

Elizabeth Austin Fisher

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STRENGTHS

Innovative, dynamic, and empathetic professional with leadership experience in project management and health communication. Demonstrated success in identifying problems; visioning for the future; creating strategies with impact; and developing communication products with a regional and national reach. Experience includes managing multiple participatory research and public health practice projects and strategic messaging.

SKILLS & COMPETENCIES:

- Creative Problem Solving
- Oral and Written Communication
- Organizational Leadership
- Promoting Health Equity
- Health Communication
- Cross-sectoral Collaboration
- Strategic Planning
- Graphic and Web Design
- Project Management

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Chicago

MA, Communication; Media Studies and Health Concentration

Anticipated Completion May 2022

Ohio University

BSH, Community Health Sciences
Magna Cum Laude

2010 – 2014

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Chicago Center for Healthy Work

Deputy Director, Research Specialist

2018 – 2020

- Manages \$4.2 M grant, with a multidisciplinary team, to ensure successful planning, implementation, and evaluation of 2 advanced community-based participatory research protocols
- Leads Communications Oversight Group by overseeing the planning, production, and dissemination of communication and research translation products to approximately 250 varying internal, regional and national stakeholders (e.g. research briefs, website, newsletter, infographics, promotional flyers)
- Completes reporting required by funding and regulatory agencies, including the Institutional Review Board
- Facilitated multi-year action research project with 14 diverse stakeholders to implement collaborative initiatives that impact workers in Chicago, suburban Cook County, Boone County, and the state of Illinois

Project Coordinator, Research Associate II

2017 – 2018

- Assessed and evaluated Center for Healthy Work research and outreach activities to ensure project developments are aligned with aims submitted to the grant sponsor
- Guided successful dissemination of communications and research translation products for various stakeholders

MidAmerica Center for Public Health Practice

Project Coordinator, Research Associate I

2015 – 2017

- Managed Illinois Strategic Communication Leadership Project to identify consistent messaging for local public health departments to advocate for public health funding during the 2015-2017 Illinois budget impasse
- Bridged research and practice in the design of professional development courses for the public health workforce
- Designed promotional material, within event or departmental style guidelines, to meet organizational objectives
- Highlighted research and public health practice projects:
 - Illinois Preparedness and Response Learning Center, Research Associate I
 - Region V Public Health Training Collaborative, Research Associate I
 - Cook County Health Healthy Hot Spot, Research Associate I

Custom Medical Stock Photo

Health Education Infographic Designer

2014 – 2015

- Conducted literature reviews to identify relevant data regarding prevention, symptoms, and treatment to educate and engage target populations
- Developed 15 health education infographics in Adobe Photoshop using stock photos and health data
- Identified appropriate dissemination channels with organizational leadership

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

Welter, C., Jarpe-Ratner E., Bonney, T., **Fisher E.**, Yankelev A., Kapadia G., Love M, Pinsker E. Evaluation results from the Healthy Work Collaborative: A Multi-Sectoral Capacity Building Partnership to Address Precarious Work. Target journal: *Health Education and Behavior*. Timeline: Anticipated submission September 2020.

Welter, C., Jarpe-Ratner, E., Bonney, T., Pinsker, E. C., **Fisher, E.**, Yankelev, A., . . . Zaroni, J. (2020). Development of the Healthy Work Collaborative: Findings From an Action Research Study to Inform a Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change Capacity-Building Initiative Addressing Precarious Employment. *Health Promotion Practice*, 152483992095311. doi:10.1177/1524839920953116

Contributor to *Considerations for Hiring Community-Based Contact Tracers: A Handbook*. Published on Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership's Chicago COVID-19 Contact Tracing Corps website, September 2020.

Contributor to *Healthy Work Collaborative: Examples from the Field*. Published on UIC Center for Healthy Work's website, 2019.

Fisher E. NIOSH Extramural Centers COVID-19 Response: Documentation of University-Based Activities. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health Expanding Research Partnerships Webinar Series. September 2020.

Fisher E, Conroy, L. Impacting the Health of Workers in Precarious Jobs – How the Center for Healthy Work Engages in Participatory Action Research. Work, Stress, and Health Conference. November 2019. Philadelphia, PA.

Welter, C, **Fisher E.** Healthy Work Collaborative: Addressing Precarious Work through Social Change. Work, Stress, and Health Conference. November 2019. Philadelphia, PA.

Welter, C, **Fisher E.** Approaches that Accelerate Research to Practice: Lessons Learned from NIOSH *Total Worker Health*® Centers - Center for Healthy Work. Work, Stress, and Health Conference. November 2019. Philadelphia, PA.

Fisher E, Welter C. Healthy Work Collaborative: Addressing Precarious Work through Social Change. National Network of Public Health Institutes Annual Conference. May 2019. Washington, D.C.

Fisher E, Bonney T, Yankelev A. Turning Unhealthy Work into Healthy Work: Healthy Communities through Healthy Work Action Research. 2nd International Symposium to Advance *Total Worker Health*®. May 2018. Bethesda, MD.

Fisher E, Pratap P, Chan K. The Art and Science of Evaluation Planning in a New Center for Excellence for *Total Worker Health*®. 2nd International Symposium to Advance *Total Worker Health*®. May 2018. Bethesda, MD.

Fisher E, Welter, C, Yankelev, A. Work as a Social Determinant of Health: The Role of Public Health in Creating Healthy Work Opportunities for our Communities. Illinois Public Health Association Annual Event, September 2017. Springfield, IL.

Contributor to *We Choose Health: Transforming Communities Across Illinois*. Published on Illinois Department of Public Health's website, 2015.

Contributor to *Below Your Belt: A Pelvic Health Handbook for Girls*. Written by Lavendar, Ihm. Published by Women's Health Foundation, 2015.

AWARDS

Public Health Program of Excellence, Illinois Public Health Association	September 2018
Outstanding Graduate in Community Health Sciences, Ohio University	April 2014
Female Student Leader, Ohio University Women's Center	March 2014

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES #23669)	October 2014 – Present
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LANGUAGES

English: Native Language
Spanish: Limited Working Proficiency