

# Amanda J. Pierz

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## EDUCATION

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- CUNY Graduate School of Public Health New York, NY, USA Expected 2025  
*PhD Public Health* (Concentration: Community Health & Social Sciences)  
**Dissertation:** A mixed methods approach to understanding factors contributing to the reduction of childhood sexual violence: a case study of eSwatini  
**Committee:** Meredith Manze (Chair), Kathleen Cravero, Elizabeth Kelvin
- Maastricht University: Maastricht, Netherlands 2015  
*MSc Global Health*  
**Thesis:** Traditional and colonial governance practices and their impact on women's identities, agency, and health seeking experiences in French Cameroon
- Rutgers University: New Brunswick, NJ, USA 2014  
*BS Public Health*  
**Thesis:** Community health & organizing in Kamuli, Uganda: the re-opening of the Kabuye Health Center II

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- CUNY Graduate School of Public Health: New York, NY, USA 01/2022-present  
CUNY York College: Queens, NY, USA 08/2022-present  
*Adjunct Assistant Professor*
- Co-directs the Community Health Practice Collaborative (Capstone), mentoring graduate students in the design of applied research projects and evaluation frameworks for community-based organizations.
  - Mentors students in applied research design, program evaluation, and stakeholder engagement with community-based organizations.
  - Served as the faculty course designer for fully virtual, asynchronous Sex and Sexuality course (HE 241) launched at York College
  - Designed and taught graduate/undergraduate courses in health equity, sexuality, and research methodology (detailed in Teaching Experience section).
- To Zero Initiative to End Childhood Sexual Violence (Panorama Global): Remote 06/2023-02/2025  
*Research Consultant*
- Coordinated development of the *Vision to Zero* report, synthesizing input from 330+ stakeholders into actionable recommendations.
  - Organized and facilitated a three-day global convening of youth leaders, aligning sector-wide strategies for ending CSV.
  - Produced policy briefs and accessible research summaries to bridge academic evidence with advocacy and funder priorities.
- Center for Immigrant, Refugee and Global Health at CUNY: New York, NY, USA 07/2022-11/2023  
*Program Officer, CUNY-WHO Safety Monitoring of Interventions in Pregnancy*
- Developed globally applicable data collection tools and harmonized maternal and newborn health indicators.
  - Drafted and submitted IRB materials and consent protocols, ensuring ethical compliance.

- Delivered monthly project updates and policy briefs to WHO leadership, distilling technical progress into actionable insights.
- Facilitated cross-departmental collaboration to align research with programmatic and policy priorities.

Albert Einstein College of Medicine: Bronx, NY, USA

03/2017-01/2022

*Research Coordinator*

- Managed administrative and operational functions for a \$4.1M NIH/CDC-funded research portfolio across the U.S., Uganda, Rwanda, and DRC.
- Oversaw IRB submissions, informed consent procedures, contracts, and compliance with federal and international regulations.
- Designed and tracked detailed project plans, deliverables, and timelines for multi-site studies.
- Coordinated participant recruitment, data collection, and secure data management systems to ensure confidentiality.
- Produced peer-reviewed manuscripts and reports for academic and policy audiences.

## PUBLICATIONS

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*Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

1. Tefera Deressa B, **Pierz A**, Jyung H, Rosario B, Andoh-Baidoo N, Tibebe 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 Microbio* 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. To Zero Initiative. A Vision to Zero: A Roadmap to Ending Childhood Sexual Violence. Available at: <https://to-zero.org/our-vision/our-report>
2. 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>

#### TEACHING & MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

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York College, CUNY: Queens, NY

07/2022-12/2025

Instructor of Record for 10 course sections (30 credits)

Courses Taught (Undergraduate):

- Sex and Sexuality (HE 241) — Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Summer 2025, Fall 2025
- History & Principles of Public Health (PH 201) — Fall 2024 (2 sections), Spring 2025 (2 sections), Fall 2025

CUNY Graduate School of Public Health & Health Policy : New York, NY

01/2022-12/2025

Instructor of Record for 29 course sections (71 credits)

Courses Taught (Graduate):

- Health Equity, Communications & Advocacy (PUBH 611) — Spring 2022
- Graduate Capstone Project (HPAM 698) — Spring 2022
- Community Health Practice Collaborative I (CHSS 696) — Summer 2022, Fall 2022 (2 sections), Summer 2023, Fall 2023, Summer 2024, Fall 2024, Summer 2025, Fall 2025
- Community Health Practice Collaborative II (CHSS 698) — Fall 2022, Spring 2023 (2 sections), Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026
- Quantitative & Qualitative Research Methods in Data Analysis (PUBH 614) — Fall 2022 (2 sections), Summer 2023, Fall 2023 (2 sections), Fall 2024 (2 sections), Fall 2025

- Designs, Concepts & Methods in Public Health Research (PUBH 613) — Fall 2025 (2 sections)
- Mentorship:

- *PhD Students:* Ingrid Williams (Advisor: Spring Cooper)
- *Master and Undergraduate Students:* Angela Inglis (Advisor: Kathleen Cravero)

## AWARDS & HONORS

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2025	Dean's Dissertation Award (Mixed Method Research)
2021-2025	Graduate Research Fellowship (Center for Immigrant, Refugee and Global Health, CUNY SPH)
2022	CUNY Academy Excellence in Teaching Award
2022	Department of Community Health and Health Science Travel Award

## SERVICE

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### *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

## SKILLS

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<i>Design</i>	Mixed methods design for implementation science research, curriculum design, program evaluation, community-based research design, participatory action research
<i>Research Methods</i>	In-depth and key informant interviews, focus groups, survey design, reflexive thematic analysis, content and framework analyses, secondary data analysis (cross sectional and longitudinal)
<i>Software</i>	Dedoose, SAS, SPSS, R, Excel, Qualtrics, REDCap
<i>Soft Skills</i>	Collaborative leadership, mentorship and team development, cross-sector partnership building, cultural humility, strategic communication, project management, facilitation and consensus-building, grant writing, qualitative research capacity building