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EDUCATION

CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

Jan 2024 – Present

Currently enrolled in the DPA
Program (Online)

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON

Aug 2015 – May 2017

Graduated with MPH – Health
Promotion and Disease Prevention

GPA: 3.76

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LONG BEACH

Aug 2010 – May 2015

Graduated with BS – Community
Health Education

Minored in Spanish

GPA: 3.68

CERTIFIED HEALTH EDUCATION SPECIALIST

(CHES # 24663)

Active: April 2025

SUMMARY

Public health advocate with a talent for organization and written communication. Collaborative with proficiency in research, advocacy, outreach, and community organizing. Passionate about uplifting the voices of marginalized populations. Health equity and justice-oriented. Seeking to cultivate collaborative learning spaces to raise up the future public health leaders.

EXPERIENCE

ADJUNCT FACULTY • AUG 2023 – PRESENT

CSU Fullerton • Department of Public Health

Courses taught:

- PUBH 201: Introduction to Public Health
- PUBH 402: US Healthcare Systems

POLICY COORDINATOR • OCT 2023 – JAN 2024

California Pan-Ethnic Health Network • Public Health Pod

- Managed "Building towards Antiracist Government" research project
- Conducted qualitative data analysis and supported in drafting case studies of Monterey, Orange, Riverside, and Sonoma County on their racial equity efforts in recent years.
- Directed the workshop "Reimagining Local Budgets to Advance Racial Equity" for the Voices for Change Conference
- Contributed to the following reports:
 - "A Right to Heal: Mental Health in Diverse Communities"
 - "Building Bridges Across Antiracist Workforces: Lessons Learned from Community Health Workers, Promotoras, Representatives, Doulas, Peer Support Specialists, and Navigators"

EQUITY COORDINATOR • JAN 2022 – OCT 2022

Orange County Health Care Agency (OC HCA) • Office of Population Health and Equity

- Supported the implementation of the CDC grant: "National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities"
- Helped launch the "Equity in OC" Initiative
- Assisted in the development of the Equity Champion Curriculum to promote centering equity within the workplace at OC HCA

KEY SKILLS

Data analysis
Qualitative research
Project management
Grant & Report writing
Teaching
Korean (native proficiency)
Spanish (conversational)

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

D'Anna, L. H., Hansen, M., Mull, B., Canjura, C., **Lee, E.** & Sumstine, S. (2018) Social Discrimination and Health Care: A Multidimensional Framework of Experiences among a Low-Income Multiethnic Sample, *Social Work in Public Health*, (33)3, 187-201, doi: 10.1080/19371918.2018.1434584

"Equity in OC: A Community-Informed and Data-Driven Initiative to Address Social Determinants of Health in Orange County." Hieu Nguyen, Clayton Chau, Ryan Natividad, **Esther Lee**, Eddie Turner (November 2022) APHA 2022 Annual Meeting and Expo. *Social Determinants of Health and Health Inequalities*.

"Identifying barriers to health care access among Korean Americans in California." **Esther M. Lee** & Shana A. Charles (April 2017). CSUF Student Creative Activities and Research Poster Exhibition.

Yang, J. S., & **Lee, E.** (2018). A qualitative assessment of business perspectives and tactics of tobacco and vape shop retailers in three communities in Orange County, CA, 2015–2016. *Archives of Public Health*, 76(1). doi:10.1186/s13690-018-0307-z

EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

PREVENTION COORDINATOR • JUL 2020 – SEP 2021

Koreatown Youth and Community Center • Prevention Education Unit

Managed the following projects:

- MacArthur Park Community Initiative (MPCI) under the Elevate Youth California (EYC) Project, aimed at youth leadership and promoting substance-free community engagement activities at MacArthur Park
- Youth Opioid Response (YOR) grant, aimed at increasing awareness of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and Stimulant Use Disorder (StUD) in Koreatown and improving access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services among youth in Koreatown
- Participated in grant writing & contributed to being awarded 3 grants

ADVOCACY MANAGER • APR 2019 – JUN 2020

American Lung Association • Orange County

- Managed California Tobacco Control Program (CTCP) grant called "Smokefree OC," which focused on promoting outdoor smoke-free policies across Orange County
- Managed "Priority Population-Based Community Engagement Service: Project 7" grant funded by the OC HCA
- Contributed to the passage of smoke-free outdoor policy in Irvine through community organizing, building partnerships, and advocacy.
- Conducted education presentations on e-cigarette education, tobacco store density, and city policy options to help reduce access to tobacco and vape products among youth.

BILINGUAL HEALTH EDUCATOR • JAN 2017 – OCT 2018

American Heart Association • Los Angeles

- Assisted in the implementation of the "Check, Change, Control" program through simultaneous translation (from English to Korean) of health education presentations on hypertension management, heart disease prevention, and nutrition for the Korean elderly population.
- Provided guidance to undergraduate interns with the development of evaluation instruments for "Check, Change, Control" program.

RESEARCH COORDINATOR • MAR 2016 – MAY 2017

CSU Fullerton • Health Promotion Research Institute

- Conducted data collection, review, entry, and analysis of Public Opinion Surveys on multiunit housing tobacco control policy in English, Spanish, and Korean.
- Conducted qualitative data analysis and coauthored a journal article, comparing the marketing tactics of tobacco and vape shops in Orange County.