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EDUCATION

DEGREE	DISCIPLINE	INSTITUTION	YEAR
Ph.D.	Public Health	Saint Louis University, School of Public Health	2004
MPH	Public Health	Saint Louis University, School of Public Health	2001
M.A.	Applied Medical Anthropology	University of Memphis	1999
B.A. (Honors)	Modern History	Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone	1993

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011 – Present – Associate Professor, Department of Public Health, Health Administration & Health Sciences, Tennessee State University

August 2005 – March, 2011. *Assistant Professor*, Tennessee State University

April 2009 – *Present. Director of Master of Public Health (MPH) Program*

Courses taught: Graduate & Undergraduate

- Public Health Policy
- Research Methods
- Behavioral Science & Public Health
- Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- Principles of Public Health Practice
- Critical Issues in Health Care
- Environmental Health
- International Health
- Orientation to Allied Health Sciences
- Behavioral Science and Public Health (**Graduate level**)

- Program Development and Evaluation (**Graduate level**)
- Internship Placement (**Graduate level**)

August 2005 – 2010	<i>Consultant, National Minority AIDS Education and Training Center, Nashville Local Performance Site</i>
January 2008– 2010	<i>Evaluation Consultant, Alcoholism Screening and Knowledge Program, Daniel Payne Outreach Ministries</i>
January 2010 – Present	<i>Evaluation Consultant, Jackson State University, Mississippi</i>
April 2007 – 2009	<i>Evaluation Consultant, Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability</i>
January 2004 – July, 2005.	<i>Project Manager, HIV/STD Evaluation Study, Alcohol and Drug Prevention Research Center, Department of Anthropology, University of Memphis</i>
May 2004 – July 2005.	<i>Adjunct Faculty, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Memphis</i>
Aug. 1999 – Dec. 2003.	<i>Graduate Research Assistant, Saint Louis University School of Public Health (Prevention Research Center)</i>
2001 – 2002.	<i>Graduate Teaching Assistant. Saint Louis University School of Public Health</i>
Aug. 1997- Aug. 1999.	<i>Graduate Assistant, University of Memphis, Dept. of Anthropology</i>
Nov. 1995- July 1997	<i>Administrative Secretary (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone)</i>

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed & Published Abstracts

Boone, Leslie, **Kanu, M.** et al. "Academic-Government Partnership Builds a Better Public Health Workforce" 140th APHA Annual Meeting (October 27 - October 31, 2012) in San Francisco, CA.

Williams, E, **Kanu, M.** & Smith, M. "Soul Survivor: African American Breast Cancer Survivors' Use of Spirituality to Support Disease Management" 140th APHA Annual Meeting (October 27 - October 31, 2012) in San Francisco, CA.

Williams, E, Fleming, G. **Kanu, M.** et al. "We Need You to Survive: The ASK Program and TADPOLE as Partners in Youth ATOD Prevention" 137th APHA Annual Meeting (November 7-11, 2009) in Philadelphia, PA.

Kanu, M. Mosque-based health promotion among Muslims in Tennessee (p. 115). American Public Health Association, 2008.

Kanu, M. Migration and Adaptation of Sierra Leonean Immigrants and Refugees in Memphis, Tennessee. American Public Health Association, 2007.

Fitzgerald, M, Mason, T & **Kanu, M.** Minority Health International Research Training Grants. Global Health Education Consortium, 2007.

Kanu, M. Church-Based Health Promotion: Promoting Physical Activity through the Church (p.157). American Public Health Association, 2004.

Meeks, J, Lyon, B, Hanebrink, J, Mason, T, **Kanu M.** Art Therapy as Psychological Intervention in Northern Uganda (p.8). Society for Applied Anthropology, 2008

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Kanu, M, Hepler, N, Labi, H. Assessing Effectiveness of Students Taking a Right Stand (STARS) Nashville Student Assistance Programs. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Substance Abuse* 2014; in print.

Patel K, Kanu M, Liu J, Bond, B, Brown E, Williams E, Theriot R, Bailey S, Sanderson M, Hargreaves M. Factors influencing breast cancer screening in Low-Income African Americans in Tennessee. *Journal of Community Health* 2014; DOI 10.1007/s10900-014-9834.

Thomas CA.; Samuels AD, Kanu M & Mbarika, V. Facilitating Better Governance through E-Government Initiatives: Successful Cases in Sub-Saharan Africa. *The International Journal of Business and Public Administration* 2010; Vol. 7.1:71 – 85.

Williams, E, Kanu M et al. Tennessee HIV/AIDS People of Color Project. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved* 2010; Vol. 21.3:1046 – 1059)

Kanu, M, Theriot, R, & Brown E, Briggs, R. Religious and Cultural Perceptions about HIV/AIDS among Muslims. *Journal of the National Society of Allied Health* 2010; 8:62 – 67.

Kanu, M & Farhat, F. “HIV/AIDS: Providing Care to Muslim Immigrants Communities in HIV in Communities of Color”: in: A Compendium of Culturally Competent Promising Practices. Washington, D.C: Howard University College of Medicine, 2009.

Kanu, M., Williams, C., Hepler, N. The likelihood of condom use with steady and casual partners among low-income African Americans. *Journal of the National Society of Allied Health* 2009; 6:40 – 48.

Williams EA.; Kanu M & Williams C. Something Old is New Again: Mutual Aid and the Tennessee Office of Minority Health. *Journal of Public Health Management Practice* 2008; November (Suppl):S65 – S72.

Kanu, M., Baker EA & Brownson, RC. Exploring Associations Between Church-Based Social Support & Physical Activity. *Journal of Physical Activity & Health* 2008; 5: 504 – 515.

Kanu M.; Williams C.; Theriot R et al. HIV/AIDS Prevention in Tennessee: A State Perspective. *Journal of the National Society of Allied Health* 2007; 5:49 – 56.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Kanu, M. "Public Health and Peace Building in Post-war Sierra Leone". In David J. Francis (edited), *When War Ends, Building Peace in Divided Communities*, Farnham – England, Ashgate Publishing Limited, 2012.

Kanu, M. Infectious and Communicable Diseases in Mississippi (with Azad R. Bhuiyan, Fazlay Faruque, Bruce Brackin. In Press

Kanu, M. *Program Evaluation with Vulnerable Populations* (with N. Hepler, F. Guida, M. Messina), In Steven A. Estrine, Robert Hettenbach, Heidi. Arthur & Maria Messina (eds). *Service Delivery for Vulnerable Populations: New Directions in Behavioral Health*. New York: Springer Publishing Company, 2011.

TECHNICAL /EVALUATION REPORTS

Hepler, N & Kanu, M. Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Semi-Annual Evaluation Report for period May 1 - September 30, 2008 (December 2008)

Kanu, M & Williams, E. Alcoholism, Screening and Knowledge Program Evaluation Quarterly Reports (March, 2008, July 2008, Sept. 2008)

Kanu, M. et al. Tennessee HIV Needs Assessment Survey for People of Color. Report submitted to the Office of Minority Health, Tennessee Department of Health, August, 2007

Kanu, M. Cultural Diversity: Assessing the Views and Beliefs of Muslims/Muslim Leaders about the Role of the Mosque in Health Promotion in Nashville, Tennessee, August, 2007

Kanu, M. (2004). Church-Based Health Promotion: Promoting Physical Activity through the Church. Doctoral Dissertation, St. Louis University School of Public Health.

Williams, C., **Kanu, M.**, Hepler, N, & Fleming, G. Tennessee HIV/STD Prevention Evaluation Study: Annual Report for the Year 2003. Report submitted to the Tennessee Department of Health, HIV/STD Division in Nashville, Tennessee.

Carter, L. & **Kanu, M.** (2000). Obesity Focus Group Surveillance Project. An African American obesity surveillance project in southeast Missouri, submitted to the Missouri Department of Health & Chronic Disease Division, St. Louis, Missouri.

Kanu, M. (1999) Treatment Issues in a Male Residential and Outpatient Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation Agency (Harbor House) in Memphis, Tennessee. Practicum Report submitted to the Department of Anthropology, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee.

Kanu, M. (1993). The Cross and the Crescent: Catholic and Muslim Missionary Activity in Northern Sierra Leone: Case study of Bombali and Port Loko Districts. An independent research project submitted to the Department of Modern History at Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone.

PRESENTATIONS & OTHER RESEARCH

Kanu, M. & Theriot, R (2008). An Assessment of the Attitudes, Awareness and Opinions of Muslims about HIV/AIDS. Paper presented at the National Minority AIDS Education and Training Seminar, March 29, 2008, Washington, DC.

M. Kanu. (2008). Exploring Health Promotion Among Muslims in Nashville, TN. Paper presented during the Thirtieth Tennessee State University's Annual Research Symposium, March 31 – April 3, 2008.

Meeks J, Lyon B, Mason T, Kanu M et al. (2008). Minority Health International Research Training: Art Therapy as Psychosocial Intervention in Northern Uganda. Paper presented at the 68th Annual Conference of the Society for Applied Anthropology, March 25 – 29 2008, Memphis, TN.

Kanu, M. & Theriot, R (2008) Exploring Cultural Diversity in Health: Mosque-Based Health Promotion in Nashville, Tennessee. Paper presented at the National Society of Allied Health Conference, March 23 – 26 2008, Nashville, TN.

Kanu, M. (2007). Migration and Adaptation of Sierra Leonean Immigrants and Refugees in Memphis, Tennessee. Paper presented during the 135th Annual Conference of the American Public Health Association, November 3 – 7, Washington, DC.

Williams, C., Williams, E & **Kanu, M.** Mutual Aid for the New Millennium: Changing the Consequences of Lifestyle Choices Through Community-based Initiatives. Paper presented at the National Society of Allied Health Conference, March 22 – 25 2007, Atlanta, GA

Fitzgerald, M, Mason, T & **Kanu, M.** Minority Health International Research Training Grants. Poster presentation at the Global Health Education Consortium 16th Annual Conference, February 15 – 17, 2007 Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Kanu, M. (2006). Culture and Health. Paper presented during the Group Clinical Consultation Meeting of the National Minority AIDS Education and Training Center, August 30, 2006, Nashville TN.

Kanu, M. (2006). Cardiovascular Disease Prevention: Can Churches Play a Role? Paper presented at the 11th Annual Health Summit of Minority Communities, August 16 – 18, 2006, Knoxville, TN.

Kanu, M et al. (2006). HIV/AIDS Prevention in Tennessee: A State Perspective. Paper presented at the 24th National Conference on Health Promotion and Education, May 23 – 26, 2006, Washington, D.C.

Allen, D & **Kanu, M.** (2006). Reducing Infant Mortality Disparities: An Innovative Approach. Paper presented at the 24th National Conference on Health Promotion and Education, May 23 – 26, 2006, Washington, D.C.

Kanu, M (2006). The Role of Church Sermons in Addressing Health-Related Topics among African and Caucasian Respondents. Paper presented at the National Society of Allied Health Conference, March 23 – 26 2006, Charlotte, NC.

Williams, C., **Kanu, M. et al.** (2006) Tennessee HIV/STD Condom Study. Paper presented at the National Society of Allied Health Conference, March 23 – 26 2006, Charlotte, NC.

Kanu, M. (2005). Cultural Influences and Health Seeking Behaviors in West Africa: An Emic Perspective. Paper presented during the 35th Annual Mid-South Conference on Communicative Disorders, March 17 & 18, 2005, Memphis, TN.

Kanu, M. (2004). Church-Based Health Promotion: Promoting Physical Activity through the Church. Paper presented during the 132nd Annual Conference of the American Public Health Association, November 6 – 10, Washington, DC.

Williams, C. & **Kanu, M.** (2004, March). State Program Effectiveness with Youth at High Risk for Substance Use. Paper presented during the 2004 Annual Conference of the National Society of Allied Health, Washington, DC.

Kanu, M. (2003, February). The Role of Pastors/Churches in Promoting Physical Activity and Exercise. Paper presented during the 17th National Conference on Chronic Disease Prevention and Control. St. Louis, Missouri.

Kanu, M. (1998) Gender Differences in Treatment Success for Substance Users: The Case of Two State Funded Agencies in Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee. Paper presented during the National Annual Conference of the Society for Applied Anthropologists (SFAA) Tucson, Arizona.

GRANT FUNDING

Collaborated with the local health department in Tennessee and received funding for \$29,954 to complete a summer 2010 project for high school students. The project was funded by the Association for Schools of Public Health (ASPH), with the intent to expose high school students to the field of public health.

Principal Investigator: \$1,000.00 secured from Tennessee State University to develop and teach a Service Learning course during fall semester of 2006

Principal Investigator: \$11,000.00 secured from Tennessee State University Title III Funds to conduct research in Nashville during summer of 2007

Co-PI: \$35,000.00 secured from Tennessee State University Cooperative Extension Program to conduct research in North Nashville, TN

Co-PI: \$60,000 grant proposal submitted for funding to The Tennessee Board of Regents. Project title: An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Disparities in Access to Healthcare: The Case of the New Immigrant Population in Middle Tennessee (Submitted, but not funded).

PI –: \$10,000 grant proposal submitted for funding to The Thurgood Marshall College Fund. Project title: An Investigation of Graduation Rates at Tennessee State University (Submitted, but not funded).

Co- PI: \$1,500,000 grant proposal submitted for funding to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health. Project title: Tennessee State University-Daniel Payne Outreach Ministries, Inc. – Metro Public Health Department Alcoholism, Screening and Knowledge – Parents Empowering Parents (ASK-PEP) Program.

Community Service

Internal Service – University

Member, Faculty Search Committee, 2010 (Department of Physical Therapy)
Member, Faculty Search Committee, 2007 (Department of Occupational Therapy)
Member, Faculty Search Committee, 2004 (Department of Health Admin. & Health Sciences)
Member, International Education Committee, 2008 – present (University-wide)
Member, Graduate Council Committee, 2008 – present (University-wide)
Member, Title III Undergraduate Funding Review Committee, summer, 2010 (University-wide)
Member (Chair), Undergraduate Admissions Committee, 2007 – present (Dept. of Health Admin. & Health Sciences)
Member (Chair), Graduate Admissions Committee, MPH Program, 2009 – present (Dept. of Health Admin. & Health Sciences)
Member, College of Health Sciences Marketing Committee, 2009 -- present

External Service (Board Membership & Other)

Board Member, Nashville International Academy, Nashville, Tennessee, 2009 – present
Board Member, Center for Refugee Services, Nashville, Tennessee, 2010 – present
Nashville Arthritis Foundation, Nashville, Tennessee, 2005 – 2007

HONORS

2006 – Summer 2006 Award for training in Infusing Cross Cultural Aging Education into Allied Health Curriculum, Utica College & FAMU
2007 – Emerging Leaders in Public Health Fellowship Award by the North Carolina Institute for Public Health – UNC School of Public Health, Chapel Hill
2008 – Most Outstanding Fellow in the Emerging Leaders in Public Health Fellowship Program at University of North Carolina (UNC), Chapel Hill
2008 – Most Distinguished Research Award by Tennessee State University

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

- American Public Health Association (APHA)
- National Society of Allied Health (**Also a reviewer for the journal**)
- Society for Applied Anthropologists (**Also a reviewer for the journal**)
- Journal of Physical Activity and Health (**Also a reviewer for the journal**)
- Journal of Public Health Management and Practice (**Also a reviewer for the journal**)