

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government (MidCareer Program) *M.P.A., 2002*

Major Areas of Concentration: Leadership & Advocacy (Healthcare PIC; Education PIC)

Additional areas: International Development; Negotiations and Consensus Building

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

M.A.

Douglass College - Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

B.A.

Harvard Program on Negotiations Seminar

2001

HONORS

- **APHA Double Platinum Most Valuable Member for APHA LEAD**
- **Certificate of Recognition**, Global Maternal & Child Health Intersectional Work Group/International and MCH Sections, *American Public Health Association, 2019.*
- **Certificate of Recognition**, International Health Section, *American Public Health Association, 2014*
- **Certificate of Recognition**, Disability Section, *American Public Health Association, 2009*
- **Frederick S. Berg Award** *Educational Audiology Association, 2004*
- **Fellow Award** *American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2003*
- **Special Award for Career Achievement Contributions** *American Auditory Society, 2002*
- **President's Award** *American Academy of Audiology, 2001*
- **Special Friend of People Who Are Hard of Hearing Award**
Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc., 1998
- **Coalition of Organizational Representatives (COR)** *Elected Co-chair, 1998-99*

CAREER OVERVIEW

SENIOR AND EXECUTIVE PROGRAM CREATION, LEADERSHIP, AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- **Founder/ CEO, GlobalPartnersUnited (2007-present), a global social enterprise; Approved by UN ECOSOC as an affiliate in Special Consultative Status (2007-present)**
Founded a woman-owned consultancy offering 21st century digital health thought leadership and strategic planning, policy analysis and program development, advising and advocating for inclusive and equitable public health, healthcare, education, early childhood development, maternal, child and youth intersectoral systems design and strengthening, with evidence-based practices development and implementation. Addressing healthcare systems strengthening targeted for low- and middle-resourced countries' inclusive capacity building aims for professional and community-based, cross-sectoral, integrated and inclusive early childhood development, public health, healthcare and education system design. Concurrent implementation fosters twinning institutions for knowledge transfer, collaboration, evaluation and monitoring plus establishment of virtual Leadership & Advocacy Communities of Practice (CoPs) and mentoring that support deployment of telehealth, -education, -habilitation, for optimal service delivery, monitoring & evaluation.
Policy analysis, development and advocacy consultation, grant proposal authorship for employment creation and related social enterprise opportunities for women, persons with disabilities, and youth for global economic growth and empowerment combine to support necessary integration of healthcare and education sectors for improvement in equitable access and outcomes. Tracking of social enterprise trends and public-private partnership innovation are supplementary approaches to bring strengthened programs and systems to fruition.
Thought leader, consultant and high level speaker for LMICs' and UK's National Health Services, governments' initiatives, medical diaspora organizations, Ambassadors, UNICEF, UNESCO, the satellite industry, international associations, policy advocacy coalitions, committees and networks. Engagement with professional and scientific associations, NGOs, governments, private sector and social enterprise entities tracking trends, data analyses and

thought leadership for broad dissemination.

Invited speaker for WHO/Prime Minister-hosted events for Ministers of Health and related professionals and policymakers (Dhaka, Bangladesh; Thimphu, Bhutan), UN General Assembly side event hosted by Prime Ministers of Bangladesh and Bhutan, Asia, Africa, UK NHS, and Eastern Europe professionals, ministers, and activists, related professionals and policymakers, UN CRPD and UNGA side event meeting(s).

- **Executive Director (2003-2006):** Recruited by University Chancellor (former President of Gallaudet University) to create and lead a \$1.2 million US Congressionally-funded, university-based Institute; Developed/implemented a *systems change vision and budget* for U.S. Education Department-approved, Congressionally-funded proposals for 21st century online programs creation (17 online courses) to disseminate evidence-based practices nationally through contracting with U.S. state agencies: offering certification and graduate credit nationally and globally, built mentor/peer support networks, mitigated geographic barriers to subject experts and education access for professionals and consumers, and created virtual communities of practice and advocacy to improve interdisciplinary practices in healthcare and education settings; monitored, evaluated and reported on progress and outcomes, and ensured accurate budget reporting to two supervisors in the US Education Department.
- **Senior management/spokesperson of a 150,000-member national professional and scientific, health and education standard setting/accreditation association, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA, 1981-2001; founded in 1925):** Led strategic planning, trends tracking, analysis and dissemination of healthcare, public health, education, and higher education policy and practices; recommended formation, led, co-created, and disseminated 45 evidence-based practice policies reports with consensus-derived recommendations with 15 national subject expert committees for infusion into public policy and deployment across sectors nationally and globally; served as Executive Board liaison on trends analyses and related strategic planning recommendations, budget development and management; spokesperson to and relationship creator with the members. federal and state policymakers, (i.e., Report to Congress author and organizer of public hearing and symposia for policy advocacy), the media, federal and state agencies, and relevant professional and consumer organizations.
- **Advisor to US federal and state agencies, oral and written testimony development and presentations, formal Association lobbyist, advocating for policies on public health, health care, and education legislation and regulations development (CDC/BDDD, NIH/NIDCD, Education Department, FDA, OSHA, EPA, SSA)** Consensus- and coalition-builder collaborating with related professional and consumer organizations for public policy development; created, conducted and disseminated in person, distance and hybrid professional conferences to disseminate evidence-based preferred practices (85 national conferences); led coalitions for public policy advocacy with US Congress and federal agencies to shape federal legislative and regulatory healthcare and education policy and program development; testimony development for public information and policy advocacy; created oral and written federal testimony with subject experts, developed and moderated Association's 1st profession-wide listserv, created and authored reports, quarterly 80 pg. newsletters, grants, and speeches for Association president and Board members.
- **Senior management/interdisciplinary diagnostic and support services team leader** for program design and deployment for Congressionally-funded, nationally-scoped, university-based, model demonstration education program (Gallaudet University) for children and youth with disabilities (ages birth-to-21 years) and families/caregivers; healthcare diagnostic and family services program design, hiring, and supervision of large interdisciplinary early childhood, education, health, diagnostic, mental health/behavioral, habilitation, and family support program team creation; professional development planning and conduct; outreach and national/international consultation and dissemination of best practices.
- **Consultant on leadership, negotiations, and advocacy professional development workshop speaker** for UK National Health Services newborn screening health services delivery project (2004; 2009), and in Belarus on rights-based governance for training leaders of disabled peoples' organizations (DPOs) and government rehabilitation representatives (2009); integrated education, healthcare, early childhood development, disability, and human rights with economic

empowerment advocacy with US Congress, federal and international agencies, ministries, media, UNICEF, and related thought leaders.

- **Grants and contracts development, director, and consultant** to disseminate evidence-based practice policies for capacity building, policy advocacy and updating, and effective, quality ECD, health, public health, and education delivery systems for sustainable and scalable outcomes.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **United Nations Economic and Social Affairs Council (ECOSOC; July, 2016-present) approved GlobalPartnersUnited in Special Consultative Status** facilitating participation in UN civil society meetings, human rights treaty convenings, and policy deliberations.
- **CEO/Founder, GlobalPartnersUnited, a social enterprise (2007-present).** GPU's creates collaborative cross-sectoral, public-private, and academic partnerships committed to early childhood, health and education systems capacity building, brain gain', and telepractices incorporation to address human and social capital resource growth and policy development, poverty reduction, and mitigating geographic barriers to subject experts, mentors, networks, knowledge, and skills in LMICs and across the globe. Disseminating widely emerging trends and research reports affecting health, education and early childhood development policies, systems, and workforce. Track, analyze and disseminate national and global research, impact investment, and related funding for innovation in international development solutions and outcomes.
- **APHA member (2008-present) -International Health, Disability and MCH Sections member and collaborator with HIIT and Mental Health Sections. Served 2007-2014 and rejoined IH Section Policy Committee, 2022; IH Section Leadership Member, 2023-present)**
- **Chair, Global Maternal and Child Health Network/An Intersectional Work Group, American Public Health Association (APHA International Health & Maternal & Child Health Sections; appointed Chair, Nov 2021-present; member, Steering Committee 2016-present);** Created an updated vision, mission and reboot for a distributed leadership organizational structure to implement diverse voices among leadership, expand collaboration across practices and sectors to ensure global diversity and inclusion in developing evidence-based policies, professional development, and creative innovations with technology partners. Created three surveys across APHA's cross-sectoral leadership to prioritize dissemination of emerging policy, evidence and reports to support capacity building that reflects current research findings. Organizer, moderator and speaker for global panels at the annual APHA convention (2019-24; topics below).
- **Organizer, Moderator & Speaker, *The Global Digital Health/MCYH Imperative: Policy Evolution, Systems Harmonization, & Innovation*; Thursday, January 16, 2025 (Co-sponsored by APHA International Health and HIIT Sections and the World Federation of Public Health Associations (WFPHA)).** Speakers: Introductory speaker and invited Program Leaders for Digital Health at WHO, USAID, World Bank, & Johns Hopkins University Center on Global Health Innovation.
- **Invited session panel organizer, moderator, and presenter. American Public Health Association. APHA/GMCHN with Office of Global Health. Webinar, Sept. 14, 2023. Part Two in a Series: *An Unexpected Global Maternal and Child Mental Health Crisis: Evolving research, policy, practices, and workforce considerations*; Presentation - *Global MCYH-Mental Health Framing in the 21st Century: Drivers of Policy Aspirations for Practices & Workforce Innovations*.**
- **Invited session panel organizer, moderator, and presenter. American Public Health Association (APHA/GMCHN with Office of Global Health. 150th Anniversary Annual APHA Convention; Nov. 2022) . Presentation: *An Unexpected Global Maternal and Child Mental Health Crisis: Evolving research, policy, practices, and workforce considerations*-Part I.**
- **Invited session panel organizer, moderator, and presenter. American Public Health Association (APHA/GMCHN with Office of Global Health. Annual APHA Convention;**

Oct., 2021). *Global early childhood 'thrive' strivings: Building child- and family-centric collaborative initiatives during the pandemic and scaling beyond*. Speaker: *Where it begins; Children's, families' and nations well-being and our collective future*. Invited speakers from WHO, World Bank, UNICEF, NGO, and private sector.

- **Invited session panel organizer, moderator, and presenter. American Public Health Association (APHA/ GMCHN with Office of Global Health.** Annual APHA Convention; Oct., 2020). *COVID-19 and ensuring children's well-being: Global responses and interventions in a global pandemic (panel)*. Speaker: *The COVID-19 Pandemic: Disruptive silos and the potential for synergies in cross-sectoral systems in LMICs (presentation)*.
- **Invited organizer, presenter, and moderator. American Public Health Association (APHA)/Global Maternal and Child Health Network Business Meeting (Annual APHA Convention; Oct., 2020) and select panels.** *The Global Child Thrive Act, U.S. Congress, and Thrive Coalition's Role: A Call to Action*.
- **UNICEF Task Forces for Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities: Co-chair of Children and Nutrition Task Force** (mapping initiative); TF on Early Child Development Invited **Core Leadership Group Technical Advisor:** Task Team on WHO Nurturing Care Framework; **Consultant/Advisor** in ECD/ECCE, health systems design and technology applications, community-based and professional workforce capacity building globally and employment gains for women, youth and vulnerable populations.
- **Presenter, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Nov, 2019.** *Innovative and Inclusive Early Childhood Development: Global Program and Policy Drivers in the UN's SDGs Era*.
- **Invited Organizer, Author, Moderator, Speaker. Global Maternal & Child Health Network Panel, American Public Health Association Annual Convention, Nov, 2019:** *Bridging the Global Gaps from Maternal and Child Health to Early Childhood Development: Challenges and Innovation Drivers in Cross-sectoral Policy, Practices, and Partnerships*. Invited speakers from World Bank, USAID, UNICEF, and U of MD School of Medicine.
- **Invited Speaker, UN General Assembly Side Event.** *Sustainable universal health coverage: Early childhood development, digital health, and inclusive early identification and intervention policy and programs*. On behalf of Shuchona Foundation and the Governments of Bangladesh and Bhutan. Sept. 27, 2019.
- **Invited Core Leadership Group Member/Technical Advisor, Early Childhood Development Task Force (2013-2022; UNICEF Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities /UNICEF Secretariat, later RISE Institute' and now CEI aegis).** A 900+ member network to advocate for and disseminate evidence-based, inclusive ECD practices to impact public policy development and related technical resources to diverse professionals globally.
- **UNESCO Research Consultant (2017-18): project scope, research, survey of diverse global stakeholders, and report development** with recommendations for a proposed global inclusion recognition program.
- **Consultant/Advisor as ASHA spokesperson to US federal and state agencies (1981-2001;** early childhood state agencies, CDC/BDDD, NIH/NIDCD, FDA, Education Department, FDA, SSA, EPA, OSHA), Congressional policymakers, the media, professional and consumer organizations with over 95 national and int'l presentations on trends and forecasting in healthcare, public health, education, early child development, disability best practices and infusion for program and policy development.
- **Author and editor of over 70 major professional publications:** invited by Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL) to author a *Report to US Congress*, testimony, creator/moderator of profession-wide listserv Community of Practice (CoP) for 15 years, web-based and online consumer and professional resources, portal design, quarterly national newsletter, journal articles, monographs, symposia proceedings, textbook;
- **Program designer, implementer, and evaluator as ASHA senior management** of 85 innovative national and international professional conferences, online and distance blended education programs, and social media with related CE distance education product development and evaluation with IACET standards; consultant and proponent of mobile

(offline and online) and telehealth systems technologies for underserved populations lacking access to internet.

- **Senior management and spokesperson** for large professional and scientific association to policymakers, federal agencies, the media, professional and consumer organizations (**ASHA, 1981-2001**; 150,000 clinical professionals, program administrators, and scientists), **Executive Director** of federal-funded, university-based, nationally-scoped online institute for early child care/educators, educators, and vocational rehabilitation personnel with national expert faculty creation of 17 online courses for US states' agencies and territories certifying personnel (2003-06), **Senior Management** of federally-funded, university-sited, national demonstration programs for children with disabilities, ages birth-21 years and families.
- **Invited speaker. Adaptive Leadership Network conference (Oct, 2016).** Harvard Kennedy School.
- **Invited moderator. Global mental health panel. (Nov, 2016).** American Public Health Association annual convention.
- **Invited speaker (Invited by the Obama Commission), US Food and Drug Administration, Center for Devices and Radiologic Health (April 21, 2016); Streamlining GMPs for Hearing Aids Workshop.**
- **Presenter, Global Hearing Health Conference: UN CRPD and the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals—A Fifteen-Year Global Action Plan and Advocacy for LMICs' Hearing Systems Development** (Oct., 2015; Washington, DC).
- **Presenter, UN Conference of States Parties/CRPD Side Event: Accessible and Assistive ICT—A Disruptive Innovation Paradigm** (June, 2015, UN HQ, NYC).
- **Participant, UN Conference of States Parties CRPD Treaty Implementation Annual High Level Disability and development meeting** (June, 2015; June, 2014; Sept. 2013; 2011; 2010)
- **Presenter, GVF Satellite-enabled ICT for e-health Value Proposition** (June, 2014); **Presenter, Telehealth; United States Telecomm Training Institute; Oct., 2012)**
- **Presenter, Global policy, technology, systems and workforce innovation: A model for driving LMIC hearing health in tandem.** Alliance for Global Hearing Health Conference; Vanderbilt U; Nashville, TN (May, 2013)
- **UNESCO Peer Reviewer: International Volume on Early childhood care and education: Building the wealth of nations** (provisional title; 23 May 2012)
- **UN Foundation mHealth Alliance- MCH Initiative Work Group**
- **UK National Health Services EHDI Program (2009; 2003 – 2004)**
Consultant/trainer for leadership and advocacy needs assessment and capacity building for UK NHS' national service delivery and professional development project to build professional and program *leadership and advocacy* for newborn hearing screening and intervention program delivery to identify infants with or at risk of hearing loss or deafness and their families/caregivers and accelerate early interventions.
- **Project Impact, Northwest Lions Foundation (2002 – 2004) Consultant** for international social enterprise project designing innovative and sustainable service delivery models for persons lacking access to hearing health care in developing countries (*Tamil Nadu, India*) and the U.S. via on site capacity building and affordable technology transfer. Brought acoustic engineer scientists into the project to evaluate and recommend digital technology engineering improvements and provided pediatric audiology capacity building for community-based ophthalmic workers to expand to provide hearing related services.

EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES AND PUBLIC POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCACY

- **Created a public policy APHA advocacy team of public health, healthcare practitioners, academics, scientists and US diaspora advocates focused on expediting policymakers' and the media's attention to the armed conflict in Ethiopia** and the resultant targeting of the Tigray region's people, bombing of health and education facilities, gender violence, starvation from lack of food supplies, and the government's blockades of humanitarian aid, medical supplies and equipment, telecommunications, and electricity (2020-22); continue support for advocacy related to the Ethiopia conflict and access to

humanitarian aid, gender-based violence, food and nutrition, and mental health supports and resources for displaced children and families.

- **Consultant and speaker** on telehealth systems imperatives, design, cross-sectoral systems integration, visioning for improved training of HWs, early childhood development and education workforce capacity building, systems interoperability, inclusion, integration, and accessibility of healthcare, early childhood, nutrition, and education sectors: **Sri Lanka** IMHO-US speaker (annual meetings), on behalf of **Ethiopia** US. Diaspora organization (People to People) to in country Ministry of Health and medical school provosts and WB project managers; Ambassadors to US (**Sierra Leone and Burundi**); **Bangladesh and Bhutan** Prime Ministers and Asia MoH directors, among range of related professionals (WHO SE Asia Regional Conference (2014), US-based satellite industry (2013, .
- **Facilitator, chair, member, and representative** of over 45 national subject expert committees and coalitions for consensus development for advocacy of projects of national and global significance and preferred practice policies infusion in federal, state, and international health, education, human rights, occupational and environmental health and safety, legislation and regulations.
- **Advisor to U.S. federal agencies** (CDC BDDD, NIH/NIDCD, Education Department, FDA, SSA, OSHA, EPA), UNICEF, US and international policymakers and programs, professional and consumer organizations, private sector, community-based agencies, human rights proponents, Ambassadors and Ministers of low-and middle-income countries.
- **Consultant on leadership, negotiations, and advocacy professional development** for UK National Health Service health services newborn screening delivery project (2004; 2009), and in Belarus on leadership, advocacy, and negotiations for rights-based governance training leaders of organizations of disabled people (OPDs) and government rehabilitation representatives (2009); early childhood development, education, healthcare, disability, and human rights with economic empowerment advocacy with US Congress, federal and international agencies, ministries, media, and thought leaders.
- **Consultant on affordable hearing project-India (2003)**. Recommended subject experts and provided capacity building for Aravind Eye Institute community-based service providers and interfaced with UK Foundation grant funders on behalf of project director.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Member and Representative of GlobalPartnersUnited and APHA to the Thrive Coalition (under aegis of American Academy of Pediatrics)**, composed of over 50 INGOs, Sesame Workshop, Lego Foundation, among others focused on advocacy for U.S. Congress financing of inclusive early childhood development policy, integrated cross-sectoral systems and programs as well as the USAID Children in Adversity Office. (Member since Thrive's inception- present).
- **Invited high-level/thought leader speaker and moderator** for speaker panels for WHO- and Prime Minister-hosted events for Ministers of Health, WHO Secretary-General and UN staff, UNGA delegates: Dhaka, Bangladesh (2015), Thimphu, Bhutan (Sept., 2017), and UNGA Side Event (Sept, 2019). ***Bridging the Global Gaps from Maternal and Child Health (MCH) to Early Childhood Development (ECD): Cross-sectoral Systems Integration for Ensuring All Children's Thriving.***
- **Founder/ CEO of public-private global social enterprise designing innovative and applying 21st century technologies** targeted for low- and middle-resourced countries' inclusive capacity building for professional and community-based early child development, public health, healthcare, and education human design centered system strengthening; twinning institutions for knowledge transfer and mentoring; establishment of virtual Leadership & Advocacy Communities of Practice (CoPs); deployment of telehealth, - education, -habilitation, and e- and mhealth service delivery; mapping, monitoring & evaluation; creation of jobs and microfranchise considerations for women, persons with disabilities and youth for global economic growth and empowerment in these sectors.
- **Consultant to Gallaudet University for a collaborative Nigeria University project:** Strategic planning and proposal development for USAID and African Development Bank funding; international development subject expert advisor on UN mandates (UN Sustainable Development Goals (2016-30); MDGs (2000-2015) and related human rights treaties (UN

CRC, CRPD, CEDAW, etc.) as well as international disability alliances and position policies, global higher education trends analyses and funding opportunities, and prepared related reports to ensure planning aligned with USAID, global donor, African Development Bank, and Nigeria government's fund seeking priorities.

- **Expert program and policy consultant** nationally and internationally in healthcare and education systems design and capacity building; social enterprise job creation; technology applications in health, education, early childhood development and child protection with emphases in maternal and child health, health IT; thought leader keynote for Ministers of Health and range of professionals and donors on SDGs and education, early childhood and disability inclusion (Bhutan ANDD conference 2017; Bangladesh, WHO SE Asia meeting, 2014), learning and mentoring strategies + solutions with 21st century technology ('80s-present); telepractices/e-health systems design strengthening and disability program development in Ethiopia (Feb., 2012); leadership, advocacy and negotiations capacity building (Belarus, 2009); consultant on innovative tech transfer for sustainable health service delivery models (India, 2004); trained community-based health workers (CHW/CBR), advised on technology transfer, and served as liaison M&E reporting with donors.
- **Consultant on leadership assessment, curriculum development, and conduct of capacity building in leadership, negotiations, and advocacy professional development** for UK National Health Service universal health services infantscreening services delivery project (2004; 2009) and in Belarus on rights-based governance for training leaders of disabled peoples organizations (DPOs) and government representatives (2009); education, healthcare, early childhood development, disability, and human rights with economic empowerment advocacy with US Congress, federal and international agencies, ministries, media, and thought leaders.
- **Creator of a global international development media program focused on funding startup social enterprises** to influence novel philanthropic strategies and support sustainable and scalable programs and products that address global challenges; gained partners in STEM media and Emmy awardee for pilot production as well as impact investors' support.
- **Colleague in international network** of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government alumni committed to international development and social enterprise, public health, early childhood, integrated healthcare systems, education, poverty reduction and women and youth job creation and empowerment, and leadership/advocacy initiatives.

NEGOTIATIONS AND CONSENSUS BUILDING

- **Successful coalition and consensus builder** influencing public and preferred practice education, health care, (re)habilitation, public health, labor, and related policies at the international, national and state levels (HHS/NIH-NIDCD/CDC, Education Department, SSA, FDA, OSHA, EPA).
- **Cross-cultural facilitator** to infuse preferred practices into public policies and program development.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS CREATION, MANAGEMENT AND EVALUATION

- **Grants project author, director, and consultant** to enhance revenue streams and innovation for wide grassroots dissemination of evidence-based practices and policies, capacity building, systems strengthening and human rights knowledge transfer. Developed GlobalPartnerUnited's grant applications (USAID, State Department MEPI and DRL, USTDA, UNDEF) focused on global and contract healthcare systems design with digital health technology applications to address equity and inclusion of vulnerable populations; focused on youth's and women's civic education and entrepreneurship for economic inclusion and empowerment; provide professional development in leadership, negotiations, and advocacy for leaders of Disabled Peoples' Organizations, NGOs, and government representatives; entrepreneurship and microfranchise development for employment and social status change of women and youth; maternal and child health + disability identification, prevention, and inclusion.

- **Grants proposal developer, director, implementer, and evaluator:** Created multiple grants awarded to ASHA from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities including creation and conduct of five national workshops and an add-on grants initiative as lead editor/author and dissemination of a textbook, *Hearing-impaired children and youth with developmental disabilities: An interdisciplinary foundation for service delivery*, published by Gallaudet University Press and translated into Japanese.
- **Community Gatepath's VP (recruited for short-term consultancy, 2007); grant project leadership representative** to 25 agencies, region-wide First Five project initiative to establish early childhood education for minority populations in San Mateo County, CA (2007); designed and managed early childhood program development for underserved at risk children from Latino SSF community, early identification/ intervention, web portal design for preferred practices and resources dissemination; hiring and supervision of senior management staffing with related budget planning and oversight.
- **Executive Director. (2003-2006, US Department of Education-monitored; \$1.2 million) Congressional earmarks project:** Institute for Persons Deaf/National University Systems: designed federal funded proposal, hired and supervised professional staff, engaged with national subject experts, designed multimedia online/blended learning courses, and prepared and monitored budget for US Education Department-approved early childhood, educational, habilitation, vocational training systems change, workforce strengthening, and leadership/advocacy empowerment for U.S. state agencies (TX, NE, KY, MD, WA, Saipan) and individual professionals nationally for academic credit or certification.
- **ASHA Internal Advisory Group. Building Blocks: An early childhood inservice education program** for speech-language pathologists and audiologists. Office Special Education Programs.
- **ASHA Internal Advisory Group. Infant Project: Preparing integrated teams focused on infants and toddlers with handicaps and their families.** (1989-92). US Dept. of Education
- **ASHA Internal Advisory Group. Older Voices: An inservice training program on the communication needs of older persons.** (1989-92). Administration on Aging, HHS
- **ASHA Faculty/Internal Advisory Group. Statewide training for nursing professionals in community health centers.** (1988-89). Administration on Aging, HHS
- **ASHA Internal Advisory Group. Leadership training in computer technology.** (1983-85). US Education Department, SEP, DPP
- **Project Director. Hearing-impaired children and youth with developmental disabilities. (1981-84).** US Administration on Developmental Disabilities: Created, implemented and evaluated five national workshops and an add-on grants initiative as lead editor/author for dissemination of evidence based practices; received second grant to distill the content into a textbook, *Hearing-impaired children and youth with developmental disabilities: An interdisciplinary foundation for service delivery*, published by Gallaudet University Press and translated into Japanese.

GLOBAL AND NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL POLICY ACTIVITIES

- UN ECOSOC Affiliate in Approved Special Consultative Status (2016-present)
- Chair (2021-present). American Public Health Association (APHA) Global Maternal and Child Health Network and Intersectional Work Groups; International Health Section Leadership Team (2022-present); and member, Maternal and Child Health and Disability Sections
- Invited Member, World Federation of Public Health Associations' Women, Children & Adolescents Work Group
- UNESCO Research Consultant, created 200 page background analysis report and framework, *Methodology for Recognition of Accomplished Persons with Disabilities and Best Empowerment Practices Report Development* (2017)
- Member, American Academy of Pediatrics/RESULTS Thrive Coalition on Global Agenda for Young Children (2016-current); representing APHA, GPU, ECD TF/UNICEF GPcwd; preparation of and policy advocacy on inclusive early childhood development policy, program, and financing including the US Global Child Thrive Act federal legislation.
- Consultant, Gallaudet University GAIN project for Nigeria (2020). Provide trends analyses and strategic planning and range of policy and innovation resources sharing international

development policy and funding priorities, contributing to drafting strategic plan and authored a proposal for the African Development Bank and USAID grant proposals.

- Invited panel developer/moderator: Global Maternal and Child Health Network/International & MCH Sections/APHA Panel Session (APHA Convention, 2019)
- Presenter (paper accepted). American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual convention, 2019): *Innovative and Inclusive Early Childhood Development: Global Program and Policy Drivers in UN's SDGs Era*
- Invited High Level Speaker & Panels Moderator. *ICT Innovation Drivers and SDG Framing for ANDD Policy, Programs and Job Creation*. International Conference on Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders 2017 (Bhutan; April, 2017). WHO/Prime Ministers and Ministers of Health/Shuchona Foundation – sponsors (WHO SEAR meeting, Dhaka, Bangladesh; 2015)
- Member, APHA Global Maternal and Child Health Network of International Health & MNCH Sections (2016-present); *Pediatric Diarrhea Mortality Prevention Policy Development Task Force member* (2016)
- UNICEF Global Partnership on Children with Disability; (Sept., 2012): Appointed Co-Facilitator, Child Nutrition and Disability Task Force Mapping Project; Advisor, TF Mapping Project and TF member - Early Child Development (2013-present)
- Invited moderator. Global mental health panel. (Nov, 2016). American Public Health Association annual convention (Denver, CO).
- Invited testimony speaker, US Food and Drug Administration, Center for Devices and Radiologic Health (April 21, 2016); *Streamlining GMPs for Hearing Aids Workshop*.
- Presenter, Global Hearing Health Conference: *UN CRPD and the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals—A Fifteen-Year Global Action Plan and Advocacy for LMICs' Hearing Systems Development* (Oct., 2015; Washington, DC).
- Presenter, UN Conference of States Parties/CRPD Side Event: *Accessible and Assistive ICT—A Disruptive Innovation Paradigm* (June, 2015, UN HQ, NYC). Participant, UN Conference of States Parties CRPD Treaty Implementation annual and High Level Disability and development meeting (June, 2018 and 2017; 2015; June, 2014; Sept. 2013; 2011; 2010)
- Member, Policy and Advocacy Committee, International Health Section, APHA (2008-2014; ongoing)
- Presenter, GVF; *Satellite-enabled ICT for e-health Value Proposition* (June, 2014); Presenter, Telehealth; United States Telecomm Training Institute; Oct., 2012)
- Presenter, *Global policy, technology, systems and workforce innovation: A model for driving LMIC hearing health in tandem*. Alliance for Global Hearing Health Conference; Vanderbilt U; Nashville, TN (May, 2013)
- UNESCO Peer Reviewer: International Volume on Early childhood care and education: Building the wealth of nations (provisional title; 23 May 2012)
- UN Foundation mHealth Alliance- MCH Initiative Work Group
- Belarus (June, 2009). Designed, conducted, and evaluated leadership, advocacy and negotiations workshop for leaders of Disabled People's Organizations. Contract for CCF.
- UK National Health Services (NHS) program (2009; 2003 – 2004) *Consultant/trainer for leadership needs assessment and capacity building* for UK NHS' national service delivery and professional development project to build professional and program *leadership and advocacy* for newborn hearing screening and intervention program delivery to infants with or at risk of hearing loss or deafness and their families/caregivers.
- Project Impact/Northwest Lions Foundation. (2002 – 2004) *Consultant* for international social enterprise technology transfer project designing innovative and sustainable rehabilitation service delivery models for persons lacking access to hearing health care in developing countries and the U.S. via on site capacity building and affordable technology transfer.
- Speaker and/or advisor on telehealth systems for medical diaspora events (i.e., Sri Lanka 2009 [IMHO], Ethiopia [People to People], Sierra Leone, Botswana) for public and private sector partners, donors, staff

LANGUAGES

Native language English; past fluency in Russian and education in Spanish, French. American Sign Language.

MEMBERSHIPS

- World Federation of Public Health Associations (WPHA) Women, Children and Youth Committee (invited as APHA Chair of Global Maternal and Child Health Network (GMCHN))
- American Public Health Association— Chair, International Health/Maternal and Child Health Sections' Global Maternal and Child Health Network/An Intersectional Work Group (GMCHN; 2021-present), Member since 2015 inception;
- Member, APHA Global Mental Health Committee (IH & MH Sections)
- Member, Policy & Advocacy Committee (2011-17; 2022, 2024-present), APHA International Health Section;
- American Speech-Language Hearing Association—Fellow Awardee/member/former senior management
- Core Leadership (2013-2022) and member (2013-present), International Early Childhood Development Task Force (originally under UNICEF Office of Disability aegis, then RISE Institute, and currently under CEI aegis)
- Member, Thrive Coalition (2013-present); formerly Global Agenda for Children Coalition; representing GPU and APHA
- Early Childhood Development Task Force, formerly under UNICEF Secretariat aegis/Global Partnership of Children with Disabilities/UNICEF Secretariat; now RISE Institute)
- US International Council on Disability; Member (2010-2018)
- Educational Audiology Association—Honorary Life Member
- American Telemedicine Association—International Special Interest Group, Pediatrics, Telerehabilitation, and Technology SIGs (2008-17)
- Global Health Council (Individual member; 2009-18; present recipient and dissemination of GHC communications)

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