

# Dia J Obonyo

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## EDUCATION:

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### **Doctor of Public Health**

December 2020

*University of Kentucky*, Lexington, Kentucky

Program: Health Management & Policy

### **Master of Public Health**

May 2011

*University of Kentucky*, Lexington, Kentucky

Program: Health Behavior

### **Certificate of Global Health**

May 2011

*University of Kentucky*, Lexington, Kentucky

### **Bachelor of Arts**

May 2007

*Berea College*, Berea, Kentucky

Major: Spanish, Minor: Sociology

## WORK EXPERIENCE:

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### **Kentucky Department for Public Health (through University of Kentucky)-Viral Hepatitis Program:**

March 2023-Present

Program Lead

April 2020-Present

Prevention Coordinator

### **University of Kentucky- College of Public Health:**

January 2022-Present

Part-time Instructor

### **University of Kentucky-Bluegrass Care Clinic:**

July 2015-April 2020

Patient Services Coordinator

### **Chamberlin Edmonds (Change Healthcare):**

April 2014-July 2015

Healthcare Representative at University of Kentucky Healthcare

Feb 2013-April 2014

Resolve Application Specialist

### **Bluegrass Community Health Center:**

May 2012- Feb 2013

Clinical Assistant

Nov 2007- April 2012

Patient Resource Coordinator/Case Manager

June 2007- Oct 2007

Senior Office Associate

### **Sunflower Kids Visitation Center:**

December 2007- 2012

Visitation & Exchange Monitor/Interpreter

**Berea College:**

Aug 2006-May 2007	Hispanic Outreach Project Coordinator-Center for Excellence in Learning through Service
June- August 2006	Berea Reads Tutor- Center for Excellence in Learning through Service
June- August 2005	Upward Bound Tutor-Counselor- TRIO Programs
February - Dec 2005	Spanish Teaching Assistant-Foreign Language Department

**COURSES TAUGHT:**

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University of Kentucky: CPH 365-002- Spec Tops Pub Health: Health & Society: A Global Perspective  
Terms Taught: Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024 (Planned)

**SKILLS:**

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- Microsoft Office Suite; REDCap
- STATA and SPSS Statistical Software

**LANGUAGES:**

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- English and Spanish (fluent); French (basic); Swahili (basic)

**RESEARCH/APPLIED EXPERIENCE:**

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**Doctoral Dissertation**, University of Kentucky, Summer 2019-November 2020

Utilizing a Formative Program Evaluation Approach and an Application of Grounded Theory to Assess a Novel Harm Reduction Initiative

**Doctoral Research**, University of Kentucky, Spring 2020

Unintentional Substance Overdose Risk among Homeless and Housing Unstable Heroin Users in Washington Heights

Role: Research Assistant; Co-PIs: Rafael Pérez-Figueroa & Liz Evans

**DrPH Practicum**. KIRP Harm Reduction Initiative, Summer-Fall 2019

Formative Program Evaluation; Harm Reduction and Substance Use Research; Trainings/Meetings/Conferences

**DrPH Practicum**, Bluegrass Care Clinic, Summer 2018

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Management; Research/data analysis of Ryan White patient clinical and socio-economic data; Trainings/Meetings/Conferences

**Masters Thesis**, University of Kentucky, Fall 2010-Spring 2011

Descriptive Analysis of Abnormal Cervical Cancer Screening Follow-Up Among A Sample of Medically Underserved Women in Kentucky

**Masters Global Health Practicum**, PPFA-African Regional Office, Summer 2010

Nairobi, Kenya; Activities: Tabitha Clinic (Kibera Informal Settlement) Health Education; Qualitative research project to assess pre- and post-natal care and birth experiences; Meetings regarding salient health policy issues in the country

**Latino Outreach Intern**, Planned Parenthood Kentucky, Summer 2009

Outcomes: Increased Latino patient population; more developed infrastructure for accommodating/educating Latino patients. Activities: Spanish Language Parent-Child

Communication Workshop Development, UK Hispanic Health Fair, Translation of education materials, Intimate Partner Violence Training

**Undergraduate Directed Study**, Berea College, Spring 2007

*Initiatives in the Hispanic Community*- helped to coordinate Hispanic Resource Coalition in Madison County, KY; compiled Bilingual Madison County Resource Directory, and addressed concerns of Latino community regarding access to services through meeting with community agencies and document translation.

**Undergraduate Research**, Berea College, January 2007

*Recent Trends in Latino Immigration in Central Kentucky and Responses to the Needs of this Population*- Madison County and Lexington, Kentucky

**Undergraduate Directed Study**, Berea College, Spring 2005

*Hispanic Outreach Project Course*- Tutored Latino kindergarten student in reading, helped to initiate compilation of Bilingual Madison County Resource Directory, and discussed social issues of Latinos in the United States

**PUBLICATIONS:**

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R. E. Pérez-Figueroa, **D. J. Obonyo**, S. Santoscoy, H. Surratt, H. M. Lekas, C. F. Lewis, J. S. Lyons & S. Amesty (2021) Housing Instability, Structural Vulnerability, and Non-Fatal Opioid Overdoses Among People Who Use Heroin in Washington Heights, New York City, *Behavioral Medicine*, DOI: 10.1080/08964289.2021.1922347

Pérez-Figueroa, RE; Lurry, M; Thompson, M; **Obonyo, DJ**; Santella, A; Hyden, C. (2020). Raising awareness about COVID-19 among sexual minority men of color: Sex and the Coronavirus, 2020. *Annals of LGBTQ Public and Population Health*, Volume 01, Number 04. DOI: 10.1891/LGBTQ-2020-0025

**PRESENTATIONS:**

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**Obonyo, DJ**. Hodge, B (September 2023) Hepatitis C in Kentucky. [Oral Presentation]. *Kentucky's Public Health Nursing-Wellpath Joint Conference 2023*. Frankfort, KY.

Obonyo, DJ. (August 2023) Hepatitis C in Kentucky. [Oral Presentation]. *Public Health Nursing Webinar*. (presented virtually).

Obonyo, DJ. (July 2023) Innovative Novel Approaches to Elimination: HCV Elimination in Kentucky. [Oral Presentation]. *Building Bridges: National Viral Hepatitis Summit*. Philadelphia, PA (presented virtually).

Obonyo, DJ. (June 2023) Kentucky Hepatitis C Elimination Plan. [Oral Presentation]. *Kentucky Harm Reduction Summit*. Richmond, KY.

Obonyo, DJ. (June 2023) Kentucky Hepatitis C Elimination Plan. [Oral Presentation]. *KDPH Harm Reduction Advisory Committee Meeting*. Virtual.

Obonyo, DJ. (April 2023) You have a Gem of a Plan. Now What? Implementing Kentucky's First Ever Hepatitis C Elimination Plan: Progress, Challenges, and Lessons Learned. [Oral Presentation]. *Kentucky Public Health Association Annual Conference*. Bowling Green, KY.

Obonyo, DJ. (April 2023) Perinatal Hepatitis C in Kentucky. [Oral Presentation]. *Kentucky Primary Care Association Conference*. Lexington, KY.

Noone, F; Burrows, M; **Obonyo, J**; Sharp, J.; Grubbs, Z (moderator) (March 2023) Viral Hepatitis Elimination, Treatment Access for PWUD. *Southern Regional Syringe Services Programs (SSP) and Drug User Health Institute*. Louisville, KY.

Van Sickels, N; **Obonyo, DJ**. (February 2023). Diagnosis, Monitoring, and Management of Hepatitis C. [Oral Presentation]. *Kentucky Medical Association*. Virtual.

**Obonyo, DJ**; Holladay, C. (December 2022). Centering harm reduction, PWLE, and PWUD in state HCV elimination planning. [Poster Presentation]. *SYNChronicity National Conference*. Virtual.

Obonyo, DJ. (November 2022) Engaging non-traditional partners and people with lived experience in elimination planning and implementation. [Oral Presentation]. *NASTAD Viral Hepatitis Prevention and Surveillance Virtual Learning Collaborative (VLC) Series*. Virtual.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQ0wSTU2INc>

Obonyo, DJ. (October 2022) Creating Kentucky's Hepatitis C Elimination Plan. [Oral Presentation]. *United States Conference on HIV/AIDS*. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Obonyo, DJ. (August 2022) Creating Kentucky's Hepatitis C Elimination Plan. [Oral Presentation]. *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention August Region B PS21-2103 Call*. Virtual.

**Obonyo, DJ**; Wilburn, A. Interview by Greg Davis. (July 2022) World Hepatitis Day highlights quest to eradicate Hep C in Kentucky. *Dr. Greg Davis on Medicine Podcast*. Aired 27 July 2022 on 91.3 WUKY.  
<https://www.wuky.org/podcast/dr-greg-davis-on-medicine/2022-07-26/world-hepatitis-day-highlights-quest-to-eradicate-hep-c-in-kentucky>

Wilburn, A; **Obonyo, DJ**; Holladay, C; Glick, C. (April 2022) Creating Kentucky's Hepatitis C Elimination Plan. [Oral Presentation]. *Kentucky Public Health Association Annual Conference*. Bowling Green, KY.

**Obonyo, DJ**; Wilburn, A; Holladay, C; Glick, C. (April 2022) Kentucky's Hepatitis C Elimination Plan. [Poster Presentation]. *Kentucky Public Health Association Annual Conference*. Bowling Green, KY.

Obonyo, DJ (November 2021) Health and Healthcare Access during the Pandemic: Implications for the Latinx Community [Oral Presentation]. *Berea College Hispanic Outreach Project Talks*. Berea, KY.

Pérez-Figueroa, R; **Obonyo, DJ**; Santoscoy, S; Surratt, H; Lekas, HM; Lewis, CF; Lyons, JS; Amesty, S. (October 2020) Discrimination, structural vulnerability, and overdose risk among people who use opioids in Washington Heights, NYC [Poster Presentation]. *American Public Health Association Annual Meeting*, Virtual Meeting.

Obonyo, DJ (April 2020) *Formative Program Evaluation: KIRP Harm Reduction Initiative* [Poster Presentation]. *Kentucky Public Health Association Conference* (Cancelled due to COVID-19, Posters posted online).

**Obonyo, DJ**; Parrish R (April 2016) Health and HIV in the Hispanic Community [Oral Presentation]. *Berea College Hispanic Outreach Project Talks*. Berea, KY.

De Rosset, F; Cochrane, A; **Obonyo, DJ** (Spring 2007) Hispanic Outreach Project: Bridging Communities through Service Learning [Oral Presentation]. *Appalachian Studies Conference*, Maryville, TN.

De Rosset, F; Cochrane, A; **Obonyo, DJ** (May 2007) Hispanic Outreach Project: Bridging Communities through Service Learning [Oral Presentation]. Madison County Non-Profit Organization Networking Lunch, Berea, KY.

**GLOBAL EXPERIENCE:**

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June 2019	Greece- Athens, Crete, Santorini
June-July 2010	Nairobi, Kenya- MPH Practicum (Additional travel to Kenya in 2012, 2013, & 2016-2017, 2022)
June 2009	Michoacán, Mexico- Immersion program to study Mexican human service systems
January-April 2006	Segovia, Spain- Studied Spanish language and culture (Additional travel to Italy, England, Ireland)
January 2005	Paris, France- Studied the history and culture of Paris (Additional travel to Monaco)

**ASSOCIATIONS:**

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National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) Hepatitis Program  
 Kentucky Public Health Association  
 American Public Health Association  
 Kentucky Voices for Health  
 Kentucky Migrant Network Coalition

**CERTIFICATIONS, TRAINING:**

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August 2023	Completed University of Kentucky's SuperVision Program
October 2021	Visualizing Public Health with Tableau (University of Kentucky)
August 2021	CHART: Cultural Humility for Authentic Responses Training (Spalding University)
May 2020	ASTHO Contact Tracing Training
February 2020-Present	Current CITI Training (Human Subject Protection & Revised Common Rule)
November 2019	BLOCK HIV/HCV Training: Bringing Local Communities Together To Eliminate Coinfection Through Knowledge & Partnerships
March 2017	Kentucky Public Health Assistance Support Team (K-PHAST) Training
2015-Present	AIDS Education Training Center Conferences, Trainings, Webinars
2014	Bridging the Gap Medical Interpreter Training
2014 - 2020	Kynector- Kentucky's Healthcare Connection (KYNECT); Benefind Assister
March 2008	Fundamentals of HIV Prevention Counseling Training-KY Dept for Public Health
2007-13, 2018-2020	CPR Certified (Re-certification completed every two years)
2007	Deemed Qualified Medical Interpreter by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services
2003	English as a Second Language Tutor Certification- ProLiteracy America

**VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

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2020-Present	Bwoga Elementary Library (BEL) Initiative Volunteer, Uganda/Louisville, KY
2019-Present	Team Manager/Assistant Youth Soccer Coach-Central Kentucky YMCA
2014-Present	Kowet Secondary School Fundraising Committee- Siaya, Kenya
2009-2012	Lexington-Fayette County Family Planning Advisory Council Member
2008-Present	Catholic Action Center Volunteer (Interpreter, Christmas Store, Sandwich Ministry)
May 2008	Hispanic Health Fair at University of Kentucky- Volunteer Interpreter
2006	Volunteer Interpreter for Mariachi musicians-Traditional Music Festival, Berea, KY
October 2004	Mexican Mobile Consulate Volunteer, Richmond, Kentucky
2003-2006	Berea College Annual Hunger Hurts Food Drive Volunteer
2005-2007	Member- Service Learning Advisory Committee- Berea College
2003-2007	Berea College Hispanic Student Association President 2006-07; PR Officer 2004-05

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:**

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2013	Team Player Award- ChamberlinEdmonds
2011	University of Kentucky College of Public Health International Service Award
2009	International Golden Key Society Induction
2007	Louise Veltin Award for All-Around Good Citizenship- Berea College
2007	Danforth Creative Effort Award- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place- Berea College
2007	Departmental Labor Award- Center for Excellence in Learning Through Service
2007	Russell Todd Wise Use of Leisure Time Award- Berea College
2003-2006	Berea College Dean's list
2003	<i>Vincit Qui Patitur</i> - Berea College Honor Society