

Katherine Sharp

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 08/08 – present** **University of Maryland, College Park, MD**
School of Public Health (SPH)
Department of Public and Community Health
Graduate Studies Director/Instructor
In addition to all duties listed below, serve as chair of the Graduate Program Committee; oversee qualifying exam administration and grading; make programmatic decisions regarding changes to graduate program policies; ensure program competency coverage in courses; provide final approval/disapproval for policy waivers, course waivers, and independent study contracts.
- 10/05-08/08** **University of Maryland, College Park, MD**
School of Public Health (SPH)
Department of Public and Community Health
Graduate Program Coordinator/Instructor
Maintain application and admission files, advise current masters and doctoral program students and maintain their program files, lead graduate admissions committee; serve as co-chair of sub-committee on SPH Accreditation Steering Committee; teach undergraduate and graduate courses in public and community health (course titles include: Methods and Materials in Health Education [undergraduate], Women’s Health [undergraduate], Methods and Techniques of Research [graduate; co-taught], Health Behavior I [graduate]); serve on dissertation, thesis and MPH project committees; served as a faculty supervisor for undergraduate students who are holding full time internships.
- 03/06-08/06** **University of Maryland, College Park, MD**
Center for Health Behavior Research
College of Health and Human Performance
Interventionist
Assisted with all aspects of nicotine dependence clinical trial research including attending investigator’s meetings, recruiting subjects, screening subjects, conducting tests and evaluations of subjects and maintaining project files.
- 06/05-10/05** **Senior Health Promotion Consultant, Bethesda, MD**
- 08/05-12/05** **Montgomery College, Rockville, MD**
 Department of Health Enhancement, Exercise Science, and Physical Education
 Part Time Faculty
 Taught two sections of the course, *Personal and Community Health*

- 08/05-10/05** **America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), Washington, DC**
Medical Affairs/Public Health Strategies
Consultant
 Developed content for AHIP website summarizing insurance plan's obesity initiatives, state and federal obesity related legislation, evidence-based obesity prevention programs/services, and clinical guidelines to prevent and treat obesity.
- 06/05-07/05** **Westat, Inc., Rockville, MD**
Health Communications Team
Consultant
 Assisted Health Communications Team prepare proposals for CDC and NIH task order contracts.
- 01/04-05/05** **Kent State University, Kent, OH**
Department of Health Education and Promotion
Part Time Instructor
 Taught undergraduate courses in health education. Course titles included: *Marketing in Health Education* and *Consumer Health Advocacy*
- 01/01-05/03** **Kent State University, Kent, OH**
Department of Health Education and Promotion
Doctoral Teaching Fellow
 Taught undergraduate courses in health education. Course titles included: *Personal Health, Drugs and Health, Marketing in Health Education, Consumer Health Advocacy, and Program Planning and Evaluation*. Other duties included assisting faculty on various research projects.
- 03/97-12/00** **Westat, Inc., Rockville, MD**
Health Communications Team
Research Analyst
 Under a Health Communication Evaluation Services contract to the CDC, conducted exploratory focus group research, analyzed focus group findings, prepared reports, contributed content for *CDCynergy*, an instructional CD-ROM on how to plan, implement and evaluate health communication campaigns/programs. Other tasks included: conducting literature reviews, developing survey instruments, planning concept and message testing focus groups, writing proposals, and conducting in-depth interviews.
- 05/96-08/96** **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA**
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Office on Smoking and Health
Intern, Health Communications Branch
 Conducted a variety of research tasks related to various educational media on the risks of smoking. Tasks included: wrote advertising analysis summaries for new television ads to be included in a resource manual available to tobacco prevention advocates and state health departments, aided with the development of companion health education materials for two video programs developed in collaboration with MTV, and developed a guide for parents on how to talk to their kids about tobacco addiction. Served as a technical reviewer for grant applications, participated in and assisted with the evaluation of the Second Annual Tobacco Use Prevention Institute.

- 09/95-05/96** **American Cancer Society, Atlanta, GA**
Tobacco Projects Working Group
Research Assistant
 Tracked Mission 2000 goals (a product of *Healthy People 2000*) by collecting data on the number of Georgia work sites with smoking policies and/or smoking cessation programs (master's thesis).
- 08/94-05/95** **Emory University, Atlanta, GA**
Rollins School of Public Health
Teaching Assistant
 Facilitated two small group discussion classes per week for freshmen students on health-related topics of interest to college students. Prepared for small group discussions by attending Health Education lecture each week, reading required text, and attending weekly teaching assistant meetings.
- 05/92-07/94** **Social and Health Services, Inc., Rockville, MD**
National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI)
Research Assistant, Prevention Materials Department
 Promoted NCADI's national database of prevention materials to producers and distributors of substance abuse prevention materials and encouraged them to submit materials for inclusion. Evaluated prevention materials for scientific accuracy, conformance with public health principles and policies, and appropriateness for intended audience. Contributed written prevention material summaries for inclusion in NCADI publications. Served as NCADI representative and provided curriculum development consultation for grantees of a Hispanic High-Risk Youth Project.
- 10/90-05/92** **KBL Group, Inc., College Park, MD**
Research Coordinator
 Communicated with producers and distributors of health education materials to receive materials and determine their relevancy to project goals. Designed evaluation documents for the review of health education materials. Assisted in creating summaries of key communication concepts for materials to be included in a wellness newspaper for health professionals. Created a national database of producers and distributors of health education materials. Conducted interviews with local health professionals to assess their interests in a wellness newspaper.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** **Kent State University, Kent, OH**
 Education, Health Education and Promotion
 May 2005
 Dissertation Title: *An Exploratory Study to Identify the Correlates of Osteoporosis Fear in Young Adults*
- M.P.H.** **Emory University, Atlanta, GA**
 Behavioral Sciences and Health Education
 May 1996
 Thesis Title: *An Examination of Workplace Smoking Policies in Georgia*
- B.S.** **University of Maryland, College Park, MD**
 Community Health Education
 December 1990

PUBLICATIONS

Thombs, D., Dotterer, S., Olds, R. S., Sharp, K., & Raub, C. (2004). A close look at why one social norms campaign did not reduce student drinking. *Journal of American College Health, 53*(2), 61-68.

Davis, D., Uhl, G., Barrington, T., Rowel, R., Squiers, L., Sharp, K., & O'Brien, G. (2004). Analysis of a database of materials for HIV prevention program evaluation. *Health Promotion Practice, 5*(4), 444-450.

Sharp, K. & Thombs, D. (2003). A cluster analytic study of osteoprotective behavior in undergraduates. *American Journal of Health Behavior, 27*(4), 364-372.

Buffington, J., Rowel, R., Hinman, J., Sharp, K., and Choi, S. (2001). Lack of awareness of hepatitis C (HCV) infection risk among persons receiving blood transfusions prior to 1990. *American Journal of Public Health, 91*, 47-48.

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed Presentations

Sharp, K. & Rath, J. (2008, May). *Simplifying the consent process of a randomized controlled clinical trial in a minority population*. Poster session presented at the Institute for Healthcare Advancement's 7th Annual Health Literacy Conference, Irvine, CA.

Sharp, K., Thombs, D., Olds, RS., & Egbert, N. (2007, March). *An exploratory study to identify the correlates of osteoporosis fear in young adults*. Dissertation research presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior, Savannah, GA.

Popa, C., Egbert, N., & Sharp, K. (2005, April). *An investigation of network structure and function on college students' drinking and smoking*. Top Three Paper Award in Communication and Health (Applied Communication). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Communication Association, Pittsburgh, PA.

Sharp, K. (2004, April). *Examining knowledge, attitudes and behaviors regarding osteoporosis prevention among undergraduate students*. Formative Research Strategies for Conducting Communication-Based Health Campaigns panel presentation at the annual meeting of the Central States Communication Association, Cleveland, OH.

Thombs, D., Olds, R.S., Sharp, K., & Raub, C. (2004, February). *A close look at why one social norms campaign did not reduce student drinking*. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior, Sedona, AZ.

Sharp, K. (2003, April). *Validity of the risk behavior diagnosis scale for osteoporosis research*. Theory and Methodology panel presentation at the Eastern Communication Association meeting in Washington, DC.

Byrne, J., Sharp, K., & Shama, D. (2002, October). *The differences between body mass index categories and racial groups on risk taking behaviors among female high school students*. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the American School Health Association, Charlotte, NC.

Invited Presentations

Sharp, K. (2000, April). Discussant, Patient's Perspective Panel. Presented at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Consensus Development Conference on Osteoporosis Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment, Bethesda, MD.

Sharp, K. (2000, March). Provided testimony for increased funding for the National Institute on Arthritis, Musculoskeletal, and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Presented at House of

Representatives Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations committee meeting, Washington, DC.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Sharp, K. and Rowel, R. (2000). *Results from key informant interviews regarding the online version of the Community Guide to Preventive Services*. (Prepared under contract to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Rockville, MD: Westat.

Sharp, K., Cromer, L., Rowel, R., Edgar, T., and Welch, J. (2000). *HIV program evaluation technology transfer and translation research and evaluation, phase 1. Literature review*. (Prepared under contract to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Rockville, MD: Westat.

Rowel, R., Squiers, L., Sharp, K., O'Brien, G., and Welch, J. (2000). *HIV program evaluation technology transfer and translation research and evaluation, phase 1. Evaluation inventory development*. (Prepared under contract to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Rockville, MD: Westat.

Sharp, K. and Rowel, R. (1999). *Results of hepatitis C focus group research with IV drug users and Needle Exchange Program staff* (Prepared under contract to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Rockville, MD: Westat.

Sharp, K. and Edgar, T. (1999). *Findings for Leading Health Indicators focus group study* (Prepared under contract to the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion). Rockville, MD: Westat.

Sharp, K., Schneider, S., and Frechtling, J. (1999). *Preliminary findings from focus groups and cognitive interviews on healthfinder.gov* (Prepared under contract to the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion). Rockville, MD: Westat.

Rowel, R., Choi, S., and Sharp, K. (1999). *Results of hepatitis C message testing: Focus group research with transfusion recipients* (Prepared under contract to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Rockville, MD: Westat.

Rowel, R., Choi, S., and Sharp, K. (1999). *Results of hepatitis C concept testing: Focus group research with transfusion recipients* (Prepared under contract to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Rockville, MD: Westat.

Rowel, R., Choi, S., and Sharp, K. (1999). *Results of hepatitis C focus group research with transfusion recipients: Executive summary* (Prepared under contract to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Rockville, MD: Westat.

Sharp, K., Edgar, T., and Fowler, K. (1998). *Findings of focus group research on immunization registries* (Prepared under contract to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Rockville, MD: Westat.

Choi, S., Sharp, K., Edgar, T., and Fowler, K. (1998). *Focus group research on public perceptions and opinions about genetics research* (Prepared under contract to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Rockville, MD: Westat.

Treiman, K., and Sharp, K. (1998). *Diabetes – Control is Prevention. A CDC satellite broadcast. Feedback from state coordinators* (Prepared under contract to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Rockville, MD: Westat.

Treiman, K., and Sharp, K. (1998). *Diabetes – Control is Prevention, CDC satellite broadcast report on state/territorial responses to feedback questionnaire* (Prepared under contract to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Rockville, MD: Westat.

Treiman, K., and Sharp, K. (1998). *Diabetes – Control is Prevention. A CDC satellite broadcast: Report on participants' feedback* (Prepared under contract to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Rockville, MD: Westat.

Edgar, T., Sharp, K., Fowler, K., and Child, W. (1998). *H. pylori Communication Initiative: Telephone focus group discussions with private practice and managed care physicians* (Prepared under contract to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Rockville, MD: Westat.

Edgar, T., Fowler, K., and Sharp, K. (1998). *Results of focus group research: Vaccine Immunization Statements* (Prepared under contract to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Rockville, MD: Westat.

Edgar, T., Child, W., Sharp, K., and Fowler, K. (1998). *Physicians' reactions to the rotavirus vaccine: Results of telephone focus group research. Executive summary* (Prepared under contract to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Rockville, MD: Westat.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

03/07-03/07 **2007 National Conference on Tobacco or Health, Minneapolis, MN**
Abstract reviewer (Media and Communications Strategies program area)

10/06- present **American College Health Association**
Reviewer, American Journal of College Health

01/03-01/04 **Eta Sigma Gamma, Carbondale, IL**
Reviewer, *The Health Educator*

11/98-present **National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF), Washington, DC**
Bone Health Advocate
 Advocate for and monitor federal and state legislation regarding the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis. Attend fundraising walks, policy initiative events on Capitol Hill, and osteoporosis conferences. Facilitated a roundtable discussion on osteoporosis prevention for girls, teenagers and young women at the 1999 NOF Public Policy Forum.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

1988-present Eta Sigma Gamma
 1994-present American Public Health Association
 2004-present Society of Public Health Educators