

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Alicia L. Best, PhD, MPH, CHES, CPH**

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Title: Assistant Professor  
University of South Florida  
College of Public Health  
Department of Community and Family Health

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**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

- 2013 – 2014      **Postdoctoral Internship**, Cancer-Related Health Disparities  
American Cancer Society, Behavioral Research Center
- 2009 – 2012      **Doctor of Philosophy**, Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior  
**Certificate of Graduate Study**, Health Communications  
University of South Carolina, Arnold School of Public Health
- 2007 – 2009      **Master of Public Health**, Health Education and Health Promotion  
Morehouse School of Medicine, Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine
- 2003 – 2007      **Bachelor of Science**, Health Information Management  
Alabama State University, College of Health Sciences
- 2013 –            **Certified Health Education Specialist** (CHES # 21898)  
The National Commission for Health Education Credentialing
- 2016 –            **Certified in Public Health** (NBPHE # 12602)  
The National Board of Public Health Examiners

**AFFILIATIONS**

- 2016 –            **Adjunct Assistant Professor**, Morehouse School of Medicine, Department of  
Community Health and Preventive Medicine
- 2015 –            **Collaborator Member**, Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, Health  
Outcomes and Behavior Program
- 2015 –            **Affiliate Faculty Member**, Florida Prevention Research Center, University of South  
Florida, College of Public Health

**RESEARCH AREAS/INTERESTS**

- Cancer prevention & control
- Health communication
- Health equity & social justice
- Faith-health research

## HONORS AND AWARDS

2017	Alabama State University's 2017 "50 under 50" Awardee
2017	GMaP Region 2 Expert Grant Pre-Submission Review Awardee
2016 – 2018	NIH Health Disparities Loan Repayment Program Awardee, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)
2014	Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health, Mu Chapter
2013 – 2015	Visiting Scholar, National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care, Tuskegee University
2012	University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Intercultural Cancer Council Symposium Scholarship
2012	University of South Carolina Provost Dissertation Award
2011	David G. Ellison Summer Research Award
2010	University of South Carolina Provost Professional Development Award
2009	Arnold School of Public Health Fellowship
2009	Graduated MPH with honors
2008	Elected MPH Student Government Association Officer
2007	Graduated BS Magna Cum Laude
2007	Miss Student Health Information Management Association
2003	Alabama State University Dean's Scholarship (4 consecutive years)
2003	Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015 –	<b>Assistant Professor (Tenure-Earning Pathway)</b> University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Department of Community and Family Health, Tampa, FL
2014 – 2015	<b>Director of Research and Community Health</b> HEALing Community Medical Center, Atlanta, GA
2013 – 2014	<b>Lead Health Education Specialist</b> HEALing Community Medical Center, Atlanta, GA
2011 – 2013	<b>Research Associate</b> Office of Public Health Practice, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
2009 – 2010	<b>Graduate Research Assistant</b> Office for the Study of Aging, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
2008 – 2009	<b>Operations Analyst</b> Georgia Department of Corrections, Office of Health Services, Atlanta, GA
2007 – 2009	<b>Regional Research Assistant</b> Institute for Faith-Health Leadership, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, GA
2006 – 2007	<b>Clinical Documentation Specialist</b> Baptist South Hospital, Cancer Care Center, Montgomery, AL

## GRANTSMANSHIP AND FUNDED PROJECTS

### **Active Projects**

*Improving Routine Asymptomatic Cancer Screening among Federally Qualified Health Center Users in Florida: Application of a Health Literacy Framework*

1 K01 CA226355-01 (A Best, PI)

NIH, National Cancer Institute

**Role: Principal Investigator (9.60)**

04/01/2018 - 03/31/2023

\$812,760

<i>Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network</i> U48-DP005000-01S2 (D Friedman, PI) CDC/NCI <b>Role: Affiliate/Collaborator (no salary support)</b>	9/2014-9/2019 \$1,374,996.38
<i>Racial and Ethnic Differences in Supportive Care Needs of Women Diagnosed with Cervical Cancer</i> Women's Health Collaborative Seed Grant (A Best, PI) University of South Florida <b>Role: Principle Investigator (3.00 calendar)</b>	06/2016-06/2018 Total Award: \$10,000
<i>Community Based Prevention Marketing for Systems Change: Reducing Disparities</i> 1U48DP005024-01 (C Parvanta, PI) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <b>Role: Co-Investigator (2.40)</b>	09/2014-09/2019 Total Award: \$3,134,580
<i>Use of Social Media to Evaluate Engagement with a Colorectal Cancer Screening Intervention</i> College of Public Health Faculty Research Award (A Best, PI) University of South Florida <b>Role: Principle Investigator (no salary support)</b>	05/2018-04/2019 Total Award: \$19,294
<i>Women at work: Multi-ethnic comparison of cancer survivors and low-status jobs</i> Bankhead-Coley Research Program (D Martinez-Tyson, PI) <b>Role: Co-Investigator (0.60)</b>	07/2017-06/2018 Total Award: \$100,000

### **Completed Projects**

<i>Healthy Babies Social Marketing Research Project</i> Florida Department of Health (C Parvanta, PI) <b>Role: Co-Investigator (0.60)</b>	01/2017-09/2017 Sub-Award: \$50,000
<i>Social Support, Stigma, and Blame among Individuals Diagnosed with Oropharyngeal and Anogenital Cancers: Exploring the Role of Religiosity</i> Institutional Research Grant (A Best, PI) American Cancer Society and Moffitt Cancer Center <b>Role: Principle Investigator (3.00 calendar)</b>	07/2016-06/2018 Sub-Award: \$30,000
<i>Exploring Determinants to HPV-Related Oral Health Literacy among Dental Providers</i> 1R21DE024272-01A1 (E Daley, PI) NIH, NIDCR <b>Role: Collaborator (No salary support)</b>	2014-2016 Total Award: \$360,969
<i>Improving the Health of Medically Underserved Populations in Metropolitan Atlanta</i> 1 H80CS26594-01-00 (C Moore, PI) HHS, Health Resources and Services Administration <b>Role: Program Evaluator</b>	11/01/2013 - 06/15/2015 Total Award: \$789,118
<i>Food As Medicine: Increasing Access to Healthy Food Among Youth and Families in Atlanta</i> Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation Grant (C Moore, PI) 02/2011 <b>Role: Program Director</b>	01/01/2013 - 06/15/2015 Total Award: \$225,000
<i>Integrating Health Promotion and Primary Care: Implementing a Comprehensive Health Promotion Program within a Federally Qualified Health Center</i> Community Benefit Grant (A Best, PI) Kaiser Permanente <b>Role: Principal Investigator</b>	01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014 Total Award: \$43,682
<i>Feasibility and Effectiveness of Integrating Evidence-Based Health Promotion with Primary Care within a Federally Qualified Health Center</i>	

1962 (A Best, PI) 01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014  
Healthcare Georgia Foundation Total Award: \$50,000  
**Role: Principal Investigator**

*Improving Asthma Outcomes among Medically Underserved Youth*  
Community Health Grant (C Moore, PI) 01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014  
Fulton-Dekalb Hospital Authority Total Award: \$25,000  
**Role: Program Director**

*Speaking to the Spirit: Examining the Effectiveness of Spiritually-Framed breast Cancer Screening Messages among African American Women*  
Intramural Research Award (A Best, PI) 02/01/2011 - 02/01/2012  
University of South Carolina Total Award: \$4,000  
**Role: Principal Investigator**

*Developing a Cancer Prevention Program for African-American Daughters and Mothers*  
Carlisle Award (L Annang, PI) 04/18/2011 - 04/17/2012  
University of South Carolina Total Award: \$1,000  
**Role: Research Associate**

*South Carolina Public Health Training Center*  
1 UB6HP20187 (G Hand, PI) 9/01/2010-8/31/2014  
HHS, Health Resources and Services Administration Total Award: \$3,250,000  
**Role: Research Associate**

#### **Pending Projects**

*My Sense of Space (MYSoS): Using Smart and Connected Systems for Wellness in Urban Communities*  
Smart and Connected Communities (M Trotz, PI) 09/01/2018-8/31/2022  
National Science Foundation (NSF) Total Award: \$3,000,000  
**Role, Co-Principle Investigator (0.60)**

#### **PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

**Underline denotes student authors**

#### **Published/In Press**

Adams, S. A., Rohweder, C. L., Leeman, J., Friedman, D. B., Gizlice, Z., Vanderpool, R. C., Askelson, N., **Best, A. L.**, Flocke, S., Glanz, K., Ko, L. K. & Kegler, M. (2018). Use of Evidence-based Interventions and Implementation Strategies to Increase Colorectal Cancer Screening in Federally Qualified Health Centers. *Journal of Community Health*. doi:10.1007/s10900-018-0520-2

Thompson, E.L., **Best, A. L.**, Vamos, C.A., & Daley, E.M. (2017). "My Mom Said It Wasn't Important": A Case for Catch-Up Human Papillomavirus Vaccination among Young Adult Women in the United States. *Preventive Medicine*. doi:10.1016/j.ypmed.2017.08.016.

**Best, A. L.**, Vamos, C. A., Choi, S. K., Thomas, E. L., Daley, E. M., & Friedman, D. B. (2017). Increasing routine cancer screening among underserved populations through effective communication strategies: Application of a health literacy framework. *Journal of Cancer Education*. doi:10.1007/s13187-017-1194-7

**Best, A. L.**, Strane, A., Christie, O., Bynum, S. A., & Wiltshire, J. (2017). Examining the influence of cost concern and awareness of low cost health care on cancer screening among the medically underserved. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, 28, 79-84. doi:10.1353/hpu.2017.0010

Daley, E.M., Thompson, E.L., Vamos, C.A., Griner, S.B., Vázquez-Otero, C., **Best, A.L.**, Kline, N., & Merrell, L.K. (2016). HPV-related knowledge among dentists and dental hygienists. *Journal of Cancer Education*. doi:10.1007/s13187-016-1156-5

**Best, A. L.,** Spencer, S. M., Friedman, D., Hall, I. J., & Billings, D. (2016). The influence of spiritual framing on African American women's mammography intentions: A randomized trial. *Journal of Health Communication*. doi:10.1080/10810730.2015.1114055

**Best, A. L.,** Spencer, S. M., Hall, I. J., Friedman, D., & Billings, D. (2015). Developing spiritually-framed breast cancer screening messages in consultation with African American women. *Health Communication, 30*, 290-300. doi:10.1080/10410236.2013.845063

**Best, A. L.,** Alcaraz, K. I., McQueen, A., Cooper, D., Warren, R., & Stein, K. (2015). Examining the mediating role of cancer-related problems on spirituality and self-rated health among African American cancer survivors: A Report from the American Cancer Society's Studies of Cancer Survivors-II. *Psycho-Oncology, 24*, 1051-1059. doi:10.1002/pon.3720.

**Best, A. L., Bembry, M. L.,** & Warren, R. C. (2015). Health optimism in the face of health disparities: Exploring self-rated health and chronic disease status among African American Christian congregants. *Journal of Healthcare, Science and the Humanities, 5*, 29-36.

Annang, L., Spencer, S.M. Jackson, D., Rosemond, T., **Best, A. L.** Williams, L. R., & Carlos, B. (2015). Developing a cancer prevention programme for African-American daughters and mothers. *Health Education Journal, 74*, 668-680. doi:10.1177/0017896914557706.

### **Book Chapter**

Parvanta, C. F., **Best, A. L.,** & Prajapati, V. J. (In press). Chapter 2: Health Communication In K. Liller & J. Corvin (Ed.), *Certified in Public Health Exam Study Guide*. Washington, DC: Association of Schools and Programs in Public Health.

### **Published Abstract**

Alcaraz, K. I., Arnold, L. D., **Best, A. L.** & Sanders Thompson, V. L. (2014). Examining perceptions about the HPV vaccine by sociodemographic characteristics and factors associated with perceptions: Findings from the 2012 Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS). [Abstract]. In: Proceedings of the Sixth AACR Conference: The Science of Cancer Health Disparities; Dec 6–9, 2013; Atlanta, GA. *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention, 23*(11 Suppl). doi:10.1158/1538-7755.DISP13-PR2.

### **Under Review**

**Best, A. L.,** Logan, R., Vazquez-Otero, C., Fung, W., Chee, V., Villalona, S., Thompson, L., Gwede, C., Daley, E. M. (Under Review). Application of a health literacy framework to explore patients' knowledge of the link between HPV and cancer.

Leeman, J., Askelson, N., Ko, L., Rohweder, C., Avelis, J., **Best, A. L.,** Friedman, D. B., Glanz, K., Seegmiller, L., Stradtman, L. & Vanderpool, R. (Under Review). Understanding the processes that Federally Qualified Health Centers use to select and implement colorectal cancer screening interventions: A qualitative study.

### **In Preparation**

**Best, A. L.,** Thompson, E. L., Logan, R., Delva, J., Thomas, M., Cunningham, E., Vamos, C. A., & Daley, E. L. (In Preparation). Examining the influence of religious and spiritual beliefs on the HPV vaccine uptake among college females. Will submit to *Journal of Religion and Health*.

**Best, A. L.,** Shukla, R., Martinez-Tyson, D., & Alcaraz, K. A. (In Preparation). Impact of caregivers' negative reaction to cancer on perceived social support and quality of life long-term survivors. Will submit to *Supportive Care in Cancer*.

**Best, A. L.,** Fung, W., Logan, R., Vazquez-Otero, C., Chee, V., Sanchez, J., Gwede, C. K. (In Preparation). Exploring the role of stigma in disclosure decisions among individuals diagnosed with oropharyngeal and anogenital cancers.

Martinez Tyson D., Thompson E.L., Chavez M.N., **Best, A. L.**, & Sommariva S. (In Preparation). Looking at disparities beyond the racial divide: receipt of health information among cancer survivors. Will Submit to *Patient Education and Counseling*.

Young, B., Gwede, C. K., Thomas, B., Vázquez-Otero, C., Ewing, A.P., **Best, A. L.**, Aguado Loi, C. X., Martinez-Tyson, D., Schneider, T., Meade, C. D., Baldwin, J. A. & Bryant, C. (In Preparation). A systematic review of U.S.-based colorectal cancer screening uptake intervention systematic reviews: Lessons learned about effect sizes.

Ewing, A. P., Schell, M.J., Vázquez-Otero, C., Young, B.R., Thomas, B., Schneider, T., **Best, A. L.**, Aguado-Loi, C., Martinez-Tyson, D, Meade, C.D., Schaible, B., Gwede, C. K. (In Preparation). Effects of client-directed behavioral interventions to increase colorectal cancer screening: A meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials.

Gibson, L. & **Best, A. L.** (In Preparation). Exploring the Role of Cultural Competence in Achieving Health Equity.

Arnold, L. D., Alcaraz, K. I., **Best, A. L.**, & Sanders Thompson, V. L. (In Preparation). US adult uncertainty about HPV vaccine effectiveness: Findings from the 2012 Health Information National Trends Survey.

Alcaraz, K. I., **Best, A. L.**, Lumpkins, C., & Bontemps-Jones, J. (In Preparation). Clergy or clinicians? The influence of relative trust of cancer information sources on health-related self-efficacy and cancer screening underutilization in a population-based sample.

Fletcher, F., Nguyen, N., **Best, A. L.**, Buchberg, M., Bynum, S, Schover, L., Basen-Engquist, K., Arduino, R. C., & Vidrine, D. J. Predictors of Cervical Cancer Screening among HIV-Positive Women from an Integrated HIV Clinic.

Fletcher, F., Kerr, J., **Best, A. L.**, Bynum, S., Vidrine, D., Arduino, R.C., & Miller, S. Influence of Discrimination and HIV/AIDS Stigma on Cervical Cancer Screening Behaviors.

Bynum, S. A., Wigfall, L. T., Kitandwe, M., Fletcher, F. E., **Best, A. L.**, & Plankey, M. W. (In Preparation). Is there an app for that? Understanding cancer communication preferences among men living with HIV/AIDS.

Bynum, S.A., Kitandwe. M., Fletcher. F.E., Kerr. J.C., Granville. K., Hodge. T.W., **Best, A. L.**, & Plankey, M.W. (In Preparation). HIV Comes First: Perspectives on Cancer Screening Utilization among Men Living with HIV/AIDS

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

**Underline denotes student presenters**

### ***Refereed***

Barr, A., **Best, A. L.**, & Parvanta, C. (Accepted). Florida Healthy Babies: This is how “We” do it. Poster Presentation at the 2018 American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Exposition, San Diego, CA.

Martinez-Tyson, D., Thompson, E., Chavez, M., Sommariva, S., & **Best, A. L.** (Accepted). Looking at disparities beyond the racial divide: Receipt of health information among cancer survivors. Poster Presentation at the 2018 American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Exposition, San Diego, CA.

Logan, R., **Best, A. L.**, Thompson, E., Griner, S., Vazquez-Otero, C., Oberne, A., Daley, E., & Vamos, C. (Submitted). *Religion, spirituality and contraceptive use among university students in the southeast U.S.* North American Forum on Family Planning Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

Fung, W., **Best, A. L.**, & Daley, E. M. (2018, March). Food waste and recovery knowledge among hunger-relief organizations. Oral presentation at the 2018 Florida Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting, Miami Shores, FL.

Fung, W., Marshall, J., **Best, A. L.**, & Daley, E. M. (2018, February). From farm to landfill: Results of a campus-community awareness event to promote sustainable food systems. Poster presentation at the 2018 University of South Florida Health Research Day, Tampa, FL.

**Best, A.L.**, Cunningham, E., Delva, J., Thomas, M., Logan, R., Thompson, E. L., Vamos, C. A., & Daley, E. L. (2017, November). *Examining the influence of religious and spiritual beliefs on the HPV vaccine uptake among college students.*

- Best, A. L.**, Logan, R., Shukla, R., Villalona, S., Fung, W., Thompson, L., & Gwede, C. (2017, November). "Everyone has it." *Exploring patient's understanding of the link between HPV and diagnosis of oropharyngeal and anogenital cancers*. Poster Presentation at the 2017 American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Exposition, Atlanta, GA.
- Ewing, A.P., Schell, M.J., Vázquez-Otero, C., Young, B.R., Thomas, B., Schneider, T., **Best, A. L.**, Aguado-Loi, C., Martinez-Tyson, D., Meade, C.D., Schaible, B., Gwede, C. K. (2017, November). *Effects of client-directed behavioral interventions to increase colorectal cancer screening: A meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials*. Poster Presentation at the 2017 American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Exposition, Atlanta, GA.
- Vázquez-Otero, C., Schell M. J., Young B-R., Ewing, A., Thomas, B., Schneider, T., **Best, A. L.**, Aguado Loi, C., Martinez Tyson, D., Schaible, B., Meade, C. D., Bryant, C., & Gwede, C. K. (2017, November). *Multi-level Evidence-based Colorectal Cancer Screening Interventions: A Meta-Analysis of the Literature*. Poster Presentation at the 2017 American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting and Exposition, Atlanta, GA.
- Fung, W., Shah, M., Oke, A., Koipallil, G., Garcia-Karal, M., Vantedhu, M.,... **Best, A. L.** (2017, July). Waste No Food: An Assessment of a Community-Based Mobile App to Promote Food Recovery and Hunger-Relief. Poster presentation at 2017 Florida Public Health Association Annual Education Conference, Orlando, FL.
- Best, A.**, Fung, W., Cunningham, E., Gwede, C. K., & Berk, L. (2017, April). *Racial and ethnic differences in supportive care needs of women diagnosed with cervical cancer*. Poster presentation at the Women's Health Collaborative Grantee Luncheon, Tampa, FL.
- Best, A. L.**, Shukla, R., Alcaraz, K.A., & Stein, K., (2016, November). *Impact of caregivers' negative reaction to cancer on perceived social support and quality of life long-term survivors*. Oral Presentation at the Moffitt Cancer Center Health Outcomes and Behavior Program Meeting, Tampa, FL.
- Aguado Loi, C., Biroscak, B., Schnieder, T., Martinez-Tyson, D., **Best, A. L.**, Thomas, B., Erskine, J., Dash-Pitts, L., & Bryant. (2016, April). *Community-Based Prevention Marketing (CBPM) for Systems Change: An Emergent Systems Framework for the Promotion of Colorectal Cancer Screening*. Poster presentation at the 2016 Southeastern Colorectal Cancer Symposium.
- Shukla, R., Bhalerao, A., & **Best, A. L.** (2016, March). *Examining the influence of cost concern and awareness of low cost dental services on oral health screening among the medically underserved*. Poster presentation at the 2016 Research that Matters Conference, Coming Home to Social Justice: How Community Participation and Cross-Sector Collaboration Can Have a Collective Impact on Health Equity, Tampa, FL.
- Best, A. L.**, Strane, A., Christie, O., Wiltshire, J., & Bynum, S. A. (2016, February). *Examining the influence of cost concern and awareness of low cost health care on colorectal cancer screening among the medically underserved*. Oral presentation at the Curtis Parker Research Symposium, Atlanta, GA.
- Bynum, S. A., Wigfall, L. T., Kitandwe, M., Fletcher, F. E., **Best, A. L.**, & Plankey, M. W. (2015, November). *Is there an app for that? Understanding cancer communication preferences among men living with HIV/AIDS*. Poster presentation at the American Public Health Association (APHA) 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting and Exposition, Chicago, IL.
- Annang, L., Spencer, S.M. Jackson, D., Rosemond, T., **Best, A. L.** Williams, L. R., & Carlos, B. (2015, November). *Exploring upstream intergenerational communication to promote cancer prevention and awareness among African-American daughters and mothers*. Oral presentation at the American Public Health Association (APHA) 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting and Exposition, Chicago, IL.
- Bontemps-Jones, J., Alcaraz, K. I., **Best, A. L.**, & Lumpkins, C. (2014, December). *Relative trust of cancer information source and screening underuse*. Poster presentation at the Minority Health and Health Disparities Grantees' Conference, Transdisciplinary Collaborations: Evolving Dimensions of US and Global Health Equity, National Harbor, MD.
- Best, A. L.**, Spencer, S. M., Friedman, D., Hall, I. J. & Billings, D. (2014, November). *Does spiritual-framing increase the effectiveness of breast cancer screening messages for African American women?* Oral presentation at the American Public Health Association (APHA) 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting and Exposition, New Orleans, LA.

- Best, A. L.** (2014, April). *Health optimism in the face of health disparities: Balancing resilience and denial*. Oral presentation at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Public Health Ethics Intensive Course on Ethics and Social Justice, Tuskegee University National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care, Tuskegee, AL.
- Best, A. L.,** Alcaraz, K. I., McQueen, A., Cooper, D., & Stein, K. (2014, March). *Spirituality and self-rated health among African American cancer survivors: Examining the mediating role of cancer-related problems*. Poster presentation at the 38th annual meeting of the American Society of Prevention Oncology (ASPO), Arlington, VA.
- Alcaraz, A. I., Arnold, L. D., **Best, A. L.** & Sanders Thompson, V. L. (2014, January). *Perceptions about HPV vaccine effectiveness: Findings from the 2012 Health Information Trends Survey (HINTS)*. Poster presentation at the National Cancer Institute's Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS) Users Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Alcaraz, A. I., Arnold, L. D., **Best, A. L.** & Sanders Thompson, V. L. (2013, December). *Examining perceptions about the HPV vaccine by socio-demographic characteristics and factors associated with perceptions: Findings from the 2012 Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS)*. Oral presentation at the Sixth American Association for Cancer Research Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved, Atlanta, GA.
- Leach, C., **Best, A. L.,** Smith, T., Alcaraz, K. I. & Stein, K. (2013, November). *Optimal Cancer Screening: Examining predictors of and strategies to address under screening and over screening*. Oral presentation at the Gerontological Society of America 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Best, A. L.** (2012, June). *Developing spiritually-framed breast cancer screening messages for use among African American women*. Oral presentation at the 25th Anniversary Biennial Symposium on Minorities, the Medically Underserved & Health Equity, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX.
- Best, A. L.** (2012, March). *Spirituality, religion, and health behavior: Shifting from barriers to benefits*. Oral presentation at the Women's and Gender Studies Conference, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Best, A. L.** & Spencer, S. M. (2011, April). *Examining the influence of self-rated health on perceived burden among Black, White, and Latino caregivers of older adults with Alzheimer's disease*. Poster presentation at the James E. Clyburn Lecture Series: Health Equity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Columbia, SC.
- Best, A. L.** (2009, July). *Black women as the gatekeepers for the faith and health communities*. Oral presentation at the National Medical Association Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
- Best, A. L.** (2008). *Examining health perceptions among a selected group of Black Christian congregant women compared to reported health statistics for Black women in the United States*. Oral presentation at the Interdenominational Theological Center MPH/MDiv Joint Degree Symposium, Atlanta, GA.

#### **Non-Refereed**

- Best, A. L.** & Martinez-Tyson, D. (2018, April). *Understanding Cancer Disparities in Florida*. Oral Presentation at the Southwest Florida Cancer Control Collaborative Cancer Disparities Training, Tampa, FL.
- Best, A. L.** (2016, April). *Setting the Stage: From Cultural Competence to Health Equity*. Oral Presentation at the Tampa Bay Healthcare Collaborative Cultural and Linguistic Competency Learning Collaborative, St. Petersburg, FL.
- Best, A. L.** (2016, January). *Exploring the role of communication in reducing breast and cervical cancer disparities among African American women*. Oral Presentation at the University of South Florida, College of Public Health Research Seminar, Tampa, FL.

#### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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| 2016 | NCI-Funded GMaP Region 2, Navigate Your Way to a K Award, Targeted Training Workshop (hosted by Moffitt Cancer Center)                             |
| 2015 | SEER*Stat: A software tool for studying the impact of cancer on a population, American Public Health Association and the National Cancer Institute |



2014	Advanced Statistical Models, Center for Statistical Consultation and Research, University of Michigan
2014	New Connections Eighth Annual Symposium, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
2014	Public Health Ethics Intensive Course, National Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care
2014	New Investigators Workshop, American Society of Preventive Oncology
2012	Evaluation Institute, American Evaluation Association and the CDC
2010	Web Strategies for Health Communication Institute, Tufts University School of Medicine
2008	Diversity Intern, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
2007	Evaluation Intern, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

## **TEACHING AND MENTORING**

### ***Course Instruction and Supervision***

PHC 6412: Health Disparities and Social Determinants of Health, University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Tampa, FL (Instructor)

**Semesters Taught:** Fall 2016; Fall 2017

PHC 4942: Intro to Health Disparities and Social Determinants of Health, University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Tampa, FL (Course Supervisor)

**Semesters as Supervisor:** Fall 2016; Spring 2017; Summer 2017; Fall 2017; Spring 2018

PHC 6705: Formative Research in Social Marketing, University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Tampa, FL (Instructor)

**Semesters Taught:** Spring 2016; Spring 2017; Spring 2018

PHC 6410: Social and Behavioral Sciences Applied to Health, University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Tampa, FL (Instructor)

**Semesters Taught:** Summer 2016; Summer 2017

Fit You: Practical Tools for Healthy Eating, Physical Activity, and Injury Prevention, Fort Jackson Military Base, Columbia, SC (Instructor)

**Year Taught:** 2012

Staying Safe and In Control: STI and Unplanned Pregnancy Prevention, Fort Jackson Military Base, Columbia, SC (Instructor)

**Year Taught:** 2012

Web Strategies for Health Communication, University of South Carolina, Office of Public Health Practice, Columbia, SC (Instructor)

**Year Taught:** 2011

HPEB 512: Southern Discomfort: Public Health in the American South, University of South Carolina, Arnold School of Public Health, Columbia, SC (Co-Developer and Co-Instructor)

**Semester Taught:** Spring 2010

### ***Invited Lectures***

Sum 2018 PHC 7702: Advanced Public Health Research and Evaluation Methods, University of South Florida, College of Public, Tampa, FL. Lecture Title: *Formative Research Methods in Health Communication*

Spr 2018 PHC 6507: Health Education Intervention Methods, University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Tampa, FL. Lecture Title: *“Pre-Testing Health Messages”*

Sum 2017 PHC 6462: Cultural Competency in Public Health Practice, University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Tampa, FL. Lecture Title: *“National CLAS Standards”*

Spr 2017	PHC 6507: Health Education Intervention Methods, University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Tampa, FL. Lecture Title: <i>"Health Communication Intervention Methods"</i>
Sum 2016	PHC 7702: Advanced Public Health Research and Evaluation Methods, University of South Florida, College of Public, Tampa, FL. Lecture Title: <i>Formative Research Methods in Health Communication"</i>
Sum 2016	PHC 6462: Cultural Competency in Public Health Practice, University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Tampa, FL. Lecture Title: <i>"National CLAS Standards"</i>
April 2016	Tampa Bay Healthcare Collaborative, Cultural and Linguistic Competency Learning Collaborative, St. Petersburg, FL. Presentation Title: <i>"Setting the Stage: From Cultural Competence to Health Equity"</i>
Spr 2016	PHC 6936: Public Health Capstone Course, University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Tampa, FL. Lecture Title: <i>"Exploring the Role Culture and Communications in Reducing Health Inequity"</i>
Spr 2016	CHSC 480: Health Education and Health Promotion (Theory), University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health, Chicago, IL. Lecture Title: <i>"Developing and Evaluating Culturally Targeted Health Messages"</i>
Spr 2016	PHC 6507: Health Education Intervention Methods, University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Tampa, FL. Lecture Title: <i>"Health Communication Intervention Methods"</i>
Fall 2015	PHC 6411: Introduction to Social Marketing for Public, Health University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Tampa, FL. Lecture Title: <i>"Using Research Methods to Develop &amp; Pre-Test Health Promotion Messages"</i>
Fall 2015	PHC 7583: Community-Based Health Promotion, University of South Florida, College of Public Health, Tampa, FL. Lecture Title: <i>"Community-Based Health Promotion Programming Within Federally Qualified Health Centers"</i>
Spr 2015	CHSC 480: Health Education and Health Promotion (Theory), University of Illinois at Chicago, School of Public Health, Chicago, IL. Lecture Title: <i>"Developing and Evaluating Culturally Targeted Health Messages"</i>
Fall 2011	HPEB 321: Personal and Community Health, University of South Carolina, Arnold School of Public Health, Columbia, SC. Lecture Title: <i>"Spirituality and Health"</i>
Fall 2011	JOUR 571: Faith, Values, and the Mass Media, University of South Carolina, School of Journalism and Mass Communications, Columbia, SC. Lecture Title: <i>"Exploring the Role of Spirituality in Public Health Communication"</i>

### ***Student Mentorship and Advisement***

#### **University of South Florida**

##### **Doctoral Major or Co-Major Professor**

Lillie Dao	Fall 2016 –
Whitney Fung	Fall 2016 –
Shakia Bright	Fall 2017 –
Amanda Sharp	Fall 2017 (Transferred)

##### **Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member**

Mika Kadona	Spr 2016 –
Aldenise Ewing	Spr 2017 –

##### **Master's Faculty Mentor**

Nicole Houston	Fall 2017 –
Brittani Powell	Fall 2017 –
Emmanuelle Dias	Fall 2017 –

Elizabeth Billington	Spr 2017 –
Eden Cunningham	Fall 2016 –
Jennifer Delva	Fall 2016 – Spr 2018 (Graduated)
Amy Fugon	Fall 2016 –
Gregor Rafal	Fall 2016 – Spr 2018 (Graduated)
Shaquira Robinson	Fall 2016 – Spr 2018 (Graduated)
Ryneth Sok	Fall 2016 –
Bryant Boatner	Fall 2016 –
Brandon Censon	Fall 2015 – Spr 2017 (Graduated)
Alyssa Smith	Fall 2015 (Transferred)

**Master’s Thesis Committee Member**

Karina Pineda	Spr 2016 –
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**Dissertation Proposal/Defense Chairperson**

Stacy Griner	Spr 2018
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Pamela Birriel	Sum 2017
Coralia Vazquez-Otera	Spr 2017
Shana Green	Fall 2015

**Maternal and Child Health Scholar’s Program Mentor**

Manuela Thomas	Fall 2016 – Sum 2017
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**Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University**

**Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member**

Meardith Pooler	Spr 2017 –
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**Morehouse School of Medicine**

**Research Supervisor**

Acha Strane (MD Student)	Spr 2014 – Fall 2016
Omari Christie (MD Student)	Spr 2014 – Fall 2016

**Practicum Supervisor**

Shari Allen (MPH Student)	Fall 2014 (Graduated)
Mallory Bembry (MPH Student)	Fall 2014 – Sum 2015 (Graduated)
Kedrick Williams (MPH Student)	Fall 2014 (Graduated)

**Thesis Committee Member**

Brittany Newton (MPH Student)	Fall 2013 – Spr 2014 (Graduated)
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**University of Georgia**

**Practicum Supervisor**

Jenine Gay (Undergraduate Student)	Sum 2014 (Graduated)
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**ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

***Academic***

- **Member**, Practice Pathway Faculty Search Committee, College of Public Health, University of South Florida (2017)
- **Concentration Lead**, MPH Health Education Concentration, Department of Community and Family Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida (2016 –)
- **Member**, Education Committee, College of Public Health, University of South Florida (2016 –)
- **Member**, Curriculum Committee, Department of Community and Family Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida (2015 –)
- **Site Mentor**, National Medical Fellowship Program (2014 –2016)

- **Planning Committee Member**, 2016 Coming Home to Social Justice Conference, University of South Florida, Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships (2015 – 2016)
- **Member**, Dean's Public Health Practice Workgroup, College of Public Health, University of South Florida (2015)
- **Member**, Dean's MPH Workgroup, College of Public Health, University of South Florida (2015)
- **Member**, Maternal and Child Health Postdoctoral Scholar Search Committee, Department of Community and Family Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida (2015)
- **Member**, Community Leaders Institute Planning Committee, Medical University of South Carolina (2015)
- **Abstract Reviewer**, James E. Clyburn Lecture, Institute for Partnerships to Eliminate Health Disparities, University of South Carolina, (2015)
- **Member**, MPH Program Accreditation Steering Committee, Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH), Morehouse School of Medicine (2013 – 2014)

### **Professional**

- **Grant Reviewer**, Closing the Gap: Reducing Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Grant, Florida Department of Health (2018)
- **Curriculum Reviewer**, Together-Equitable-Accessible-Meaningful (TEAM) Online Training Course, George Washington University Cancer Center (2017)
- **Co-Chair**, Early Career Workshop Planning Committee, American Society for Preventive Oncology (2016 – 2017)
- **Co-Chair**, Cultural Competence Committee, Southeastern Health Equity Council, National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities (2015 – 2017)
- **Poster Session Moderator**, American Public Health Association, Public Health Education and Health Promotion Section, Health Communication Working Group, *Cutting Edge Research in Communication, Media and Public Health* (2015)
- **Member**, Junior Investigators Workshop Planning Committee, American Society for Preventive Oncology (2015 – 2016)
- **Public Health Materials Contest Reviewer**, American Public Health Association, Public Health Education and Health Promotion Section (2015)
- **Abstract Reviewer**, American Public Health Association, Caucus on Public Health and the Faith Community, (2015)
- **Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer**, *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved* (2016 –)
- **Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer**, *Psycho-Oncology* (2015 –)
- **Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer**, *Journal of Health Communication* (2015 –)
- **Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer**, *Women & Health* (2015 –)
- **Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer**, *Cancer Causes and Control* (2014 –)
- **Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer**, *Health Communication* (2013 –)

### **Community**

- **Chair**, Governance Committee, Board of Directors, Tampa Bay Healthcare Collaborative (2016 –)
- **Member**, Health Equity Committee, Tampa Bay Healthcare Collaborative (2016 –)
- **Career Day Presenter**, Ferrell Middle Magnet School (2016)
- **Chair**, Quality Improvement Committee, HEALing Community Medical Center (2014 – 2015)
- **Planning Committee Member**, 2014 Biennial Cancer Survivorship Conference, American Cancer Society (2013)
- **Panel Discussant**, Cathedral of Faith Annual Health Fair (2013)
- **Career Day Presenter**, William Finch Elementary School (2013)
- **Team Captain**, Relay for Life, American Cancer Society (2012)
- **Chair**, Community Service Committee, Morehouse School of Medicine MPH Program (2008 – 2009)
- **Chair**, Project/Program Planning and Development, Beta Eta Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (2007 – 2008)

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Public Health Association (2007 –)  
 American Society of Preventive Oncology (2013 –)  
 South Carolina Health Communication Research Association (2009 – 2012)