

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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EDUCATION/TRAINING (Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable.)			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	MM/YY	FIELD OF STUDY
Louisiana Tech University	B.S.	1983	Biomedical Engineering
Louisiana Tech University	M.S.	1985	Industrial Engineering
Tulane University	M.P.H.	1991	Health Systems Management
Tulane University	Dr.P.H.	2009	Community Health Sciences

A. Personal Statement

I bring specific expertise to this project not the least of which is experience in working with underserved populations and managing large multidisciplinary programs including the Louisiana Cancer Prevention and Control Programs. I direct the Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health program as part of the Cancer Prevention and Control Programs. This program serves uninsured women, the majority of which are minorities. I am keenly aware of the barriers to care and have been successful in work to overcome these as demonstrated by consistently high number of rarely or never screened women entered into our programs. I have spent the last ten years working with communities and coalitions in comprehensive cancer control and am in a unique position in Louisiana to further this work. My research involves efforts to increase cancer screening in underserved populations including the use of community outreach and navigation services. In total, I have over 25 years experience in research and public health practice.

In short, my program and research work demonstrates experience in and understanding of directing complex programs and of working with communities and the underserved. I will be an asset in assuring the success of the program.

B. Positions and Honors

- 1986 – 1988 Research Technician, Department of Anesthesiology, Tulane University School of Medicine
- 1988 – 1989 Clinics Coordinator, Tulane-LSU AIDS Clinical Trials Unit, Tulane University School of Medicine
- 1989 – 1991 Project Coordinator, Louisiana Community AIDS Research Program (CPCRA), Tulane University School of Medicine
- 1991 – 1994 Administrative Director, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, HIV Program Office
- 1994 – 2001 Administrative Coordinator, Lower Mississippi River Interagency Cancer Study, Stanley Scott Cancer Center, LSU Health Sciences Center
- 1999 – 2005 Cancer Control Officer, Louisiana Cancer and Lung Trust Board, LSU Health Sciences Center
- 2001 – 2003 Instructor, Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, LSU Health Sciences Center
- 2002 – June, 2012 Director, Louisiana Comprehensive Cancer Control Program/Louisiana Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, LSU Health Sciences Center

2003 – 2010 Instructor, Department of Epidemiology, Behavioral and Community Health Sciences Program, School of Public Health, LSU Health Sciences Center

2010 – Present Assistant Professor, Behavioral and Community Health Sciences Program, School of Public Health, LSU Health Sciences Center

July, 2012 – Present Director, Louisiana Cancer Prevention and Control Programs, LSU Health Sciences Center

Selected Other Experience and Professional Memberships

American Public Health Association
Society of Public Health Education
Society of Behavioral Medicine

National Cancer Institute, Special Emphasis Panel ZCA1 SRLB-Y O2 S, Feasibility Studies to Build Collaborative Partnerships in Cancer Research (P20s), July, 2013, reviewer.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research Centers: Special Interest Project Competitive Supplements (SIPS) Special Emphasis Panel (Panel C – Ovarian Cancer) June, 2011, reviewer.

National Cancer Institute, Comprehensive Partnerships to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (U54), June, 2011, reviewer.

National Cancer Institute, Community Networks Program Centers for Reducing Disparities through Outreach, Research and Training, 2010, reviewer.

National Cancer Institute, Community Networks Program, Pilot Projects to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities, 2006 – 2008, reviewer.

Selected Honors and Awards

Delta Omega Honorary Public Health Society. President, Alpha Psi Chapter, 2005 - Present
2004 Recipient, Pfizer Award for Excellence in Research, Education, Patient Care, and Community Outreach
2006 New Orleans American Cancer Society Spirit Award Recipient
2012 Cancer Screening Clinical Lead Award, the LSU Health Care Services Division

C. Selected Peer-reviewed Publications

1. Fick A, Thomas SM, **Williams DL**, Hayden J. Perceptions of Cancer and its Causes among “Industrial Corridor” Residents: The LMRICS Planning Project. Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society, April, 1999.
2. **Williams, DL**. Touching Cancer Patients. Massage, March/April, 2000.
3. Whiting R, **Williams DL**. The Louisiana Cancer and Lung Trust Fund Board. Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society, April, 2000.
4. **Williams DL**, Brown C. A Guide to Act 199: The Treatment of Breast Cancer. Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society, April, 2000.
5. **Williams DL**, Sartor O, Judice E. Implementation of Current Louisiana Mammography Legislation: A Time for Review. Journal of the Louisiana State Medical Society, 2001; 153: 210 - 214.
6. Wilbright WA, **Williams DL**, Hayden J, Horswell R, Hutchinson J, Whiting R, Davis TC, Wagner D and Tolle C. Toward Overcoming the Digital Divide for the Dissemination of Early Detection Cancer Information. Electronic Journal of Communication, 11(3-4), 2001.
7. **Williams DL**, Kaufman K, Hayden J, Robinson M, Tai E. Comprehensive Cancer Control in the Eye of Hurricane Katrina: The Louisiana Experience. Chronic Disease Prevention. October, 2009. PMC2774653.

8. Simonsen N, Scribner RA, Su LJ, **Williams DL**, Luckett B, Yang T, Fontham E. Environmental Exposure to Emissions from Petrochemical Sites and Lung Cancer: The Lower Mississippi Interagency Cancer Study (LMRICS). *Journal of Environmental and Public Health*. 2010.
9. **Williams DL**, Tortu S, Tompson J. Factors Associated with delays to diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer in women in a Louisiana urban safety net hospital. *Women & Health*, 2010;50(8):705-718.
10. Roubion-Johnson D, **Williams DL**. Effects of Educating Women on Breast Cancer and Early Detection Post-Katrina. *Clinical Scholars Review*, 2012;5(1);14-17.
11. Nuss H, **Williams DL**, Hayden J, and Ryan-Huard C. Applying the Social Ecological Model to Evaluate a Demonstration Colorectal Cancer Screening Program in Louisiana. *Journal of Healthcare for the Poor and Underserved*. 2012;23(3);1026-1035.

D. Research Support

Active Research Support

R21CA157263 (Williams)

09/01/2012-08/31/2014

NIH National Cancer Institute

Feasibility of Community Based Tampon Self-Sampling to Prevent Cervical Cancer

The purpose of this project is to test the feasibility of using tampons in a home setting to self-sample for HPV.

Compliance is compared to standard of care clinic-based Pap testing for cervical cancer.

Role: PI

R24MD008121 (Estrada)

01/01/2013-12/31/2015

NIH/NIMHD

Community-Academic Partnership to Address Health Disparities in New Orleans

The primary objective of the Community-Based Participatory Research project is to address specific social determinants of health identified in the Lower Ninth Ward community in New Orleans.

Role: Co-Investigator/ Scientific Research Partner

U10ACA063845 (Veith / Ochoa)

06/01/2009-05/30/2014

NIH/NCI

LSUHSC Minority-Based Community Clinical Oncology Program

The purpose of this program is to support, as a national resource, research activities of physicians involved in the care of minorities who are eligible to participate in NCI-sponsored cancer prevention, control, and treatment clinical trials.

Role: Co-investigator

U58DP003915 (Williams)

07/01/2012-06/30/2017

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Cancer Prevention & Control Programs For State, Territorial & Tribal Organizations

The primary objective of this project is to reduce the burden of cancer in Louisiana. This project includes the Louisiana Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, the Louisiana Tumor Registry, and the Louisiana Comprehensive Cancer Control Program.

Role: PI

U58DP003399 (Williams)

09/30/2011-09/29/2014

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Survivorship Support in Young Women with Breast Cancer in South Louisiana

The primary objective of this project is to address the support services needs of young women under 45 years of age diagnoses with breast cancer in South Louisiana.

Role: PI

U55DP003042 (Williams)

09/30/2010-09/29/2014

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Demonstrating the Capacity of Comprehensive Cancer Control Programs to Implement Policy and Environmental Cancer Control Interventions

The primary objective of this project is to demonstrate the capability of the state Comprehensive Cancer Control Program to implement policy, environmental, and systems changes that will impact cancer. The project is to utilize the cancer coalition and other statewide partners and the identified priorities of the state cancer plan to target appropriate changes.

Role: PI

Completed Research Support

U58DP004098 (Williams)

09/30/2012-09/29/2013

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

PPHF 2012: Breast And Cervical Cancer Screening Opportunities For States, Tribes, and Territories

The primary objective of this project was to enhance and leverage existing organized systems for breast and cervical cancer screening to provide high quality screening with tracking and follow-up including patient navigation to low income, uninsured and under-insured women.

Role: PI