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## Education

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**Ph.D. in Community Health Sciences** Expected, 2022  
School of Public Health, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL

**Master of Public Health, Epidemiology** May 2016  
School of Public Health, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA  
**Capstone Title:** Assessment of Disparities in Health Care Access and Health Outcomes among Racial and Ethnic Minorities

**Bachelor of Science, Major in Psychology, Minor in Biology** December, 2013  
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

## Academic Positions

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**Research Assistant** August 2018-Present  
Health and Aging Lab  
UIC School of Public Health

**Teaching Assistant** January 2019-May 2019  
Evidence informed Community Health Intervention  
Department of Community Health Sciences  
UIC School of Public Health

## Publications and Presentations

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### Peer Reviewed Publications

- Uchechi A Mitchell, PhD, MSPH, Melissa Gutierrez-Kapheim, MS, Ann W Nguyen, PhD, MSW, MS, **Nadia Al-Amin, MPH**, Hopelessness Among Middle-Aged and Older Blacks: The Negative Impact of Discrimination and Protecting Power of Social and Religious Resources, *Innovation in Aging*, Volume 4, Issue 5, 2020, igaa044, <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igaa044>
- Goldmann, E., Abramson, D., Piltch-Loeb, R., Samarabandu, A., Goodson, V., Azofeifa, A., Hagemeyer, A., **Al-Amin, N.**, Lyerla, R., Rapid Behavioral Health Assessment Post-disaster: Developing and Validating a Brief, Structured Module. *Accepted at the Journal of Community Health*.

### Other Publications

- Al-Amin, Nadia S., "Assessment of Disparities in Health Care Access and Health Outcomes among Racial and Ethnic Minorities.", Georgia State University, 2016.  
[https://scholarworks.gsu.edu/iph\\_capstone/21](https://scholarworks.gsu.edu/iph_capstone/21)

### Presentations

- **Roundtable: The Mental Health Impact of Marijuana and Alcohol: Which one is worse**, American Public Health Association Conference, November 6, 2019.

- **Lecture: “Qualitative and Mixed Methods: Design Overview and Sampling Strategies”**  
Developed for graduate student course, Community Health 2: Evidence-Informed Community Health Interventions, Spring 2019.
- **Oral Presentation: Addressing Behavioral Health in the workplace**, developed and presented at the Agency for Children and Families’ meeting on strengthening the healthcare workforce, October, 2018
- **Poster: Behavioral Health Disaster Response Capacity in Region 5**, Developed and presented at the 2017 Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists conference, June 2017
- **Oral Presentation: “Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Young People in Breastfeeding”**, Office of Adolescent Health, Office on Women’s Health, October, 2016
- **Oral Presentation: Cultural Competency in Behavioral Health**, Developed and Presented at the Culture and Coffee Community Partners meeting, November 2016
- **Oral Presentation: Behavioral Health Indicators in Region 5**, Developed and presented at the CDC/CSTE/SAMHSA Behavioral Health Indicators Evaluation meeting, November, 2016

## Work Experience

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### **Assistant Region Administrator**

#### **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**

October 2020 – Present

- Provide consultation to stakeholders on behavioral health policy for the financing and delivery of prevention, treatment and recovery services
- Spearhead behavioral health integration efforts with public health, primary care, and community based partners.
- Develop criteria to evaluate the efficacy of public health programs and initiatives.
- Analyzes the impact of policy and legislative initiatives that are relevant to the delivery of public health programs.

### **Behavioral Health Consultant**

#### **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**

September 2018-October 2020

- Evaluate SAMHSA’s inter-agency partnerships and identify opportunities for collaboration with other Federal and local agencies
- Evaluate the Opioid Task Force and all activities aligned with the taskforce
- Identify innovative ways to address the opioid crisis in HHS region 5
- Develop programs to address mental health and substance misuse in minority communities
- Work to close the disparity in substance use treatment and recovery for minority populations
- Develop and implement strategies to reduce stigma related to mental health and addiction

### **Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, Applied Epidemiology Fellow**

#### **Department of Health and Human Services Region 5, Chicago, IL**

August 2016 – August 2018

- Analyzed Chicago area death certificate data and matched with medical examiner data to determine areas of high opioid overdose deaths in Chicago and identify possible social determinants of health contributing to overdose deaths.
- Completed an evaluation of behavioral health disaster response capacity in the region resulting in an article to promote behavioral health integration and improved capacity

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- Co developed the Illinois and Indiana State earthquake preparedness plans resulting in updated and accurate capacity improvement plans
- Served as the lead for a team that interpreted opioid related epidemiological data resulting in a data brief to inform future programs and strategies around opioid abuse prevention
- Co developed and led a team to organize a regional meeting to address substance misuse and addiction resulting in the Region 5 Prevention Collaborative
- Co developed a Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome webinar and follow up materials
- Co developed a toolkit to support pregnant and parenting young people in breastfeeding
- Co developed an assessment of health in the region around opioids, mental illness, and Childhood obesity resulting in a regional data brief.
- Serve as the SAMHSA representative on the Midwest Inter-agency Council on Homelessness
- Reviewed and updated the Michigan behavioral health response plans for the Hepatitis A outbreak in Southeast Michigan.
- Co-developed the Super Bowl 52 bio hazard preparedness and response plan
- Co-developed Evaluation Guidelines for Behavioral Health Surveillance Systems

### **Public Health Intern**

#### **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Rockville, MD**

August 2015 - December 2015

- Planned strategies for implementation of substance misuse and mental health intervention and prevention programs for minority populations resulting in the establishment of several initiatives around the country.
- Co-developed a culturally informed toolbox on suicide prevention for African American communities with the White House' My Brother's Keeper and Council on Women and Girls
- Conducted program and legislature evaluations resulting in the development of the Kelley Report
- Support the development of programs to increase community involvement in SAMHSA programs
- Prepare and organize the budget for the 2016 Fiscal Year for the Office of Behavioral Health Equity (OBHE)
- Created training materials for Grants Procurement Officers on SAMHSA and HHS budget protocols
- Planned 2016 National Network to Eliminate Disparities in Behavior Health Conference
- Prepared concept and content clearances for publications written by OBHE staff
- Served as a member on the Cultural Competency and Eliminating Disparities Work Group

### **Public Health Intern**

#### **Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response, CDC, Atlanta, GA**

May-August, 2015

- Reviewed and aggregated budget data for the 2015 Ebola Supplemental Grant
- Developed and edited data summaries resulting in further understanding of funding distribution
- Performed data mapping on qualitative data to prepare for analysis
- Organized and led meetings with project officers and team leads to check on the status of grant applications resulting in a timely completion and process of applications
- Developed presentation on findings from data cleaning for team leads and project officers
- Cleaned and entered data into budget database
- Developed spreadsheets with various formulas to clearly present data

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**Substance Abuse Prevention Volunteer**  
**Gwinnett United in Drug Education, INC, Gwinnett, GA**

January 2015 – May 2015

- Identified vulnerable populations in the county to develop more targeted prevention strategies
- Co- developed culturally informed alcohol prevention strategies for teens in high school
- Met with local and state legislators to affect policy change and promote alcohol prevention messaging

**Honors/Awards**

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- 2017 Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists Fellow of the Year
- 2017 Michigan Department of Health Certificate for work outstanding epidemiology work on Hepatitis A outbreak
- 2019 Department of Health and Human Services agency member of the year

**Skills**

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- Languages: English , Amharic
- Applications: STATA, SAS, R, Microsoft Office, Google Suite, Qualtrics, Survey Monkey, Dedoose

**Organizations/ Affiliations**

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<b>Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologist</b> Mental Health Workgroup Member	2016-Present
<b>Society for Prevention Research</b> Member	2016-Present
<b>Public Health Student Association (PHSA), School of Public Health, Georgia State University</b> Member	2014-Present
<b>American Public Health Association</b> Member	2014-Present
<b>National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Georgia State University</b> President	2011-2013