




## Research and Work Experience

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### Summary

- New York-based social epidemiologist using qualitative and mixed methodologies to improve sexual and reproductive health.
  - PhD student & adjunct faculty member with 7+ years of study management and research experience primarily on domestic & international longitudinal studies surrounding HIV and HPV-related cancers.
  - Additional research interests in stigma, sexuality, agency and health and data systems strengthening.

### Education

**PhD in Public Health** Exp 2024  
CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy: New York, NY, USA

**MSc in Global Health** 2015  
Maastricht University: Maastricht, Netherlands

**BS in Public Health** 2014  
Rutgers University: New Brunswick, NJ, USA

### Awards

**Global Health Fellowship** 2021-present  
Center for Immigrant Refugee and Global Health at CUNY SPH

**APHA Excellence in Scholarship** 2022  
CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy

**“Population Health Policy as a Prevention Strategy” Essay Award and Summer Scholarship** 2019  
National Institutes of Science/Columbia University

### Adjunct Lecturer

CUNY Graduate School of Health and Health Policy (SPH)  
York College

Jan 2022-present  
Aug 2022-present

- Served as the instructor of record for 27 credits on a graduate-level and 6 credits on an undergraduate-level.
- Developed course curriculum and materials on sex and sexuality, health equity, technical writing, public health fieldwork and qualitative analysis methodology.
- Monitored student progress throughout the semester and conducted office hours for individual support for an average class size of 13-43 students.
- Served as the primary mentor for 37 MPH students during their Capstone drafting & deposit.

### Program Officer, WHO Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (MNCH) Interdepartmental Task Force

Center for Immigrant, Refugee and Global Health at CUNY SPH Jul 2022-present

- Provided research and technical support to the WHO Interdepartmental Task Force to Improve Maternal Health in LMICs and Dr. Jim Sherry in the development of a minimum perinatal data set (MPDS).
- Served as the qualitative methodologist to garner stakeholder feedback on the feasibility and scalability of the use of MPDS.

### Research Coordinator

Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Mar 2017-Jan 2022

- Managed a research portfolio of \$4,137,081 in NIH and CDC funding surrounding HIV/HPV co-infections in Central Africa and the Bronx for Drs. Philip Castle, Kathryn Anastos, Marcel Yotebieng and Anjali Sharma.
- Supported Dr. Adebola Adedimeji with qualitative research surrounding the integration of cervical cancer screening with HIV services in Cameroon.
- Published 2 articles as first author and 9 articles as a co-author, based on work conducted within this research portfolio.
- Assisted with pre-award grant submissions, grant writing support and IRB compliance & management.

*Details on consultancy work, graduate & undergraduate research experience in Cameroon, Uganda & the US upon request*

### Selected Publications

Full bibliography available at:

[https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=Pierz+A&cauthor\\_id=33602194](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=Pierz+A&cauthor_id=33602194)

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2. **Pierz AJ**, Ajeh R, Fuhngwa N, et al. 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
3. **Pierz AJ**, Randall TC, Castle PE, et al. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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