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## **EDUCATION**

*University of Kentucky*, Lexington, Kentucky      2008-2010  
MPH in Health Behavior and Epidemiology, *Expected 2010*

*Transylvania University*, Lexington, Kentucky      2003-2007  
B.A. in Biology with honors, cum laude, minor in Psychology

*Macquarie University*, Sydney, Australia      2005  
Study Abroad, semester coursework in Biology

## **AWARDS and HONORS**

Ruchman Biology Award (Transylvania University Natural Sciences Division), 2007  
Morrison Scholar (Transylvania University), 2003-2007  
Robert C. Byrd Scholar (Georgia Department of Education), 2003-2007

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

### *Principal Investigator*

University of Kentucky College of Public Health, Department of Health Behavior  
October 2006-Present

- Influences on HPV Vaccine Acceptance among Filipino Women: Developed HPV vaccine acceptance protocols for use in the Philippines, served as liaison between researchers at the University of Kentucky and medical personnel in the Philippines, consulted Philippine public health officials in the development of a culturally appropriate protocol, identified and secured potential venues for participant recruitment...

### *Graduate Research Assistant (PI: Lisa A. Ruble)*

University of Kentucky College of Education and Counseling Psychology  
August 2008-May 2009

- Autism & Vaccine Acceptance: A Parental Perspective: project director, conduct literature reviews, design and administer surveys, collect, enter, and analyze data using SPSS
- Association of Insurance Type and Cost, Use, Accessibility, and Outcomes of Services for Children with ASD: conduct literature review, secondary analysis of data using SPSS, prepare manuscript for publication

*Research Assistant* (PI: Richard A. Crosby)

University of Kentucky College of Public Health, Department of Health Behavior

April 2006-Present

- Correlates of Intent to be Vaccinated Against HPV: An Exploratory Study of College-Aged Males: Reviewed current research on HPV and on factors that may increase infection risk, designed a survey to identify relationships between men's beliefs and sexual behaviors and their willingness to be vaccinated against HPV, applied for and received IRB approval for the survey and for modifications to an original HPV vaccine project designed by my supervisor, scheduled and managed administration of nearly 300 surveys in one week while strictly maintaining participant confidentiality, performed all data entry
- A Brief, Clinic-Based, HIV Prevention Program for African American Teen Males: Complete applications for ethical review across three institutions, prepare application for Certificate of Confidentiality

*Research Coordinator* (PI: Lisa A. Ruble)

University of Kentucky College of Education and Counseling Psychology

August 2007-August 2008

- Complete applications for ethical review, assist in preparing grant applications, preparation of budget for grant application, recruit participants, schedule evaluations, prepare evaluation reports for participants, manage research team's data collection and data entry, maintain financial records, and coordinate purchasing, reimbursement, and payment of contracts

*Research Assistant* (Director: Bill Yarber)

Rural Center for AIDS/STD Prevention (RCAP)

October 2008-Present

- A web-based tool for developing HIV prevention materials for rural communities: Designing a website service for health directors and prevention specialists that allows convenient and instant design of targeted HIV prevention materials

*Research Assistant* (PI: John F. Wilson)

University of Kentucky College of Medicine, Department of Behavioral Science

February 2006-April 2006

- Conducted literature reviews for the development of new research projects in the areas of extreme physiological response to stress and olfactory conditioning
- Completed CITI certification in the protection of human research subjects

*Student Researcher* (Director: Peggy S. Palombi)

Kentucky Biomedical Research Undergraduate Training

Summer 2004

- Developed proficiency in experimental design, conducted independent and collaborative research, analyzed experimental methods and results, maintained detailed records of procedures and results
- Trained in the techniques of DNA extraction and purification, PCR, electrophoresis of proteins and DNA, differential centrifugation and protein content assay using fresh tissue, basic histology, restriction mapping, genetic transformation, and cell culture

### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

*Community Service Chairperson*, University of Kentucky Student Public Health Association

January 2009-Present

- Organizing community service activities for student body of UK College of Public Health

*Volunteer*, University of Kentucky Shoulder-to-Shoulder Organization (Ecuador)

May 2009

- Assist with patient intake in health clinics in urban, rural, and native communities of Ecuador

*Member*, Transylvania University Sexual Harassment and Assault Resource Committee

November 2005-May 2007

- Received training to assist victims of sexual harassment and assault
- Organized sexual violence awareness programs for incoming students, lobbied on behalf of students for improved campus safety, helped organize and advertise self-defense classes, skits, and speakers

*Community Service Chairperson*, Transylvania University Student Athlete Advisory Committee

Fall 2004-May 2007

- Served as liaison between varsity athletic teams and the university community service coordinator, organized community service activities for Transylvania athletic teams

*Volunteer*, Tsunami Volunteer Center (Khao Lak, Thailand)

July 2005

- Assisted with community restoration in tsunami-devastated areas under supervision of Thai led organization

*Volunteer*, Alternative Spring Break—Hurricane Katrina, Ocean Springs, MS

March 2006

- Completed and delivered orders at local distribution center, assisted in restoration of hurricane-damaged home

*Volunteer*, University of Kentucky Hospital Pediatric Clinic  
January 2004 – January 2005

- Completed HIPAA certification
- Served as a nurse assistant, performed general patient intake, including taking and recording patient vitals, collected samples for urinalysis and conducted vision and hearing tests
- Communicated with patients and guardians, directed questions to the overseeing physicians

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

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| Member, <i>Kentucky Public Health Association</i>                   | October 2008-Present |
| Member, <i>Physicians for Human Rights</i>                          | January 2009-Present |
| Member, <i>Omicron Delta Kappa (Honorary Leadership Fraternity)</i> | Fall 2006-Present    |
| Member, <i>Psi Chi (Honorary Psychology Fraternity)</i>             | Spring 2007-Present  |
| Member, <i>International Society for Autism Research</i>            | Fall 2008 – Present  |

## **LEADERSHIP & TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Athlete*, Transylvania University Varsity Basketball & Tennis Teams      Fall 2003-May 2007

- Tennis Captain (2006) Basketball Captain (2006/07)
- Developed strong communication and leadership skills
- Strengthened work-ethic, self-discipline, team-work, and time-management skills

*Tutor*, Transylvania University Natural Sciences Division      Fall 2004-May 2007

- Tutored fellow undergraduate students in general chemistry and in lower- and upper-level biology classes teaching

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Crosby R, Benitez J, and **Young A**. Correlates of Intent to be Vaccinated Against HPV: An Exploratory Study of Rural and Urban Young Males. *Health Education Monograph Series*. 25(2); 2008: 18-20.

**Young A**, Ruble L, and McGrew J. Association of Insurance Type and Cost, Use, Accessibility, and Outcomes of Services for Children with ASD. (In preparation)

Crosby RA, Moore GR, **Young A**. Low Rates of Free Human Papillomavirus Vaccine Uptake Among College Women. (In preparation)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**Young A, Ruble LA.** Vaccines & Autism: A Parental Perspective. Poster presentation at the International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR). May 2009. (Chicago, IL)

**Young A, Ruble LA, McGrew JH.** Association of Insurance Type and Cost, Use, Accessibility, and Outcomes of Services for Children with ASD. Poster presentation at the International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR). May 2009. (Chicago, IL)

Crosby RA, Moore GR, **Young A.** Low Rates of Free Human Papillomavirus Vaccine Uptake Among College Women. Oral presentation at the Rural Center for AIDS/STD Prevention (RCAP) Conference. April 2009. (Bloomington, IN)

**Young A, Webb E, Crosby RA, Noar S.** A Web-based Tool for Developing HIV Prevention Materials for Rural Communities. Oral presentation at the Rural Center for AIDS/STD Prevention (RCAP) Conference. April 2009. (Bloomington, IN)

**Young A, Webb E, Crosby RA, Noar S.** A Web-based Tool for Developing HIV Prevention Materials for Rural Communities. Oral presentation at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. August 2009. (Atlanta, GA)

**Young A, Crosby RA, Stein K.** HPV Vaccine Panel. Transylvania University. March 2007. (Lexington, KY)