

Alison M. Chopel, MPH, DrPH

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Professional Preparation

University of California, Berkeley	2011–2014
Doctor of Public Health	
Areas: Qualitative Research for Health, Community-Based Participatory Research, Social Epidemiology	
University of California, Berkeley	2008–2011
Master of Public Health, Health and Social Behavior	
Global Health and Maternal & Child Health Concentrations	
University of Colorado, Boulder	2002–2006
Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology and International Affairs	
Latin America and the Caribbean Region, Culture and Development Concentration	

Current Grant Support

Co-Principal Investigator (15% FTE). “Addressing Abandonment as a Recovery Strategy: Transforming Health Risks into Community Assets.” 2021-2022.

Funded by: National Science Foundation, Natural Hazards Center, Quick Response Research.

Appointments

The League of Puerto Rican Cities	current
Sustainability Lead	
Equivolve, LLC	current
Senior Research Associate	
Habitat for Humanity International Puerto Rico, LLC	2018-2022
Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, Learning Officer	
The Bridge Fund	2019-2020
Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning Specialist	
Public Health Institute (PHI), Oakland, California	2014–2018
Research Director/ Principal Investigator	
School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley	2011–2014
Community-Based Participatory Researcher	
California Adolescent Health Collaborative, PHI, Oakland, California	2011–2013
Translational Research and Training Consultant	
AGALI and GOJoven, PHI, Antigua, Guatemala	2010–2011
Evaluation and Curriculum Consultant	
One HEART, Chihuahua, Mexico	2009–2010

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Country Program Manager
Melrose Leadership Academy, Oakland, California 2006–2007
Social Studies Teacher

Selected Grant Proposals Awarded

All of the proposals below were designed and primarily written by me; I also led and facilitated collaboration of several partners. I coordinated all aspects from the narrative to the budget to all supporting documents. When the funding was awarded, I then served as PI or Co-PI on each.

University of Colorado, Boulder 2020
Natural Hazards Center
Funded by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Science Foundation
“Addressing Abandonment as a Recovery Strategy: Transforming Health Risks into Community Assets”
\$50,000, 7-month award

University of Colorado, Boulder 2020
Natural Hazards Center
Funded by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and National Science Foundation
“Relationships between Disaster Aid, Poverty and Health in Puerto Rico”
\$50,000, 7-month award

US Department of Health and Human Services 2014-2019
“Healthy Relationships and Economic Pathways”
\$7.2 million, 5-year award

Alameda County Public Health Department 2017
“Youth-led Advocacy for Flavored Tobacco Bans”
\$15,000, 6-month award

Patient Centered Outcomes Research Initiative 2016
Funded via 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
“Partnering with Adolescents to Ready the Newest Engaged Researchers (PARTNER)”
\$200,000, 2-year award

University of California, Office of the President 2015
Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program
“Youth-led Research on Marketing of E-cigarettes to Adolescents in Oakland (META-Oak)”
\$200,000, 2-year award

Blue Shield Foundation 2015

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“Creating Organizational Collaborations to Prevent and Treat Adolescent Relationship Abuse in the Central Valley”

\$150,000, 18-month award

University of California, Office the President 2014

Center for Breast Cancer Research Program

“Young Mothers Research on Infant Feeding for Breast Cancer Prevention”

\$200,000, 2-year award

Fellowships and Awards

Professional Award, Women’s Policy Institute Fellowship	2017–2018
Professional Award, QuickStart CBPR Fellowship	2014–2015
Graduate Scholarship, Jack Kent Cooke Foundation	2008–2014
Graduate Fellowship, Bixby Reproductive Health Research Centre	2009
Graduate Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students, University of California	2008–2009
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Inducted	2006
Undergraduate Scholarship, Rotary Club	2005–2006
Undergraduate Dean’s Scholarship, University of Colorado	2002–2005
Undergraduate Fellowship, National Science Foundation	2003

Selected Trainings and Workshops Taught

Program Monitoring and Evaluation, Habitat for Humanity	2020
Data for Programmatic Decision-Making, Habitat for Humanity	2019
Logic Modeling for Program Effectiveness, Habitat for Humanity	2019
Asset-Based Community Development, Peace Corps Colombia	2018
Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adolescent Health, California Campaign to Counter Childhood Adversities	2017
Racial & Geographic Equity in Public Health Practice, Public Health Institute	2016
Youth Participatory Action Research, Public Health Institute	2015-2017
Participatory Qualitative Data Analysis, California Adolescent Health Collaborative	2015
People. Power. Change: The Role of the Adolescent in Community Health and Resilience, APHA Community Forum	2014
Community-Based Participatory Research, University of California, Berkeley	2013
Interpreting Findings, Developing Policy and Practice Recommendations, Late Diagnosis of HIV in Communities of Color Steering Committee	2011-2012
Designing and Implementing Programs and Studies in Low-Resource Settings, Stanford and Dartmouth Universities International Health Seminars	2010
Social Determinants of Sexual and Reproductive Health in the Caribbean Context, UC Berkeley Global Health and Population Course	2009

Publications

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- Alison Chopel, Laura Gorbea Díaz, Antonio Fernós Sagebien. “Collecting and Communicating Perishable Data in a Post-Disaster Context: Rapid Research and Rapid Dissemination.” In Vindrola, C, Johnson, G eds. *Rapid Research in Action: Lessons from the Field*. Forthcoming 2022.
- _____, Antonio Fernós Sagebien, Laura Gorbea Díaz. 2021. “Relationships Between Distribution of Disaster Aid, Poverty, and Health in Puerto Rico.” *Natural Hazards Center Public Health Report Series*, 5. Boulder, CO: Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder. Available at:
<https://hazards.colorado.edu/public-health-disaster-research/relationships-between-distribution-of-disaster-aid-poverty-and-health-in-puerto-rico>
- Alison Chopel, reviewer. Rubiano Yedidia, D., Moore, E., Toppin, EJ, Ake, W., Gallardo, L., Moscoso Arabia, M., Fontanez Valle, G. “Puerto Rico’s Public School Closures: Community Effects and Future Paths.” *Othering & Belonging Institute; Centro para la Reconstrucción del Hábitat*. August 2020.
- Alison Chopel, R. Eugene Lee, Elizabeth Matute, Namiye Peoples, Kimberley Homer-Vagadori, Andrew Curtis, Pamela Ling. “The META-Oak Project: Using PhotoVoice to Investigate Youth Perspectives on Tobacco Companies Marketing of E-cigarettes Towards Adolescents in Oakland.” *Sage Open, special issue for Community-Based Participatory Research*. 2019.
- _____, Danielle Soto, Ruth Konoff, Tina Benitez, Bre’JayNae Joiner, Lucy Rios, Elva Castellanos. 2018. “Impact of Multilevel Factors on Young Mothers’ Breastfeeding: A Qualitative Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Study.” *Journal of Human Lactation, special issue for lactation and social justice*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0890334418812076>
- Colette L. Auerswald, Alison Chopel, Aisha Mays, Stephannie Leong Ratcliff. 2018. “Showing Love through the Looking Glass: A Photovoice Study of Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth Perspectives on Their Health Strengths and Needs.” *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 62(2) February. Pg. PS63.
- Sonia Jain, Alison K. Cohen, Taylor Paglisotti, Mahabati Subramanyam, Alison Chopel, Elizabeth Miller. 2018. “School Climate and Physical Adolescent Relationship Abuse: Differences by sex, socioeconomic status, and bullying.” *Journal of Adolescence*, 66, 71-82.
- Sonia Jain-Aghi, Alison Cohen, Rebecca Dick, Alison Chopel, Elizabeth Miller. 2014. “Exploring the Impact of a School-based Relationship Abuse Intervention on School Climate and Adolescent Relationship Abuse.” *Journal of School Health*. 12-14-RA-466.
- Kelly Jones, Rebecca Dick, Heather McCauley, Daniel Tancredi, Alison Chopel, Jay G. Silverman, Samantha Blackburn, Elizabeth Miller. 2014. “Have you ever been in an unhealthy relationship? Differential responses to questions about adolescent relationship abuse exposure.” *Journal of Adolescent Health*.
- Alison Chopel, Meredith Minkler, Amani Nuru-Jeter, Megan Dunbar. 2014. “Social Determinants of Late Stage HIV Diagnosis and its Distributions among African Americans and Latinos: A Critical Literature Review.” *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice*.

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- _____. 2013. "Sleep is Healthy: A Simple, Old Idea with Big Consequences." *PolicyMatters Journal*, Spring.
- _____. 2013. "Reproductive Health in Indigenous Chihuahua: Giving Birth Alone Like the Goat." *Ethnicity and Health*.
- Ifeoma Udoh, Alison Chopel, Meredith Minkler, Carla Dillard Smith, Sheryl Walton, Christina Grijalva, Aminatu Yusuf, Megan Dunbar. 2012. "Developing and Using a Partnership Covenant to Guide a Study of Late Diagnosis of HIV." *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education and Action*.
- Maria-Elena Young, Sandi Goldstein, Robin Kirkpatrick, M. Beas, Alison Chopel. 2011. "Voices of Latino Adolescents in Rural California: Health Care Access." California Adolescent Health Collaborative, Public Health Institute; Oakland, CA.
- Alison Chopel, Nozomu Kuno, and Sven Steinmo. 2005. "Social Security, Taxation and Redistribution in Japan." *Public Budgeting and Finance*. 25: 4, pages 20-43, December.
- _____. 2004. "HIV, Breastfeeding, and Water in Southern Africa." *High Plains Society for Applied Anthropology Journal*. Spring.

Forthcoming Publications and Manuscripts

- Alison Chopel, Kathleen Gutierrez, Taylor Paglisotti, Samantha Blackburn, Elizabeth Miller. "I trust a friend more: Peer Outreach Teams in a School-Based Healthy Relationships Intervention." *Journal of Adolescent Research*. In review.

Presentations and Posters

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| California Breastfeeding Summit | 2018 |
| Co-presenter, "Social and Structural Factors That Impact Diverse Young Mothers' Feeding Behaviors" (Recipient of presentation award) | |
| Youth Tech Health Conference | 2017 |
| Presenter, "Project PARTNER (Partnering with Adolescents to Ready The Newest Engaged Researchers): How youth can use smartphone technology for research" | |
| American Public Health Association Annual Meeting | 2017 |
| Presenter, "Healthy Relationships and Economic Pathways: How a cross-regional partnership is increasing adolescent efficacy for long-term healthy relationship and economic sustainability in California's Central Valley" | |
| Co-Presenter, "Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth's Perspectives on their Strengths and Health Needs: A Photovoice Project" | |
| Co-presenter, "YEH (Youth, Empowerment, Health): The more you know! A comprehensive education program to improve the sexual and reproductive health of commercially sexually exploited youth" | |
| Center for Youth Wellness ACEs Conference Adolescent Panel | 2016 |
| Presenter, "Adverse Childhood Experiences ACEs Interventions: Partnering with Youth to Foment Resilience" | |
| Youth Tech Health Conference | 2016 |
| Co-presenter, "PhotoVoice and Qualitative Research with Adolescents: the Marketing of | |

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E-cigarettes Toward Adolescents Study”	
Healthy Teen Network Conference	2016
Co-presenter, “Partnering with Young Mothers to Investigate Social and Structural Determinants of Breastfeeding”	
Tobacco Control Research and Education Conference: Joining Forces to Address New Challenges	2016
Co-presenter, “How the Marketing of E-cigarettes Targets the Young People of Oakland: Engaging Adolescents with Participatory Qualitative Research”	
School-Based Health Alliance Conference	2015
Co-presenter, “Building Bridges Between Public Health and Domestic Violence Advocacy Organizations”	
Girls, Inc. Annual Conference	2015
Keynote speaker, “Training and Partnering with Young Mothers in Qualitative Participatory Research as an Intervention and Study”	
Futures Without Violence Health and Domestic Violence Conference	2015
Co-presenter, “Building Healthy Relationships with Adolescents: Using Participatory Methods”	
California Home Visiting Program’s Webinar Series	2015
Co-presenter, “Adolescent Parents and Educational Pathways”	
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence Prevention Peer Network Conference	2014
Co-presenter, “Reaching teens through the School Health Centers Healthy Adolescent Relationships Project”	
Healthy Teen Network Conference	2014
Co-presenter, “Healthy Relationships and Youth Empowerment”	
American Indian Infant Health Initiative Semi-annual Provider Meeting	2014
Co-presenter, “Adolescent-headed Families: Special Considerations for the mental and physical health of parents and infants”	
California Coalition Against Sexual Assault Annual Meeting	2014
Presenter, “School Health Centers Healthy Adolescent Relationship Program”	
Adolescent Health Work Group Provider Meeting	2014
Presenter, “E-cigarettes: Public Health and Clinical Implications”	
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence Leadership Meeting	2014
Presenter, “SHARP project intervention, preliminary evaluation results and lessons learned”	
California School-Based Health Alliance Conference	2013
Presenter, “Evidence-informed Interventions for Addressing Adolescent Relationship Abuse (ARA) in SBHC’s”	
International AIDS Conference	2012
Presenter, “Challenges and benefits of a CBPR approach to studying and addressing late stage HIV/AIDS diagnosis among urban African Americans and Latinos”	
Health Inequities in the Bay Area Conference	2012

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- Presenter, “Community Based Participatory Research with Communities of Color to Build Health Equity”
International Health Interest Group Conference 2010
Presenter, “Qualitative Research with Indigenous Communities in Mexico to Understand and Address Reproductive Health Inequities”
Bixby Center for Population, Health and Sustainability 2009
Presenter, “Investigating and Addressing Maternal Mortality in Indigenous Chihuahua: Collaborating to Learn and Work in the Sierra Tarahumara”
High Plains Applied Anthropology Conference 2005
Presenter, “Breastfeeding and HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa: How Ancient Cultural Traditions Can Contribute to Addressing New Epidemics”

Institutes and Field Programs

- Management Institute for Senior Level Directors, Compasspoint, Oakland, California 2018
Women’s Policy Institute, Women’s Foundation of California 2017-2018
Summer Institute on Migration and Health, Oakland, California 2011
Summer Institute on Migration and Health, University of Puebla, Mexico 2009
Latin American Social Sciences, FLACSO, Bono Theological University and INTEC Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic 2006
Dominican Culture and Linguistics
Pacific Islands Field Training Program, Baraulu, Solomon Islands 2003
Cultural Anthropology Field Methods

Professional Service

- American Public Health Association
Anti-Racism Collaborative
Partnership for Male Youth
Conference Advisory Committee
Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Adolescent Health
National Leaders in Design Thinking Participant
Healthy Teen Network
Leadership Alliance Member
Youth Justice Subcommittee, California Campaign to Counter Childhood Adversities
Advisory Board Member
California Adolescent Sexual Health Work Group
Policy Committee Member, Secretary
California Department of Public Health, Office of Health Equity
Advisory Committee Member
DELTA FOCUS (Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancement and Leadership Through Alliances, Focusing on Outcomes for Communities United with States)
Leadership Team Member

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California Health Interview Survey
Technical Advisory Committee Member
Justice for Young Families Initiative, California Latinas for Reproductive Justice
Board Member

Volunteer Experience

Colectivo Ilé, Bambú Pueblo, Center for Reconstruction of the Habitat Pro-bono Research, Writing and Development Consultant	Current
Servicio Nacional de Aprendizaje and Peace Corps, Baranquilla, Colombia Community Economic Development Facilitator	2018
Family Tree Foundation, Boulder, Colorado Street Outreach Coordinator	2008
Niños del Camino, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic Street Outreach Coordinator	2005–2006

Organizational and Project Development Skills

Mixed-methods research design and implementation
Qualitative methodologies including: in-depth individual and dyadic interviews, focus groups, community mapping, PhotoVoice and body mapping
Organizational development and management: grant-writing, fundraising, grants management, team management, strategic planning
Pedagogy, adult learning, and curriculum development with focus on research training
Experience with geographic information systems (GIS), STATA, NVivo and TAMS analyzer qualitative data analysis software
Needs assessment, program design, planning, implementation, and evaluation
Policy advocacy strategy
Lean Six Sigma (Yellow Belt)

Software Fluency

Blackboard, Google suite, GoTo Meeting, Kahoots!, Microsoft suite, Mural, Participoll, Prezi, Skype, Webex, Teams

Languages

Spanish: fluent
English: native speaker
Portuguese: basic