

SCRA Community Psychology Practice Council

Community Psychology Practitioner Profiles Project

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Job Title	Director, KU Workgroup for Community Health and Development Professor of Applied Behavioral Science
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Please describe the work you do, for pay, as a community psychologist, including the setting(s) where you work?

Technical support and participatory research with community health initiatives

What training/education do you have in community psychology?

Informal, from colleagues; Sessions and conversations at professional meetings

Please describe how your training/education contributed to your work as a community psychologist. What do you view as the most important skills you learned in your training as a community psychologist.

Consultation, collaboration, community-based participatory research

What other experiences or training have contributed to or enhanced your ability to work as a community psychologist?

- Prior work as a community organizer (VISTA Volunteer)
- Sabbaticals at the Institute of Medicine (DC) and World Health Organization (Geneva)

Are there other ways you use your community psychology background and training, either unpaid or in paid roles other than your primary work?

- Development of the Community Tool Box <http://ctb.ku.edu> (with lots of partners)
- Technical consultation for global health efforts, as part of our World Health Organization Collaboration Centre at KU
- **What advice might you give to students or people considering community psychology as a career?**
- Discern what matters to you and why; plan how you will learn and contribute to that
- Seek out and combine big ideas from the disciplines relevant to your passion
- Find a group that is doing work that you admire; seek them out, and learn as much as you can from them

Is there anything else you would like to say about your role as a community psychology practitioner?

It is great fun.

Key Words: community health, participatory research, capacity building, behavioral science

State/Country: Kansas/USA

Primary Place of Employment: University of Kansas

Areas of Practice Expertise: locally, nationally, globally