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### EDUCATION

BS, <i>cum laude</i>	Neuroscience	Brigham Young University (BYU)	2003
Certificate	Gerontology	BYU	2003
SM (MS)	Epidemiology	Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH)	2005
PhD	Epidemiology	University of Washington (UW) School of Public Health	2011

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Research Assistant	Dept of Nutrition	HSPH	2005 – 2007
Pre-doctoral fellow	CVD Epi Training Program	UW School of Public Health	2007 – 2011
Statistician	Dept of Epidemiology	U of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)	2011 – 2013
Assistant Professor	Dept of Public Health	BYU	2013 – 2019
Faculty Affiliate	Gerontology Program	BYU	2017 – present
Associate Professor	Dept of Public Health	BYU	2019 – present

### SCHOLARSHIP

#### Peer-Reviewed Research Articles (total citations > 2,800; H index = 21)

Articles #1 through #19 were published while I was at HSPH, UW, or UAB. Articles #20 and onward were published after I joined the BYU faculty. See articles #35 and onward for involvement of BYU student authors, where <sup>UG</sup> denotes undergraduate student and <sup>G</sup> denotes graduate student.

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4. Harris ML<sup>UG</sup>, Bennion E<sup>UG</sup>, Magnusson KR<sup>UG</sup>, Howard VJ, Wadley VG, McClure LA, Levine DA, Manly JJ, Avila JF, Glymour MM, Wisco JJ, **Thacker EL**. Rural versus urban residence in adulthood and incident cognitive impairment in the Reasons for Geographic and Racial Differences in Stroke Study (REGARDS).

5. Cole KL, Boehme AK, **Thacker EL**, Longstreth WT Jr, Brown BL, Gale SD, Hedges DW, Anderson JK<sup>UG</sup>, Elkind MSV. Hospital-acquired infection at time of stroke and cognitive decline: the Cardiovascular Health Study.
6. Reese EM<sup>G</sup>, Lines N<sup>UG</sup>, **Thacker EL**, Barnes MD. Association of COVID-19 stimulus receipt and spending with family health.

### Other Scholarly Publications

Item #1 was published while I was at HSPH and item #2 was published while I was at UW.

1. **Invited editorial: Thacker EL**. The United States Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program: understanding the real-life circumstances underlying resident complaint data. *Expert Review of Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research*. 2006 Dec;6(6):619-622. DOI: 10.1586/14737167.6.6.619. PMID: 20528486.
2. **Letter to the editor: Thacker E**. Interaction between prestroke cognitive performance and incident stroke in predicting risk of dementia. *Stroke*. 2008 Jul;39(7):e106. Epub 2008 May 22. DOI: 10.1161/STROKEAHA.107.515890. PMID: 18497325.

### Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations – International or National

Presentations #1 through #23 were given while I was at HSPH, UW, or UAB. Presentations #24 and onward were given after I joined the BYU faculty. See presentations #28 and onward for involvement of BYU student authors, where <sup>UG</sup> denotes undergraduate student and <sup>G</sup> denotes graduate student.

[O] denotes oral presentation, [MP] denotes moderated poster presentation, [P] denotes poster presentation, [RA#] denotes that the work is now published as a peer-reviewed research article as numbered above, and [SM#] denotes that the work is now a submitted manuscript as numbered above.

1. [O] [RA#3] **Thacker EL**, O'Reilly E, Weisskopf MG, Chen H, Schwarzschild MA, McCullough ML, Calle EE, Thun MJ, Ascherio A. Temporal relationship between cigarette smoking and risk of Parkinson's disease. *American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 2006*.
2. [P] [RA#2] **Thacker E**, Schneeweiss S. Initiation of acetylcholinesterase inhibitors and acute exacerbation of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. *North American Congress of Epidemiology, Seattle, WA, June 2006*.
3. [O] [RA#4] **Thacker EL**, Chen H, Patel AV, McCullough ML, Calle EE, Thun MJ, Schwarzschild MA, Ascherio A. Recreational physical activity and risk of Parkinson's disease. *American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, May 2007*.

4. [P] Hindorff L, **Thacker E**, Rice K, Psaty B, Rosendaal F, Reitsma P, Heckbert S. CYP2C9 and VKORC1 genetic variation and bleeding events in patients with atrial fibrillation. *Leducq International Network Against Thrombosis (LINAT) Annual Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK, May 2008*.
5. [O] [P×2] [RA#6] **Thacker EL**, Wiggins KL, Longstreth WT Jr, Bis JC, Rice KM, Dublin S, Smith NL, Heckbert SR, Psaty BM. Short term and long term risk of first ischemic stroke after transient ischemic attack. *Oral: NHLBI Cardiovascular Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Prevention Trainee Session, Palm Harbor, FL, March 2009. Poster: (1) American Heart Association Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention Conference, Palm Harbor, FL, March 2009; (2) Leducq International Network Against Thrombosis (LINAT) Annual Meeting, Leuven, Belgium, May 2009*.
6. [P] [RA#8] Ton TG, Jain S, Boudreau R, **Thacker EL**, Strotmeyer ES, Rhodes S, Newman A, Longstreth WT Jr, Checkoway H. Development of an algorithm to identify Parkinson's disease in the Cardiovascular Health Study. *American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, April 2009*.
7. [P] [RA#10] Jain S, Ton TG, Boudreau RM, **Thacker EL**, Studenski S, Rhodes SL, Longstreth WT Jr., Strotmeyer ES, Newman AB. Urate and the risk of Parkinson disease in a community-based population in the United States (Cardiovascular Health Study). *International Congress of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders, Paris, France, June 2009*.
8. [O] [P] [RA#11] **Thacker EL**, Siscovick DS, Psaty BM, Boyko EJ, McKnight B, Heckbert SR, Smith NL, Longstreth WT Jr, de Boer IH, Carnethon MR, Mukamal KJ, Kizer JR. Fasting insulin and incident ischemic stroke: the Cardiovascular Health Study. *Oral: NHLBI Cardiovascular Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Prevention Trainee Session, San Francisco, CA, March 2010. Poster: American Heart Association Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention Conference, San Francisco, CA, March 2010*.
9. [MP] [RA#16] **Thacker EL**, McKnight B, Psaty BM, Longstreth WT Jr, Dublin S, Jensen PN, Newton KM, Smith NL, Siscovick DS, Heckbert SR. Associations of demographic and medical history factors with recurrence of atrial fibrillation and progression to permanent atrial fibrillation. *American Heart Association Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention Conference, Atlanta, GA, March 2011*.
10. [O] [RA#15] Jain S, Ton TG, Perera S, Zheng Y, **Thacker EL**, Studenski S, Longstreth WT Jr, Strotmeyer ES, Newman AB. Electrocardiographic abnormalities are associated with higher risk of Parkinson's disease in a community-based cohort of older adults. *American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI, April 2011*.

11. [P] [RA#12] Ton TG, Jain S, **Thacker EL**, Strotmeyer ES, Boudreau R, Newman AB, Longstreth WT, Checkoway H. Markers of inflammation in prevalent and incident Parkinson's disease in the Cardiovascular Health Study. *American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI, April 2011.*
12. [O] [RA#19] **Thacker EL**, McKnight B, Psaty BM, Longstreth WT Jr, Sitlani CM, Arnold AM, Fitzpatrick AL, Dublin S, Gottesman RF, Heckbert SR. Atrial fibrillation and cognitive decline: the Cardiovascular Health Study. *Oral: American Heart Association Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention Conference, San Diego, CA, March 2012.*
13. [P] [RA#17] Jensen PN, **Thacker EL**, Dublin S, Psaty BM, Heckbert SR. Racial differences in the incidence of and risk factors for atrial fibrillation in older adults: the Cardiovascular Health Study. *American Heart Association Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention Conference, San Diego, CA, March 2012.*
14. [P] [RA#29] **Thacker EL**, Jensen PN, Psaty BM, McKnight B, Longstreth WT Jr, Dublin S, Newton KM, Smith NL, Siscovick DS, Heckbert SR. Use of statins and antihypertensive medications in relation to recurrence of atrial fibrillation and progression to permanent atrial fibrillation. *American Heart Association Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention Conference, San Diego, CA, March 2012.*
15. [O] [RA#22] Vimalananda VG, Biggs ML, Rosenzweig JL, Carnethon MR, Meigs JB, **Thacker EL**, Siscovick DS, Mukamal KJ. Effects of sex and race on risk of congestive heart failure, coronary heart disease, and mortality in older adults with diabetes. *American Diabetes Association Scientific Sessions, Philadelphia, PA, June 2012.*
16. [O] [P] [RA#25] Cushman M, Judd SE, Howard VJ, **Thacker EL**, Ahmed A, Jenny NS, Kissela B, Zakai NA. Amino-terminal Pro-B-type natriuretic peptide (NT-Pro-BNP) and risk of stroke: the Reasons for Geographic and Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS) cohort. *Oral: American Heart Association International Stroke Conference, Honolulu, HI, February 2013. Poster: American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, Dallas, TX, November 2013.*
17. [P] [RA#26] Muntner P, Tanner R, Yun H, Carson A, Glasser S, Howard G, **Thacker E**, Farkouh M, Rosenson RS, Brown T, Safford M, Levitan EB. Decline in coronary heart disease incidence and mortality among middle-aged adults with diabetes from 1987-1993 through 2003-2009. *American College of Cardiology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 2013.*
18. [P] [RA#20] Soliman EZ, Safford M, Muntner P, Khodneva Y, Judd S, Dawood F, **Thacker E**, Zakai NA, Howard V, Howard G, Herrington D, Cushman M. Atrial fibrillation is a risk factor for incident myocardial infarction. *American College of Cardiology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, March 2013.*

19. [MP] [RA#27] **Thacker EL**, Gillett SR, Wadley VG, Unverzagt FW, Judd SE, McClure LA, Howard VJ, Cushman M. Life's Simple 7 and incident cognitive impairment: The REasons for Geographic And Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS) Study. *American Heart Association Epidemiology and Prevention Conference, New Orleans, LA, March 2013.*
20. [P] [RA#33] **Thacker EL**, Soliman EZ, Pulley L, Safford MM, Howard VJ, Howard G. Atrial fibrillation, black or white race, and research study participation in a national cohort study: the REasons for Geographic And Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS) Study. *American Heart Association Epidemiology and Prevention Conference, New Orleans, LA, March 2013.*
21. [P] [RA#28] Howard G, Wagenknecht LE, Cushman M, **Thacker EL**, Judd SE, Howard VJ, Kissela BM. Could there be an offsetting impact of insulin resistance on ischemic stroke and intracerebral hemorrhage? the REasons for Geographic And Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS) Study. *American Heart Association Epidemiology and Prevention Conference, New Orleans, LA, March 2013.*
22. [P] [RA#40] Gillett SR, McClure LA, Callas PW, **Thacker EL**, Unverzagt FW, Wadley VG, Letter AJ, Cushman M. Elevated hemostasis biomarkers are associated with incident cognitive decline in the REasons for Geographic and Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS) Study. *American Heart Association Epidemiology and Prevention Conference, New Orleans, LA, March 2013.*
23. [P] [RA#21] Ton TG, Biggs ML, Comer D, Curtis L, Hu S, **Thacker E**, Searles Nielsen S, Delaney JC, Landsittel D, Longstreth WT, Checkoway H, Jain S. Enhancing case ascertainment of Parkinson's disease using Medicare claims data in a population-based cohort: the Cardiovascular Health Study. *American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 2013.*
24. [O] [RA#34] Cushman M, Callas PW, McClure LA, Wadley V, Unverzagt F, Gillett SR, **Thacker EL**, Howard VJ. Amino-terminal Pro-B-type Natriuretic Peptide (NT-pro-BNP) And Risk of Cognitive Decline: The Reasons for Geographic And Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS) Cohort. *American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, Dallas, TX, November 2013.*
25. [O] [SM#3] Wadley VG, **Thacker EL**, Letter AJ, Unverzagt FW, Moy CS, Clark DG, McClure LA, Howard VJ, Cushman M, Levine DA, Kelley BJ, Kleindorfer D, Kissela B, Howard G. Low cognitive scores in domains of learning, memory or executive function predict incident stroke: the REGARDS study. *American Heart Association International Stroke Conference, San Diego, CA, February 2014.*
26. [P] [RA#32] Brutsaert E, Shitole S, Biggs ML, Mukamal K, de Boer I, **Thacker E**, Barzilay J, Djousse L, Ix JH, Smith N, Kaplan R, Siscovick D, Psaty B, Kizer J. Relations and predictive value of post-load and fasting glucose for incident cardiovascular disease and mortality in older adults: the

Cardiovascular Health Study. *American Heart Association Scientific Sessions, Chicago, IL, November 2014.*

27. [P] [RA#30] Kamel H, Bartz T, Longstreth WT Jr, Okin P, **Thacker E**, Patton K, Stein P, Gottesman R, Heckbert S, Kronmal R, Elkind M, Soliman E. Association between left atrial abnormality on ECG and vascular brain injury on MRI in the Cardiovascular Health Study. *American Heart Association International Stroke Conference, Nashville, TN, February 2015.*
28. [O] [RA#38] Schank C<sup>G</sup>, Blades NJ, Chaudhry SI, Dodson JA, Longstreth WT Jr, Heckbert SR, Psaty BM, Arnold AM, Dublin S, Sitlani CM, Gardin JM, Thielke SM, Nanna M, Gottesman RF, Newman AB, **Thacker EL**. Incident heart failure and longitudinal cognitive trajectories in the Cardiovascular Health Study. *American Heart Association Epidemiology and Prevention Conference, Baltimore, MD, March 2015.*
29. [P] Karki R<sup>G</sup>, Marker R<sup>G</sup>, Cushman M, Gillett SR, Judd SE, Kennedy RE, Kizer JR, Levine DA, McClellan WM, Kurella Tamura M, Unverzagt FW, Wadley VG, Blades NJ, **Thacker EL**. Adiponectin, leptin, resistin and incident cognitive impairment in the REasons for Geographic And Racial Differences in Stroke study (REGARDS). *Society for Epidemiologic Research Conference, Denver, CO, June 2015.*
30. [O] Unverzagt FW, Wadley VG, McClure LA, Kelly BJ, Tsivgoulis G, Alexander AS, **Thacker EL**, Howard VJ. Incident cognitive impairment in the REGARDS Study: rates and risk factors. *Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Orlando, FL, November 2015.*
31. [MP] [RA#42] Harding MC<sup>UG</sup>, Sloan CD, Merrill RM, Harding TM<sup>UG</sup>, Thacker BJ, **Thacker EL**. Transition from cardiovascular disease to cancer as the leading cause of death in US states, 1999-2013. *American Heart Association Epidemiology and Prevention Conference, Phoenix, AZ, March 2016.*
32. [P] Palmer V<sup>UG</sup>, Nielsen N<sup>UG</sup>, Cox A<sup>UG</sup>, Bradshaw B<sup>UG</sup>, Brown M<sup>UG</sup>, Barney T<sup>UG</sup>, Graul R<sup>UG</sup>, Torgersen B<sup>UG</sup>, Tuttle C<sup>UG</sup>, **Thacker E**, Johnston J. Development of a model to predict preadolescent children's indoor PM<sub>10</sub> exposures. *National Environmental Health Association Annual Educational Conference, San Antonio, TX, June 2016.*
33. [O] [RA#35] Kuźma E, Airdrie J, Littlejohns TJ, Lourida I, Thompson-Coon J, Lang IA, Scrobotovoci M<sup>G</sup>, **Thacker E**, Fitzpatrick A, Kuller LH, Lopez OL, Longstreth WT Jr, Ukoumunne OC, Llewellyn DJ. Coronary artery bypass graft surgery and dementia risk in the Cardiovascular Health Study. *Alzheimer's Association International Conference, Toronto, Canada, July 2016.*
34. [P] [RA#37] Ehlert AN<sup>UG</sup>, Heckbert SR, Wiggins KL, **Thacker EL**. Administrative billing codes accurately identify occurrence of electrical cardioversion and ablation/maze procedures in atrial

fibrillation patients. *American Heart Association Epidemiology and Prevention Conference, Portland, OR, March 2017.*

35. [P] Ernstsén L, Sui X, Howard VJ, Wadley VG, **Thacker E**. Estimated cardiorespiratory fitness and incident cognitive impairment: results from the REGARDS Study. *American College of Sports Medicine Conference, Denver, CO, June 2017.*
36. [P] Nielsen N<sup>UG</sup>, Palmer V<sup>UG</sup>, Bradshaw R<sup>UG</sup>, **Thacker E**, Johnston J. Estimating children's exposure to indoor particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>) using a statistical prediction model. *American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Expo, Seattle, WA, June 2017.*
37. [P] [RA#46] Jensen A<sup>UG</sup>, Dungan M<sup>UG</sup>, Goates M, **Thacker E**. What is successful aging? Comparing frameworks for successful aging with cultural perspectives. *International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics / Gerontological Society of America Conference, San Francisco, CA, July 2017.*
38. [O] [RA#39] Kamel H, Bartz TM, Elkind MSV, Okin PM, **Thacker EL**, Patton KK, Stein PK, deFilippi C, Gottesman RF, Heckbert SR, Kronmal RA, Soliman EZ, Longstreth WT Jr. Atrial cardiopathy and the risk of ischemic stroke in the Cardiovascular Health Study. *American Heart Association International Stroke Conference, Los Angeles, CA, January 2018.*
39. [P] [RA#44] Suemoto CK, Gibbons LE, **Thacker EL**, Jackson JD, Satizabal CL, Bettcher BM, Mez J, White LR, Power MC. Midlife incident prolonged rate-corrected QT interval does not predict late-life cognitive performance: the Honolulu-Asia Aging Study. *Alzheimer's Association International Conference, Chicago, IL, July 2018.*
40. [P] [RA#46] Jensen A<sup>UG</sup>, Claunch KD<sup>UG</sup>, Verdeja MA<sup>G</sup>, Dungan MT<sup>UG</sup>, Goates MC, **Thacker EL**. Successful aging: cross-cultural comparison of older adults' lay perspectives. *Gerontological Society of America Conference, Boston, MA, November 2018.*
41. [P] Toukara MD<sup>G</sup>, MaWhinney K<sup>UG</sup>, Evans K<sup>UG</sup>, Startup E<sup>UG</sup>, Ehlert A<sup>UG</sup>, Covey E<sup>G</sup>, Westra J<sup>UG</sup>, Blades NJ, Dharmoon MS, González HM, Imamura F, Kuźma E, Llewellyn DJ, Novilla MLB, Scrobotovici M<sup>G</sup>, Longstreth WT Jr, **Thacker EL**. Seven-year changes in cardiovascular health in older adults: the Cardiovascular Health Study. *American Heart Association Epidemiology and Prevention Conference, Houston, TX, March 2019.*
42. [O] MaWhinney K<sup>UG</sup>, Toukara MD<sup>G</sup>, Evans K<sup>UG</sup>, Startup E<sup>UG</sup>, Ehlert A<sup>UG</sup>, Covey E<sup>G</sup>, Westra J<sup>UG</sup>, Blades NJ, Dharmoon MS, González HM, Imamura F, Kuźma E, Llewellyn DJ, Novilla MLB, Scrobotovici M<sup>G</sup>, Longstreth WT Jr, **Thacker EL**. Cardiovascular health and cognitive decline in older adults: the Cardiovascular Health Study. *American Heart Association Epidemiology and Prevention Conference, Houston, TX, March 2019.*

43. [O] [SM#4] Harris ML<sup>UG</sup>, Bennion E<sup>UG</sup>, MaWhinney K<sup>UG</sup>, Howard VJ, Wadley VG, McClure LA, Levine DA, Manly JJ, Glymour MM, Wisco JJ, Chaney RA, **Thacker EL**. Rural versus urban living and incident cognitive impairment in the Reasons for Geographic and Racial Differences in Stroke Study (REGARDS). *American Heart Association Epidemiology and Prevention Conference, Houston, TX, March 2019.*
44. [O] [SM#2] Otto MC, Wu JHY, **Thacker EL**, Lai H, Lemaitre RN, McKnight B, Padhye N, Song X, King IB, Lopez O, Siscovick D, Mozaffarian D. Longitudinal associations of omega-6 and omega-3 plasma phospholipid polyunsaturated fatty acids with dementia in older adults: the Cardiovascular Health Study. *American Heart Association Epidemiology and Prevention Conference, Houston, TX, March 2019.*
45. [O] [P] [RA#47] **Thacker EL**, Boehme AK, Elkind MSV, Longstreth WT Jr, Choi H. Cognitive decline in older adults with epilepsy: the Cardiovascular Health Study. *American Epilepsy Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, December 2019.*
46. [P] Kunzelman JE<sup>UG</sup>, Gabor RM<sup>G</sup>, Scrobotovici M<sup>G</sup>, Blades NJ, Longstreth WT Jr, Heckbert SE, Psaty BM, Arnold AM, Fitzpatrick AL, Llewellyn DJ, Kuźma E, Kamel H, Dhamoon MS, Chaudhry SI, Dodson JA, Hedges DW, Gale SD, Erickson LD, Brown BL, **Thacker EL**. Long-term cognitive decline in older adults after incident coronary heart disease or after first receipt of coronary artery bypass grafting surgery or percutaneous coronary intervention. *American Heart Association Epidemiology and Prevention Conference, Phoenix, AZ, March 2020.*
47. [O] [RA#47] [RA#49] Choi H, Elkind MSV, Longstreth WT Jr, Boehme AK, **Thacker EL**. Cognitive decline in older adults with epilepsy: the Cardiovascular Health Study. *International Neuropsychological Society Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, February 2021.*
48. [P] [SM#5] Cole K, Boehme A, **Thacker E**, Longstreth W, Brown B, Hedges D, Gale S, Kunzelman J<sup>UG</sup>, Elkind M. Cognitive decline among older adults with stroke and hospital-acquired infection: the Cardiovascular Health Study. *American Heart Association International Stroke Conference, New Orleans, LA, February 2022.*

### **Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations – State or Local with BYU Students**

1. [P] [RA#38] Schank C<sup>G</sup>, Blades N, **Thacker E**, Longstreth W. Heart failure and longitudinal cognitive test score trajectories in older adults. *University of Utah Student Global Health Conference, Salt Lake City, UT, April 2014.*
2. [P×2] Palmer V<sup>UG</sup>, Nielsen N<sup>UG</sup>, Cox A<sup>UG</sup>, Bradshaw B<sup>UG</sup>, Brown M<sup>UG</sup>, Barney T<sup>UG</sup>, Graul R<sup>UG</sup>, Torgersen B<sup>UG</sup>, Tuttle C<sup>UG</sup>, **Thacker E**, Johnston J. Development of a model to predict preadolescent children's indoor PM<sub>10</sub> exposures. (1) *Utah Environmental Health Association*



*Conference, Brigham City, UT, September 2016; (2) BYU HBLL College of Life Sciences Undergraduate Poster Competition, Provo, UT, March 2017.*

3. [P] Anderson JD<sup>UG</sup>, Anderson MA<sup>UG</sup>, Toukara MD<sup>G</sup>, Martinez P<sup>UG</sup>, **Thacker EL**, Crandall A. Biological plausibility of maternal smoking during pregnancy increasing the risk for offspring overweight and obesity. *BYU HBLL College of Life Sciences Undergraduate Research Poster Competition, Provo, UT, March 2018.*
4. [P×3] [RA#46] Claunch K<sup>UG</sup>, Jensen A<sup>UG</sup>, Verdeja M<sup>G</sup>, Dungan M<sup>UG</sup>, Goates M, **Thacker E**. Successful aging: a cross-cultural comparison. (1) *BYU HBLL College of Life Sciences Undergraduate Research Poster Competition, Provo, UT, March 2018.* (2) *BYU Gerontology Conference, Provo, UT, March 2018.* (3) *BYU School of Family Life Mentored Student Research Conference, Provo, UT, April 2018.*
5. [P] MaWhinney K<sup>UG</sup>, Evans K<sup>UG</sup>, Startup E<sup>UG</sup>, Ehlert L<sup>UG</sup>, Covey E<sup>G</sup>, Westra J<sup>UG</sup>, **Thacker E**. Methods of harmonizing two diet questionnaires: changes in diet over time in elderly adults. *BYU HBLL College of Life Sciences Undergraduate Research Poster Competition, Provo, UT, March 2018.*
6. [P×2] MaWhinney K<sup>UG</sup>, Toukara MD<sup>G</sup>, Evans K<sup>UG</sup>, Startup E<sup>UG</sup>, Ehlert A<sup>UG</sup>, Covey E<sup>G</sup>, Westra J<sup>UG</sup>, Blades NJ, Dharmoon MS, González HM, Imamura F, Kuźma E, Llewellyn DJ, Novilla MLB, Scrobotovici M<sup>G</sup>, Longstreth WT Jr, **Thacker EL**. Cardiovascular health and cognitive decline in older adults: the Cardiovascular Health Study. (1) *Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Ogden, UT, February 2019.* (2) *BYU Gerontology Conference, Provo, UT, March 2019.*
7. [O] [P] [SM#4] Harris ML<sup>UG</sup>, Bennion E<sup>UG</sup>, MaWhinney K<sup>UG</sup>, Howard VJ, Wadley VG, McClure LA, Levine DA, Manly JJ, Glymour MM, Wisco JJ, Chaney RA, **Thacker EL**. Rural versus urban living and incident cognitive impairment in the Reasons for Geographic and Racial Differences in Stroke Study (REGARDS). *Oral: Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Ogden, UT, February 2019. Poster: BYU College of Life Sciences CURA Poster Competition, Provo, UT, April 2019*
8. [P] Toukara MD<sup>G</sup>, MaWhinney K<sup>UG</sup>, Evans K<sup>UG</sup>, Startup E<sup>UG</sup>, Ehlert A<sup>UG</sup>, Covey E<sup>G</sup>, Westra J<sup>UG</sup>, Blades NJ, Dharmoon MS, González HM, Imamura F, Kuźma E, Llewellyn DJ, Novilla MLB, Scrobotovici M<sup>G</sup>, Longstreth WT Jr, **Thacker EL**. Seven-year changes in cardiovascular health in older adults: the Cardiovascular Health Study. *BYU Gerontology Conference, Provo, UT, March 2019.*
9. [P] [RA#46] Jensen A<sup>UG</sup>, Claunch K<sup>UG</sup>, Verdeja M<sup>G</sup>, Dungan M<sup>UG</sup>, Anderson S<sup>UG</sup>, Clayton C<sup>UG</sup>, Goates M, **Thacker E**. What does “successful aging” mean to you? a systematic review and cross-

national comparison of lay perspectives of older adults in 12 countries, 2010-2017. *Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Logan, UT, February 2020.*

10. [P×2] Kunzelman JE<sup>UG</sup>, Gabor RM<sup>G</sup>, Scrobotovici M<sup>G</sup>, Blades NJ, Longstreth WT Jr, Heckbert SE, Psaty BM, Arnold AM, Fitzpatrick AL, Llewellyn DJ, Kuźma E, Kamel H, Dhamoon MS, Chaudhry SI, Dodson JA, Hedges DW, Gale SD, Erickson LD, Brown BL, **Thacker EL**. Long-term cognitive decline in older adults after incident coronary heart disease or after first receipt of coronary artery bypass grafting surgery or percutaneous coronary intervention. (1) *Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research, Logan, UT, February 2020.* (2) *BYU HBLI College of Life Sciences Undergraduate Research Poster Competition, Provo, UT, March 2020.*
11. [P] Prince S<sup>UG</sup>, Preece Q<sup>UG</sup>, Smith M<sup>UG</sup>, Beckodro C<sup>G</sup>, Karki R<sup>G</sup>, Marker R<sup>G</sup>, Cushman M, Gillett SR, Judd SE, Kennedy RE, Kizer JR, Levine DA, McClellan WM, Kurella Tamura M, Unverzagt FW, Wadley VG, Blades NJ, **Thacker EL**. Leptin, adiponectin and incident cognitive impairment in the REasons for Geographic And Racial Differences in Stroke study (REGARDS). *BYU Gerontology Conference, Provo, UT, March 2022.*
12. [P] [RA#49] Hafen R<sup>UG</sup>, Cromar R<sup>UG</sup>, Memmott M<sup>UG</sup>, Hoyt EJ<sup>G</sup>, Choi H, Elkind MSV, Longstreth WT Jr, Boehme AK, **Thacker EL**. Epilepsy, vascular risk factors, and cognitive decline in older adults: the Cardiovascular Health Study. *BYU Gerontology Conference, Provo, UT, March 2022.*

### **Invited Research Seminar Presentations – Academic Audiences**

1. Fasting insulin and incident ischemic stroke: the Cardiovascular Health Study. *Collaborative Health Studies Coordinating Center, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, March 2010.*
2. Measures of insulin resistance in the Cardiovascular Health Study. *Cardiovascular Health Study Steering Committee meeting, Rosemont, IL, April 2011.*
3. Atrial fibrillation and cognitive decline. *Department of Epidemiology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL, February 2012.*
4. Insulin resistance and ischemic stroke. *Department of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, April 2012.*
5. Racial difference in atrial fibrillation. *Department of Epidemiology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL, November 2012.*
6. Cardiovascular health and longitudinal cognitive trajectories. *Department of Statistics, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, March 2015.*

7. Long-term cognitive decline in older adults after newly diagnosed heart failure. *Cardiovascular Health Study Steering Committee meeting, Rosemont, IL, October 2016.*
8. Modeling longitudinal trajectories of cognitive performance. *Division of Neurology Clinical Outcomes Research and Population Science (NeuroCORPS), Department of Neurology, Columbia University, New York, NY, November 2016.*

### **Invited Research Seminar Presentation – Lay Audience**

1. Is cancer more common in Grandview than we would expect based on the rest of Utah? *Grandview South neighborhood meeting, Provo, UT, September 2019.*

### **Competitive Research Grants – Funded**

1. Cardiovascular health and cardiovascular disease prevention in older adults 2015  
BYU College of Life Sciences James Bobbitt Heart Disease Research Award  
My role: PI
1. Effects of vascular risk factors on risk for dementia and stroke after late-onset epilepsy 2022-2027  
NIH/NIA R01 AG074355  
My role: Multi-PI with Hyunmi Choi and Mitchell Elkind (Columbia University); BYU Site PI

### **Competitive Research Grants – Not Funded**

1. Detecting occult paroxysmal atrial fibrillation in the general population 2013  
American Heart Association Clinical Research Program  
My role: PI
2. Prevention of stroke due to atrial fibrillation 2014  
American Heart Association Undergraduate Student Research Program  
PI: Hilary Collins (BYU undergraduate student)  
My role: Faculty mentor/sponsor to undergraduate student PI
3. Molecular basis of cardiovascular health: a novel multi-biomarker health score 2015  
NHLBI R01 PI: Norrina Allen (Northwestern University)  
My role: Consultant
4. Cognitive and psychosocial trajectories of older adults with incident epilepsy 2017  
Columbia University ISP Pilot Award Program PI: Hyunmi Choi (Columbia University)  
My role: Co-I

5. Reasons for racial disparities in new-onset epilepsy in older adults 2018  
 NINDS R03 PI: Hyunmi Choi (Columbia University)  
 My role: Co-I

**Mentored research with BYU undergraduate students**

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| 1. Hilary Collins     | Atrial fibrillation and stroke<br><i>AHA USRP grant submitted for 2014 (not funded)</i>  | 2014        |
| 2. Yarazeth Martinez  | Coronary heart disease and cognitive decline   | 2014        |
| 3. Jordan Westra      | Cardiovascular health and cognitive decline<br>Changes in cardiovascular health during aging<br><i>BYU ORCA grant submitted for 2015 (not funded)</i>  | 2014 – 2015 |
| 4. Catherin Pena      | Exercise and depression in older adults  | 2015        |
| 5. Michael Harding    | Heart disease and cancer mortality trends<br><i>BYU ORCA grant funded for 2016</i>   | 2015 – 2016 |
| 6. Paul Bradshaw      | Role of telomeres in aging and aging-related diseases  | 2016        |
| 7. Paloma Martinez    | Maternal smoking and offspring overweight  | 2016        |
| 8. Afton Jensen Reich | Cross-cultural comparison of successful aging  | 2016        |
| 9. Vanessa Palmer     | Indoor PM <sub>10</sub> exposure in children   | 2016        |
| 10. Alexa Ehlert      | Accuracy of billing codes for cardiovascular procedures<br>Cardiovascular health and cognitive decline<br>Changes in cardiovascular health during aging<br><i>BYU ORCA grant funded for 2017</i> | 2016 – 2017 |
| 11. Natalia Nielsen   | Indoor PM <sub>10</sub> exposure in children<br><i>BYU ORCA grant submitted for 2017 (not funded)</i>  | 2016 – 2017 |
| 12. Matthew Dungan    | Cross-cultural comparison of successful aging  | 2016 – 2017 |
| 13. Rufus Sweeney     | Rural/urban differences in cognitive performance   | 2017        |
| 14. Emily Startup     | Cardiovascular health and cognitive decline<br>Changes in cardiovascular health during aging   | 2017        |

15. Kirsten Evans	Cardiovascular health and cognitive decline Changes in cardiovascular health during aging	2017 – 2018
16. McKenzie Anderson	Maternal smoking and offspring overweight	2017 – 2018
17. Jarett Anderson	Maternal smoking and offspring overweight	2017 – 2018
18. Erica Bennion	Rural/urban residence and cognitive impairment	2017 – 2018
19. Kristine MaWhinney	Cardiovascular health and cognitive decline Rural/urban residence and cognitive impairment Changes in cardiovascular health during aging <i>Finalist, AHA Stamler Research Award for New Investigators, 2019</i>	2017 – 2018
20. Kelsie Claunch	Cross-cultural comparison of successful aging <i>3rd place, BYU Coll of Life Sciences Undergrad Research Competition</i>	2017 – 2018
21. Matthew Harris	Rural/urban residence and cognitive impairment <i>BYU ORCA grant funded for 2018</i> <i>BYU CURA grant funded for 2019</i> <i>Finalist, AHA Stamler Research Award for New Investigators, 2019</i>	2017 – 2020
22. Jacqueline Kunzelman	Coronary heart disease and cognitive decline	2018 – 2020
23. Shellie Anderson	Cross-cultural comparison of successful aging	2019
24. Spencer Clason	Mental health and opioid overdose death	2019
25. Connor Donahoo	Mental health and opioid overdose death	2019
26. Colter Clayton	Cross-cultural comparison of successful aging	2019 – 2020
27. Linnea Brady	Epilepsy and brain health	2021
28. McKay Smith	Adipokine biomarkers and cognitive impairment	2021
29. Rachel Lafitaga	Widowhood, depressive symptoms, and cognitive decline	2021
30. Daniel Millward	Rural/urban residence and cognitive impairment	2021
31. Kimberly Hansen	Rural/urban residence and cognitive impairment	2021
32. Mariah Hoy	Rural/urban residence and cognitive impairment	2021

33. Rebecca Cromar	Epilepsy and brain health	2021 – 2022
34. Rebekah Hafen	Epilepsy and brain health	2021 – 2022
35. Sam Prince	Adipokine biomarkers and cognitive impairment	2021 – 2022
36. McKay Smith	Adipokine biomarkers and cognitive impairment	2021 – 2022
37. Quinn Preece	Adipokine biomarkers and cognitive impairment	2021 – 2022
38. Mele Mafi	Widowhood, depressive symptoms, and cognitive decline	2021 – 2022
39. Margo Memmott	Epilepsy and brain health	2021 – present
40. Maren Torgersen	Widowhood, depressive symptoms, and cognitive decline	2022
41. Brenna Gurney Stepan	Epilepsy and brain health <i>BYU CURA grant submitted for 2023 (not funded)</i>	2022 – present
42. Della Fisher	Epilepsy and brain health <i>BYU Public Health Diversity Fellowship 2022</i>	2022 – present
43. Konrad Willey	Epilepsy and brain health	2022 – present
44. Rya Clifton	Epilepsy and brain health <i>BYU CURA grant submitted for 2023 (not funded)</i>	2022 – present
45. Tanner Sandberg	Fitness vs fatness and cognitive decline	2022 – present

**Mentored research with BYU graduate students**

1. Christa Schank Hammond	Heart failure and cognitive decline	2013 – 2014
2. Monica Scrobotovici	Coronary heart disease and cognitive decline CABG surgery and dementia	2013 – 2015
3. Reena Karki	Adipokine biomarkers and cognitive impairment	2013 – 2015
4. Rachel Marker	Adipokine biomarkers and cognitive impairment Coronary heart disease and cognitive decline	2014 – 2016
5. Emarie Covey	Cardiovascular health and cognitive decline Changes in cardiovascular health during aging	2016 – 2017

6. Andrew Berrett	Infections and psychological outcomes	2017 – 2018
7. Marco Verdeja	Cross-cultural comparison of successful aging	2017 – 2019
8. Mamadou Tounkara	Maternal smoking and offspring overweight Cardiovascular health and cognitive decline Changes in cardiovascular health during aging	2017 – 2019
9. Lauren Manzione	Changes in cardiovascular health during aging	2019
10. Lily Kim	Widowhood, depressive symptoms, and cognitive decline	2020 – 2022
11. Emma Fulbright Hoyt	Epilepsy and brain health Widowhood, depressive symptoms, and cognitive decline	2021 – 2022
12. Cyrille Kouambo	Adipokine biomarkers and cognitive impairment	2021 – 2022
13. Emma Reese	COVID-19 stimulus spending and family health	2021 – 2022

## **TEACHING**

### **University courses taught as a BYU faculty member**

1. Chronic Diseases: Prevention and Control (HLTH 310; undergraduate course) 2013 – 2018  
659 students across 13 sections: Fa13, Wi14, Fa14 (2 sections), Wi15, Su15, Fa15, Wi16, Fa16, Wi17, Fa17 (2 sections), Wi18
2. Introduction to Biostatistics (HLTH 447; undergraduate course) 2014 – 2021  
393 students across 12 sections: Wi14, Wi15, Fa15, Wi16, Fa16, Wi17, Fa17, Wi18, Fa18, Fa19, Fa20, Fa21
3. Health, Disease and Their Determinants, Part 1 (HLTH 314; undergraduate course) 2018 – present  
700 students across 13 sections: Fa18 (2 sections), Wi19, Fa19 (2 sections), Wi20, Fa20 (2 sections), Wi21, Fa21, Wi22, Fa22, Wi23
4. Epidemiology Capstone (HLTH 493; undergraduate course) 2019 – present  
65 students across 5 sections: Wi19, Wi20, Wi21, Wi22, Wi23
5. Biostatistics (HLTH 604; graduate course) 2021 – 2022  
41 students across 2 sections: Wi21, Wi22
6. Quantitative and Qualitative Methods in Public Health (HLTH 621; graduate course) 2023 – present  
24 students in 1 section: Wi23

## **Guest teaching in BYU courses**

1. Infectious and Chronic Disease Prevention & Control (HLTH 619; graduate course) 2013 – 2019  
Topics: Chronic disease epidemiology; measures of association in epidemiology. Instructor: Len Novilla. Fa13, Fa14, Fa15, Fa16, Fa17, Fa18, Fa19
2. Chronic Diseases: Prevention and Control (HLTH 310; undergraduate course) 2014 – 2018  
Topic: Stroke. Instructor: Len Novilla. Fa14, Wi15, Fa15, Fa16, Wi17, Fa17, Wi18
3. Introduction to Public Health (HLTH 100; undergraduate course) 2015, 2017  
Topic: Introduction to epidemiology. Instructor: Stephanie Lutz. Wi15, Fa15, Wi17, Fa17
4. Faith in Public Health (HLTH 492R; undergraduate course) 2018 – 2020  
Topics: Religious attendance and health; seeking revelation in our professional lives. Instructors: Robbie Chaney, Chantel Sloan. Wi18, Wi19, Wi20
5. Foundations of Public Health (HLTH 210; undergraduate course) 2019 – 2020  
Topics: Introduction to the Health Science emphasis; examples of epidemiology. Instructors: Cougar Hall, Stephanie Lutz. Wi19, Sp20
6. Principles and Practices of Health Promotion (HLTH 330; undergraduate course) 2022  
Topic: Research on epilepsy and brain health. Instructors: Rachel Ricks, Heather Stickle. Fa22

## **Teaching history prior to BYU faculty appointment**

1. Analytical Aspects of Clinical Epidemiology (HSPH graduate course) 2004  
Role: Teaching assistant. Instructor: E. Francis Cook.
2. Data Management and Programming in SAS (HSPH graduate course) 2004 – 2005  
Role: Teaching assistant. Instructor: Elizabeth N. Allred.
3. Epidemiologic Methods I & II (UW graduate course) 2010 – 2011  
Role: Teaching assistant. Instructors: Thomas D. Koepsell, Victoria L. Holt, Noel S. Weiss.
4. Epidemiologic Methods II (UW graduate course) 2011  
Role: Guest teacher. Topic: The Cardiovascular Health Study. Instructor: Victoria L. Holt.
5. Introduction to Epidemiology (UAB graduate course; online) 2012  
Roles: Course developer and instructor.
6. Pharmacoepidemiology & Comparative Effectiveness Research (UAB graduate course) 2012  
Role: Guest teacher. Topic: Side effects of Alzheimer's disease drugs. Instructor: Elizabeth Delzell.



## **CITIZENSHIP**

### **Service on BYU University committees**

1. Gerontology committee 2018/19 – 2021/22  
*Gerontology student association faculty advisor*
2. Faculty advisory council 2020/21  
*Subcommittee on family friendly policy and student costs and incentives*
3. College of Life Sciences dean search committee 2021/22  
*Department of Public Health representative*

### **Service on BYU College of Life Sciences committees**

1. Mentoring Environment Grant (MEG) review committee 2013, 2014, 2015

### **Service on BYU Department of Public Health committees**

1. MPH curriculum committee 2013/14, 2014/15
2. Alumni connections committee 2013/14, 2014/15
3. MPH admissions committee 2016, 2023
4. Student scholarship committee 2016, 2018, 2019  
*Chair, 2018*
5. Undergraduate curriculum committee 2016/17, 2018/19 – present  
*Health Science emphasis coordinator, 2018/19 – 2020/21*  
*Epidemiology emphasis coordinator, 2021/22 – present*
6. External funding committee (*ad hoc*) 2016/17
7. Department name change committee (*ad hoc*) 2017  
*Co-chair*
8. Student/faculty/staff awards committee 2017, 2018, 2019  
*Chair, 2017, 2018*
9. Annual review / merit pay committee 2018

10. Jeff Glenn rank & status committee <i>Chair and new faculty mentor</i>	2018 – present
11. Faculty search committee ( <i>ad hoc</i> )	2019/20, 2020/21
12. Inclusion and diversity committee	2020/21 – present
13. Research and mentoring committee	2021/22 – present
14. CEPH accreditation committee	2021/22 – present

**Service on BYU graduate student committees**

1. Member	Christa Schank	Integrated BS/MS in statistics	2013 – 2014
2. Chair	Tawny Larsen	MPH	2013 – 2015
3. Chair	Monica Scrobotovici	MPH	2013 – 2015
4. Member	Victor Moxley	MPH	2014 – 2015, 2017 – 2018
5. Member	Rachel Marker	MS in statistics	2015 – 2016
6. Chair	Emarie Covey	MPH	2016 – 2018
7. Member	Robin Beck	MPH	2016 – 2018
8. Chair	Trent Sever	MPH	2017 – 2019
9. Member	Mamadou Tounkara	MPH	2017 – 2019
10. Member	Marco Verdeja	MPH	2017 – 2019
11. Chair	Megan Hawks	MPH	2018 – 2020
12. Advisor	Natalie Bennion	MPH	2019 – 2021
13. Reader	Josie McGhie	MPH	2019 – 2021
14. Advisor	Cyrille Kouambo	MPH	2020 – 2022
15. Reader	Megan Baldauf Pierce	MPH	2020 – 2022
16. Reader	Rachel Riley Tingey	MPH	2021 – 2023

17. Reader	McKinley Huefner	MPH	2021 – 2023
18. Advisor	Anna Johnson	MPH	2022 – 2024
19. Reader	Antonia Cash	MPH	2022 – 2024

### **Service on BYU undergraduate student honors thesis committees**

1. Reader	Elise Bowen	BS in public health – epidemiology, with honors	2013 – 2014
2. Reader	Moremi Hamblin	BS in public health – epidemiology, with honors	2019
3. Advisor	Abbey Whitcomb	BS in public health – epidemiology, with honors	2021

### **Other service at BYU**

1. BYU Wellness Program evaluation focus group	2014
2. BYU School of Nursing poverty simulation volunteer staff	2021 – present

### **Professional service outside BYU**

1. Cardiovascular Health Study (CHS) Publications & Presentations Committee Role: <i>ad hoc</i> reviewer of penultimate draft manuscripts (9 reviews)	2010 – 2016
2. American Heart Association (AHA) Council on Epidemiology and Prevention (a) Annual Epidemiology and Prevention Conference Roles: session co-moderator (2013, 2016); abstract reviewer (2015 – 2019, 2021)	2013 – 2021
(b) Stroke statistics sub-committee Roles: chair (2022 – present); vice-chair (2021 – 2022); annual writing of chapters on Stroke and Brain Health in <i>Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics Update</i> (unnamed collaborator on 2021 update; named coauthor on 2022 and 2023 updates)	2019 – present
(c) Council leadership committee Roles: Stroke statistics sub-committee chair	2022 – present
3. Reasons for Geographic and Racial Differences in Stroke Study (REGARDS) Publications & Presentations Committee Role: <i>ad hoc</i> reviewer of penultimate draft manuscripts (11 reviews)	2018 – present

4. National Institutes of Health (NIH) – National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)  
 Special Emphasis Panel / Scientific Review Group for ZHL1 CSR-G: New Epidemiological Cohort Study among Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders 2023  
 Role: grant application reviewer

**Service as *ad hoc* manuscript reviewer for peer-reviewed journals**

<i>American Journal of Epidemiology</i>	1 review	2017
<i>American Journal of Preventive Medicine</i>	4 reviews	2015 – 2021
<i>Anatolian Journal of Cardiology</i>	1 review	2017
<i>Annals of Internal Medicine</i>	2 reviews	2018 – 2022
<i>Atherosclerosis</i>	1 review	2016
<i>Basal Ganglia</i>	1 review	2011
<i>Biological Trace Element Research</i>	1 review	2022
<i>BioMed Research International</i>	2 reviews	2020
<i>BMC Cardiovascular Disorders</i>	6 reviews	2015 – 2020
<i>BMC Geriatrics</i>	1 review	2021
<i>BMC Health Services Research</i>	1 review	2016
<i>BMC Medical Education</i>	1 review	2015
<i>BMC Medical Research Methodology</i>	1 review	2012
<i>BMC Medicine</i>	2 reviews	2012 – 2021
<i>BMC Neurology</i>	1 review	2017
<i>BMJ</i>	1 review	2012
<i>BMJ Open</i>	2 reviews	2018 – 2020
<i>Circulation</i>	3 reviews	2008 – 2020
<i>Circulation: Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes</i>	1 review	2016
<i>European Journal of Neurology</i>	2 review	2010 – 2020
<i>Expert Review of Anti-infective Therapy</i>	1 review	2006
<i>Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience</i>	1 review	2021
<i>International Journal of Epidemiology</i>	1 review	2018
<i>Journal of Alzheimer’s Disease</i>	1 review	2015
<i>Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology</i>	1 review	2020
<i>Journal of Drug Issues</i>	1 review	2014
<i>Journal of Human Hypertension</i>	1 review	2015
<i>Journal of Internal Medicine</i>	1 review	2007
<i>Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities</i>	1 review	2016
<i>Journal of the American Heart Association</i>	5 reviews	2014 – 2020
<i>Journal of the American Society of Echocardiography</i>	1 review	2012
<i>Journal of the National Medical Association</i>	1 review	2017

<i>Journal of the Neurological Sciences</i>	1 review	2011
<i>Kidney International Reports</i>	1 review	2020
<i>Medical Journal of Australia</i>	1 review	2017
<i>Movement Disorders</i>	1 review	2009
<i>Neuroepidemiology</i>	7 reviews	2013 – 2022
<i>Neurology</i>	11 reviews	2015 – 2020
<i>Parkinson’s Disease</i>	1 review	2019
<i>Pharmacy Practice</i>	1 review	2016
<i>PLOS Medicine</i>	1 review	2020
<i>PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases</i>	1 review	2021
<i>PLOS ONE</i>	1 review	2022
<i>Preventive Medicine</i>	1 review	2021
<i>Psychoneuroendocrinology</i>	1 review	2018
<i>Stroke</i>	3 reviews	2008 – 2022
<i>Value in Health</i>	1 review	2015

**Professional organization memberships**

1. American Heart Association
  - (a) Council on Epidemiology and Prevention 2007 – present
  - (b) Council on Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health 2014 – present
2. Society for Epidemiologic Research 2014 – 2015
3. Gerontological Society of America 2018 – 2019
4. American Epilepsy Society 2019 – 2020

**Non-professional community service**

1. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, ordained Elder serving in proselyting, ministerial, leadership, teaching, and service positions 1997 – present
2. American Red Cross, blood donor (> 40 blood donations) 2000 – present
3. Springwell Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, ombudsman, Boston, MA 2005 – 2007
4. Boy Scouts of America
  - (a) Scoutmaster and troop committee chair, Birmingham, AL 2011 – 2013

- (b) Troop committee member, varsity team coach, merit badge counselor, troop committee trainer, and assistant scoutmaster (eleven-year-old scouts), Orem, UT  
*Second Miler award, Orem District, Utah National Parks Council, 2017* 2013 – 2019
- 5. American Cancer Society, Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3), participant 2012 – present
- 6. City of Orem, UT, block captain in citywide emergency preparedness plan 2015 – present

### **PROFESSIONAL HONORS**

- 1. Predoctoral fellowship, University of Washington School of Public Health  
CVD epidemiology training program, NHLBI T32 HL007902, PI: David S. Siscovick 2007 – 2011
- 2. Finalist, Jeremiah and Rose Stamler Research Award for New Investigators  
American Heart Association Council on Epidemiology and Prevention 2012
- 3. Student loan repayment award, NHLBI, NIH Loan Repayment Program 2012 – 2014
- 4. First place, Public Health Research Day faculty and staff poster competition  
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Public Health 2013
- 5. “Top Reviewer” recognition, *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* 2015
- 6. Student loan repayment renewal award, NHLBI, NIH Loan Repayment Program 2015 – 2017
- 7. Outstanding Research Award, BYU College of Life Sciences 2020