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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh
PhD, Social Work
Pittsburgh, PA
June 2013

University of Pittsburgh
Master of Public Health
Pittsburgh, PA
May 2001

University of South Florida
Master of Social Work
Tampa, FL
May 1996

California University of Pennsylvania
Bachelor of Social Work
California, PA
May 1990

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC

University of New Mexico
College of Population Health
2020
Visiting Lecturer

University of New Mexico
College of Population Health
2017-2020
Adjunct Faculty

University of Pittsburgh
School of Social Work
2013
Adjunct Faculty

University of Pittsburgh
Bridging the Gaps, School of Medicine
2012
Administrative Assistant

University of Pittsburgh
Graduate School of Public Health
2008-2011
Instructor

University of Pittsburgh
School of Social Work
2008-2011
Adjunct Faculty

University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health	2006-2011 Coordinator of Community Programs
University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health	2003-2011 Project Coordinator
University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health	2001-2003 Research Specialist
University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health	1999-2001 Graduate Research Assistant

NON-ACADEMIC

New Mexico Department of Health Santa Fe, NM	2017-2019 Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention & New Mexico Public Health Tracking Health Educator
New Mexico Department of Health Santa Fe, NM	2016-2017 Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Health Educator Contract Position
Early Head Start Pittsburgh, PA	2011-Present Research Consultant
AmeriCorps Keys Service Corps Pittsburgh, PA	2013 AmeriCorps Member
Every Child, Inc. Pittsburgh, PA	2003-2005 Research Consultant
THE PROGRAM for Female Offenders Pittsburgh, PA	2001-2005 Research Consultant
Hospice of the Florida Suncoast St. Petersburg, FL	1997-1999 Social Worker
Shands Home Health Care Largo, FL	1997-1999 Social Work Consultant
State of Florida, Office of Developmental Services St. Petersburg, FL	1994-1999 Social Work Consultant
Bay Pines Veterans Affairs Medical Center St. Petersburg, FL	1995-1996 Social Work Intern

Gift of Life, Inc. 1994-1996
St. Petersburg, FL Social Worker

Mental Health Care, Inc. 1991-1996
Tampa, FL Mental Health Counselor

FELLOWSHIPS

Current Student Experience Project (SEP) Fellowship, University of New Mexico

Current Expanding Course-Based Undergraduate Research Experiences (ECURE) Fellowship, University of New Mexico

1999-2001 Center for Maternal and Child Health Leadership in Public Health Social Work, University of Pittsburgh

PUBLICATIONS

McAllister, C.L. Thomas, T., Wilson, P.C., & Green, B.L. (2009). "Root Shock" Revisited: Perspectives of Early Head Start Mothers on Community and Policy Environments and Their Effects on Child Health, Development, and School Readiness. *American Journal of Public Health*, 99(2), 205-210

Quinn, S.C., Thomas, T., & Kumar, S. (2008). The anthrax vaccine and research: Reactions from postal workers and public health professionals. *Biosecurity and Bioterrorism: Biodefense Strategy, Practice and Science*, 6(4), 321-333.

McAllister, C.L. & Thomas, T. (2007). Infant Mental Health and Family Support: Contributions of Early Head Start to an Integrated Model for Community-Based Early Childhood Programs. *Infant Mental Health Journal* 28(2), 192-215.

Quinn, S C., Thomas, T., & McAllister, C. (2005). Postal Worker' Perspectives on Communication during the Anthrax Attacks. *Biosecurity and Bioterrorism: Biodefense Strategy, Practice and Science*, 3(3), 207-215.

PRESENTATIONS

Thomas, T., Burnett, T., Gallegos, A. (2018). "Improving Access to Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention through Collaboration: Lessons Learned and Best Practices. Presented at New Mexico Public Health Association Conference in Albuquerque, NM.

Thomas, T., Elias, T., Kim, J., Terry, M., & Dunkerly, C. (2018). "Fatherhood: Learning From Early Head Start Fathers. Presented at Cross-Disciplinary Conference on Family and Healthy U in Pittsburgh, PA.

Elias, T. & Thomas, T. (2015). "Everything Is For Moms": Engaging Fathers in Evaluation Research as part of Dads, Meds...and Dreads: Applied Public Health in Southwestern Pennsylvania. Presented at Society For Applied Anthropology in Pittsburgh, PA.

Thomas, T. & Elias, T. (2015). Hearing Father's Unique Perspectives to Improve Their Engagement in Family Based Programs. Presented at 2015 NASW-NM Conference: Embracing Diversity, Empowering Communities in Albuquerque, NM.

Goodkind, S., Thomas, T., & Weaver, A. (2011). Teaching Feminist Social Work Practice: Perspectives from Students and Instructor. Presented at Unsettling Feminisms: Disrupting the Center, Dismantling Oppressions, Transforming Social Work. in Chicago, IL.

Vitroil, A., Felman, K., & Thomas, T. (2010). Utilizing Photovoice in Community Practice: Giving Voice to People Living with Disabilities. Presented at the 138th 137th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Denver, CO.

Thomas, T., Herman, V., & Tittnich, E. (2010). Understanding the role of mental health in Early Head Start Services: Impacts on families, children and home visitors. Presented at the Marce` Society's Annual Conference: Perinatal Mental Health Research Harvesting the Potential in Pittsburgh, PA

Thomas, T. & Henry, B. (2009). Exploring the mentoring needs of public health social work students in a dual degree program. Presented at the 137th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.

Thomas, T. & Rauktis, M.E. (2009). A Conceptual Model of Supervision for Child Welfare to Promote Critical Decision Making. Presented at the 137th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.

Bodea, A., Elias, T., & Thomas, T. (2009). Parents Talk about Family Support: A Conceptual Model of Transformative Spaces. Presented at the 137th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.

Rauktis, M. E. & Thomas, T. (2009). Emerging Research in Disproportionality in Child Welfare: decision making in child protective services—what are the decision inputs and processes. Presented at the Foster Family Treatment Association in Atlanta, Georgia.

Thomas, T. (2009). Leadership Programs and MCH Bureau Resources for Public Health Social Workers. Presented at the 2nd Annual Training Institute on Trauma-Affected Women, Children and Families: Supporting Strengths and Restoring Resiliency in Public Health, Mental Health, and Social Service Systems in New York, NY.

Thomas T. & Bodea A. "Home Visiting For Families With Young Children: The Benefits And The Challenges." Presented at the 136th Annual American Public Health Association Meeting, Public Health Without Borders. San Diego, CA. October 25-29, 2008.

Henry B & Thomas T. "An Innovative Public Health Social Work Education Training Model." Presented at the 136th Annual American Public Health Association Meeting, Public Health Without Borders. San Diego, CA. October 25-29, 2008.

Jones K, Falvo, C, Thomas T & Keane C. "My Garden Vegetables: A Pilot Study of a Gardening, Art, and Nutrition Education Program." Poster presented at the 136th Annual American Public Health Association Meeting, Public Health Without Borders. San Diego, CA. October 25-29, 2008.

Bodea A & Thomas T. "An Apprenticeship Approach to Community Participatory Qualitative Research." Presented at the European Sociological Association, 4th Mid-term Conference on Teaching Qualitative Methods. Lodz, Poland. September 15-17, 2008.

Bodea A, Elias T. & Thomas T. "An Inquiry into the Meaning of Family Support." Presented at the 15th Annual Family Support Conference: What's Love Got to Do with It? The Heart of School Readiness & Success. Pittsburgh, PA. May 4, 2008.

Thomas T. "Advocacy & Health Literacy." Presented at the Healthy Start Conference: Health Literacy Awareness and Sensitivity. Pittsburgh, PA. May 5, 2008.

Thomas T. "Shovels, Dirt, Seeds, and Kids: The Growing of Healthier Youth through Urban Gardening." Presented at the 6TH Annual International Conference on Urban Health. Baltimore, MD. October 31, 2007.

McAllister CL & Thomas, T. "'Root Shock' Revisited: Perspectives of Early Head Start Parents on Community-Based Risks to Child Development and School Readiness" Presented at the 6TH Annual International Conference on Urban Health. Baltimore, MD. October 31, 2007

McAllister CL, Bodea A & Thomas T. "Allegheny County Family Support Study: A Collaboration Between Parents and Student Researchers." Presented at the 14th Annual Family Support Conference: Ready Families, Ready Communities, Ready Schools, Ready Services. Pittsburgh, PA. May 16-17, 2007.

Terry MA, Thomas T, Jewell IK, Brown N, Nowalk MP & Zimmerman RK. "Addressing Immunization Disparities: A Practice-Level Observation Study". Presented at the 41st National Immunization Conference: Multiple Approaches to Recognizing and Overcoming Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Adult Immunization. Kansas City, Missouri. March 5 – 7, 2007

Thomas T & Henry B. "Human Rights and Public Health Social Work: Examining the Public Health Social Work Standards and Competencies in Achieving Healthy People 2010 Objectives" Presented at the 134th Annual American Public Health Association Meeting. Boston, MA. November 4-8, 2006.

Thomas T. "Original Gardeners: An Environmental Education and Urban Greening Project." Poster presented at the 134th Annual American Public Health Association Meeting. Boston, MA. November 4-8, 2006.

McAllister CL, Thomas T, Green BL, & Wilson PC. "Root Shock" Revisited: Perspectives of Early Head Start Parents on Community-Based Risks to Child Development and School Readiness. Presented at the 134th Annual American Public Health Association Meeting. Boston, MA. November 4-8, 2006.

Terry MA, Thomas T, Jewell IK, Brown N, Nowalk MP & Zimmerman RK. "Addressing Immunization Disparities: A Practice-Level Observation Study" Presented at the 134th Annual American Public Health Association Meeting. Boston, MA. November 4-8, 2006.

Quinn SC & Thomas T. "The 2001 Anthrax Attack: Lessons Learned and Best Practices." Presented at the 5th International Conference on Urban Amsterdam, the Netherlands. October 25-28, 2006.

Graziani M. & Thomas T. "Rediscovering Pittsburgh's Soul through It's Soil: A Look at Food Equity and Urban Farming in Pittsburgh". Presented at the 10th Annual Meeting of the Community Food Security Coalition: Bridging Borders Toward Food Security Conference. Vancouver, BC. October 7-11, 2006.

Thomas T, Graziani M, Grana A, Arrington A, Hulsey E, & Ali R. "The Original Gardeners, A Summer Neighborhood Greening Project". Presented at the 10th Annual Meeting of the Community Food Security Coalition: Bridging Borders Toward Food Security Conference. Vancouver, BC. October 7-11, 2006.

Quinn SC & Thomas T. "Improving Risk Communication in a Crisis: Recommendations from Public Health Professionals in the 2001 Anthrax Attack". Presented at Pennsylvania Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Harrisburg, PA. September 20-22, 2006.

Crumrine D & Thomas T. Methods for Engaging Residence and Grassroots in the Environment. Presented at Pennsylvania Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Harrisburg, PA. September 20-22, 2006.

McAllister CL, Wilson PC, Green BL, Baldwin JL, Thomas T. "Come and Take a Walk": Listening to Early Head Start Parents on School Readiness as a Matter for Public Health Research and Practice. (Poster Presentation) School Readiness Group Conference, Hosanna House, Pittsburgh, PA. August 16, 2006.

McAllister CL, Thomas T, Green BL, Wilson PC. "You Always Got to Feel Like You're Always Set to Defend Yourself." Perspectives of Early Head Start Parents on Community-Based Risks to Child Development and School Readiness. (Poster Presentation) School Readiness Group Conference, Hosanna House, Pittsburgh, PA August 16, 2006

McAllister CL, Thomas T, Green BL, & Wilson PC. "Perspectives of Early Head Start Parents on Community-Based Risks to Child Development and School Readiness" as part of the EARLY HEAD START RISK POSTER SYMPOSIUM: Studies Examining Risk and Protective Factors Affecting Children and Families in EHS presented at the Head Start's 8th National Research Conference. Washington D.C. June 26-28, 2006

Thomas T & Graziani M. "Food Security and Urban Farming: Cultivating Human Rights". Presented at the Transcending Boundaries Conference: Human Rights and the Security Continuum. University of Pittsburgh. March 31-April 1, 2006

Quinn SC, Thomas T, & McAllister CL. "Lessons from the 2001 Anthrax Attack: Communication about Antibiotic Prophylaxis and the Anthrax Vaccine." Presented at 133rd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA., December 10-14, 2005.

Thomas T. "After the Adoption: Families' Needs and Policy Implications." Presented at 133rd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA., December 10-14, 2005.

McAllister C & Thomas T. "Infant mental health and family support: An integrated approach for community-based programs for families with young children." Presented at 133rd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA., December 10-14, 2005.

McAllister CL, Wilson PC, Green BL, & Thomas T. "Come and Take a Walk": Listening to Early Head Parents on School Readiness as a Matter for Public Health Research and Practice. Poster presentation at the Center for Public Health Practice Tenth Anniversary Symposium, University of Pittsburgh, October 21, 2005.

Quinn SC, Thomas T, & McAllister CL. "Lessons for Risk Communication from the 2001 Anthrax Attack: Voices of Postal Workers and Public Health Professionals". Poster presented at the Center for Public Health Practice's 10th Anniversary Symposium Poster Presentations. October 21, 2005

Ali R, Grana A, Arrington A, Hulseley E, Thomas T, & Wheatner D. "The Original Gardeners: A Summer Neighborhood Greening Project." Poster presented at the Center for Public Health Practice's 10th Anniversary Symposium Poster Presentations. October 21, 2005

McAllister CL & Thomas T. "Root Shock" Revisited: Early Head Start Mothers Speak about Community and Policy Environments and Their Affect on Child Health, Development, and School Readiness. Presented at the Fifth Annual Minority Health Summit: Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities. Center for Minority Health, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh, January 13-14, 2005.

Quinn SC, McAllister CL, & Thomas, T. "Lessons for Risk Communication from the 2001 Anthrax Attacks: Voices of Postal Workers and Public Health Professionals." Presented at Society for Public Health Education 55th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 5-7, 2004.

Quinn SC, McAllister CL, & Thomas T. "Lessons for Risk Communication from the 2001 Anthrax Attack: Voices of Postal Workers and Public Health Professionals." Presented at Public Health and the Environment, American Public Health Association, 132nd Annual Meeting and Exposition, Washington D.C., November 2004

Thomas T & Thomas D. "Wrap Around Network of Post Legal Supports (A Federal Grant): What Families Want. Presented at the 13th Annual Permanency Conference: Expanding the Vision, Lancaster, PA. June 2, 2004.

Quinn S C, McAllister CL, & Thomas T. "Lessons for Risk Communication from the 2001 Anthrax Attacks: Voices of Postal Workers and Public Health Professionals." Presented at 22nd DHPE/CDC National Conference on Health Education and Health Promotion and SOPHE Mid-Year Meeting, Orlando, Florida, May 2004

Quinn SC, Thomas T, McAllister CL. "Lessons from the 2001 Anthrax Attack: Voices of Postal Workers and Public Health Professionals". Presented at the 4th Annual Minority Health Leadership Summit, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh. Jan.8-9, 2004.

Quinn SQ, Arron D, Schwarz K, Thomas T. "Voices for a New Tomorrow: An Assessment of the LGBT Community of Allegheny County, PA." Presented at Working Together to Create Healthy Lives 2004: The Third National Lesbian Health Conference. Sponsored by the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Institute for Healthcare Innovation & UIC's National Center for Excellence in Women's Health. May 20-22, 2004.

Quinn SQ, Arron D, Schwarz K, Thomas T. "Voices for a New Tomorrow: A Community Assessment of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community in Allegheny County." Persad's 30th Anniversary Community Symposium Series. Pittsburgh, PA. January 2003

Bagnato S, Jaros K, Thomas T, Dougherty K, & Levine R. "Facilitating Program Evaluation in Child Care Settings." Presented at The American Public Health Associations 128th Annual Meeting. Boston, PA. November 2000.

Book Chapter

Rauktis, M.E., & Thomas, T. Reflective Practices in Supervision: Why Thinking and Reflecting are as Important as Doing. In Cahalane, H. (Ed). *Contemporary Issues in Child Welfare Practice*. Springer Press, 2013.

Quinn S., Thomas T. & McAllister C. Lessons from the 2001 Anthrax Attack: A Conceptual Model for Crisis And Emergency Risk Communication. In Seeger, MW & Sellnow T. & Ulmer R (eds). *Crisis Communication and the Public's Health*. NJ: Hampton Press, 2007.

Professional Memberships

American Public Health Association 2003 to 2011