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EDUCATION:

Master of Public Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD, May 2009

Capstone Title: *Does an Abstinence-Based Sex Education Program Reduce Sexual Risk-Taking in Mississippi Delta Male Youth?: A Quasi-Experimental Impact Evaluation of Wise Guys® Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program*

Advisor: Dr. Freya L. Sonenstein

Arts Baccalaureate, Biopsychology and Women's Studies, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, May 2004

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Senior Research Associate

Jan 2017 – Present

Research Associate

Dec 2009 – Dec 2016

Guttmacher Institute, New York, NY

Think tank dedicated to advancing sexual and reproductive health through research, policy analysis and education

Analyze large national-level datasets on various reproductive health topics, including unintended pregnancy and publicly funded family planning service delivery in the United States. Develop survey instruments and implement survey sampling procedures. Coordinate fielding efforts for large scale censuses and surveys. Write and edit manuscripts for peer reviewed journals, national conferences and stakeholder meetings. Manage large budgets, including multi-year R01 grant awarded by National Institutes of Health. Disseminate research findings to a wide-range of audiences. Hire, train and supervise staff.

Consultant

Dec 2008 – Jan 2009

Senior Research Assistant (Promoted from Research Assistant I and II)

May 2005 – May 2008

Guttmacher Institute, New York, NY

Coordinated fielding efforts for large scale surveys. Streamlined data management procedures and fielding efforts for surveillance research projects. Modernized protocols, maintained databases and archived projects. Recruited study participants and collected quantitative data. Hired, trained and supervised colleagues.

Graduate Student Investigator

Dec 2008 – May 2009

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD

The Center for Adolescent Health in the Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health

Evaluated a pregnancy prevention program for disadvantaged male youth as part of a cross-site project solicited and funded by the Office of Family Planning, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Submitted and obtained IRB approval. Managed raw quantitative data. Conducted descriptive, correlation and regression analyses using simple and complex statistical models. Drafted preliminary report on which the final DHHS report was based. Liaised with evaluators and colleagues external to the School of Public Health.

Research Consultant

Oct – Dec 2008

Society for Education, Action and Research in Community Health, Baltimore, MD

Not-for-profit organization in Gadchiroli, India, serving local residents

Co-developed a culturally appropriate surveillance system to monitor disease in underserved communities.

Legal Assistant

July 2004 – April 2005

Fross Zelnick Lehrman & Zissu, P.C., New York, NY

Edited and proofed U.S. federal trademark applications. Wrote responses to client inquiries on behalf of 13 attorneys.

Public Affairs Intern

Oct 2003 – May 2004

Planned Parenthood of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Poughkeepsie, NY

Designed and implemented a poster and letter campaign reaching 2,500+ people to advertise for event. Coordinated logistics to transport all 200+ interested students and staff to and from the March for Women's Lives event in Washington, DC. Lobbied State Legislators on emergency contraception and comprehensive, age-appropriate sex education.

Research Experiences for Undergraduates Fellow

Summer 2003; Winter 2004

National Science Foundation, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

Universidade Federal da Paraíba, Paraíba, Brazil

Universidad de Los Andes, Mérida, Venezuela

Summer institute for selected undergraduates interested in social science research

Conducted preliminary literature and field research on several local public health issues. Presented preliminary findings to North and South American colleagues.

Research Assistant

Jun - Aug 2002

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

Administered one-on-one telephone interviews concerning preferred public health and smoking policies. Generated a new social science research reference tool from archived data.

PUBLICATIONS:**Peer-reviewed publications**

Zolna MR, Kavanaugh MK, Hasstedt, K, Insurance-related practices at Title X-funded family planning centers under the Affordable Care Act: survey and interview findings, *Women's Health Issues* (in press).

Finer LB and **Zolna MR**, Declines in unintended pregnancy in the United States, 2008–2011, *New England Journal of Medicine*, 2016, 374(9):843–852.

Frost JJ, Sonfield A, **Zolna MR**, and Finer LB, Return on Investment: A fuller assessment of the benefits and cost-savings of the U.S. publicly funded family planning program, *The Milbank Quarterly*, 2014, 92(4):667-720.

Finer, LB and **Zolna, MR**, Shifts in intended and unintended pregnancies in the United States, 2001–2008, *American Journal of Public Health*, 2014, 104(S1): S44-S48.

Finer, LB and **Zolna, MR**, Unintended pregnancy in the United States: incidence and disparities, 2006, *Contraception*, 2011, 84(5): 478–485.

Jones RK, **Zolna, MR**, Henshaw SK and Finer, LB, Abortion in the United States: incidence and access to services, 2005, *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, 2008, 40(1): 6-16.

Abramson CI, Page MC, **Zolna M**, Howard W, Aquino IS and Nain S, A preliminary study of illumination levels in university and elementary classrooms in Campina Grande, Brazil, *Journal of Social Sciences*, 2007, 3(3): 155-158.

Abramson CI, Howard W, **Zolna M**, Nain S, Aquino I, Rocha H, Moreas Z and Page MM, A price survey comparison of alcoholic beverages with the five basic food groups in Paraíba, Brazil, *Journal of Social Sciences*, 2006, 2(4): 100-103.

Zolna M, Howard W, Nain S, Abramson CI and Aquino IS, Light levels in classrooms at the Federal University of Paraíba in Northeastern Brazil, *Xi Encontro de Iniciação Científica da UFPB*, 2003, 1,(2).

Howard W, **Zolna M**, Abramson CI, Fernandes AC and Aquino IS, A price comparison of alcohol and the five basic food groups in Paraíba, Brazil, *Xi Encontro de Iniciação Científica da UFPB*, 2003, 1(80).

Manuscripts under review and in preparation

Zolna MR and Finer, LB, Intended pregnancies among women obtaining abortions in the United States: testing for difference and equivalence in abortion patient and population-based surveys. Revise and resubmit at *Contraception*.

Kavanaugh MK, **Zolna MR**, Burke KL, Use of health insurance among clients seeking contraceptive services at Title X facilities. Under review at *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*.

Non-peer-reviewed publications

Frost JJ, Frohwirth L, Blades N, **Zolna MR**, Douglas-Hall A and Bearak, J. *Publicly Funded Contraceptive Services at U.S. Clinics, 2015*, New York: Guttmacher Institute, 2017.

Zolna MR and Frost JJ, *Publicly Funded Family Planning Clinics in 2015: Patterns and Trends in Service Delivery Practices and Protocols*, New York: Guttmacher Institute, 2016.

Frost JJ, Frohwirth L and **Zolna MR**, *Contraceptive Needs and Services, 2014 Update*, New York: Guttmacher Institute, 2016.

Frost JJ, Frohwirth L and **Zolna MR**, *Contraceptive Needs and Services, 2013 Update*, New York: Guttmacher Institute, 2015.

Frost JJ, **Zolna MR** and Frohwirth L, *Contraceptive Needs and Services, 2012 Update*, New York: Guttmacher Institute, 2014.

Frost JJ, **Zolna MR** and Frohwirth L, *Contraceptive Needs and Services, 2010*, New York: Guttmacher Institute, 2013.

Zolna, MR, Lindberg, LD. *Unintended Pregnancy: Incidence and Outcomes Among Young Adult Unmarried Women in the United States, 2001 and 2008*, New York: Guttmacher Institute, 2012.

Zolna, MR, Lindberg, LD and Frost, JJ. *Couple-Focused Services in Publicly Funded Family Planning Clinics: Identifying the Need, 2009*, New York: Guttmacher Institute, 2011.

PRESENTATIONS:

Zolna MR and Kavanaugh, MK, “Financial Viability and Sustainability of Title X Centers, 2014–2017, oral presentation at Title X Grantee webinar, August 2, 2017.

Zolna MR and Hasstedt, K, “Guttmacher Institute: Using Research to Inform and Advance the Domestic SRHR Policy Debate,” panel presentation at Population Association of America, Washington, DC, March 31, 2016.

Zolna MR, “Public-use datasets from the Guttmacher Center for Population Research Innovation and Dissemination,” oral presentation at Population Association of America, San Diego California, April 30, 2015.

Zolna MR, “Intended and Unintended Pregnancies: New Estimates for the United States, 2008,” oral presentation for Planned Parenthood Federation of America webinar, February 21, 2014.

Zolna MR and Finer LB, “Intended and Unintended Pregnancies in the United States,” oral presentation for Guttmacher Research Brownbag Series, Guttmacher Institute, New York, April 3, 2013.

Zolna MR and Finer LB, “Disparities in reproductive health: Unintended pregnancies, unintended births and abortions among high-risk populations, 2001–2008,” poster presentation at the 2012 Summit on the Science of Eliminating Health Disparities, National Harbor Maryland, December 18, 2012.

Finer LB, Kost K and **Zolna MR**, “New data on unintended pregnancy in the United States,” oral seminar presentation to the Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, New York, April 18, 2011.

Finer LB and **Zolna MR**, “Unintended pregnancy: new estimates for the United States,” poster presentation at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver CO, November, 2010.

Zolna MR, Kavanaugh ML, Lindberg L. “Couples-based family planning services: Is there a need?” poster presentation at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver CO, November 8, 2010.

Finer LB and **Zolna MR**, “Unintended pregnancy: new estimates for the United States,” invited late-breaking oral presentation at the Reproductive Health 2010 conference, Atlanta GA, September, 2010.

Zolna M. “Does an Abstinence-Based Sex Education Program Reduce Sexual Risk-Taking in Mississippi Delta Male Youth?: A Quasi-Experimental Impact Evaluation of Wise Guys®.” Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, oral presentation at the Capstone symposium, May, 2009.

Jones, RK and **Zolna, M**, “Do numbers matter? Changes in abortion providers between 2000 and 2005,” poster presentation at the Reproductive Health 2008 conference, Washington, DC, September, 2008.

Zolna M. “Light levels in classrooms at the Federal University of Paraíba at Bananeiras in Northeastern Brazil. Oklahoma State University,” oral presentation at the Research Experiences for Undergraduates symposium, August, 2003.

Zolna M. and Howard W. “Exploring the value of the international component of the Research Experience for Undergraduates program.” Oklahoma State University, oral presentation at the Research Experiences for Undergraduates Symposium, August, 2003.

Howard W. and **Zolna M.**, “A price comparison of alcohol and the five basic food groups in Paraíba, Brazil.” Oklahoma State University, poster presentation at the Research Experiences for Undergraduates symposium, August, 2003.

Zolna M. and Howard W., “Preliminary analysis of lighting and food and alcohol pricing and its implications for the State of Paraíba,” invited oral presentation at the Oxford American English School, Solânea, Paraíba, Brazil, July, 2003.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Public Health Association (Population, Reproductive and Sexual Health section)
Association of Reproductive Health Professionals
National Abortion Federation
Population Association of America
Society of Family Planning

HONORS AND AWARDS:

Field Experience Fund Award, J.B. Grant International Health Society, 2008
Outstanding Achievement Award, Planned Parenthood, Inc., 2004
Helen Miringoff Award nominee, Vassar College, 2004
Undergraduate Research Fellow, National Science Foundation, 2004
Undergraduate Research Fellow, National Science Foundation, 2003

SERVICE TO THE FIELD:

Discussant, Roundtable on couples-based family planning services, National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association annual meeting, April, 2010
Vice-President, Women’s Health Action Group of Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Sept 2008 – May 2009
Consultant, Female Intervention Team, Maryland Dept. of Juvenile Justice, Baltimore, MD, Feb – March 2009
Volunteer, Planned Parenthood of New York City and NARALNY, New York, NY, Aug 2004 – June 2008
Founder and President, Vassar College Coalition of Reproductive Rights Advocates, Poughkeepsie, NY, Nov 2003 – May 2004