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EDUCATION

CUNY Graduate School of Public Health New York, NY, USA	Expected 2025
<i>PhD Public Health</i>	
Maastricht University: Maastricht, Netherlands	2015
<i>MSc Global Health</i>	
Rutgers University: New Brunswick, NJ, USA	2014
<i>BS Public Health</i>	

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

2022-present	Adjunct Lecturer, Departments of Health Policy & Management and Community Health & Health Science, <i>CUNY School of Public Health & Health Policy</i> : New York, NY, USA
2022-present	Adjunct Lecturer, Departments of Health and Human Performance, <i>York College</i> : Queens, NY, USA

AWARDS & HONORS

2025	Dean's Dissertation Award (Mixed Method Research)
2021-2025	Graduate Research Fellowship endowed by the Center for Immigrant, Refugee and Global Health
2022	Department of Community Health and Health Science Fellowship Award
2022	Dean's Student APHA Excellence in Scholarship Award
2019	"Population Health Policy as a Prevention Strategy" Essay Award and Summer Scholarship

RESEARCH FUNDING

Current Funding:

Project Title	Psychosocial Burden of Anogenital Warts (AGW) Among Adults in China (<i>You, PI</i>)
Funding Agency	Merck Research Laboratories
Role	Qualitative Research Consultant
Project Period	01 December 2024 - present

Completed Funding (Selected):

Project Title	To Zero Initiative: Co-Creating a Path to End Sexual Violence Against Children (<i>Coughlan, Executive Director</i>)
Funding Agency	Panorama Global
Role	Research Consultant, Implementation Team
Project Period	01 July 2023 – 1 February 2025
Project Title	Strengthening Surveillance of Pregnancy Outcomes Taskforce Initiative (<i>Sherry, PI</i>)
Funding Agency	World Health Organization
Role	Program Officer

Project Period	29 May 2022 – 01 November 2023
Project Title	Developing and Testing a Model for Integrated HIV and Geriatric Care for Older People Living with HIV in Ambulatory Settings (Sharma, PI)
Funding Agency	Gilead Sciences, Inc.
Role	Qualitative Research Consultant
Project Period	29 May 2020 - 30 May 2023
Project Title	Project STRIVE – Scale for Trust and Intention to Vaccinate (<i>Ratzan, PI</i>)
Funding Agency	Merck & Co.
Role	Qualitative Research Consultant
Project Period	29 May 2021 - 30 May 2022
Project Title	Central Africa International Epidemiologic Database to Evaluate AIDS (CA-leDEA) (<i>Anastos, Yotebieng, Nash, MPI</i>)
Funding Agency	NIH/NIAID/NCI/NIDA/NICHD
Role	Study Coordinator
Project Period	15 March 2017 - 30 January 2022
Project Title	Einstein/Rwanda/DRC Consortium (<i>Anastos, Yotebieng, Mutesa, MPI</i>)
Funding Agency	NIH/NCI
Role	Study Coordinator
Project Period	1 July 2021 - 30 January 2022
Project Title	A Randomized Clinical Trial to Assess the Effectiveness of Ablative Treatments for Cervical Cancer Risk Reduction in HIV+ Women living in Mozambique (<i>Schmeler, Viegas, MPI</i>)
Funding Agency	NCI
Role	Research Coordinator
Project Period	1 June 2019 – 4 July 2020

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Tefera Deressa B, **Pierz A**, Jyung H, Rosario B, Andoh-Baidoo N, Tibebu B, Seife E, Bekele E, Hussein R, Gedif T, Madhivanan P, Lott B. A qualitative study on the psycho-oncological experiences of women navigating breast cancer diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship in Ethiopia. *J Cancer Survivorship* 2025;91. doi: [10.1007/s11764-024-01742-9](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11764-024-01742-9)
2. López-Castro T, Jakubowski A, Masyukova M, Peterson M, **Pierz A**, Kodali S, Julia H. Arnsten JH, Starrels JL, Nahvi S. Loss, liberation, and agency: Patient experiences of methadone treatment at opioid treatment programs during the COVID-19 pandemic. *JSAT* 2023;151. doi: [10.1016/j.josat.2023.209235](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.josat.2023.209235)
3. Masoud D, **Pierz A**, Rauh L, et al. Vaccine Trust Gauge: Mixed methods research to measure and understand vaccine trust. *Vaccine*. doi: [10.1016/j.vaccine.2023.06.025](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vaccine.2023.06.025)
4. **Pierz AJ**, Rauh L, Masoud D, Cruz AK, Palmedo C, Ratzan SC, Parker R. Supporting US Healthcare Providers for Successful Vaccine Communication. *BMC Health Services Research* 2023;23(4). doi: [10.21203/rs.3.rs-2440427/v1](https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-2440427/v1)
5. Murenzi G, Shumbusho F, Hansen N, Munyaneza A, Gage JC, Muhoza B, Kanyabwisha F, **Pierz A**, Tuyisenge P, Anastos K, Castle PE. Long-term human papillomavirus vaccination effectiveness and immunity in Rwandan women living with and without HIV: a study protocol. *BMJ* 2022;12,(8). doi: [10.1136/bmjopen-2022-061650](https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2022-061650).

6. **Pierz AJ** & Dapi LN. Traditional and colonial governance practices and their impact on women's identities and experiences in French Cameroon: a retrospective study. *Social Identities* 2021. doi: [10.1080/13504630.2021.1997734](https://doi.org/10.1080/13504630.2021.1997734).
7. Adedimeji AA, Ajeh R, **Pierz A**, Nkeng R, Ndenkeh J, Fuhngwa N, Nsame D, Nji M, Dzudie A, Anastos KM, Castle PE. Challenges and opportunities to reduce the burden of cervical cancer in a low income, high HIV prevalence context. *BMC Women's Health* 2021. doi: [10.21203/rs.2.20620/v2](https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.2.20620/v2).
8. Marcus JZ, Adedin Y, **Pierz AJ**, Taveras Y, Sollecito CC, Parmar H, Burk RD, Castle PE. A pilot study of human papillomavirus detection in urine using a novel nucleic acid amplification test. *J Clin Microbiol* 2021;1-6. doi: [0.1093/jalm/jfaa238](https://doi.org/10.1093/jalm/jfaa238).
9. **Pierz AJ**, Ajeh R, Fuhngwa N, Nasah J, Dzudie A, Nkeng R, Anastos KM, Castle PE, Adedimeji A. Acceptability of Self-Sampling for Cervical Cancer Screening Among Women Living With HIV and HIV-Negative Women in Limbé, Cameroon. *Front Repro Health* 2021;2. doi: [10.3389/frph.2020.561202](https://doi.org/10.3389/frph.2020.561202).
10. Castle P, **Pierz A**, Adcock R, Aslam S, Basu P, Belinson J, Cuzick J, El-Zein M, Ferreccio C, Firnhaber C, Franco E, Gravitt P, Isidean S, Li J, Mahmud S, Monsonogo J, Muwonge R, Ratnam S, Safaeian M, Xi, L. A pooled analysis to compare the clinical characteristics of human papillomavirus-positive and -negative cervical precancers. *Cancer Prevention Research* 2020;0182.2020. doi: [10.1158/1940-6207.CAPR-20-0182](https://doi.org/10.1158/1940-6207.CAPR-20-0182).
11. Castle P, Ajeh R, Dzudie A, Kendowo E, Fuhngwa N, Simo W, Andre G, Nsame D, Orock E, Hébert T, **Pierz A**, Murokora D, Anastos K, Adedimeji A. A comparison of screening tests for detection of high-grade cervical abnormalities in women living with HIV from Cameroon. *Infectious Agents and Cancer* 2020;15. doi: [10.1186/s13027-020-00311-w](https://doi.org/10.1186/s13027-020-00311-w).
12. **Pierz AJ**, Randall TC, Castle PE, Adedimeji A, Ingabire C, Kubwimana G, Uwinkindi F, Hagenimana M, Businge L, Musabyimana F, Munyaneza A, Murenzi G. A scoping review: Facilitators and barriers of cervical cancer screening and early diagnosis of breast cancer in Sub-Saharan African health settings. *Gyn Onc Reports* 2020;33:100605. doi: [10.1016/j.gore.2020.100605](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gore.2020.100605).
13. Adedimeji A, Ajeh R, Dzudie A, Kendowo E, Fuhngwa N, Nsame D, Simo-Wambo AG, Orock E, Hebert TM, **Pierz AJ**, Murokora D, Anastos K, Castle PE. Cervical human papillomavirus DNA detection in women living with HIV and HIV-uninfected women living in Limbe, Cameroon, *J Clin Virol* 2020;128(104445). doi: [10.1016/j.jcv.2020.104445](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcv.2020.104445).
14. Castle P, Silva V, Consolaro M, Kienen N, Bittencourt L, Pelloso S, Partridge E, **Pierz A**, Dartibale C, Uchimura N, and Scarinci I. Participation in cervical screening by self-collection, Pap, or a choice of either in Brazil. *Cancer Prevention Research* 2019;12(3):159-169. doi: [10.1158/1940-6207.capr-18-0419](https://doi.org/10.1158/1940-6207.capr-18-0419).
15. Castle P & **Pierz A**. (At Least) Once in a Lifetime: Global Cervical Cancer Prevention. *Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinics of North America* 2019;46(1):107-123. doi: [10.1016/j.ogc.2018.09.007](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ogc.2018.09.007).
16. Castle PE, **Pierz AJ**, Stoler MH. A systematic review and meta-analysis on the attribution of human papillomavirus (HPV) in neuroendocrine cancers of the cervix. *Gynecological Oncology* 2018;148(2):422-429. doi: [10.1016/j.ygyno.2017.12.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ygyno.2017.12.001).

Reports

1. Cravero K & Pierz A. Getting to Zero: A Review of the Evidence to End Childhood Sexual Violence, The To Zero Initiative, 2024. Available at: <https://www.to-zero.org/our-vision/creating-the-vision>

Submitted Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Lott BE, Tubassum R, Rahman N, Tisha T, Boey E, Halkiyo AM, Deressa BT, Hussein AJ, Dedefo A, Bekele E, **Pierz AJ**, Hailemariam D, Madhivanan P. To be screened or not to be screened: A community-based exploration of cervical cancer screening barriers, facilitators, and preferences in Ethiopia. *Int J Women's Health*
2. Russell ES, Pierz A, Felsher M, Shanmugam P, Alvarez C, Fisher-Borne M. Identifying barriers and facilitators to pharmacy-based HPV vaccination using the Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research (CFIR): a qualitative analysis from pharmacists and pharmacy managers in Canada and the US. **Vaccine**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate and Undergraduate Instruction (UG = undergraduate, G = graduate)

- 2025 CUNY School of Public Health and Health Policy, New York, NY, USA
Instructor of record
Spring: Community Health Practice Collaborative II (G)
- 2024 York College, Queens, NY, USA
Instructor of record
Spring: Sex and Sexuality (UG)
Fall: History and Principles of Public Health (UG)
- 2024 CUNY School of Public Health and Health Policy, New York, NY, USA
Instructor of record
Spring: Community Health Practice Collaborative II (G)
Summer: Community Health Practice Collaborative I (G)
Fall: Community Health Practice Collaborative I (G), Community Health Practice Collaborative II (G), Quantitative & Qualitative Research Data Analysis Methods in Public Health Research (G)
- 2023 York College, Queens, NY, USA
Instructor of record
Spring: Sex and Sexuality (UG)
- 2023 CUNY School of Public Health and Health Policy, New York, NY, USA
Instructor of record
Spring: Community Health Practice Collaborative II (G)
Summer: Community Health Practice Collaborative I (G)
Fall: Community Health Practice Collaborative I (G), Community Health Practice Collaborative II (G), Quantitative & Qualitative Research Data Analysis Methods in Public Health Research (G)
- 2023 York College, Queens, NY, USA
Instructor of record
Spring: Sex and Sexuality (UG)
- 2022 CUNY School of Public Health and Health Policy, New York, NY, USA
Instructor of record
Spring: Health Ethics, Communications and Advocacy (G), Graduate Capstone Project (G)
Summer: Community Health Practice Collaborative I (G)
Fall: Community Health Practice Collaborative I (G), Community Health Practice Collaborative II (G), Quantitative & Qualitative Research Data Analysis Methods in Public Health Research (G)
- 2022 York College, Queens, NY, USA
Instructor of record
Fall: Sex and Sexuality (UG)

SERVICE

Service to CUNY Graduate School of Public Health

2022 Student Representative of the Community Health and Social Sciences (CHSS) Department,
Governance Council

2020-2022 Treasurer, Sexual and Reproductive Health, Rights and Justice Club

Service to Profession

2024-present Editorial Board, BMC Women's Health

2020-present Ad hoc Reviewer, International Journal of Women's Health, Frontiers in Reproductive
Health, Cancer Prevention Research, Cancer Management and Research, eCancer

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Public Health Association
- Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality
- International Society for the Study of Women's Sexual Health

COMPUTER SKILLS

Dedoose, SAS, SPSS