

MARGARET MELTON FRANCISCO

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH	Expected 05/2024
East Tennessee State University , Johnson City, TN	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4.0 GPA • Full tuition scholarship 	
MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH	05/2021
University of Virginia , Charlottesville, VA	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3.95 GPA 	
BACHELOR OF ARTS: GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND ANTHROPOLOGY	05/2020
University of Virginia , Charlottesville, VA	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduated with distinction • Merit undergraduate tuition scholarship through the Jefferson Scholar Foundation 	

VOLUNTEER AND WORK EXPERIENCE

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY RURAL HEALTH EQUITY RESEARCH CENTER

Johnson City, TN

Graduate Assistant	08/2021 to Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with research faculty on various projects related to rural and Appalachian health and health equity. • Conduct literature reviews, write memos and manuscripts, conduct needs assessments, and other research-related tasks. 	

MOUNTAINWISE PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTH

Macon, NC

Communications Specialist	03/2023 to Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with staff to create and disseminate communication materials related to public health programming in Western NC related to diabetes prevention, tobacco prevention, and food security. 	

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY ADDICTION SCIENCE CENTER

Johnson City, TN

Intern	05/2020 to 09/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with research faculty and center staff on various projects and manuscripts. 	

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Bristol, VA

Intern	05/2020 to 08/2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shadowed public health professionals such as contact tracers, case investigators, environmental health staff, physicians and nurses. • Oversaw COVID outreach efforts and coordinated COVID relief packs including pamphlets, masks, and hand sanitizer delivered to low-income communities. 	

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Charlottesville, VA

Research Assistant

01/2020 to 05/2020

- Research on gender-transformative approaches to decrease prevalence of HIV and gender-based violence.
- Collaboration with professor Chris Colvin, PhD.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Charlottesville, VA

Public Health Intern

08/2019 to 03/2020

- Master of Public Health field placement at the Boys and Girls Club.
- Conducted needs assessments to determine health needs among students.
- Worked with other interns to develop programming and educational videos for the club that maximize healthy habits for children.

REMOTE AREA MEDICAL (RAM)

Virginia and Tennessee

Volunteer

07/2015 to Current

- Worked with staff to provide trainings on how to administer the opioid overdose reversing drug Naloxone.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Khayelitsha, South Africa

Research Assistant

06/2019 to 08/2019

- Conducted anthropological and public health research on fathering practices, masculinity, and HIV in Khayelitsha, South Africa.
- Conducted individual interviews with community members and organized focus groups.
- Executed qualitative analysis and presented findings to the community.

CHARLOTTESVILLE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Charlottesville, VA

Job Shadow

01/2018 to 05/2018

- Shadowed under nurse practitioners and other staff in various clinics within the Charlottesville Health Department.
- Shadowed in Immunization Clinic, Sexual Health Clinic, and the Women, Infants, and Children Clinic.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA HEALTH SYSTEM

Research Assistant

01/2017 to 01/2018

Neuroscience Research Lab, PI: Wendy Lynch, PhD

- Prepared tables, graphs, fact sheets and written reports summarizing research results.
- Designed research and experimental studies, executing research techniques, tests and assays.

PUBLICATIONS

- Beatty, K. E., Mathis, S. M., McCurry, A. R., **Francisco, M. M.**, Meit, M., & Wahlquist, A. E. (2023). The association between grandparents as caregivers and overdose mortality in Appalachia and non-Appalachia counties. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 11, 392.
- Meit, M., Beatty, K., Mathis, S.M., Balio, C., and **Melton, M.E.** “Where does the money go? Tracking federal block grant funding to states.” Submitted to journals.

- NORC Research Center “COVID-19 Vaccination Success Stories in Rural Communities.” Prepared for client the Center for Disease Prevention and Control. <https://norc.org/research/projects/covid-19-vaccination-success-stories-in-rural-communities.html>
- Beatty, K.E., Balio, C., **Francisco, M.M.**, Meit, M., & Mathis, S.M. “Rural Equity in Block Grant Funding Distribution.” In process.
- Hagemeyer, N., Dowling-McClay, K.L., Mathis, S.M., **Melton, M.E.** “Engagement in HIV/HCV-Related Prevention Services in the Current Context of Community Pharmacy.” In process.
- **Melton, M.E.** “Comprehensive Harm Reduction in Virginia: Mapping Hepatitis C and Opioid Overdose Data.” University of Virginia School of Medicine, Master of Public Health Integrated Learning Experience Thesis. (2021).
- **Melton, M.E.** “Assessing Barriers and Facilitators to Needle and Syringe Exchange Programs.” University of Virginia School of Medicine, Global Public Health Senior Capstone. (2020).

PRESENTATIONS

- National Rural Health Association Annual Conference, Poster Presentation. “Rural Equity in Block Grant Funding Distribution.” (2023).
- National Rural Health Association Annual Conference, Poster Presentation. “Neighborhood-Level Disadvantage by Demographic Characteristics and Rurality.” (2023).
- Appalachian Student Research Forum, Poster Presentation. "Do Block Grant Resources Equitably Reach Rural Communities? A 50 State Analysis." (2022).
- University of Virginia School of Medicine, Poster Presentation. “Comprehensive Harm Reduction in Virginia: Mapping Hepatitis C and Opioid Overdose Data.” (2021).

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Appalachian Student Research Forum. 2nd place in Doctoral Healthcare Students Group for poster presentations.

SPECIAL SKILLS

- ArcGIS
- Tableau
- TreeAgePro
- Grant writing
- Adobe Suite
- Databases such as PubMed, OvidMedline, Web of Science, Library of Congress, etc
- EndNote/Zotero
- SAS
- R Studio
- Microsoft Suite