

# MALEA HOEPF YOUNG

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Kentucky Office of Community Health Workers (KOCHW)** **May 2022-Present**

**Kentucky Department of Public Health**

*Community Health Worker (CHW) Engagement Coordinator*

- Supports CHW supervisors with webinars and resource toolkits
- Liaises with CHW programs funded by the KOCHW and other stakeholders
- Compiles annual CHW Stories of Success report
- Supports program evaluation efforts with emphasis on qualitative and mixed methods
- Develops policy guidance on CHWs to other offices in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services

**University of Louisville**

**August 2016-Present**

**School of Public Health and Information Sciences,**

*Graduate Research Assistant/ Doctoral Candidate, Department of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences*

- Taught Health Policy and Public Health for undergraduate studies, focusing on policy strategies to promote health equity
- Participated in qualitative evaluation of Medicaid waiver implementation in Kentucky
- Co-developed health insurance literacy training for community health workers
- Conducted qualitative research on health insurance literacy in South Louisville, KY
- Received University Fellowship for graduate studies

**Kentucky Office for Refugees**

**2011-2016**

*Refugee Health Education and Access Coordinator*

*Louisville KY*

- Managed the Refugee Health Promotion Grant from the U.S. Office for Refugee Resettlement, including management of a \$150,000 annual budget, multiple contracts and subaward agreements, reporting, and program implementation
- Initiated and managed a refugee community health worker program
- Conducted a community health assessment with two refugee communities, funded through a grant from the Improved Health Outcomes Program (iHOP), and currently implementing a pilot community health worker program based on assessment findings
- Advocated for the interests of refugees in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Kentucky. This includes participation in state and local subcommittees, development and dissemination of educational materials, and communication with state officials to resolve systematic challenges in the health benefits exchange that affect refugees and immigrants
- Promoted language access and cultural competency in the healthcare system through coordination of presentations, forums, written materials, and networking

**United States Peace Corps**

**2009-2011**

*Health and Community Development Volunteer*

*Kibungo Sector, Rwanda*

- Coordinated the stocking, staffing, and opening of a health post in Gashanda Sector, Ngoma District, in collaboration with District and Sector leadership. The Gashanda Health Post provides health care to a sector of 14,000 people who previously lacked local access to health care

- Founded health club at local primary school for 60 students, co-teaching basic health and hygiene practices with a Rwandan teacher in English and Kinyarwanda
- Facilitator for Girls Leading Our World (GLOW) Camp, facilitating sessions on HIV and AIDS, reproductive health, goal setting, and decision making for group of 11 secondary school girls
- Carried out assessment of community health worker cooperatives at 8 health centers, to inform program support and influence Ministry of Health Policy
- Co-facilitated sessions for Peace Corps trainees and volunteers on family planning and reproductive health, nutrition, program design and management, adult education, cultural integration, and gender relations in Rwanda.

**Population Action International (PAI)**

**2007-2009**

*Research Associate*

*Washington DC*

- Principal investigator for a qualitative research project on resilience and adaptation to climate change in Ethiopia
- Managed project on use of population and demography in the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's scenario development process
- Provided research support for the documentary, *The Silent Partner: HIV in Marriage*
- Represented Population Action International at 2008 United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, and the Commission on Population and Development

**Population Services International (PSI), AIDSMark Project**

**2006-2007**

*Consultant*

*Washington DC*

- Conducted literature reviews to identify HIV priorities in various countries
- Coordinated regional lessons-learned papers for the AIDSMark end of project activities

**Population Council, Horizons Program**

**2002-2004**

*Staff Assistant*

*Washington DC*

- Provided research support to Research Director and three staff members of an international HIV/AIDS operations research project funded by USAID
- Monitored and processed research grants with international institutions
- Prepared written, oral, and visual presentations of research findings

**University Research Corp., Partners for Health Reform<sup>plus</sup> Project**

**2001-2002**

*Information Dissemination Specialist*

*Bethesda, MD*

- Edited and formatted project technical documents
- Disseminated new reports and responded to information requests from staff, USAID, cooperating agencies, and others

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**

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**Living Well Workshop (University of Louisville School of Medicine and Family Health Centers of Louisville)**

**Fall 2012-present**

*Facilitator*

- Has facilitated 8 cycles of the 6-session Living Well Workshop, using the Stamford University Chronic Disease Self-Management Curriculum.

**International HIV/AIDS Alliance India, Frontiers Prevention Project**      **May-August 2005**  
*Intern*      *Hyderabad India*

- Designed survey for client satisfaction at HIV and STI clinics for sex workers, men who have sex with men, and people living with HIV and AIDS
- Developed training for data collectors and participated in training
- Analyzed data using EpiInfo and produced report

**Action-Oriented Community Diagnosis**      **2004-2005**  
*Study Team Member*      *Raleigh, NC*

- Conducted needs assessment, including participant observation, in-depth interviews and focus groups in collaboration with the Islamic Association of Raleigh
- Developed coding database; coded and analyzed qualitative data
- Organized community forum and presented data to community

**UNC Injury Prevention Research Center (IPRC)**      **2004-2005**  
*Graduate Research Assistant*      *Chapel Hill NC*

- Provided research support to center researchers, including literature reviews, and medical record reviews
- Coordinated injury prevention seminar series

## **EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION**

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**School of Public Health and Information Sciences,**      **August 2016-Present**  
**University of Louisville**  
*Doctoral Candidate in Health Promotion*

**Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES)**      **May 2014- Present**

- Conferred by National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.

**School of Public Health, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**      **May 2006**  
*Master of Public Health, Health Behavior and Health Education, and Global Health Certificate*

- Wrote thesis based on qualitative data on HIV and stigma in Thailand
- Awarded University Merit Assistantship, and Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship for South Asia

**Kenyon College, Gambier OH**      **May 2001**  
*Bachelor of Arts, International Studies, focusing on South Asia*

- Received highest rank of distinction on senior thesis, a comparative examination of HIV policy in India and Brazil

**University of Wisconsin College Year in India Program, Hyderabad, India**      **1999-2000**

- Spent nine months studying in India
- Completed independent fieldwork project on state-funded HIV/AIDS intervention with sex workers in Andhra Pradesh, India

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Laura Eirich, Malea Hoepf Young, and Kasey Rhodes, 2023. "Building a Strong and Supported CHW Workforce: Successes and Lessons Learned," presented at the Kentucky Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Bowling Green KY, April 2023.

Kakar R, Combs RM, Hoepf Young M, Ali N, Muvuka B. 2022. "Health Insurance Literacy Perceptions and the Needs of a Working-Class Community." *Health Literacy Research and Practice*, 4;6(2):e62-e69.

Malea Hoepf Young, 2021. "Medicaid requirements, structural stigma, and the politics of healthcare reform." Presented at the American Public Health Association Annual, Denver CO, October 2021.

Malea Hoepf and Susan Buchino, 2019. "Preparing for Kentucky's 1115 Waiver: Medicaid Work Requirements in an Expansion State." Presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA, November 4, 2019.

Malea Hoepf, Ryan Combs, Nida Ali, Baraka Muvuka, Rishtya Kakar, 2019. " "There's no Good Decision That You Can Make Because You Don't Have the Information to Make it': Structural and Individual Factors Influencing Health Insurance Literacy." Poster presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA, November 4, 2019.

Malea Hoepf and Susan Buchino, 2019. "Medicaid in a time of Policy Change: Views from Assisters and Consumers." Poster presented at the Graduate Student Regional Research Conference, Louisville KY, February 2019.

Jean Edward., Wiggins, A., Young, M., Rayens, M.K., 2019. "Significant Disparities Exist in Consumer Health Insurance Literacy: Implications for Health Care Reform." *Health Literacy Research and Practice*, 3(4):e250-e258.

Ryan Combs, Nida Ali, Baraka Muvuka, Rishtya Kakar, and Malea Hoepf, 2018. "Boot Camp Translation: A Promising Method for Collaborating with Underserved Communities to Address Health Disparities." Presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 2018.

Malea Hoepf Young, Rishtya Kakar, Ryan Combs, Nida Ali, Baraka Muvuka, 2018. "Reaching consensus in Boot Camp Translation: identifying methods for effective discussion." Poster presented at Research!Louisville, Louisville KY, October 2019.

Carmen Mitchell, Ryan Combs, Malea Hoepf, Nida Ali, & Kamau Brown, 2018. "A Community-Based Approach to Developing an HIV Health Communication Campaign in West Louisville." Presented at the Kentucky Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Covington KY, April 2018.

Malea Hoepf Young, 2015. "Promoting Healthy Futures for Kentucky's Global Residents: Immigrants, Health Insurance, and the Affordable Care Act." Presented at Kentucky Public Health Association annual meeting, Owensboro Kentucky, April 2015.

Malea Hoepf Young, 2014. "Nutritional Changes in Bhutanese and Karen Communities in Louisville, Kentucky: Results of a Community Health Assessment." Presented at North American Refugee Health Conference, Rochester New York, June 2014.

Malea Hoepf Young, 2014. "Assessing Refugee Community Health in Louisville ." Presented at Kentucky Public Health Association annual meeting, Louisville Kentucky, April 2014.

Malea Hoepf Young, Amy Coen, Elizabeth L. Malone, and Elizabeth Leahy Madsen. 2009. "Adapting to Climate Change: The Role of Reproductive Health." in *A Pivotal Moment: Population, Justice, and the Environmental Challenge* by Laurie Ann Mazur, Susana Chavex Alvarado, Martha Farnsworth Riche, and Steve Sinding.

Malea Hoepf Young. 2008. "Global Climate Change: What Does it Mean for the World's Women?" Blog entry posted on Reproductive Health Reality Check, July 8, 2008. Available at: <http://www.rhrealitycheck.org/blog/malea-hoepf-young>.

Leiwen Jiang, Malea Hoepf Young, and Karen Hardee. 2008. "Population, Urbanization, and the Environment." *World Watch Magazine*, 21:5.

Malea Hoepf Young, Kathleen Mogelgaard and Karen Hardee. 2009. "Projecting Population, Projecting Climate Change: Population in IPCC Scenarios." PAI Working Papers, Vol WP09 Issue 02.

Malea Hoepf Young and Katherine Porter. 2009. "U.S. Assistance for HIV/AIDS and Family Planning/Reproductive Health: A Growing Disparity Within PEPFAR Focus Countries." Presented at the International AIDS Conference, Mexico City.

Aisha L. Moore, Emily M. Burrows, and Malea Hoepf. 2006. "Life in a North Carolina Islamic Community: An Action-Oriented Community Diagnosis." Poster presented at APHA National Meeting, Boston MA.