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**PROFESSIONAL DATA**

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**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

PhD, 2022                      LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans, Public Health,  
Behavioral and Community Health Sciences

MPH, 2016                     Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine,  
Community Health Sciences

BS, 2010                      University of Notre Dame, Pre-Professional Studies

*Postdoctoral Training*

2022-2024                    Department of Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins  
Bloomberg School of Public Health

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

***Johns Hopkins University***

Assistant Scientist, Department of Health Policy and Management, July 2024-present

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Health Policy and Management, Bloomberg  
Overdose Prevention Initiative, July 2022 – July 2024

***Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – New Orleans***

Assistant Professor – Research (Gratis), Section of Community and Population Medicine  
September 2022 – present

Voluntary position to consult as-needed on academic products, research and  
evaluation projects, papers, and guest lectures.

Program Manager - Research and Evaluation, Center for Healthcare Value and Equity,  
Section of Community and Population Medicine, April 2019 – December 2021

Directed all human subjects research activities and substantially contributed to the design, implementation, and analysis for the Louisiana public-academic partnership responsible for evaluating the state's Medicaid policies and programs.

Project Coordinator, Section of Community and Population Medicine, May 2018 – April 2019

Led all administrative aspects (fiscal, ethical) and substantially contributed to the design, implementation, and analysis of all Section research projects

Research Associate II, Department of General Internal Medicine, Community and Patient Partnered Research Network, August 2016- May 2018

Led all administrative aspects (fiscal, ethical) and substantially contributed to the design, implementation, and analysis of all Section research projects

### ***Tulane University School of Medicine***

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Internal Medicine, Prisoner to Patient Project, April 2015 – June 2016

Provided research and administrative support for a community partnered project investigating transitional health needs for formerly incarcerated persons in Louisiana.

### ***Metropolitan Crime Commission***

Research Assistant, Research Division, August 2014 – August 2017

Completed data entry, preliminary analysis, and contributed to final reports examining arrest, judicial efficiency, and Orleans Parish jail population assessments in Southeast Louisiana.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### ***Society Membership and Leadership***

International Network on Health and Hepatitis in Substance Users, Member, 2023

Academy Health, Member, 2023-present

Delta Omega Honor Society, 2022-present

American Public Health Association, 2014 – present

University of Notre Dame Monogram Club, 2011- present

University of Notre Dame Women's Rowing Varsity Team, 2010-2014

*Participation on Advisory Panels and Boards*

Women's Incarceration Task Force, LGBTQ Committee, 2019

Student Government Association, LSUHSC-NO SPH, Vice President of Professional Development, 2018-2019

Student Representative, LSUHSC-NO SPH Research Committee, 2018-2020

**EDITORIAL AND OTHER PEER REVIEW ACTIVITIES**

*Journal Peer Review Activities*

Annals of Internal Medicine

American Journal of Preventative Medicine

Drug and Alcohol Dependence

Drug and Alcohol Dependence Reports

Health and Justice

International Journal of Drug Policy

Journal of Addiction Medicine

Journal of Drug Issues

Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment

Journal of Substance Use

Journal of Urban Health

Preventing Chronic Disease

Progress In Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action

Substance Use and Misuse

*Review of Reports, Conference Abstracts, and Other Documents*

AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, Conference Abstracts, 2021, 2023

American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Conference Abstracts, 2022

American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Conference Abstracts, HIV/AIDS Section, 2021

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Delta Omega Doctoral Award, 2022

Top-rated Abstract, Addiction Health Services Research Conference, 2021

Medical Research Day Scholarship Awardee, 2020

Big East All-Academic Award, 2011, 2012

Notre Dame Monogram Award, 2011

## PUBLICATIONS

\* indicates a mentored student or supervisee

# indicates co-first authorship

*Journal Articles – Peer reviewed and published*

1. **Sugarman OK**, \*Shah H, Whaley S, McCourt A, Saloner B, Bandara S. A content analysis of legal policy responses to xylazine in the illicit drug supply in the United States. *International Journal of Drug Policy*. 2024;129:104472. doi:[10.1016/j.drugpo.2024.104472](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2024.104472)
2. Irvin R, Landry G, Jones MR, James A, Schexnayder J, Rodriguez R, Wendell D, Barthe K, Britton E, LeSar K, Manogue S, **Sugarman OK** ... Robinson W. High prevalence of hepatitis C virus infection among incarcerated persons: Results from the Louisiana Hepatitis C Elimination Plan's opt-out testing program in prisons. *Journal of Viral Hepatitis*. 2024;31(7):432-435. doi:[10.1111/jvh.13941](https://doi.org/10.1111/jvh.13941)
3. Gibbons JB, Harris SJ, **Sugarman OK**, et al. Piloting racial bias training for hospital emergency department providers treating opioid use disorder patients. *Health Affairs Scholar*. Published online April 24, 2024:qxae049. doi:[10.1093/haschl/qxae049](https://doi.org/10.1093/haschl/qxae049)
4. **Sugarman OK**, Saloner B, Richards TM, et al. Association of buprenorphine retention and subsequent adverse outcomes following non-fatal overdose: An analysis using statewide linked Maryland databases. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*. 2024;258:111281. doi:[10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2024.111281](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2024.111281)
5. German D, Genberg B, **Sugarman O**, et al. Reported xylazine exposure highly associated with overdose outcomes in a rapid community assessment among people who inject drugs in Baltimore. *Harm Reduct J*. 2024;21(1):18. doi:[10.1186/s12954-024-00940-z](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12954-024-00940-z)
6. **Sugarman OK**, Li W, Saloner B. Medications For Opioid Use Disorder Increased Among Louisiana Medicaid Enrollees During Policy Reforms, 2018–21. *Health Affairs*. 2024;43(1):46-54. doi:[10.1377/hlthaff.2023.00715](https://doi.org/10.1377/hlthaff.2023.00715)

7. **Sugarman OK**, Hulseley EG, Heller D. Achieving the Potential of Naloxone Saturation by Measuring Distribution. *JAMA Health Forum*. 2023;4(10):e233338. doi:[10.1001/jamahealthforum.2023.3338](https://doi.org/10.1001/jamahealthforum.2023.3338)
8. Feder KA, Harris SJ, Byrne L, Miller SM, Sodder S, Berman V, Livingston A, Edwards J, Hartman S, **Sugarman OK**, Shah H, Xu J, Raikes J, Gattine S, Saloner B. Attitudes and beliefs about Vermont's 2021 buprenorphine decriminalization law among residents who use illicit opioids. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*. 2023;250:110879. doi:[10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2023.110879](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2023.110879)
9. **Sugarman OK**, Wendell DA, Wennerstrom AB, Bachhuber MA, Robinson WT. Examining Pre-Release Interventions on HIV Outcomes 12 Months After Release from Louisiana State Corrections. *AIDS and Behavior*. Published online June 12, 2023. doi:[10.1007/s10461-023-04106-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10461-023-04106-z)
10. Gibbons JB, Harris SJ, Solomon KT, **Sugarman OK**, Hardy C, Saloner B. Increasing overdose deaths among Black Americans: a review of the literature. *Lancet Psychiat*. Published online May 23, 2023. doi:[10.1016/S2215-0366\(23\)00119-0](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2215-0366(23)00119-0)
11. Wennerstrom A, **Sugarman OK**, Reilly B, Armstrong A, Whittington A, Bachhuber MA. Health services use among formerly incarcerated Louisiana Medicaid members within one year of release. *PLOS ONE*. 2023;18(5):e0285582. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0285582
12. **Sugarman OK**, Breithaupt J, Wang X, Bachhuber MA. Characteristics and health service use of Medicaid-insured individuals filling naloxone under a standing order in Louisiana. *JAPhA*. Published online December 23, 2022. doi:[10.1016/j.japh.2022.12.025](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.japh.2022.12.025)
13. Bachhuber MA, Nash D, Southern W, Heo M, Berger M, Schepis M, **Sugarman OK**, Cunningham, CO. Reducing opioid analgesic prescribing in dentistry through prescribing defaults: a cluster randomized controlled trial. *Pain Med*. Published online July 6, 2022;pnac106. doi:10.1093/pm/pnac106
14. Wennerstrom A, **Sugarman OK**, Page KM, et al. Mixed Method Evaluation of Louisiana's Prerelease Medicaid Enrollment Program, 2017–2019. *Med Care*. 2022;Publish Ah. doi:10.1097/MLR.0000000000001729
15. Bachhuber MA, **Sugarman OK**. Pharmaceutical Industry Payments to Physician Members of Medicaid Drug Selection Committees. *J Gen Intern Med*. April 2022. doi:10.1007/s11606-022-07518-0
16. Vargas SM, **Sugarman OK**, Tang L, Miranda J, Chung B. Depression at the Intersection of Race/Ethnicity, Sexual Orientation, and Income. *J Bisex*. January 2022:1-19. doi:10.1080/15299716.2021.2024932
17. Springgate BF, **Sugarman O**, Wells KB, Palinkas LA, Meyers D, Wennerstrom A, Johnson A, Haywood C, Sarpong D, Culbertson R. Community Partnered Participatory Research

- in Southeast Louisiana Communities Threatened by Climate Change: The C-LEARN Experience. *Am J Bioeth.* 2021;21(10):46-48. doi:10.1080/15265161.2021.1965248
18. Afaneh H\*, Straif-Bourgeois S, Oral E, Wennerstrom A, **Sugarman O**, Robinson WT, Whittington A, Trapido E. Louisiana Medicaid access for treatment and care for hepatitis C virus (LA-MATCH) project: A cross-sectional study protocol. *PLoS One.* 2021;16(10):e0257437. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0257437
  19. **Sugarman OK**, Wennerstrom A, Pollock M\*, Griffith K, Rey E, Vargas SM, Haywood C, Meyers D, Smith J, Williams CR, Williams P, Bonds C, Springgate B, Miranda J, Chung B. Engaging LGBTQ Communities in Community-Partnered Participatory Research: Lessons from the Resilience Against Depression Disparities Study. *Prog Community Heal Partnerships Res Educ Action.* 2021;15(1):65-74. doi:10.1353/cpr.2021.0006
  20. Palinkas LA, Springgate BF, **Sugarman OK**, Hancock J\*, Wennerstrom A, Haywood C, Meyers D, Johnson A, Polk M, Pesson CL\*, Seay JE\*, Stallard CN\*, Wells, KB. A Rapid Assessment of Disaster Preparedness Needs and Resources during the COVID-19 Pandemic. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health.* 2021;18(2):425. doi:[10.3390/ijerph18020425](https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph18020425)
  21. Arevian AC, Jones F, Moore EM, Goodsmith N, Aguilar-Gaxiola S, Ewing T, ...**Sugarman OK**... Wells, K. Mental Health Community and Health System Issues in COVID-19: Lessons from Academic, Community, Provider and Policy Stakeholders. *Ethn Dis* [Internet]. 2020 Sep 24;30(4):695–700. Available from: <https://www.ethndis.org/edonline/index.php/ethndis/article/view/1380>
  22. **Sugarman OK**, Bachhuber MA, Wennerstrom A, Bruno T, Springgate BF. Interventions for incarcerated adults with opioid use disorder in the United States: A systematic review with a focus on social determinants of health. *PLoS One.* 2020;15: e0227968. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0227968
  23. Vargas SM, Wennerstrom A, Alfaro N ... **Sugarman OK**, Chung B. Resilience Against Depression Disparities (RADD): A protocol for a randomised comparative effectiveness trial for depression among predominantly low-income, racial/ethnic, sexual and gender minorities. *BMJ Open.* 2019;9(10):e031099. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2019-031099
  24. Everett A\*, **Sugarman OK**, Wennerstrom A, Pollock M\*, True G, Haywood C, Meyers D, Raines A, Wells K, Johnson A, Arevian AC, Sato J\*, Springgate B. Strategies to address trauma and enhance resilience in climate change - and disaster-at-risk-communities: Correlations between perspectives of affected community leaders and national policy. *Traumatol J Am Psychol Assoc.*
  25. Pollock MJ\*, Wennerstrom A, True G, Everett A\*, **Sugarman OK**, Haywood C, Johnson A, Meyers D, Sato J\*, Wells KB, Arevian AC, Massimi M, Berry J\*, Riefberg L\*, Onyewuenyi N\*, Springgate B. Preparedness and Community resilience in disaster-prone areas: Cross-sectoral collaborations in South Louisiana, 2018. *Am J Public Health.* 2019;109(S4):S309-S315. doi:10.2105/AJPH.2019.305152

26. Phillippi SW, Beiter K, Thomas CL, **Sugarman OK**, Wennerstrom A, Wells KB, Trapido E. Medicaid utilization before and after a natural disaster in the 2016 Baton Rouge–Area flood. *Am J Public Health*. 2019;109(S4):S316-S321. doi:10.2105/AJPH.2019.305193
27. Keegan R, Grover LT, Patron D, ...**Sugarman OK**, ...Wennerstrom A. Case study of Resilient Baton Rouge: Applying depression collaborative care and community planning to disaster recovery. *Int J Environ Res Public Health*. 2018;15(6). doi:10.3390/ijerph15061208
28. Arevian AC, Springgate B, Jones F, ... **Sugarman OK**, ... Wells KB. The Community and Patient Partnered Research Network (CPPRN): Application of patient-centered outcomes research to promote behavioral health equity. *Ethn Dis*. 2018;28(Supp):295-302. doi:10.18865/ed.28.S2.295
29. Springgate BF, Arevian AC, Wennerstrom A, Johnson AJ, Eisenman DP, **Sugarman OK**, Haywood CG, Trapido EJ, Sherbourne CD, Everett A\*, McCreary M, Meyers D, Kataoka S, Tang L, Sato J\*, Wells KB. Community Resilience Learning Collaborative and Research Network (C-LEARN): Study protocol with participatory planning for a randomized, comparative effectiveness trial. *Int J Environ Res Public Health*. 2018;15(8):1683. doi:10.3390/ijerph15081683
30. Mango JD, Griffith K, **Kacsits O**, et al. Commentary: Community Partner Experiences in CPPR: What Participation in Partnered Research Can Mean to Community and Patient Stakeholders. *Ethn Dis*. 2018;28(2):311-316. doi:10.18865/ed.28.S2.311

*Works in Progress*

31. 1. **Sugarman OK**, Saloner B, Harris SJ, Irvin R, Flanagan V, Bandara S. Curative hepatitis c treatment receipt among Kentucky Medicaid recipients living with concurrent chronic hepatitis C and opioid use disorder, 2020-2021. (In Progress).
33. **Sugarman OK**<sup>#</sup>, Harris SJ<sup>#</sup>, Byrne L, et al. How Emergency Departments are Responding to the Opioid Crisis: Results from a Statewide Survey in Kentucky. (Submitted)
34. Heidari O<sup>#</sup>, **Sugarman OK**<sup>#</sup>, Winiker A, et al. “Xylazine is a substance from hell. I pray for anybody who takes it.” A synthesis of Reddit posts about personal experiences with xylazine. *Journal of Addiction Medicine*. (Revise and Resubmit)
35. Gibbons J, **Sugarman OK**, Byrne L, et al. An evaluation of emergency medical service field provider and administrator perceptions of Michigan’s naloxone-leave behind program.

*Chapters*

36. Springgate BF, **Sugarman O**, Wells KB, et al. Commentary 1.1.1: Community-partnered Participatory Research in Southeastern Louisiana Communities Threatened by Climate Change: The C-LEARN Experience. In: *Challenging Cases in Clinical Research Ethics*. 1st ed. CRC Press; 2023:15-17. doi:[10.1201/9781003335306-2](https://doi.org/10.1201/9781003335306-2)

## PRACTICE ACTIVITIES

### *Practice-Related Reports*

1. **Maryland Department of Health**. Data-Informed Overdose Risk Mitigation (DORM): 2022 Annual Report.; 2023. Accessed September 7, 2023. <https://beforeitstoolate.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/34/2023/08/8-15-2023-2022-DORM-Annual-Report-Final.pdf>

Co-authored and analyzed data for the State of Maryland's annual report of overdose trends from 2016-2022. Responsible for analyses of demographic differences in buprenorphine receipt and time to buprenorphine receipt (greater or less than four weeks) following index non-fatal overdose events from 2016-2021.

2. **Sugarman OK**, Bachhuber M, Page KM, Wennerstrom A. *Evaluation of the Louisiana Pre-Release Medicaid Enrollment Program*. New Orleans, LA; 2019.

Co-authored, collected, and analyzed data for a mixed methods evaluation of Louisiana's pre-release Medicaid enrollment program. Report was generated and shared back to the Louisiana Department of Health to inform existing efforts and future expansion into other state correctional facilities.

3. **Sugarman OK**, Springgate BF. *LDH MCO Response Section e – Improve Integration of Physical and Behavioral Health Services*. LSU Health Sciences Center - New Orleans; 2018:3.

Authored a brief report of recommendations solicited by the Louisiana Department of Health to inform Medicaid Managed Care Organizations of best practices and guidance to best integrate physical and behavioral health care.

4. Humphries J, Goyeneche R. *Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office Inmate Population Analysis - September 2015*. New Orleans, LA; 2015. **(contributor)**

Completed data collection, analysis, cleaning and substantial report editing for all Metropolitan Crime Commission reports under Mr. Humphries and Mr. Goyeneche. Report results were used as a third-party audit of the Orleans Parish criminal justice system to ensure the justice system and its practitioners (i.e. judges, police officers, attorneys) functioned efficiently and within parameters of the law. Reports were mailed to state and local policymakers, justices, and elected officials.

5. Humphries J, Goyeneche R. *Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office Inmate Population Snapshot - June 29, 2016*. New Orleans, LA; 2016. **(contributor)**



6. Humphries J, Goyeneche R. *Orleans Parish Criminal Justice System Accountability Report- May 2017: 2013-2016 Arrests and Felony Case Outcomes*. New Orleans; 2017. <https://metrocrime.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/NO-CJS-Accountability-Report-May-2017.pdf> (**contributor**)
7. Humphries J, Goyeneche R. *Orleans Parish Criminal Justice System Accountability Report, May 2015: 2012-2014 Arrests and Felony Case Outcomes*. New Orleans; 2015. (**contributor**)
8. Humphries J, Goyeneche R. *Orleans Parish Criminal Justice System Accountability Report- 2016 Arrests and Felony Case Outcomes*. New Orleans; 2017. <https://metrocrime.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/NO-CJS-Accountability-Report-May-2017.pdf> (**contributor**)
9. Humphries J, Goyeneche R. *2015 Orleans Parish Judicial Accountability Report*. New Orleans; 2017. <https://metrocrime.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2015-Judicial-Accountability-Report-Final.pdf>. (**contributor**)
10. Humphries J, Goyeneche R. *2014 Orleans Parish Judicial Accountability Report*. New Orleans; 2015. <https://metrocrime.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2014-Judicial-Accountability-Report-final.pdf>. (**contributor**)
11. Humphries J, Goyeneche R. *Orleans Parish Criminal Justice System Accountability Report*. New Orleans; 2015. <https://metrocrime.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/NO-CJS-Accountability-Report-Jan-2015-final.pdf>. (**contributor**)

*Presentations to Policymakers, Communities, and Other Stakeholders*

12. Johnson R, Nahas-Vigon J, Thangawng C, **Sugarman OK**, et al. Briefing for Councilmembers Conway and Porter. Presented at: July 5, 2024; Baltimore, MD.

I presented findings from a recent study about the benefits of buprenorphine retention among people in Maryland with a non-fatal overdose. These findings were part of a larger briefing for Baltimore City Councilmembers Conway and Porter as the City responds to the overdose crisis locally. d

13. **Sugarman OK**. Overdose in Maryland: Opportunities for Health Systems. Presented at: Health Services Cost Review Commission Convening; June 14, 2024; Baltimore, MD.

I presented information about overdose trends in Maryland and potential steps hospitals and health systems can take to prevent overdoses with a specific focus on providing medications for opioid use disorder. The presentation was hosted as part of the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission monthly convening, which was open to the public. Main stakeholders in attendance were health system leaders and CEOs. As an example of the effectiveness of starting and maintaining treatment with buprenorphine, I included evidence from a study I conducted using Maryland data that examines the relationship between buprenorphine retention of future non-fatal overdose, emergency department visits, and hospitalizations.

14. **Sugarman OK**, Waldon S, Sherman S, Fiuty P. Addressing Polysubstance Use and the Threat of Emerging Illicit Drugs. Panel Moderator presented at: Bloomberg Overdose Prevention Initiative Partner's Meeting 2024; May 9, 2024; New York, NY.

I moderated a panel of three harm reduction and overdose research experts about the progression and current state of polysubstance use in the overdose epidemic relative to rapid recent changes in the drug supply. Discussion topics covered historical definitions of polysubstance, how that definition has evolved, harm reduction agency and state health department approaches to addressing polysubstance use, and the role of policy in future efforts to prevent and respond to new adulterants in the drug supply.

15. **Sugarman OK**. Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Among Louisiana Medicaid Enrollees During an Era of Major Policy Reform, 2018-2021. Presentation presented at: MED Behavioral Health and SUD Workgroup; April 11, 2024; Virtual; Oregon Health and Science University Center for Evidence-based Policy.

I presented findings of a study published in *Health Affairs* that examined uptake of medications for opioid use disorder among Louisiana Medicaid members from 2018-2021 during a period of rapid policy change. The workgroup consists of Medicaid leadership from multiple states. The presentation included main findings from the study, implications for how state Medicaid programs might replicate some of Louisiana's approaches, and resources for additional detail and reference.

16. **Sugarman OK**. Hepatitis C and Opioid Use: State of the Syndemic. Presented at: Bloomberg Overdose Prevention Initiative Evaluation Team Weekly Check-in; April 17, 2023; Virtual.

I provided a synthesis of the hepatitis c, substance use syndemic to colleagues in the Department of Health Policy and Management. The presentation included a brief summary of the virology and epidemiology of hepatitis c, history of the syndemic, the current state of policy and practice to address HCV, and future directions for research, practice, and policy. Slides were also shared with partners at Vital Strategies to inform future funding opportunities.

17. **Sugarman OK**, Heidari O, Feder K, Saloner B. Xylazine Briefing for the NJ Governor's Office: A brief report of xylazine epidemiology, physiological effects, and early insights into motivations for use. Presented at: Briefing for NJ Governor's Office on Xylazine, July 6, 2023; Virtual.

Presented, with collaborators, preliminary findings of the Reddit xylazine study, a thematic analysis of Reddit posts about xylazine to representatives of the New Jersey governor's office. I co-presented results with Dr. Heidari, preliminary analysis, and slide preparation.

18. **Sugarman OK**, Harris S, Byrne L, Gattine S, Gibbons J, Heidari O. Kentucky Hospital Association Needs Assessment. Presented at: Bloomberg Overdose Prevention Initiative Partner's Meeting 2023; May 24, 2023; Washington, DC.

Presented preliminary findings from a state-wide needs assessment of Kentucky hospitals to support patients who present with overdoses or OUD. I completed analyses and presented findings to funders and other partners from the Bloomberg Prevention Initiative.

19. **Sugarman OK**, Gibbons J, Harris S. New Detroit: Racial Bias Training Evaluation. Presented at: Bloomberg Overdose Prevention Initiative Partner's Meeting 2023; May 24, 2023; Washington, DC.

Presented preliminary findings from an evaluation of a racial bias training given to health care providers in two southeast Michigan hospitals. I completed thematic analyses and presented findings to funders and other partners from the Bloomberg Prevention Initiative.

20. Miranda J, Smith III J, **Sugarman OK**, Vargas, S. RADD study development and next steps. Panel. In: ENCORES Community Conference; New Orleans, Louisiana. 2019.

Served as a panelist as to discuss findings from and projected next steps about the RADD study, a community-partnered comparative effectiveness study to improve depression outcomes among LGBTQ people. I spoke both from my perspective as a part of the research team and a member of the LGBTQ community.

21. **Sugarman OK**. Preliminary results from the Community and Patient Partnered Research Network. Presentation. In: CPPRN Community Conference; New Orleans, Louisiana. 2019.

Authored and presented preliminary findings from the CPPRN – a community-partnered network-building research project to enhance local researchers' understanding of local behavioral and social determinants of health needs, and community member representation in research. I presented early results back to study participants and community stakeholders.

22. Obedin-Maliver J & **Kacsits O**. How do I ask that? Providing culturally-humble care for sexual and gender minorities. Presentation, Los Angeles, California; New Orleans, Louisiana. 2017.

Co-presented educational material about providing culturally competent care to LGBTQ patients to community stakeholders and practitioners in Los Angeles as part of the RADD study.

23. Staples Jr. JE, **Kacsits O**, Peña A. "Holy Cross Education and Civil Discourse: How does a Holy Cross education prepare you to engage in civil discourse in diverse communities outside of Notre Dame?" Panel. Notre Dame, Indiana. 2016.

Served as a panelist to discuss civil discourse as an LGBTQ student-athlete at a Catholic university.

*Media Dissemination*

*Traditional Media*

24. Alpert Reyes E. Lawmaker wants California workplaces to put Narcan in first-aid kits. *Los Angeles Times*. <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-01-31/to-prevent-opioid-overdoses-california-bill-would-require-naloxone-in-workplace-first-aid-kits>. Published January 31, 2024. Accessed February 1, 2024.

Interviewed for comments on naloxone saturation in the context of a proposed California bill (AB 1967) to include Narcan/naloxone in “complete” workplace first aid kits.

25. Deng G. Xylazine or ‘tranq’ in WA: Rising drug threat or an empty one? *Washington State Standard*. <https://washingtonstatestandard.com/2023/08/02/xylazine-or-tranq-in-wa-rising-drug-threat-or-an-empty-one/>. Published August 2, 2023. Accessed August 8, 2023.

Interviewed for a piece about differences in perceptions about xylazine on the west and east coasts.

*Social Media, Podcasts, Blog Posts, Videos*

26. **Sugarman OK**, Shah H, Whaley S. Tracking “Tranq” Laws: The state of policy responses to the growing xylazine crisis. *Opioid Principles*. Published August 30, 2023. Accessed September 20, 2023. <https://opioidprinciples.jhsph.edu/tracking-tranq-laws-the-state-of-policy-responses-to-the-growing-xylazine-crisis/>

Authored a blog post that provided a brief summary of all-time federal and state legislative efforts to address xylazine as an adulterant in the drug supply. Includes recommendations and considerations for policymakers to use policy levers to prevent the spread of xylazine without causing barriers to much needed pharmacological research and leaving behind people who are already suffering from its effects.

27. **Sugarman OK**, Rising J, Whaley S. Xylazine: Animal tranquilizer in the drug supply. *Opioid Principles*. Published November 9, 2022. Accessed November 15, 2022. <https://opioidprinciples.jhsph.edu/xylazine-animal-tranquilizer-in-the-drug-supply/>

Authored a blog post summarizing the state of xylazine knowledge and capacity in the United States as xylazine proliferates the drug supply and causes a host of public health emergencies, including overdoses resistant to reversal via naloxone and devastating wounds. Provides recommendations on opioid settlement funds might be used to address.

28. **Kacsits O**, Dooley M, Stanton A. *At Notre Dame, If You Can Play, You Can Play*. Youtube.com; 2014. -<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ca9bUC7jqAs&t=4s>.

Co-created the chapter and public video of You Can Play at the University of Notre Dame with fellow student-athlete Matthew Dooley under the guidance of Development officer Ally Stanton. The video was the first public acknowledgment of support for LGBTQ+ student athletes by the University, with endorsement from the Athletic Director and representation from all varsity sports teams.

## **PART II**

### **TEACHING**

#### *Other Teaching*

Preparing for Life after a PhD. Guest Lecture in: MHSS T32 Seminars; January 30, 2024; Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Abstract, Reviewer Response, Conference presentations. Guest Lecture in: Writing Publishable Manuscripts for the Social and Behavioral Sciences; December 11, 2023; Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Medication for opioid use disorder among Louisiana Medicaid enrollees during an era of major policy reform, 2018-2021. Presented at: CMAP Dept of Mental Health Seminar; December 6, 2023; Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Uptake among Medicaid members of naloxone under Louisiana's standing order, 2017 to 2019. Guest Lecture in: CMAP Dept of Mental Health Seminar; February 8, 2023; Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Community Partnered Research: The C-LEARN study. Guest Lecture in: Community Health Analysis, Health Disparities, and Ecology; February 10, 2022; LSUHSC-NO School of Public Health.

Community Partnered Research: The C-LEARN study. Guest Lecture in: Community Health Analysis, Health Disparities, and Ecology; January 28, 2021; LSUHSC-NO School of Public Health.

Communication and Health Behavior in a Changing Media Environment. Guest Lecture in: Behavioral Science Theories in Public Health Practice; October 14, 2020; LSUHSC-NO School of Public Health.

Program Evaluation – REAIM. Guest Lecture in: Behavioral Science Theories in Public Health Practice; November 11, 2020; LSUHSC-NO School of Public Health.

An example of Community Partnered Participatory Research in action: The Resilience Against Depression Disparities Study. Guest Lecture in: Health Education and Health Promotion Program Planning; Spring 2017; Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

### **MENTORSHIP**

#### *Students*

1. Victoria Green, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 2023-2024. PhD Student. Supervised, mentored in analyzing proprietary dataset of health care claims for people with opioid use disorder who received buprenorphine.

2. Elizabeth Kim, Johns Hopkins University, 2023  
BSPH student. Supervised on multiple literature reviews, evaluation design on Opt for Help and Hope – evaluation of New Jersey District Attorney diversion program.
3. Sabrina Gattine, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 2022-2023  
MPH student. Supervised on Kentucky Hospital Association evaluation, qualitative analysis of Reddit posts about xylazine.
4. Hridika Shah, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 2022-2023.  
MSPH student. Supervising on xylazine bill tracking project.
5. Jessica Seay, LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans, 2019-2020  
MD, MPH student. Supervised as a student research assistant for the Community Resilience Learning Collaborative and Research Network study.
6. Carter Pesson, LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans, 2019-2020  
MD, MPH student. Supervised as a student research assistant for the Community Resilience Learning Collaborative and Research Network study
7. Rebecca Warren, LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans, 2018-2019  
MPH student. Supervised as a student research assistant for the Community and Patient Partnered Research Network
8. Brekel Kemp, LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans, 2018-2019  
MD, MPH student. Supervised as a student research assistant for the Community and Patient Partnered Research Network
9. Mason Emory Szlarski, Tulane University, 2018-2019  
MPH student. Supervised as a student research assistant for the Community Resilience Learning Collaborative and Research Network
10. Jasmine Berry, Tulane University, 2017-2018  
MPH student. Supervised as a student research assistant for the Community Resilience Learning Collaborative and Research Network study
11. Leah Riefberg, Tulane University, 2017-2019  
MPH student. Supervised as a student research assistant for the Community and Patient Partnered Research Network, Resilience Against Depression Disparities research projects
12. Christine Sullivan, Tulane University, 2017-2018  
MPH student. Supervised as a student research assistant for the Community and Patient Partnered Research Network, Resilience Against Depression Disparities research projects
13. Chyna-Lloyd Johnson, Tulane University, 2016-2017

MPH student. Supervised as a student research assistant for the Community and Patient Partnered Research Network

*Supervisees*

14. Miranda Pollock, LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans, 2017-2021  
Research Project Coordinator, RADD Project. Provided mentorship in research project, personnel management, data collection, authorship as the senior project manager.
15. Ashley Everett, LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans, 2017-2020  
Research Project Coordinator, C-LEARN. Provided mentorship in research project, personnel management, data collection, authorship as the senior project manager.
16. Jennifer Sato, LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans, 2018-2019  
Research Project Coordinator, C-LEARN. Provided mentorship in research project, personnel management, data collection, authorship as the senior project manager.
17. Hasheemah Afaneh, LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans, 2019-2020  
Research Project Coordinator. Provided mentorship in research project, personnel management, data collection, authorship as the senior project manager.

**RESEARCH GRANT PARTICIPATION**

*Impact of a Maryland Law Requiring Jails to Provide Medications for Opioid Use Disorder on Recently Incarcerated People, NIDA (R01)*

Principal Investigator: Brendan Saloner

Grant objective: Mixed methods evaluation of a Maryland policy, HB116, that requires Maryland jails to offer all three forms of medications for opioid use disorder. The evaluation examines a) overall impact on post-release overdose outcomes, b) racial/ethnic disparities in policy impacts, and c) policy implementation in eight selected jails.

Role: Co-investigator

*Data-Informed Overdose Risk Mitigation (DORM), 2022-2023, State of Maryland*

Principal Investigator: Brendan Saloner

Project lead: Sachini Bandara

Grant objective: Analyses of 18 linked state and local datasets for people who experienced overdoses in Maryland. Second year analyses included a) health outcomes following an index non-fatal overdose relative to buprenorphine prescription and b) EMS encounters.

Role: Co-investigator



*Opt for Help and Hope Evaluation, 2023-2025, Bloomberg Philanthropies – Bloomberg Overdose Prevention Initiative*

Principal Investigator: Kenneth Feder

Grant objective: Process and outcomes evaluation of New Jersey's Opt for Help and Hope drug diversion program.

Role: Co-investigator

*Reddit and xylazine, 2022-, Bloomberg Philanthropies – Bloomberg Overdose Prevention Initiative*

Principal Investigator: Brendan Saloner

Project lead: Omeid Heidari

Grant objective: A sweeping synthesis and thematic analysis of Reddit comments and posts about xylazine among people who use drugs.

Role: Co-investigator

*Michigan Naloxone Leave-Behind Evaluation, 2022-2023, Bloomberg Philanthropies – Bloomberg Overdose Prevention Initiative*

Principal Investigator: Brendan Saloner

Project lead: Jason Gibbons

Grant objective: Evaluation of Michigan's naloxone leave-behind program.

Role: Co-investigator

*VOICES, 2022-2024, Bloomberg Philanthropies – Bloomberg Overdose Prevention Initiative*

Principal Investigator: Brendan Saloner

Grant objective: Multi-state research project examining access to and perspectives of harm reduction, drug treatment, wellness goals, and overdose risk and experiences among people who use drugs with specific focus on racial/ethnic disparities in access.

Role: Co-investigator

*Elimination of Criminal Penalties for Non-Prescribed Buprenorphine in Vermont: A Mixed-Methods Evaluation, 2022-2023, Bloomberg Philanthropies – Bloomberg Overdose Prevention Initiative*

Principal Investigator: Kenneth Feder

Grant objective: Mixed methods evaluation of Vermont Act 46, which decriminalized possession of up to 224 mg of non-prescribed buprenorphine.

Role: Co-investigator

*Kentucky Hospital Association Bridge Clinic Readiness Evaluation, 2022-2023, Bloomberg Philanthropies – Bloomberg Overdose Prevention Initiative*

Principal Investigator: Brendan Saloner

Project lead: Samantha J. Harris

Grant objective: Readiness evaluation of Kentucky hospitals in the Kentucky Health Association to implement bridge clinics, assess existing services and protocols for people experiencing overdose or substance use disorders.

Role: Co-investigator

*Urban Institute's Capacity Assessment of Treatment to MOUD in Outpatient Settings 2.0, 2022-2023, Bloomberg Philanthropies – Bloomberg Overdose Prevention Initiative*

Principal Investigator: Brendan Saloner, Lisa Clemons-Cope

Grant objective: Using PDMP and other state-level data, assess baseline MOUD treatment capacity by state and gaps in treatment and create a malleable public-facing dashboard.

Role: Hopkins Project Manager

*HOME for Us, 2019-2020, NINR*

Principal Investigator: Dr. Helene Moriarty; Local Co-Investigator: Dr. Gala True

Grant objective: A randomized control trial of an innovative in-home rehabilitation program for persons with TBI and their families: Home-based occupational-therapy and management of the environment. Assisted Dr. True as she served as the lead qualitative analyst.

Role: Local Program Manager

*Louisiana Medicaid Outpatient Breastfeeding Support project, 2020, Louisiana Department of Health*

Principal Investigator: Dr. Amanda Dumas

Grant objective: Qualitative evaluation of existing outpatient breastfeeding support practices for Medicaid members

Role: Program Manager

*Community Health Managed Care Organization Population Health Strategy Study, 2020, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*

Principal Investigator: Ashley Wennerstrom, \$250,000

Grant objective : A process and outcomes evaluation of Louisiana Managed Care Organizations recently enacted policies and services that aim to impact social determinants and population health for Medicaid members receiving MCO services.

Role: Program Manager

*Examining the effects of carceral exposure on health service use: Implications for policy and practice, 2019-2022, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*

Principal Investigators: Ashley Wennerstrom, \$250,000

Grant objective: Mixed methods study that examines post-incarceration health services needs and use. Specific to people released from Louisiana state corrections custody.

Role: Program Manager

*Louisiana Naloxone Standing Order Evaluation, 2020-2021, Louisiana Department of Health*

Principal Investigator: Marcus Bachhuber

Grant objective: Quantitative assessment of naloxone uptake under Louisiana's standing order among Medicaid members

Role: Co-investigator

*Louisiana Maternal Opioid Model Program, 2020-2021, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services*

Principal Investigators: Marcus Bachhuber, Pooja Metah, \$4.5 million

Grant objective: A state-wide program that pairs pregnant Medicaid members with opioid use disorder with treatment and case management. Prematurely terminated.

Role: Interim Evaluation Manager

*Formerly Incarcerated Representation and Expression Experience, 2019-2022, Unfunded*

Principal Investigators: Ashley Wennerstrom, Gala True, Anjali Niyogi, Mr. Thad Tatum, Ms. Dolfinette Martin

Grant objective: Photovoice study that aimed to describe the reentry experience of people coming home from incarceration. Additional focus on health needs and COVID-19 impacts.

Role: Program Manager

*Louisiana HCV Elimination Program Evaluation, 2019-2021, Louisiana Department of Health*

Principal Investigators: Ashley Wennerstrom, Edward Trapido, Susanne Straif-Bourgeois, Benjamin Springgate, \$1.5 million

Description: An epidemiological and qualitative evaluation of the pending comprehensive Hepatitis C Elimination program proposed by the Louisiana Department of Health. Prematurely terminated.

Role: Interim Program Manager

*Pre-release Medicaid Enrollment Program Evaluation, 2019-2020, Louisiana Department of Health*

Principal Investigators: Ashley Wennerstrom, Marcus Bachhuber, \$161,655

Grant objective: Evaluation of a new post-Medicaid expansion program that enrolls people being released from Department of Corrections prison facilities in Medicaid and assigns those designated as “high need” to individual case management from their new Medicaid Managed Care Organization.

Role: Program Manager

*Community Health Worker Workforce Development Quality Improvement Evaluation, 2019, Louisiana Department of Health*

Principal Investigator: Ashley Wennerstrom

Grant objective: Quality improvement evaluation that assessed the current state of workforce development resources offered by employers/supervisors to community health workers in the state of Louisiana.

Role: Interim Program Manager

*ENCORES, 2019, Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)*

Principal Investigator: Benjamin Springgate, \$50,000

Grant objective: Dissemination project that redistributes results from previous and current studies, engages the community in novel conversations in and provides resources about research in disaster resilience.

Role: Co-Project Coordinator

*Community Resilience Learning Collaborative and Research Network (C-LEARN), 2017-2020, National Academies of Sciences Gulf Research Program*

Principal Investigators: Drs. Benjamin Springgate & Armen Arevian, \$2.5 million

Grant objective: A community-partnered, two-tiered, randomized control trial that aims to learn how best to build capacity and enhance resilience in disaster-prone communities to ultimate impact individual depression and quality of life. Two sets of interventions were at both the community agency and individual levels.

Roles: Supervising Project Coordinator, Interim Program Manager

*Resilient Baton Rouge, 2017-2018, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*

Principal Investigators: Robin Keegan, Suzanne Sonier, Benjamin Springgate, Kenneth Wells, \$800,000

Grant objective: A community-partnered capacity-building grant focused in the Greater Baton Rouge area following the Great Flood of 2016.

Role: Co-Project Coordinator

*Resilience Against Depression Disparities (RADD), 2016-2020, Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute*

Principal Investigators: Drs. Bowen Chung, Jeanne Miranda, Benjamin Springgate, Ashley Wennerstrom; \$2.5 million

Grant objective: A community partnered randomized control trial that compared the effects of technical assistance for agencies vs individual resiliency classes to impact depression outcomes in LGBTQ persons in Los Angeles and New Orleans with specific focus on People of Color

Roles: Local Interim Project Coordinator, Supervising Project Coordinator

*Community and Patient Partnered Research Network (CPPRN), 2015-2019, Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute*

Principal Investigators: Drs. Kenneth Wells, Benjamin Springgate, Ashley Wennerstrom, \$1.5 million

Grant objective: A community partnered infrastructure project to create a large, nationwide de-identified registry of persons at risk for or struggling with depression in under-resourced communities in Los Angeles and New Orleans.

Role: Local Project Coordinator

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

*Postdoctoral Representative, 2023-*

Hampden House Relocation Committee

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

*Vice President of Professional Development, 2018-2019*

Student Government Association

LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans

*Student Representative, 2018-2020*

School of Public Health Research Committee

LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans

**PRESENTATIONS \*both in-person and virtual**

*Scientific Meetings*

1. **Sugarman OK**, Li W, Saloner B. Trends in Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Uptake Among Louisiana Medicaid Enrollees during an Era of Major Policy Reform, 2018-2021. Poster presented at: AcademyHealth 2024 Annual Research Meeting; July 1, 2024; Baltimore, MD.
2. **Sugarman OK**, Shah H, Whaley S, McCourt A, Saloner B, Bandara S. Trends in Policy Responses to Xylazine in the Drug Supply. Poster presented at: AcademyHealth 2024 Annual Research Meeting; July 1, 2024; Baltimore, MD.
3. **Sugarman OK**,<sup>#</sup> Harris SJ,<sup>#</sup> Byrne, Lauren, et al. How Emergency Departments Are Responding to the Opioid Crisis: Results from a Statewide Survey in Kentucky. Poster presented at: Academy Health 2024 Annual Research Meeting; July 1, 2024; Baltimore, MD.
4. **Sugarman OK**, Saloner B, Richards TM, et al. Buprenorphine retention and subsequent adverse outcomes following an initial non-fatal overdose: Findings from Maryland. Podium Presentation presented at: AcademyHealth 2024 Annual Research Meeting; June 30, 2024; Baltimore, MD.
5. Green V, Heidari O, **Sugarman OK**, Bandara S. Co-located Buprenorphine Service in Primary Care Associated with Reduction in Non-Fatal Overdose in Kentucky. Poster presented at: The College on Problems on Drug Dependence; June 15, 2024; Quebec, Montreal, Canada.
6. Heidari O, **Sugarman OK**, Winiker A, Gattine S, Flanagan V. “It’s Like the Worst, Most Dangerous High Ever”: A Content Analysis of Reddit User’s Experience With Xylazine. Poster presented at: The College on Problems of Drug Dependence; June 15, 2024; Quebec, Montreal, Canada.
7. **Sugarman OK**,<sup>#</sup> Harris, Samantha J,<sup>#</sup> Byrne L, et al. How Emergency Departments are Responding to the Opioid Crisis: Results from a Statewide Survey in Kentucky. Poster presented at: The College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD); June 15, 2024; Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
8. **Sugarman OK**, Wendell D, Wennerstrom A, Bachhuber MA, Robinson WT. HIV outcomes 12 months after release: Evaluating the impact of two Louisiana pre-release interventions. Poster presented at: The International Network of Health and Hepatitis in Substance Users Annual Conference, 2023; October 2023; Geneva, Switzerland.
9. Wennerstrom A, **Sugarman OK**, Reilly B, Armstrong A, Whittington A, Bachhuber MA. Health services use among formerly incarcerated Louisiana Medicaid members

- within one year of release. Presentation. In: Academy Health Annual Research Meeting. June 26, 2023.
10. **Sugarman OK**, Wendell D, Wennerstrom A, Bachhuber MA, Robinson WT. HIV outcomes after release from state corrections: Examining two case management interventions. In: *American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo*; 2022.
  11. Windecker L, Boesch D, Esposito C, Jankowski K, **Sugarman OK**, Trepanier J. Panel: Mobilizing Research for the Betterment of the Future of the Gulf Coast. Panel. In: State of the Coast Conference. Virtual; 2021.
  12. **Sugarman OK**, Bachhuber MA. Uptake among Medicaid members of naloxone under Louisiana's standing order, 2017 to 2019. Virtual Poster. In: *Addiction Health Services Research*. Brandeis Institute for Behavioral Health; 2021.
  13. **Sugarman OK**, Bachhuber MA. Uptake among Medicaid members of naloxone under Louisiana's standing order, 2017 to 2019. In: *Top-rated poster lightning talks-Addiction Health Services Research*. Virtual Presentation. In: Brandeis Institute for Behavioral Health; 2021.
  14. **Sugarman OK**, Bachhuber MA, Page K, Springgate BF, Wennerstrom A. Results from Louisiana's Pre-release Medicaid Enrollment Program Evaluation. Virtual Poster. In: *AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting*. Boston, MA; 2020.
  15. **Sugarman OK**, Page K, Bachhuber M, Springgate BF, Wennerstrom A. The LA Pre-release Medicaid Enrollment Program and Evaluation: Methods, Findings, & Recommendations. Virtual Presentation. In: *NNPHI Annual Conference 2020*. 2020.
  16. **Sugarman OK**, Page K, Bachhuber MA, Springgate BF, Wennerstrom A. Results from the Louisiana Pre-release Medicaid Enrollment Evaluation: Phase One. Presentation. In: *LSUHSC-NO Medical Research Day*. New Orleans, LA; 2020.
  17. Page K, Wennerstrom A, **Sugarman OK**. Evaluation of Louisiana's Pre-release Medicaid Enrollment Program. In: *American Correctional Association Annual Meeting*. San Presentation. Diego, California. 2020.
  18. Pollock M\*, Wennerstrom A, **Sugarman OK**, et al. LGBTQ+ depression disparities and resilience. Poster. In: *National LGBTQ Health Conference*. Atlanta, Georgia; 2019.
  19. Kemp B\*, Warren R\*, **Sugarman OK**, Springgate BF, The CPPRN Executive Committee. The CPPRN: Catalyzing community partnership in research. Poster. In: *Xavier 12th Health Disparities Conference*. New Orleans, LA; 2019.
  20. Rock B\*, Warren R\*, Kemp B\*, **Sugarman O**, Springgate BF, The CPPRN Executive Committee. Using the Community and Patient Partnered Research Network to Foster Community Partnership in Research and to Assess Disparities in Behavioral/Mental Health Outcomes in New Orleans. In: *LSUHSC-NO Medical Research Day*. New Orleans, LA; 2019.

21. Pollock M\*, Wennerstrom A, **Sugarman OK**, ... Chung B. Examining depression outcomes amongst LGBTQ+ People of Color in New Orleans: Preliminary results of a community-partnered participatory research, randomized effectiveness trial. Poster. In: *Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Medical Research Days*. New Orleans, LA; 2019.
22. Szklarski E\*, Pollock M\*, Wennerstrom, A ,True G, Everette A\*, **Sugarman O**, Springgate B, The C-LEARN Leadership Council. Community perspectives of disaster resilience priorities affecting social determinants of behavioral health in Southeast Louisiana. Poster. In: *Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Medical Research Days*. New Orleans, LA; 2019.
23. **Sugarman OK**, Griffith K, Springgate B, et al. Building the Community and Patient Partnered Research Network (CPPRN). Poster. In: *American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo*. San Diego, CA; 2018.
24. Pollock M\*, **Kacsits O**, Griffith K, Chung B, & Springgate B. Resilience Against Depression Disparities – Addressing Mental Health and Resiliency in the LGBTQ+ Community. Poster. In: *Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Medical Research Days*. New Orleans, LA; 2018.

*Invited Seminars*

25. **Sugarman OK**. Uptake among Medicaid members of naloxone under Louisiana’s standing order, 2017 to 2019. Presented at: CMAP Dept of Mental Health Seminar; February 8, 2024; Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.
26. **Sugarman OK**. Medication for opioid use disorder among Louisiana Medicaid enrollees during an era of major policy reform, 2018-2021. Presented at: CMAP Dept of Mental Health Seminar; December 6, 2023; Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### *Personal statement*

Olivia K. Sugarman, PhD, MPH is a health behavior and policy researcher. She is a second-year postdoctoral fellow at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in the Department of Health Policy and Management. Olivia applies health behavior frameworks to mixed methods policy research and has extensive experience in community-partnered research methods. Her research focuses on three separate and intersecting topics: substance use disorders and overdose prevention, HIV and hepatitis C, and incarceration as a health determinant. In her postdoctoral fellowship, Olivia works with the evaluation team on the Bloomberg Overdose Prevention Initiative – a multi-year campaign focused on seven states to implement evidence-based overdose reduction strategies. Prior to her postdoctoral fellowship, Olivia paired her doctoral work with full time employment in Louisiana’s Medicaid evaluation center for six years. In this role, she conducted policy research and program evaluation, including an evaluation of Louisiana’s pre-release Medicaid enrollment program. Her dissertation examined HIV care after release from Louisiana state prison custody relative to participation in state-run pre-release linkage to care programs. Olivia’s most recent projects focus on access to opioid use disorder treatment, naloxone access, xylazine as a drug supply adulterant, incarceration and access to substance use treatment, and hepatitis C elimination.

### *Keywords*

Substance use disorders, opioid use disorder, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, incarceration and health, health policy, health services research, health equity, program and policy evaluation, Medicaid, social determinants of health, mixed methods research, community partnered research.