

## Ashby Walker

### Curriculum Vitae

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**Current Position:** *Assistant Professor, Department of Health Services Research Management and Policy, University of Florida; Director of Health Equity Initiatives, University of Florida Diabetes Institute*

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### Education

Ph.D., Sociology, Emory University	2007
M.A., Sociology, University of North Carolina at Greensboro	2000
B.A., Sociology, Emory University	1997

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### Teaching Expertise

Medical Sociology  
Vulnerable Populations and Health  
Research Methods  
Social Stratification  
Adolescent Health

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### Research Expertise

Health Disparities in Diabetes  
Type 1 Diabetes and Technology Use  
Peer-Mentoring & Community Health Workers  
Extension for Community Health Outcomes [ECHO]<sup>™</sup>  
FQHC Community Partnerships

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### Faculty Positions and Appointments

August 2006	Assistant Professor, Mars Hill University, Department of Sociology
August 2010-July 2014	Associate Professor (tenured), Mars Hill University, Department of Sociology; Promoted to Department Chair in 2010 and to Division Chair of Social Sciences in 2012
August 2014-July 2017	Assistant Research Professor, University of Florida, Department of Health Outcomes and Policy and the Institute for Child Health Policy; Director for Graduate Education from 2016-2017
August 2017-	Director for Health Equity Initiatives, University of Florida Diabetes Institute; Department of Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine

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April 2018 - Assistant Professor, University of Florida; Department of Health Services Research, Management, and Policy

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### **Elected Professional Positions:**

January 2020-2022	Chronic Diseases & Conditions Priority Area Workgroup (PAW) of the Florida State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP)
January 2018-2022	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scientific Review Committee
January 2017-	American Diabetes Association National Health Disparities Committee: <i>Serving as Chair starting January 1 2023</i>
January 2016-2018	Type 1 Exchange National Racial Disparities Working Group
November 2017-2019	North Florida American Diabetes Association Board

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### **Honors and Awards**

Diversity Champion, UF Graduate School	2021
People to Know, Diabetes Forecast Magazine	2019
Snow Award, Mars Hill University	2013
Senior Class Faculty Teaching Award, Mars Hill University	2012
SGA Teaching Award, Mars Hill University	2010
Senior Class Faculty Teaching Award, Mars Hill University	2009
MARIAL Research Fellow <i>Myth and Ritual in American Life Center, funded by the Sloan Foundation</i>	2005-2006
Graduate Student Teaching Award, Emory University	2005
Alex McIntosh Paper Award for Excellence in Research	2004
Emory Online Teaching with Technology Fellowship	2003

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### **Publications**

Figg L, Addala A, **Walker AF**, et al. The Promising Success of Project Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO) Diabetes: Case Series. *JMIR Diabetes*. 2023;8:e46050. Published 2023 Aug 3. doi:10.2196/46050

**Walker AF**, Graham S, Maple-Brown L, et al. Interventions to address global inequity in diabetes: international progress. *Lancet*. 2023;402(10397):250-264. doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(23)00914-5

Bruggeman BS, **Walker AF**, Peters AL, D'Avolio LW, Haller MJ. Blue Circle Health: A Novel Patient-Centered Model of Health Care Delivery for Low-Income Patients With Type 1

Diabetes. *J Diabetes Sci Technol.* 2023;17(4):925-934.  
doi:10.1177/19322968221149008

Lewit, E.M., Figg, L.E., Addala, A. Maahs, D. M., Haller, M.J., Herndon J., **Walker A.F.** Project ECHO Diabetes Cost Modeling to Support the Replication and Expansion of Tele-mentoring Programs in Non-research Settings. *Diabetes Ther* (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13300-022-01364-3>

Addala, A., Filipp, S. L., Figg, L. E., Anez-Zabala, C., Lal, R. A., Gurka, M. J., Haller, M. J., Maahs, D. M., **Walker, A. F.**, & Project ECHO Diabetes Research Team (2022). Tele-education model for primary care providers to advance diabetes equity: Findings from Project ECHO Diabetes. *Frontiers in Endocrinology*, 13, 1066521.  
<https://doi.org/10.3389/fendo.2022.1066521>

Zori, G., **Walker, A.F.**, King, L. et al. The Impact of State Policy on Adverse Teen Sexual Health Outcomes in the United States: A Scoping Review. *Sex Res Soc Policy* 20, 160–176 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13178-022-00770-3>

Maizel JL, Dixon BN, **Walker AF.** Psychological Outcomes of the COVID-19 Pandemic on People with Type 1 Diabetes Globally: A Scoping Review [published online ahead of print, 2022 Jun 9]. *Curr Diabetes Rev.* 2022;10.2174/1573399818666220609154132. doi:10.2174/1573399818666220609154132

Zori, GL, Collins SL, **Walker AF.** Online Sexual Health Information Seeking of Adolescents: A Content Analysis. [published online ahead of print, 2022 August]. *American Journal of Sexuality Education.*  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/citedby/10.1080/15546128.2022.2111012>

**Walker AF,** Addala A, Sheehan E, et al. Using Peer Power to Reduce Health Disparities: Implementation of a Diabetes Support Coach Program in Federally Qualified Health Centers. *Diabetes Spectr.* 2022;35(3):295-303. doi:10.2337/dsi22-0004

**Walker AF,** Cuttriss N, Haller MJ, et al. Democratizing type 1 diabetes specialty care in the primary care setting to reduce health disparities: project extension for community healthcare outcomes (ECHO) T1D. *BMJ Open Diabetes Res Care.* 2021;9(1):e002262. doi:10.1136/bmjdr-2021-002262

**Walker AF,** Hood KK, Gurka MJ, et al. Barriers to Technology Use and Endocrinology Care for Underserved Communities With Type 1 Diabetes. *Diabetes Care.* 2021;44(7):1480-1490. doi:10.2337/dc20-2753

Addala A, Auzanneau M, Miller K, Maier W, Foster N, Kapellen T, **Walker AF,** Rosenbauer J, Maahs DM, Holl RW. Data Systems and Devices - A Decade of Disparities in Diabetes Technology Use and HbA1c in Pediatric Type 1 Diabetes: A Trans-Atlantic Comparison. *Diabetes care.* 2021;44(1), 133–140.  
<https://doi.org/10.2337/dc20-0257>

**Walker AF,** Hu H, Cuttriss N, Anez-Zababla C, Yabut K, Haller MJ, Gurka MJ, et al. The Neighborhood Deprivation Index and Provider Geocoding Identify Critical Catchment Areas for Diabetes Outreach. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2020;105(9):dgaa462.

doi:10.1210/clinem/dgaa462

- Agarwal S, Kanapka LG, Raymond JK, **Walker AF**, Gerard-Gonzalez A, Kruger D, Redondo MJ, Rickels MR, Shah VN, Butler A, Gonzalez J, Verdejo AS, Gal RL, Willi S, Long JA. Racial-Ethnic Inequity in Young Adults With Type 1 Diabetes. *J Clin Endocrinol Metab.* 2020;105(8):dgaa236. doi:10.1210/clinem/dgaa236
- Cuttriss N, Bouchonville MF, Maahs DM, **Walker AF**. Tele-rounds and Case-Based Training: Project ECHO Telementoring Model Applied to Complex Diabetes Care. *Pediatr Clin North Am.* 2020;67(4):759-772. doi:10.1016/j.pcl.2020.04.017
- Lal RA, Cuttriss N, Haller MJ, Yabut K, Anez-Zabala C, Hood KK, Sheehan E, Basina M, Bernier A, Baer LG, Filipp SL, Wang CJ, Town MA, Gurka MJ, Maahs DM, **Walker AF**. Primary Care Providers in California and Florida Report Low Confidence in Providing Type 1 Diabetes Care. *Clinical Diabetes.* 2020: 38(2), 159–165. <https://doi.org/10.2337/cd19-0060>
- Walker AF**, Haller MJ, Gurka MJ, Morris HL, Bruggeman B, Miller K, Foster N, Anez Zabala C, Schatz DA. Addressing health disparities in type 1 diabetes through peer mentorship. *Pediatr Diabetes.* 2020;21:120–127. doi: 10.1111/pedi.12935
- Walker AF**, Atkinson MA, Lee AM, Aulisio G, Brusko TM, Haller MF, Schatz DA. Teaching type 1 diabetes: creating stakeholder engagement in biomedical careers through undergraduate research curriculum. *Med Sci Educ.* 2019. doi:10.1007/s40670-019-00877-0
- Walker AF**, Hall J, Shenkman EA, Morris HL, Haller MJ, Rohrs HJ, Salazar K, Schatz DA. Geographic access to pediatric endocrinologists for Florida's publicly insured children with diabetes. *Am J Manag Care EBDM.* 2018; 24(4): 103, 106-109.
- Walker AF**, Johnson C, Rohrs HJ, Schatz DA, Salazar K. Socioeconomic status and the domestic allocation of Type 1 diabetes care. *PLAID.* 2017; 3(1): 16-26.
- Walker AF**, Schatz DA, Johnson C, Silverstein JH, Lyles S, Rohrs HJ. Type 1 diabetes through two lenses: comparing adolescent and parental perspectives with photovoice. *Int J of Pediatr Endocrinol.* 2016;1(20):1-10.
- Walker AF**, Schatz DA, Johnson C, Silverstein JH, Rohrs HJ. Disparities in social support systems for youths with type 1 diabetes. *Clin Diabetes.* 2015;33(2):62-69.
- Walker AF**, Johnson C, Schatz DA, Silverstein JH, Lyles S, Rohrs HJ. Using photography as a method to explore adolescent challenges and resilience in type 1 diabetes. *Diabetes Spectr.* 2015;28(2):92-98.
- Walker AF**, Johnson C, Schatz DA, Silverstein JH, Rohrs HJ. Puppy love, adolescence, and chronic illness: the importance of pets for youth with type 1 diabetes. *J Patient Exp.* 2015;1(2):21-24.
- Walker AF**, Schatz DA, Silverstein JH, Parker KA, Aponick AU, Rohrs HJ. Framing food and diabetes: exploring the perspectives of youth with Type 1 diabetes through photography. *J Infant, Child, and Adolesc Nutr.* 2013;5(6):347-355.

**Walker AF.** In The Absence of Food: A Case of Rhythmic Loss and Spoiled Identity for Patients with PEG Feeding Tubes. *Food Cult Soc.* 2005;8(2):161-180.

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#### **Invited Commentaries (Published)**

**Walker AF.** 2021. Invited commentary in response to 2021 *Diabetes Care* article “Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Comorbidities in Youth With Type 2 Diabetes in the Pediatric Diabetes Consortium (PDC).” Published in Elsevier’s free-access educational website for Diabetes, [www.practiceupdate.com](http://www.practiceupdate.com).

**Walker AF.** 2022. Invited commentary in response to 2022 *Diabetes Technology & Therapies* “Specialized Technology Education for Pumps and Pens in Underserved Populations with Diabetes.” Published in Elsevier’s free-access educational website for Diabetes, [www.practiceupdate.com](http://www.practiceupdate.com).

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#### **Presentations and Published Abstracts as Lead or Senior Author**

**Walker, AF.** American Diabetes Association Scientific Sessions. June 26, 2023 San Diego, CA. “Interventions to address global inequity in diabetes: international progress.” Invited Oral Presentation: Joint ADA/Lancet Symposium.

Maizel J, Haller MJ, Maahs D, Addala A, Lal RA, Filipp S, Gurka M, Westen S, Dixon B, Figg L, Hechavarria M, Malden KG, & **Walker AF.** American Diabetes Association's Scientific Sessions, San Diego, CA, June 2023. "Impacts of COVID-19 on Underserved Communities with Diabetes". Poster presentation.

Maizel J, Haller MJ, Maahs D, Addala A, Lal RA, Figg L, Hechavarria M, Malden KG, Sheehan E, Westen S, Hood K, Wong J, Dixon B, Filipp S, Gurka M, & **Walker AF.** at the American Diabetes Association's Scientific Sessions, San Diego, CA, 06/2023. "Outcomes of a Diabetes Support Coach Intervention Implemented During the COVID-19 Pandemic". Poster presentation

**Walker AF.** American Diabetes Association Scientific Sessions. June 7, 2022 New Orleans, LA. "Disseminated Models of Virtual Diabetes Care". Invited Oral Presentation.

**Walker, AF.** American Diabetes Association Scientific Sessions. June 26, 2021 [virtual]. “Systemic Racism and Disparities in Pediatric Diabetes Management: ECHO Diabetes—Delivering Care to the Underserved.” Invited Oral Presentation.

**Walker, AF.** American Diabetes Association Scientific Sessions. June 27, 2021 [virtual]. “Post-Pandemic Care for Patients with Diabetes in a Diverse Population.” Invited Oral Presentation.

Haller MJ & **Walker AF.** Advanced Technologies & Treatments for Diabetes (ATTD) Virtual June 5, 2021: “Using Tele-Education with the ECHO Model to Reach Primary Care Providers in Rural Areas to Improve the Level of Care for People with Diabetes. Invited Oral Presentation

Addala, A. Filipp S.L., Anez-Zabala C.A., Clark C.L., Lal R.A., Gurka M.J., Haller M.J., Maahs D.M., **Walker AF**. Advanced Technologies & Treatments for Diabetes (ATTD) Barcelona, Spain. April 27. “Utilizing Primary Care Providers to Advance Diabetes Technology Equity: Findings from ECHO T1D. Poster.

**Walker, AF**. Hu H. Wang CH. Gurka M. Haller MJ. Anez C. Cuttriss N. Yabut K. Maahs D. The Neighborhood Deprivation Index and Provider Geocoding Identify Critical Catchment Areas for Diabetes Outreach Programs. Poster presented at: American Diabetes Association Meetings; June 2019; San Francisco, CA.

**Walker, AF**. Wang CH. Sheehan E. Townson MA. Hood K. Gurka M. Bernier A. Bear L. Haller MJ. Basina M. Anez C. Cuttriss N. Filipp S. Yabut K. Lal R. Maahs D. The Paradox of Care Delivery for Type 1 Diabetes in Primary Care Settings: A Call for Interventions to Reduce Health Disparities. Poster presented at: American Diabetes Association Meetings; June 2019; San Francisco, CA.

Cutriss N. Wang CH. Sheehan E. Townson MA. Hood K. Gurka M. Bernier A. Bear L. Haller MJ. Basina M. Anez C. Yabut K. Filipp S. Lal R. Maahs D. **Walker, AF**. Leveraging the Project ECHO® model for Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) in California and Florida: Democratizing Knowledge in Underserved T1D Communities. Oral presentation at: American Diabetes Association Meetings; June 2019; San Francisco, CA.

**Walker AF**, Haller MJ, Gurka MJ, Morris HL, Anez C, Bruggeman BS, Guiffre D, Rohrs HJ, Atkinson MA, Schatz DA. Promoting Health Equity in Type 1 Diabetes through Peer Mentoring: Findings from the All for ONE Randomized Controlled Trial. Moderated Poster Discussion presented at: American Diabetes Association Meetings; June 2018; Orlando, Florida.

**Walker AF**, Johnson C, Anez C, Dorvil SR, Haller MJ, Gurka MJ, Bruggeman BS, Guiffre D, Atkinson MA, Schatz DA. A Content Analysis of Text Messages in a Type 1 Diabetes Peer Mentoring Program—The Importance of Shared Interests. Poster presented at: American Diabetes Association Meetings; June 2018; Orlando, Florida

**Walker AF**, Hall J, Shenkman B, Morris H, Haller MJ, Rohrs HJ, Salazar K, Schatz DA. Geographic Access to Pediatrics Endocrinologists for Florida’s Publicly Insured Children with Diabetes. Late breaking abstract presented at: American Diabetes Association Meetings; June 2017; San Diego, California.

**Walker AF**, Weinbrenner D, Salazar K, Shenkman B, Rohrs HJ, Schatz DA, Haller MJ. Assessing the Needs of Publicly Insured Children with Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes in Primary Care Settings. Poster presented at: American Diabetes Association Meetings; June 2017; San Diego, California.

**Walker AF**, Shenkman BA, Bell RA, Shuster J, Morris H, Haller MJ, Rohrs HJ, Schatz DA. Healthcare Utilization for Publicly Insured Children with Type 1 Diabetes in Florida and Texas. Moderated Poster Presented at: American Diabetes Association Meetings; 2016; New Orleans, Louisiana [*Associated manuscript currently under review*].

**Walker AF**, Guyer L, Morris H, Taylor S, Parker K. Who Are the “No Shows” to Diabetes Education? Challenging Assumptions about Sociodemographic Patterns and Adherence

- in Clinical Settings. Moderated Poster Presented at: American Diabetes Association Meetings; 2016; New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Walker AF**, Schatz D, Johnson C, Silverstein JH, Lyles S, Rohrs HJ. Socioeconomic Status and the Domestic Allocation of Type 1 Diabetes Care. Poster Presented at: American Diabetes Association Meetings; 2016; New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Walker AF**, Schatz D, Johnson C, Silverstein JH, Lyles S, Rohrs HJ. Type 1 Diabetes through Two Lenses: Comparing Adolescent and Parental Perspectives with Photovoice. Paper Presented at: American Diabetes Association Meetings; 2015; Boston, Massachusetts.
- Walker AF**, Schatz D, Johnson C, Silverstein JH, Rohrs HJ. Kinship versus Professional Resources: Disparities in Social Support Systems for Families with T1D. Poster Presented at: American Diabetes Association Meetings; 2014; San Francisco, California.
- Walker AF**, Schatz D, Johnson C, Silverstein JH, Rohrs, HJ. Framing Challenge and Resilience in Youth with Type 1 Diabetes: The Diabetes Photo Project. Paper Presented at: American Diabetes Association Meetings; 2013; Chicago, Illinois.
- Walker AF**, Schatz D, Silverstein JH, Rohrs, HJ. Addressing Inequality in Childhood Experiences for Youth with Type 1 Diabetes: How Access to Social Capital Improves Health Outcomes. Paper presented at: Southern Sociological Society; 2012; Atlanta, Georgia.
- Walker AF**, Schatz D, Silverstein JH, Rohrs, HJ. Increased Social Networks and Higher Socioeconomic Status Improve Metabolic Control in Type 1 Diabetes. Poster presented at: American Diabetes Association Meetings; 2012; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Walker AF**. Experts, Mothers, and Others. Paper Presented at: Southern Sociological Society; 2009; New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Walker AF**. On Selling ‘Feeding the Family’ in American Culture: Exploring the Symbolic Content of Print Advertisements for Food. Paper Presented at: Sloan Working Families colloquium series; 2006; Atlanta, Georgia.
- Walker AF**. In The Absence of Food. Paper Presented at: Association for the Study of Food and Society; 2005; Portland, Oregon.
- Walker AF**. In the Absence of Food: A Case of Rhythmic Loss and Spoiled Identity for Patients with PEG Feeding Tubes. Paper Presented at: Southern Sociological Society; 2002; Baltimore, Maryland.

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### Invited Speaking Engagements and Presentations

- Walker, AF**. Emory Rollins School of Public Health. NIH NIDDK P30 Health Equity Summit. September 21, 2022. “Using Technology to Promote Health Equity in Diabetes: Project ECHO Diabetes,

- Walker, AF.** Einstein College of Medicine (New York) GRAND ROUNDS. February 5, 2021: “Addressing Health Disparities in Diabetes”
- Walker, AF.** Stanford University (CA) National Webinar Series. July 22, 2021. “Diabetes Disparities in a Time of COVID-19” (offered live, online & on-demand).
- Walker, AF.** American Diabetes Association National Webinar Series. “COVID-19 and the Diabetes Care Team: Challenges and Opportunities to Help Vulnerable Populations.” Panel Participant.
- Walker, AF.** UF Department of Pediatrics GRAND ROUNDS. December 3, 2020: “Addressing Health Disparities in Pediatric Diabetes”
- Walker, AF.** UF Department of Endocrinology and Metabolism GRAND ROUNDS. September 9, 2020: “Project Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes Diabetes (ECHO)”
- Walker, AF.** Diabetes, ECHO Diabetes and Chronic Disease Care Management. Keynote speaker for HealthXL Global Health Summit. February 2019; Orlando, FL.
- Walker, AF.** Diabetes, Health Equity and Florida’s Future. Keynote panelist for the Bob Graham Center’s Future of Florida Summit. February 2019; Gainesville, Florida.
- Walker, AF.** A [Nonlinear] Career Trajectory in Health Equity Research: Perspectives from the Rearview Mirror. Keynote speaker for Emory University’s Distinguished Alumni “*Behind the Curtain*” series; October 2017; Emory University, Atlanta Georgia
- Walker, AF.** Promoting Health Equity for Publicly Insured Children with Diabetes in Florida. Keynote speaker for The Florida Healthy Kids Corporation’s Quality Forum Event; October 2017 at the Orlando International Airport.
- Walker, AF.** Addressing Disparate Outcomes in Pediatric Type 1 Diabetes by Socioeconomic, Race, and Ethnic Minority Status. Keynote speaker for the Florida’s Department of Health (DOH) annual meeting; November 2016; Gainesville, Florida.
- Walker, AF.** Type 1 Diabetes through Two Lenses. Faculty presenter at the Children With Diabetes (CWD) Friends For Life Conference; July 2016; Orlando, Florida.
- Walker, AF.** The Importance of Social Support Systems in Pediatric Type 1 Diabetes. Keynote speaker for the National Diabetes Educators annual conference; September 2015; Tampa, Florida.
- Walker, AF.** Socioeconomic Status and Type 1 Diabetes. Keynote speaker for the annual UF Diabetes Coalition meeting; June 2015; Gainesville, Florida.
- Walker AF.** Reframing Food in Type 1 Diabetes: Perspectives from Youth and Families. Keynote speaker for UF’s Diabetes Care Conference; January 2013; Gainesville, Florida (UF Sheraton Convention Center).
- Walker AF.** The Social Importance of Eating. Keynote speaker for City of Gainesville Life Quest program at MLK Center; June 2011; Gainesville, Florida.

**Walker AF.** The Value of Sociological Visioning. Keynote speaker for the Department of Sociology's annual honors/alumni banquet at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro; April 21, 2007; Greensboro, North Carolina.

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### **The State of Florida External Quality Review Deliverables**

Executive Report for the Florida Healthy Kids Program; 2014, 2015, 2016

Administrative Interview and Contract Standards Report for the Florida Healthy Kids Program; 2014, 2015, 2016 (Lead author)

Quality of Care Report for the Florida Healthy Kids Program; 2014, 2015, 2016

Validation of Performance Improvement Projects Report for the Florida Healthy Kids Program; 2014, 2015, 2016

Understanding Application Attrition for Florida's KidCare Programs; 2015

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### **Teaching Experience**

#### **Assistant Professor, Department of HSRMP**

Spring 2018-

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL: College of PHHP

*PHC 6405 Theoretical Foundations of Public Health*

*BMS 4905: Directed Research in Type 1 Diabetes*

*PHC 6403: Adolescent Health and Risk Taking*

*PHC 6439: Social Stratification and Health: Diabetes in the U.S.*

#### **Assistant Professor, Department of Health Outcomes and Policy**

Fall 2014-Spring 2017

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL: College of Medicine

*Directed Research for Graduate Students*

*Type 1 Diabetes Research (Undergraduate course for T1D College Students)*

#### **Associate Professor and Chair, Social Sciences**

Fall 2006-Spring 2014

Mars Hill University, Mars Hill, NC

*Medical Sociology*

*Juvenile Delinquency*

*Sociology of Food and Eating*

*Introduction to Sociology*

*Social Problems*

*Research Methods*

*Class, Status, and Power (Social Stratification)*

*Social Psychology*

*Bioethics*

#### **Instructor**

Emory University, Atlanta, GA

*The Sociology of Food and Eating*

*Individual and Society*

Fall 2004

Spring 2004

## Recent Graduate Student Mentorship [University of Florida]

### Ph.D. Students

- **Jennifer Maizel, Ph.D. M.P.H., CHES** (role: Ph.D. Chair) Dissertation: “Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Underserved Communities with Diabetes.” Graduated in May of 2023 and is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Health at Nova Southeastern University.
- **Gaia Zori, Ph.D., M.P.H., CHES** (role: Ph.D. Chair) Dissertation: “State Sex Education Policy: Examining the Association with Adolescent Sexual Health Outcomes and Behaviors.” Graduated in December 2022 and is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor in the College of Public Health and Health Professions at UF.
- **Sandhya Yadav, Ph.D., M.H.A., BDS**, (role: Ph.D. Chair) Dissertation: “Disparities in Mental Health Comorbidities, Mental Health Need and Related Care Utilization among Emerging Adults with Diabetes.” Graduated in May of 2022 and is currently a Health Economist for Hinge Health, INC.

### MPH Students (Chair):

- Shane Meagher
  - Shellayna Warman
  - Oluwadara Oyewole
  - Rae-Anne Pinckney
  - Sarah Hanson
  - Valentina Fandino
  - Isabella Alfonso
  - Marion Spencer
  - Kelly Likos
  - Zoe Muzyczka
  - Allison Phillips
  - Ashley Deshommes
  - Alejandra Salemi
  - Rae Johnson
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### Mentorship for K-Awards

- ~ Colleen Gutman, MD [UF COM]
- ~ Ananta Addala, DO, MPH [Stanford]

## Grants and External Funding

### Active Funding:

#### **Helmsley Charitable Trust**

2023-2025

Project: Understanding T1D and Insulin-Requiring Diabetes in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC): A National Needs Assessment (*Walker PI; \$1.49 Million*)

<b>Florida Department of Health, Office of Rural Health</b>	2022-2024
Project: Project ECHO Diabetes for Florida's Rural Networks ( <i>Walker PI, \$65,000</i> )	
<b>NATL INST OF HLTH NIDDK</b>	2021-2026
Project: Georgia Center for Diabetes Translation Research, Regional Core: Technologies Advancing Translation and Equity. ( <i>Emory University as Primary, Walker Site PI</i> )	
<b>NATL INST OF HLTH NIDDK</b>	2022-2027
Project: T1DTechCHW: Enhancing the Community Health Worker (CHW) Model to Promote Diabetes Technology Use in Young Adults from Underrepresented Minority Groups (YA-URMs) with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D). ( <i>Einstein COM Primary with Agarwal PI, Walker Site PI</i> )	
<b>Helmsley Charitable Trust</b>	2019-2023
Project: ECHO Diabetes Evaluation ( <i>Walker Co-Principal Investigator with Michael Haller UF &amp; David Maahs Stanford University, \$7.69 million</i> )	
<b><u>Completed Funding:</u></b>	
<b>ECHO Type 1 Diabetes</b>	2017-2019
Co-Principal Investigator (with Michael Haller) \$1,642,222: Awarded by the Helmsley Charitable Trust	
<b>Young Adult Racial Disparities in Type 1 Diabetes (YARDD)</b>	2017-2019
Site-PI (with Shivani Agarwal as PI at UPENN) \$4,700: Awarded by the JAEB Research Center	
<b>Promoting Health Equity for Youth with Type 1 Diabetes: All for ONE!</b>	2016-2017
Principal Investigator (with Desmond Schatz as co-PI) \$45,000: Awarded by the Type 1 Diabetes Exchange	
<b>Reducing Disparities in Pediatric Diabetes for Publically Insured Youth</b>	2014-2017
Principal Investigator (with Desmond Schatz as co-PI) \$10,000: Awarded by the University of Florida College of Medicine Pediatric Working Groups	
<b>External Quality Review for the Florida Healthy Kids Program (CHIP)</b>	2014-2017
Co-Investigator and Faculty with all oversight for Research (with Betsy Shenkman as PI) \$1,563,794 (two year contract): Funded by the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation	
<b>Understanding Application Attrition for Florida's KidCare Programs</b>	2015
Co-Principal Investigator (with Betsy Shenkman as PI) \$87,272: Awarded by Florida KidCare	
<b>Diabetes Social Supports and Photography Project</b>	2011-2015
Principal Investigator \$7,400: Awarded by the Faculty Enrichment and Renewal Committee of MHU	
<b>Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project</b>	2011-2013
Co-Investigator	

250,000: Awarded by the USDA

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### University Service

Teaching Excellence Committee, PHHP	2018-
Faculty Sponsor, College Diabetes Network UF Chapter	2017-
Graduate Education Committee, Health Outcomes and Policy, UF	2014-2017
Diabetes Coalition, University of Florida Diabetes Institute	2014-2018
Plans and Policy, MHU	2009-2012
Co-Chair IRB, MHU	2008-2010
QEP Steering Committee, MHU	2009-2011
Visiting Artists and Lecture Committee, MHU	2007-2010
SLAM Committee, MHU	2006-2007
Alpha Kappa Delta Undergraduate Committee, Emory University	2003-2004
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Emory University	2002-2003
Graduate Recruitment Committee, Emory University	2001-2002

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### References

Dr. Michael Haller, MD Chair of Pediatric Endocrinology, UF UF College of Medicine Gainesville, FL <a href="mailto:hallemj@peds.ufl.edu">hallemj@peds.ufl.edu</a> Cell: 352-359-1799	Dr. Jamie Pomeranz, Ph.D, Professor, Social & Behavioral Sciences College of PHHP, UF <a href="mailto:pomeranz@phhp.ufl.edu">pomeranz@phhp.ufl.edu</a> Cell: 352-494-3992
Dr. Desmond Schatz, MD Medical Director, Diabetes Center of Excellence, UF Professor and Interim Chair of Pediatrics UF College of Medicine <a href="mailto:schatz@ufl.edu">schatz@ufl.edu</a> Cell: 352-219-0230	Dr. Cathryn Johnson, Ph.D. Professor, Department of Sociology Emory University <a href="mailto:cjohns@emory.edu">cjohns@emory.edu</a> Phone: (404) 727-7520

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