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#### **EDUCATION**

- EdD Doctorate of Education in Organizational Leadership, 2014 University of La Verne
- MPH Masters of Public Health- Health Promotion and Community Health May 1996 California State University Long Beach
- B.A. Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, May 1990 California State University Long Beach

C.H.E.S.-1996-current

Certified Health Education Specialist #5380

#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Full Time Lecturer, Department of Public Health, College of Health and Human Development, California State University Fullerton, 2005 to present
- *Part Time Lecturer*, Department of Health Science, College of Health and Human Development, California State University Fullerton, 2001-2005

#### HEALTH SCIENCE COURSES TAUGHT AND ENHANCED

Personal Health- High Impact Practices (HIPs)
Personal Health, GE Pathways Food, Health, Well-Being (FHWB)
Health Education for Elementary School Teachers
Contemporary Issues in Childhood Health
Program Design for Health Promotion
Spirituality and Health
Student Internships
Independent Studies

### **SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES/PUBLICATIONS**

- Chikamoto, Y., & Vazin, D. (2016). College students' perceptions on medical waivers for wellness incentives under the Affordable Care Act. California Journal of Health Promotion, 14 (3), 58-63.
- **Vazin, D.** (2014). *Spirituality and Health: Implications for policy and practice* (Doctoral Dissertation). University of La Verne.
- Chikamoto, Y., **Vazin, D.,** McMahan, S.; "Get Smart:" The third essential element of building a health promotion program is developing the art-combining scientific knowledge and business know how with theory and creativity to get the job done. Wellness Council of America (WELCOA): February, 2004.

### Manuscripts under review

**Vazin, D.**, *Tackling the Hurdles to Teaching Spirituality and Health in Higher Education*. Submitted to the Journal of Nursing Education. May, 2019.

**Vazin, D.,** A More Full Immersion of Spirituality into the Understanding of Health: Is There Value in Consensus in an Understated Dimension? Submitted to American Journal of Health Studies, February, 2019

### **Manuscript in Process**

Vazin, D., Cervantes, J., "Teaching an Undergraduate Level Course on Spirituality and Health: Integrative Instruction, Course Content, and Experiential Classroom Revelations." To be submitted September, 2019 to the Journal of Spirituality in Clinical Practice.

2017: Invited Manuscript Reviewer for the California Journal of Health Promotion (CJHP).

#### INVITED WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 Co-Presenter Western Associations of Counselor Education and Supervision (WACES): "Teaching an Undergraduate Level Course on Spirituality and Health: Lessons on the Inclusion of Course Content and Meaningful Instruction."
- 2018 Co-Presenter at the Digging into Diversity Series, FDC: "How do spirituality and health interrelate: what does love have to do with it?
- 2016 Co-Presenter (WACES): Spirituality and Well Being: Integration of Holistic Understanding and Self-Care with Students
- 2014 Guest Speaker, Faculty Development Center (FDC)- High Impact Practices
- 2000-2014: Presenter, various health topics, CSUF-Student Life/Dorms
- 2008 Co-Presenter, Scholarship on Gender Conference. Collaboration with CSUF Radio-TV-Film Department

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

- Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award-College of Health and Human Development, Spring 2009
- Outstanding Faculty Member in honor of CSUF 50th Anniversary, Spring 2008
- Grant recipient, CSUF 50 Anniversary- "Going for the Gold, 5k Intergenerational Run/Walk" Spring 2008

### **SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

## **Professional and University**

- 2015-2016: Dissertation Committee Member, University of La Verne Castillo-Sanchez, A., (2016). The leadership challenges and successes of implementing and sustaining health promotion programs: A qualitative case study.
- 2014-2015: Dissertation Committee Member, University of La Verne Nomura, W., (2015) *No longer invisible and on track: Department policies and organizational commitment in higher education.*
- 2014-Faculty Mentor, University Honors Program. Senior Honors Project Llave, K., (2014). The After-Life: A Systematic Review of the Dual Process Model of Coping as Applied to Children's Grief With a Companion Family Grief Program
- 2015-present: Faculty Instructor, High Impact Practices(HIPs)
- 2014-2016: Faculty Instructor, GE Freshman Pathways (FHWB)
- 2008- Grant recipient, and key coordinator. CSUF 50 Anniversary- "Going for the Gold, 5k Intergenerational Run/Walk".
- 2008-2012: APHERD; AAHE Awards Committee Member
- 2006-2011: Health Advisory Board-Benjamin Cummings
- 2005-2007: Grant Reviewer-Susan G. Komen

#### COLLEGE AND DEPARTMENT

- 2016-HHD Conference Coordinator: "Inside Out: Spirituality & Well Being." Collaboration with Department of Counseling
- 2013-present- Faculty Liaison for Student Mental Health and Wellness
- 2015-present: Department Representative, High Impact Practices (HIPs)
- 2014-2015: HHD Tutor Coordinator and Supervisor, Student Success team
- 2007-2009; 2013-present: CHES Continuing Education Units Coordinator
- 2005-2006: Conference Coordinator "Obesity: Awareness and Beyond": CSUF-Center for the Promotion of Healthy Lifestyles and Obesity
- 2011-present: Member, Undergraduate Committee
- 2011-present: Lead faculty for the standardization of Personal Health 101
- 2006-2013: Mentor-undergraduate and MPH student internship
- 2003: Conference Coordinator: "Women's Health Issues: A 2003 Update"

## RELATED PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- OC Health Care Agency-Tobacco Use Prevention Program (TUPP), Health Educator, 1997-1998.
  - Created tobacco prevention materials, and advocate for initiatives to reduce tobacco access to minors. Developed community coalitions to implement policies and support smoke free communities, schools, and worksites.
- American Cancer Society (ACS), Senior Program Manager, 1995-1997
  Responsible for recruiting, training, retaining volunteers. Promoted, coordinated tobacco prevention programs for schools (K-12), and local communities.
  Managed various cancer control programs such as: Great American Smoke Out, Nutrition Campaign, Reach-to-Recovery, Road –to-Recovery.
- Camp Fire Boys and Girls, Health Educator and Program Coordinator, 1996 Interactive classroom presentations to students grades 4th-8<sup>th</sup>. Tobacco prevention education to approximately 600 students throughout Orange County schools.
- Fullerton Community College, Health Educator-Practicum, 1996 Recruited, trained, supervised 10 Peer Health Educators. Planned, implemented, evaluated health education programs, services for students, faculty, and staff.