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EDUCATION

2013 University of California, Irvine, School of Social Ecology, PhD in Planning, Policy, and Design. Dissertation title: “Healthy planning in California: Towards a theory of multi-frame interaction”
1995 Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Bologna, Italy, (1993–1994) and Washington, D.C., (1994–1995), MA in International Law & Economics
1991 Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon, BA in International Relations, Minor: Middle Eastern Studies

PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2019-Current	California State University Fullerton College of Health & Human Development Department of Public Health	Assistant Professor of Health Equity
2017–2019	University of California, Irvine Program in Public Health	Academic Director; Lecturer
2014–2018	University of California, Irvine	Lecturer

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Support

2016–2019 Principal Investigator, UCI. The California Endowment. Community-Based Participatory Action Research Project on Transportation Equity, \$20,000.
2015–2017 Assistant Project Scientist, Program in Public Health, UCI
2011–2016 Co-Investigator, Program in Public Health, UCI
2010–2015 Co-Researcher, Program in Public Health, University of Southern California

2009–2013 Co-Investigator, Program in Public Health, UCI
2009 Community Scholar (Community Outreach & Partnership Center), UCI
2009 Recipient, Global Health Travel Fellowship (NIH grant #R25TW008125) to explore urban health in the informal settlements of Nairobi, Kenya

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

2014–2015 Project Specialist (Step III), UCI Sustainability Initiative, Office of Academic Initiatives, UCI

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

* worked with mentees

Sami, M., Smith, M., & Ogunseitan, O. (2018). Changes in physical activity after installation of a fitness zone in a community park. *Preventing Chronic Disease*, 15, 170560.*

Jia, X., Yu, Y., Xia, W., Masri, S., **Sami, M.**, Hu, Z. ... & Wu, J. (2018). Cardiovascular diseases in middle aged and older adults in China: The joint effects and mediation of different types of physical exercise and neighborhood greenness and walkability. *Environmental Research*, 167, 175–183.

Davtyan, M., Farmer, S., Brown, B., **Sami, M.**, & Frederick, T. (2016). Women of color reflect on HIV-related stigma through PhotoVoice. *Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care*, 27(4), 404–418.*

Abramova, Z., **Sami, M.**, & Huh, J. (2015). Involuntary tobacco smoking exposure among Korean American emerging adults: A qualitative study. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 1–5.*

Sami, M., Timberlake, D. S., Nelson, R., Goettsch, B., Ataian, N., Libao, P., & Vassile, E. (2012). Smokers' perceptions of smokeless tobacco and harm reduction. *Journal of Public Health Policy*, 33(2), 188–201.*

Huh, J., **Sami, M.**, Abramova, Z. S., Spruijt-Metz, D., & Pentz, M. A. (2013). Cigarettes, culture, and Korean American emerging adults: An exploratory qualitative study. *Western Journal of Nursing Research*, 35(9), 1205–1221.*

Huh, J., Paul Thing, J., Abramova, Z. S., **Sami, M.**, & Unger, J.B. (2014). Place matters in perceived tobacco exposure among Korean American young adults: Mixed methods approach. *Substance Use & Misuse*, 49(8), 1054–1063.

Kjellstrom, T., Mercado S., **Sami, M.**, Havemann, K., & Iwao, S. (2007). Achieving health equity in urban settings. *Journal of Urban Health*, 84(3 Suppl), 1–6.

Mercado, S., Havemann, K., **Sami, M.**, & Ueda, H. (2007). Urban poverty: An urgent public health issue. *Journal of Urban Health*, 84(3 Suppl), 7–15.

Journal Articles in Progress

Sami, M., Smith, M., & Ogunseitan, O. (In progress). Stimulation of High-Intensity Physical Activity in Two Suburban Recreational Parks in Southern California.

Sami, M., Smith, M., & Ogunseitan, O. (In progress). Assessing the impact of sharrows on active transportation in a Downtown Wellness Corridor.

Sami, M., Smith, M., & Ogunseitan, O. (In progress). Using camera observations to assess intended and actual use of a fitness zone in a community park.

Sami, M., & Ayegemon, K. (In progress). Destigmatizing ‘sedentary’ park behavior in communities of color.

Book Chapters

Mercado, S., Havemann, K., **Sami, M.,** & Ueda, H. (2016). Urban poverty: An urgent public health issue (reprinted). In J. Corburn & L. Riley (Eds.), *Slum Health: From the Cell to the Street*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 70–79.

Mercado, S., Havemann, K., Nakamura, K., Kiyu, A., **Sami, M.,** Pedrasa, I. ... & Le Thuy, T. (2012). Addressing health vulnerabilities of the urban poor in the ‘new urban settings’ of Asia. In E. Sclar, N. Volavka-Close, & P. Brown (Eds.), *The Urban Transformation: Health, Shelter, and Climate Change*. New York: Routledge, 82–102.

Conference Proceedings

Sami, M. (2010). The emerging burden of chronic disease and its impact on developing countries. In *Proceedings of the DANIDA & World Diabetes Foundation Conference*. Copenhagen, Denmark.

Research Reports/White Papers

Sami, M. Nutrition Policy Brief (for Danish Health Advisor in Mozambique) on impact of ready-to-use-therapeutic food (RUTF) and other nutritional products on development investments to combat acute and chronic malnutrition, January 2013.

Sami, M. “Bridging the Gap in Urban Health and Poverty Research.” Wilson Center, Washington, DC, November 2011. <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/publication/bridging-the-gap-urban-health-and-poverty-research>

Sami, M. “Urban Health Innovations in Asia.” Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio Urban Summit, 2007.

Sami, M. World Bank statement on Copenhagen +10 Commitments, 2004.

Sami, M. “Implementing International Sustainable Development Law: A view from the World Bank.” 2002.

Blogposts

Sami, M. “Not all pedestrians walk.” *Safe Routes to School* blog, June 26, 2017. <https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/blog/not-all-pedestrians-walk-creating-equitable-active-transportation-framework>

Sami, M. “Create healthy cities, decolonize urban planning.” *Rappler.com*, October 5, 2015. <http://www.rappler.com/views/imho/108169-create-healthy-cities-decolonize-urban-planning>

COURSES TAUGHT

* new course developed and taught; **offered for graduate credit

University of California, Irvine

Undergraduate

- **PUBH 411, 2019, 2020
- **PUBH 481, 2019, 2020
- PH 1 Introduction to Public Health, 2016, 2017
- PH 2 Case Studies in Public Health, 2016–2018
- PH 91 Disparities in Healthcare, 2016–2018
- *PH 100 Global Health Policy Development, 2018
- *PH 125/PPD 112 Foundations of Community Health, 2015–2018
- *PH 146 Health Promotion, 2018
- *PH 189 Global Infectious Disease and Climate Change, 2018
- PH 195w Public Health Practicum, 2011–2015

Graduate

- PH 250 Health Status and Care, 2017–2018
- *PH 259 Social and Cultural Determinants of Health (graduate seminar), 2018
- *PH 275 Planning for Urban Health, 2014

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ADVISEMENT

Doctoral Student Mentees (UCI)

Student 1 – Race and racism as independent variables for health outcomes.

Student 2 – Cancer patients’ caregivers and the disparity in support systems among Asian subpopulations.

Master of Public Health Student Mentees (CSUF)

Amy Trinh – Social determinants of health (2020)

Afsana Faruqui – Social determinants of health (2020)

Master of Public Health Student Mentees (UCI)

Student 1 – Tobacco control in underserved populations.

Student 2 – Diffusion of One Health Framework in Orange County.

Student 3 – Diabetes and culture in South Asian communities.

Undergraduate Student Mentees (UCI)

52 students for Orange County Partnerships to Improve Community Health (2015–2018); 4 students in skateboarding research (2016–2019); 6 students in Honors research (2015–2019).

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND HONORS

2018	Professional Development Award, UCI
2012	Graduate Student Award for Community Engagement, UCI
2012	Planning, Policy, and Design Department Summer Research Grant, UCI
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2011	Institute for Clinical & Translational Science Promising Student Award for Commitment to Community Research, UCI
2011	PhD Planning Jamboree, University of British Columbia, Canada
2010	Planning, Policy, and Design Department Summer Research Grant, UCI
2009	Planning, Policy, and Design Department Summer Research Grant, UCI
2009	Global Health Travel Fellowship (NIH grant #R25TW008125) to explore urban health in the informal settlements in Nairobi, Kenya
2009	Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies Research Grant
1994	SAIS Fellowship, Academic Excellence, Johns Hopkins, SAIS, Washington, DC
1990	Senior Challenge Scholarship, Community Involvement, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon
1989	William Brushhoff Scholarship, Academic Excellence, Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon
1988	Fred & Mildred Neal Scholarship, Academic Excellence, Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon

INVITED GUEST LECTURES

2018	Global Health Equity, Second Annual Public Health Association Summit, UCI
2014–2018	Qualitative Research in Public Health, Honors Seminar class, UCI
2015	“Health in All Policies,” UCI
2015	“Health and Sustainable Development,” Global Health Research, Education & Translation (GHREAT) Journal Club, UCI
2014–2015	“Health Care and Global Sustainability,” Delta Epsilon Mu, UCI
2014	“Social Determinants of Global Health,” UCI
2014	“Social Transformation: People, Power, and the Planet,” Santa Monica, CA
2014	“Health and Human Security,” Chapman University
2012–2014	International Development course, Chapman University
2012	“Health in All Policies,” Public Policy course, UCI
2011–2012	“Measuring Poverty: A Global Perspective,” UCI
2009–2011	“Perceptions of Global Health & Urban Planning,” UCI

CONFERENCES

2018	Poster, “Destigmatizing Sedentary Behaviors,” Active Living Research Conference, Banff, Canada
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- 2017 Poster, “Diabetes: What’s Next? What’s New?,” Mary & Dick Allen Diabetes Center, Irvine, CA
- 2017 Invited panel speaker, Advancing Prevention in the 21st Century 2.0, California Department of Public Health, Sacramento, CA
- 2016 Mentor to two teams of students whose posters were accepted, American Public Health Association, Denver, CO
- 2015 Official delegate (invited by the International Environment Forum) to COP21, Paris, France
- 2015 Invited speaker and moderator, Global Forum for Health, The Philippines
- 2015 Speaker/moderator: “Moving from Self-Interest to Altruism: Expanding Ontological Assumptions in Applied Social Science,” Association of Baha’i Studies, Garden Grove, California
- 2015 Co-author with Dr. Hiroshi Ueda of two abstracts: “Knowledge Gaps in Oral Health Awareness: Findings from an Internet Survey in *Japan*” and “Elderly Consumers in Japan: Contributions to the Market and Economic Development,” Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 68th annual meeting, Orlando, FL.
- 2012 Invited speaker, “Co-Constructing Healthy Communities in the City Planning Process,” 8th International Paulo Freire Forum, UCLA.
- 2012 Keynote, “Reimagining Sustainability,” Empowering Sustainability, UCI
- 2011 Poster, Bridging Qualitative & Quantitative Methods in Tobacco Research, UCI
- 2009 Poster, “Shelter & Health Security,” International Conference on Urban Health, Nairobi, Kenya

SERVICE, ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACADEMIC

- 2019–ongoing MPH Internship Coordinator, CSUF
- 2018–2019 Campus lead for inter-institutional, multi-campus collaboration on creating an online global health course for students in the University of California system, UCI
- 2016–2019 Academic Director, Diversity in Medicine, directing an integrated course in annual health disparities in medicine and mentoring 10 student coordinators, UCI
- 2015–2019 Public Health Honors mentor, mentoring students on research projects related to climate change, reproductive health, oral health, medical justice, active transportation, physical activity, and park development, UCI
- 2016–2017 Weekly seminar manager/coordinator for the Program in Public Health (while the program chair was on sabbatical), UCI
- 2015–2017 Member, New Narratives Committee, UCI

SERVICE, PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY

Professional Activities and Appointments

- 2018–present Member, appointed board of directors for California Walks, California, USA
- 2018–present Member, Committee on the Social Determinants of Health, Orange County, CA
- 2018–2019 Volunteer, 2019 Women’s Issues in Transportation Annual Conference, CA

- 2018–2019 Member, Active Transportation Work Group, Santa Ana, CA
- 2017–2018 Member, Open Data/Big Data—Smart and Connected Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Region
- 2017–2019 Member, appointed advisory board for Alliance for Healthy Orange County
- 2016–present Appointed Member and Rapporteur, UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Program for Research & Training in Tropical Diseases, Asia Pacific Region
- 2015–2019 Curriculum Adviser, Association of Climate Change Officers, USA
- 2015 Member, Scientific Committee for Health in Mega Cities, Global Forum for Research and Innovation for Health, Manila, Philippines
- 2012–2019 Sub-regional Representative, CA4Health (formerly California Convergence) for Orange County, CA
- 2012–2018 Empowering Sustainability Fellow, UCI
- 2011–2016 Member, Community Health Action Network for Growth through Equity and Sustainability (CHANGES), UCI

Memberships in Professional Associations

- 2015–present American Public Health Association
- 2009–present International Society for Urban Health
- 2006–present American Planning Association
- 2003–present International Environment Forum

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2014 Governance Adviser, Office of Public Affairs of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of India, New Delhi, India
- 2011–2013 Consultant, Ersoylu Consulting
- 2013 Research & Evaluation Consultant, The Wooden Floor, Santa Ana, California
- 2012 Planning Healthy Communities Consultant, Ontario, California
- 2011–2012 Community Facilitator, First 5 LA Best Start Program, Los Angeles, California
- 2011–2012 Facilitator, California Endowment's "Building Healthy Communities," Long Beach, CA
- 2011–2013 Adviser/Reviewer:
Slum upgrading strategies to improve health & economic wellbeing Cochrane Collaboration: Public Health Group; Turley, R., Saith, R., Bhan, N., Rehfuess, E., & Carter, B. (2013). Slum upgrading strategies involving physical environment and infrastructure interventions and their effects on health and socio-economic outcomes. Cochrane Database Syst Rev, 1.
- 2011 Monitoring & Evaluation Consultant, WHRAP/ARROW, Malaysia & Sri Lanka Asian Pacific Research and Resource Center for Women (ARROW)
- 2009 Global Health Scholar in Nairobi, Kenya, University of California, Irvine

- 2008 Rapporteur and Facilitator, European Preparatory Meeting for Global Forum, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA), Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2006–2007 Technical Officer, Urban Health Governance, World Health Organization (WHO) Centre for Health Development, Kobe, Japan
- 2006 Director of Knowledge Sharing and Community Development, Bahá'í National Center, Evanston, IL
- 2003–2006 Operations Analyst, Social Development Department, World Bank, Washington, DC
- 2002–2003 Europe & Central Asia Learning Coordinator Consultant, World Bank, Washington, DC
- 2002 Community Facilitator, Rural Entrepreneur Institutional Capacity Building, Farmer to Farmer Program (USAID, Land O' Lakes, ACDI/VOCA, Winrock) Siberia, Russia
- 2002 Consultant/Author, Environmental and Socially Sustainable Development (ESSD) Network, "Implementing International Sustainable Development Law: View from the World Bank," World Bank, Washington, DC
- 2001 Community Facilitator, Uganda Community Needs Assessment & Appraisal, Bahá'í Office of Social and Economic Development & Uganda Bahá'í Institute of Development
- 1996–2001 Archival Research Coordinator (Historic Persian Collection), Audio-Visual Department of the Bahá'í World Center, Haifa, Israel
- 1996, 1991–1993 Assignment Editor & Television News Reporter, KVOS TV-12, Bellingham, Washington
- 1994–1996 Video Producer (Co-op), Office of Communications, United States Peace Corps, Washington, DC

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English, fluent

Persian (Farsi), fluent

Italian, proficient

French, proficient

Spanish, conversant