Amanda J. Pierz

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EDUCATION

CUNY Graduate School of Public Health New York, NY, USA

PhD Public Health

Maastricht University: Maastricht, Netherlands

MSc Global Health

Rutgers University: New Brunswick, NJ, USA

BS Public Health

Expected Fall 2025

2015

2014

2014

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CUNY Graduate School of Public Health: New York, NY, USA CUNY York College: Queens, NY, USA

Jan 2022-present Aug 2022-present

Adjunct Assistant Professor

- Co-directs the Community Health Practice Collaborative (CHSS 696/698), which is the final Capstone series for Community Health & Social Science MPH students.
- Developing course curriculum and teaching materials on sex & sexuality, health equity, technical writing, public health fieldwork and qualitative methodology for 71 credits on a graduate-level and 30 credits on an undergraduate-level.

To Zero Initiative to End Childhood Sexual Violence (CSV): Remote Research Consultant Jun 2023-Feb 2025

- Coordinated the development of the A Vision to Zero report, synthesizing input from 330+ stakeholders across multiple convenings into a strategic framework to guide sector-wide efforts to end CSV.
- Led the organization and facilitation of a three-day convening of global youth leaders, ensuring youth perspectives were integrated into advocacy strategies and final deliverables.
- Managed feedback collection, analysis, and integration from youth-led organizations, sector leaders, and advocacy groups to align key findings with actionable recommendations.
- Co-led key informant interviews with 37 stakeholders, providing qualitative insights that shaped the early To Zero process and sector-wide engagement strategies.

Center for Immigrant, Refugee and Global Health at CUNY: New York, NY, USA Program Officer, CUNY-WHO Safety Monitoring of Interventions in Pregnancy July 2022-Nov 2023

- Served as the CUNY liaison to the WHO Interdepartmental Task Force to Improve Maternal Health in LMICs in the development of a minimum maternal and newborn health data set (MNHDS) to increase program and organizational capacities in data collection and analysis. This included:
 - Provided research and technical support to assist the Task Team with tasks related to maternal and newborn health monitoring and indicator measurement.
 - Collaborated with senior WHO leadership across 9 departments to collect their input on maternal and newborn health data set to be implemented across WHO programs and regions.
 - Prepared materials for internal reporting including monthly presentations to the WHO Task Team, meeting agendas and project reports.
 - Designed data collection tools for consensus development for training and capacity building tools to
 ensure consistent procedures and implementation across partner sites and for training and capacity
 building in the use of MNHDS.

Albert Einstein College of Medicine: Bronx, NY, USA Research Coordinator

- Managed a research portfolio of \$4,137,081 in NIH and CDC funding surrounding HIV/HPV coinfections in the USA, Uganda, Rwanda and the DRC. This included:
 - Published 2 articles as first author and 9 articles as a co-author, based on work conducted within this research portfolio.
 - Provided grant writing & project reporting support grant submissions, project reports & IRB compliance.
 - Worked closely with the principal investigators to oversee budget, staffing, timeline and work plans.
 - Developed, cleaned and maintained databases for domestic & international longitudinal studies.
 - Worked with inter-departmental teams to facilitate grant & IRB submission and compliance, specimen & questionnaire storage, archival & disposal and regulatory & legal compliance.
 - Coordinated domestic & international meetings and clinical site visits with demonstrated experience engaging with stakeholders at various levels.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Cravero K & **Pierz A**. Getting to Zero: A Review of The Evidence to End Childhood Sexual Violence. New York: To Zero Initiative, 2024. Available at https://www.to-zero.org/our-vision/creating-the-vision.
- 2. **Pierz AJ**, Rauh L, Masoud D, et al. Supporting US Healthcare Providers for Successful Vaccine Communication. Supporting US Healthcare Providers for Successful Vaccine Communication. BMC Health Services Research 2023:23(4). doi: 10.21203/rs.3.rs-2440427/v1
- 3. **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
- 4. **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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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

Full bibliography available at: https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term=Pierz+A&cauthor_id=33602194

SKILLS

Design

Mixed methods design for implementation science research, curriculum design, program evaluation, community-based research design

In-depth and key informant interviews, focus groups, survey design, reflexive thematic analysis, content and framework analyses, secondary data analysis (cross sectional and longitudinal)

Software

Soft Skills

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