Barriers: Structural Competency and Reproductive Health." *American Medical Association Journal of Ethics*, 20(3), 211-223. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1001/journalofethics.2018.20.3.peer1-1803> *selected for American Medical Association Continuing Medical Education curriculum

Downey, M.M., Arteaga, S., Villasenor, E., Gómez, A.M. (2017). "More Than a Destination: Contraceptive Decision-Making as a Journey." *Women's Health Issues*, 27(5), 539-545. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.whi.2017.03.004>

Shapiro, V.B., Hudson, K.D., & **Downey, M.M.** (2017). "Institutional Expectations, Opportunities, and Interest in the Professoriate: A Mixed-Methods Examination of Satisfaction Among Doctoral Students in Social Work". *Journal of Social Work Education*, 55(3), 520-534. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/10437797.2016.1275897>

Beidas, R.S., Edmunds, J., Cannuscio, C., Gallagher, M., **Downey, M.M.**, & Kendall, P. (2012). "Therapists' Perspectives on the Effective Elements of Consultation Following Training." *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*, 40(6), 507-517. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10488-013-0475-7>

Under Review and In Preparation:

Downey, M.M. "The Social Determinants of Health as Interprofessional Collaboration: Lessons from an Institutional Ethnography." In preparation for *Social Service Review*.

Downey, M.M. "Who, When, and Why a Family: Discourses of 'The Family' in Social Services for Reproductive, Maternal, and Child Health. In preparation for *Social Science and Medicine*.

Downey, M.M. "Against Apathy: Structural Competency and the Social Determinants of Health." In preparation for *Critical Public Health*.

Downey, M.M., Bennett, A., Arteaga, S. Marshall, C.J., Stern, L., Gómez, A.M. "Family Planning." Under review for S. Verbiest and R. Kirby (Eds.), *Maternal and Child Health: Programs, Problems, and Policy in Public Health*, Fourth Edition. Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett Publishers.

Jacobs, L. Kim, M., Whitfield, D., Gartner, R., Panichelli, M., Kattari, S., **Downey, M.M.**, McQueen, S., Mountz, S. (under review). "Defund the Police: Moving Towards an Anti-Carceral Social Work." *Journal of Progressive Human Services*.

PRESENTATIONS (selected)

Downey, M.M. (forthcoming, 2020, October). "Structural Competency, Reproductive Health, and Naturalizing Inequality." To be presented: The Structural Competency Working Group, Berkeley, CA.

Downey, M.M. (2020, January). "Bringing Reproductive, Maternal, and Child Health to Life: Provider Perspectives on the Social Determinants of Health Framework in R/MCH Settings." Presented: Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Gomez, A.M., Adams, J., Dreyfus-Pai, P., **Downey, M.M.** (2018). "Reproductive Freedom in the Age of Trump: Reproductive Freedom in Action." Presented: University of California, Berkeley, School of Social Welfare 75th Anniversary Conference, Berkeley, CA.

Downey, M.M. (2016). "Family Planning for Youth and Emerging Adults: A Discourse Analysis in Social Work Research." Presented: Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Downey, M.M. and Gómez, A.M. (2016). "Iterative, Reflective, Intersectional: Implications for Integrating Qualitative Data into Contraceptive Counseling Protocols." Presented: International Conference of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Downey, M.M. & Beidas, R.S. (2013). "Doula to Fill the Gap: A Proposed Model of Doula Delivery of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Maternal Anxiety and Depression." Presented Seattle Implementation Research Conference, Seattle, Washington.

**Awarded: SIRC Innovative Research Award*

Downey, M.M., Beidas, R.S., Edmunds, J., & Kendall, P. (2012). "The Interaction between Individual-Level and Organizational-Level Barriers on Dissemination of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Child Anxiety." Presented: 5th Annual National Institute of Mental Health Dissemination & Implementation Conference, Bethesda, Maryland

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Health Inequity & Health Policy
- Reproductive Health & Justice
- Political Economy of Health & Healthcare
- Professionalization of Care Work
- Knowledge Production in the Helping Professions
- Community Health Interventions

TEACHING INTERESTS

- Health Policy
- Human Behavior & the Social Environment
- Public Health & Social Welfare
- Community Organizing: Theory & Practice
- Qualitative Research Methods
- History & Philosophy of Social Welfare & Public Health

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student in Residence

University of California, Berkeley
Institute for the Study of Societal Issues
2017-2019

Research Assistant

University of California, Berkeley
Sexual Health and Reproductive Equity Program
School of Social Welfare
Barriers to Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive (LARC) Removal
2017

Graduate Student Researcher

University of California, Berkeley
School of Social Welfare, MSW Program
Historical, Philosophical, and Intellectual Foundations of Social Work
2015

Graduate Student Researcher

University of California, Berkeley
California Social Work Education Center
Work Experiences of Child Welfare Workers Two Years Post-MSW Graduation
2014-2016

Research Specialist

University of Pennsylvania
Center for Mental Health
Perelman School of Medicine
2010-2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor

Tulane University School of Social Work
Fall 2020 | Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (SOWK 7211)

Adjunct Faculty

California State University, East Bay; Department of Social Work (graduate level)
Fall 2019-Spring 2020 | Community-Based Research in Social Work Practice (SW 689)
Spring 2019 | Introduction to Social Welfare Policy (SW 602)

Instructor

University of California, Berkeley, School of Social Welfare (undergraduate level)

Summer 2018 | Social Welfare Policy (SW 112)

Graduate Student Instructor

University of California, Berkeley; School of Public Health (graduate level)

Fall 2017 | Theories of Health and Social Behavior (PB HLTH 203A)

University of California, Berkeley, Department of Sociology (undergraduate level)

Spring 2017 | Politics and Social Change (SOC 140)

University of California, Berkeley, Department of Ethnic Studies (undergraduate level)

Fall 2016 | Field Studies in Labor and Community Organizing (ES 197)

SOCIAL WELFARE PRACTICE

Research Consultant, Program Development, Evaluation

Homeless Prenatal Program, 2016-2020

Wellness Team Social Work Intern

Homeless Prenatal Program, 2014-2015

Medical Social Work Intern

California Pacific Medical Center, St. Luke's Hospital, 2013-2014

Birth Doula & Community Organizer

Philadelphia Alliance for Labor Support, 2011-2013

Abortion Doula

Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania, 2011-2013

SERVICE

Consultant and Community Organizer

California Schools and Communities First Coalition
2020

Social Movements + Innovations Lab Member

The New School University
2019-2020

Berkeley Unit Chair & Bargaining Team Member

University of California Academic Student Employees Labor Union; UAW Local 2865
2015-2018

Co-Founder & Co-Facilitator

Privilege, Racism, and Oppression (PRO) Dialogue Series

University of California, Berkeley, School of Social Welfare
2013-2015

Doctoral Student Representative

Curriculum Committee

University of California, Berkeley, School of Social Welfare
2015-2016

Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer:

Social Science and Medicine

Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters

Women's Health Issues

AFFILIATIONS

New Orleans Maternal Health Coalition

Tulane University Reproductive Justice Faculty Working Group

National Association of Social Workers

Society on Social Work and Research

Council on Social Work Education