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ACADEMICS

2024 [Expected]	Dual Title Ph.D. in Health Policy & Administration and Demography Pennsylvania State University, PA <i>Dissertation:</i> “Social protection, health insurance, quality of care, and health outcomes”. <i>Committee members:</i> Prof. Yubraj Acharya (Chair), Prof. Stephen Matthews (Co-Chair), Prof. Jeannette Rogowski, and Prof. Brian Thiede GPA: 3.95
2017	Master’s in Public Health—Global Health Thammasat University, Rangsit, Thailand GPA: 3.81
2010	Bachelor of Science in Health Education and Health Promotion, University of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe
2008	Professional Diploma in Business Administration Chartered Institute of Secretaries, Harare, Zimbabwe

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

1. **James, N.**, Acharya, Y. (2022) Increasing Health Insurance Enrolment in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: What Works, What Does Not, and Research Gaps – A Scoping Review. *INQUIRY The Journal of Health Care Organization, Provision, and Financing*, 59.
2. Nyoni, P., & **James, N.** (2022). Condom use and risk factors of inconsistent or low use of the condoms during heterosexual anal intercourse in sub-Saharan Africa: A Scoping Review. *African Health Sciences*, 22(1), 11-20.
3. **James, N.**, & Acharya, Y. (2021). Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illness Strategy in Zimbabwe: An Evaluation. *PLOS Global Public Health*, 1(11) e0000046.
4. Nyoni-Kachambwa, P., Naravage, W., **James, N.**, & Van der Putten, M. (2021). A preliminary study of skin bleaching, and factors associated with skin bleaching among women living in Zimbabwe. *African Health Sciences*, 21(1), 132-9.
5. AlKhaldi, M., **James, N.**, Chattu, V.K. *et al.* (2021) Rethinking and strengthening the Global Health Diplomacy through triangulated nexus between policy makers,

- scientists, and the community in light of COVID-19 global crisis. *Glob Health Res Policy* **6**, 12
6. Acharya, Y., **James, N.**, Thapa, R., Naz, S., Shrestha, R., & Tamang, S. (2021). Content of antenatal care and perception about services provided by primary hospitals in Nepal: a convergent mixed methods study. *International Journal for Quality in Health Care*, 33(2)
 7. **James, N.**, Lawson, K., Acharya, Y. (2020). Evidence on result-based financing in maternal and child health in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review. *Glob Health Res Policy* **5**, 31 (2020).
 8. Langkulsen, U., & **James, N.** (2019). Climate and dengue in central region of Thailand. *Environmental Epidemiology*, 3, 221-222
 9. Kachambwa, P. N., Naravage, W., **James, N. F.**, & van der Putten, M. (2019). The impacts of neo-liberalism on public health: A case study of skin bleaching among women living in Zimbabwe. *Medical Journal of Zambia*, 46(3), 186-191
 10. Langkulsen, U., Promsakha Na Sakolnakhon, K., & **James, N.** (2019). Climate change and dengue risk in central region of Thailand. *International journal of environmental health research*, 1-9
 11. Roongsawang, T., **James, N.**, Chetan, K. C., Chaudhary, R., Gurung, S., & Sengal, K. T. (2017) Virtual Water Policy: A Case of Saudi Arabia. *NIDA Case Research Journal*, 9(2), 42-54
 12. Langkulsen, U., Promsakha Na Sakolnakhon, K., & **James, N.** (2019) Climate, and dengue in central region of Thailand. *Environmental Epidemiology*,1(3), 221-222.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. **Nigel James**, Yubraj Acharya (2023) *Does Quality of Care Inform Health Insurance Enrolment Decisions in LMICs? A Geospatial Analysis*. PAA Conference 2022, April 2023. New Orleans
2. **Nigel James**, Yubraj Acharya (2022) *Increasing Health Insurance Enrolment in Low- and Middle-Income Countries. What Works, What Does Not, and Research Gaps* PAA Conference 2022, April 2022. Atlanta, Georgia
3. **Nigel James** & Yubraj Acharya, Y. (2021). Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illness Strategy in Zimbabwe: An Evaluation. PAA Conference 2020. Washington DC (Virtual)
4. **Nigel James**, Julita Maradzika (2017). *The increasing risk of community-based injuries: The case of Senga Town, Midlands, Zimbabwe*. 5th International Conference on New Voices in Global Health and Development March 10, Thailand Science Park Convention Centre, Pathumthani, Thailand.
5. **Nigel James**, Matthew Bangira (2017). *Increasing utilization of maternal and child health services through community health workers- Urban Voucher Program Case Study, Harare*. 5th International Conference on New Voices in Global Health and Development March 10, Thailand Science Park Convention Centre, Pathumthani, Thailand.

6. Godknows S. Muperekedzwa, **Nigel James**, Julita Maradzika, James January, Deloune C Matongo (2017). *Social Determinants Perspective on Non-Adherence to Exclusive Breastfeeding-The Case of Mazowe Commercial Farms Setting, Zimbabwe* pg.99-104. International Conference on Communication and Changing Society. July 20-21, Thammasat University, Tha Prachan Campus, Bangkok, Thailand.
7. Letitia Mupanguri, **Nigel James** (2017). *Breaking the Culture of Silence. A Review of Communication Influence on Adolescent Pregnancies in Sub-Saharan Africa* pg. 120-128. International Conference on Communication and Changing Society. July 20-21, Thammasat University, Tha Prachan Campus, Bangkok, Thailand.
8. Deloune C. Matongo, **Nigel James**, James January, Julita Maradzika, Godknows S. Muperekedzwa. *Exploring Health Communication Factors Related to Utilization of Cervical Cancer Screening Services: The Case of Bindura Urban District, Zimbabwe* pg. 143-148. International Conference on Communication and Changing Society. July 20-21, Thammasat University, Tha Prachan Campus, Bangkok, Thailand.

RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Pennsylvania State University
Aug 2023-Present

- Developing syllabi and teaching materials for HPA 401 undergraduate class on Comparative Healthcare Systems.
- Delivering online and in-person lectures, grading of student's assignments and class projects, and providing individual students consultation for research and career advising and feedback to help students track their progress.

Research/Teaching Assistant

Pennsylvania State University
Aug 2019- Present

- Conducting data analysis using Stata, SAS, NVivo and Microsoft Excel statistical packages; contributing to grant proposal writing, drafting manuscripts; and publishing research findings.
- Providing guest lectures on innovative health financing tools in the HPA 497 Special Topics undergraduate class
- Grading students' assignments, maintaining class register and regular office hours offering students an opportunity for one-on-one consultations for several HPA undergraduate classes including: HPA 30- Health Services Policy Issues, HPA 211-Financial Decisions in Health, HPA 210-Healthcare Payment, HPA455 Strategic Planning and Marketing

Adjunct Lecturer

University of Zimbabwe
Nov 2017- Jun 2018

- Instructor for Theory and Practice of Health and Promotion and Introduction to Public Health courses (undergraduate)
- Helped developing the Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion program curriculum modules.
- Supervised 2 graduate dissertation and 12 capstone projects for the Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion students.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 Jennifer and Kenneth Newell Endowment Graduate Scholarship
- 2022 Edna Bennett Pierce Prevention Scholarship Award
- 2021 The Graduate Program in Demography Doctoral Scholarship Award
- 2019 Pennsylvania State University Doctoral Scholarship Award
- 2018 Global Health Corp Fellowship Award—UNAIDS, Washington DC
- 2016 Thammasat University Master's in Global Health Scholarship Award
- 2015 Switzerland Public Health Policy, Economics and Management Award
- 2010 National Health Care Trust Scholarship Award
- 2009 University Book Prize Award- University of Zimbabwe

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Radio Program Contributor

The World
(by invitation)

- Provides expert opinion on global issues for The World—a US based global radio station that focuses on global health security, public health, women and gender, and migration. This station has a US listenership of over 2.5 million each week and millions other global audience reached via broadcast, podcast, and web. Example feature:

Interview clip: <https://theworld.org/media/2023-03-15/childhood-vaccine-shortage-ghana>

Full Article: <https://theworld.org/stories/2023-03-16/red-alert-child-health-nationwide-vaccine-shortage-hits-ghana-amid-measles>

Policy and Program Associate United Nations Joint Program on HIV/AIDS, Washington DC *Aug 2018 - Aug 2019*

- Supported the Director of UNAIDS U.S. Liaison Office and Senior Strategic Advisor in monitoring and analyzing policy and legislative matters in the U.S. Congress and pertaining to UNAIDS' mission of addressing the global HIV/AIDS pandemic.
- Contributed to the compilation of relevant analysis and data for presentations and policy briefs to support education and outreach by the UNAIDS U.S. Liaison Office focused on HIV treatment, prevention, gender, gender-based violence, and the specific vulnerabilities of young women and girls.
- Attended congressional briefings, hearings, and other pertinent meetings hosted by the U.S. government relevant to the needs of UNAIDS U.S. Liaison Office
- Collaborated with senior staff to ensure greater visibility of both UNAIDS' work and UNAIDS'/Together for Girls' joint initiatives through planning and managing public events, social media outreach, and developing communication materials and talking points.

- Assisted liaison between UNAIDS and the U.S. Government’s President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) program

Public Health Associate International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Bangkok
Aug 2017- Oct 2017

- Contributed to the development of regional prison health priorities and programs
- Participated in advocacy and stakeholder engagement forums for Health in Detention (HiD).
- Contributed to planning and hosting of the first Asian–Pacific International Conference on Prison Health.

Senior Health Promotion Officer Department of Health, City of Harare Zimbabwe
Nov 2013- Jul 2016, Aug 2017- Jul 2019

- Contributed to development of provincial health promotion priorities for the 8 administrative districts of Harare City
- Supervised District Health Promotion staff on health promotion programming in respective districts and subsequent reporting to the Chief Health Promotion officer
- Designed and developed Information Education Communication Material such as Ebola, typhoid, malaria, and other common vaccine preventable diseases
- Coordinated the pilot project on Urban Voucher Result Based Finance in Maternal and Child Health in six clinics, including providing technical support in implementation, identifying new areas of program expansion and modification for scale-up, review and development of project manuals and reports
- Contributed to designing and implementation of the provincial mental health intervention randomized control trial (Friendship Bench Mental Health Intervention) through participating in manuals development, training of research assistants and lay health worker counsellors
- Participated in curriculum reviews and training of Community Health Promoters
- Contributed to planning and implementation of provincial and national health exhibitions and outreaches including Global Hand Washing Day, World AIDS Day, TB Reach Campaign
- Coordinated donor and partners’ activities at provincial and districts level including stakeholder engagement meetings and workshops, donor liaison, and NGOs and civil society collaborative approach to health promotion.

Public Health Expert— Renewable Energy& Health Practical Action Southern Africa
Jan 2011- Sept 2013

- Coordinated and implemented the public health components of the € 2million grant from European Union on Renewable Energy and Health project in three Southern African countries, Zimbabwe-Manicaland, Mozambique- Manica and Malawi- Mt. Mlanje, including engaging with Ministry of Health officials from the respective country projects, stakeholder, and community mobilization for in program implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.

- Engaged government, civil society, and NGOs stakeholders in implementation of projects activities, community ownership and project sustainability
- Conducted community and stakeholder capacity building trainings based on the Community Based Planning CBP, Training for Transformation TT, and Transformational Leadership Training TLT frameworks
- Ensured gender mainstreaming in project planning aspects including beneficiary selection, project participation and decision making
- Developed proposals development in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) programs, and oversaw overall planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the OFDA funded WASH project in three rural districts of Zimbabwe
- Planned and conducted participatory health and hygiene education (PHHE) trainings in School Health Promotion Programming.

GLOBAL HEALTH CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Lead Consultant

Young Experts: Technology for Health (YET4H)

Mar 2022 – Apr 2022

- Developed strategic communication plan and technical guidelines for meaningful engagement of youths in the global digital health agenda.
1. *Advocacy and Communication Strategy for Digital Health: Young Experts: Tech for Health YE4TH.* Accessible from: <https://yet4h.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Doc-Final.pdf>

Lead Consultant

Transform Health Coalition

Sept 2022 – Oct 2022

Developed various policy briefs for increased financial investments in digital transformation of health systems. The policy briefs targeted national governments, donors, development partners, and private sector.

1. *Closing the Digital Divide, More and Better Funding for Digital Transformation of Health - The Role of Donors and Development Partners, 2022. Transform Health Coalition.* Accessible from: <https://transformhealthcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Donors-and-Development-Partners-Policy-Brief-Digital.pdf>
2. *Closing the Digital Divide, More and Better Funding for Digital Transformation of Health - The Role of the Private Sector, 2022. Transform Health Coalition.* Accessible from: <https://transformhealthcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Private-Sector-Policy-Brief-v2.pdf>
3. *Closing the Digital Divide, More and Better Funding for Digital Transformation of Health - Towards a Youth-centered Approach to Investments in the Digital Transformation of Health, 2022. Transform Health Coalition.* Accessible from <https://transformhealthcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Youth-Policy-Brief.pdf>
4. *Closing the Digital Divide, More and Better Funding for Digital Transformation of Health - The Role of National Governments, 2022. Transform Health Coalition.*

Accessible from: <https://transformhealthcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/National-Government-Policy-Brief-Digital.pdf>

SERVICE

Deputy Campus Director (Strategy & Partnerships)

Hult Prize Foundation

Nov 2022- Present

- As the Deputy Campus Director, successfully led the inaugural registration and official recognition of Hult Prize Penn State University Chapter.
- Coordinated the on-campus competitions for the 1 million dollars prize money- 2023 Hult Prize Challenge on redesigning fashion for sustainable development.

Vice President

Pan-African Professional Alliance (Pan-APA)

Aug 2021- Aug 2022

- As the Vice President, helped raise \$7000 which Pan-APA used to support grassroots development projects in Kenya, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe.
- Received the 2022 Penn State Best Initiatives Award for students' organizations.

JOURNAL REVIEWER

- *Health Economics Review*
- *BMC Health Services Research*
- *BMJ Global Health*
- *BMJ Public Health*
- *BMC Medical Information & Decision Making*
- *BMJ Open*
- *Tropical Medicine & International Health*
- *Health & Social Care in the Community*
- *Infectious Diseases of Poverty*
- *QEIOS*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences (IAPHS)
- Population Association of America (PAA)
- Health Promotion Association of Zimbabwe (HEPAZ)

CERTIFICATES

Certificate in Public Health Policy, Health Economics and Management	Apr 2016
Certification in CITI Good Clinical Practice (GCP)	Mar 2018
World Bank Certificate in Advocacy for Universal Health Coverage (UHC)	May 2022
World Bank Certificate in Results Based Financing in Health	Jun 2022

World Bank Certificate in Geospatial Information Management
World Bank Certificate in Health System Strengthening and UHC

Jun 2022
Jun 2022