Amanda J. Pierz, MSc

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**SUMMARY CUNY School of Public Health  
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Social epidemiologist and global health researcher with 7+ years of study management experience and 1+ year of adjunct teaching experience at the graduate and undergraduate level.

Research interests in maternal, child, sexual and reproductive health (MCSRH), HIV/HPV co-infections, sexuality & stigma, data systems strengthening and qualitative research capacity building.

**Current Appointments**

**New York, NY 10027**

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2022-present **Adjunct Lecturer**, Departments of Health Policy & Management and Community

Health & Health Science, *CUNY School of Public Health & Health Policy*: New York,

NY, USA

2022-present **Adjunct Lecturer**, Departments of Health and Human Performance, *York College*: Queens, NY,

USA

**Education**

2024 Expected **PhD in Public Health**, Community Health and Health Policy concentration,

*CUNY School of Public Health & Health Policy (SPH)*: New York, NY, USA

2015 **MSc in Global Health**, *Maastricht University*: Maastricht, Netherlands

2014 **BS in Public Health**, *Rutgers University*: New Brunswick, NJ, USA

*Minors*: Women’s and Gender Studies, South Asian Studies

**Continuing Education**

2019 Epidemiology & Population Health Summer Institute (episummer), *Columbia University*: New

York, NY, USA

**Awards & Honors**

**Research & Travel**

2021-present Graduate Research Fellowship | *Center for Immigrant Refugee and Global Health*, *CUNY SPH*

2022 Department of Community Health and Health Science Fellowship Award | *CUNY SPH*

2022 Dean’s Student APHA Excellence in Scholarship Award | *CUNY SPH*

2019 “Population Health Policy as a Prevention Strategy” Essay Award and Summer Scholarship |

*episummer @ Columbia University and National Science Foundation*

**Teaching**

2023 CUNY Academy Adjunct Faculty Award | *CUNY Academy for the Humanities and Sciences*

**Research Funding**

**Current Funding:**

Project Title Strengthening Surveillance of Pregnancy Outcomes Taskforce Initiative *(Sherry, PI)*

Funding Agency World Health Organization   
Role Program Officer

Project Period 29 May 2022 - 30 December 2023

Project Title To Zero Initiative: Ending Sexual Violence Against Children *(Coughlan, PI)*

Funding Agency Panorama Global  
Role Research Consultant

Project Period 1 July 2023 - 30 October 2023

**Completed Funding:**

Project Title Developing and Testing a Model for Integrated HIV and Geriatric Care for Older People Living

with HIV in Ambulatory Settings *(Sharma, PI)*

Funding Agency Gilead Sciences, Inc.   
Role Qualitative Research Consultant

Project Period 29 May 2020 - 30 June 2023

Project Title Project STRIVE – Scale for Trust and Intention to Vaccinate *(Ratzan, PI)*

Funding Agency Merck & Co.   
Role Qualitative Research Consultant

Project Period 29 May 2021 - 30 May 2022

Project Title Central Africa International Epidemiologic Database to Evaluate AIDS (CA-IeDEA) *(Anastos,*

*Yotebieng, Nash, MPI)*

Funding Agency NIH/NIAID/NCI/NIDA/NICHD  
Role Study Coordinator

Project Period 15 March 2017 - 30 January 2022

Project Title Einstein/Rwanda/DRC Consortium *(Anastos, Yotebieng, Mutesa, MPI)*

Funding Agency NIH/NCI  
Role Study Coordinator

Project Period 1 July 2021 - 30 January 2022

Project Title Clinical Research Sites for the MACS/WIHS Combined Cohort Study (MACS/WIHS-CCS)

*(Anastos, Sharma, MPI)*

Funding Agency NIH/NHLBI  
Role Study Coordinator

Project Period 1 April 2019 - 30 January 2022

Project Title Demonstration Project to Increase Cervical Cancer Screening Coverage in the US-Affiliated

Pacific Islands (USAPI) *(Castle, PI)*

Funding Agency US Centers for Disease Control  
Role Research Coordinator

Project Period 1 July 2019 - 30 June 2021

Project Title A Randomized Clinical Trial to Assess the Effectiveness of Ablative Treatments for Cervical

Cancer Risk Reduction in HIV+ Women living in Mozambique *(Schmeler, Viegas, MPI)*

Funding Agency NCI  
Role Research Coordinator

Project Period 1 June 2019 – 4 July 2020

Project Title HIV/HPV Cancer Prevention, Treatment & Pathogenesis: Rwanda/Einstein Consortium

*(Anastos, Mutesa, Castle, MPI)*

Funding Agency NCI/NIH  
Role Research Coordinator

Project Period 16 September 2014 – 31 August 2020

Project Title Building Research Capacity to Address the Challenge of Non Communicable Diseases and

Injuries in Rwanda, The GUKORANA Research Center *(Castle, Ntirenganya, MPI)*

Funding Agency NCI/NIH  
Role Research Coordinator

Project Period 16 September 2014 – 31 August 2020

**Publications**

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

1. Masoud D, **Pierz A**, Rauh L, et al. Vaccine Trust Gauge: Mixed methods research to measure and understand vaccine trust. Vaccine 2023:41(31:4616-4624. doi: 10.1016/j.vaccine.2023.06.025
2. **Pierz AJ**, Rauh L, Masoud D, et al. Supporting US Healthcare Providers for Successful Vaccine Communication. BMC Health Services Research. BMC Health Ser Res 2023:23(4). doi: 10.21203/rs.3.rs-2440427/v1
3. Murenzi G … **Pierz A**, Tuyisenge P. Long-term human papillomavirus vaccination effectiveness and immunity in Rwandan women living with and without HIV: a study protocol. BMJ Open 12(8):e061650. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2022-061650
4. **Pierz A** & Dapi LN. Traditional colonial governance practices and their impact on women's identities and experience in French Cameroon: A retrospective study. Social Identities 2021. doi: 10.1080/13504630.2021.1997734
5. Adedimeji AA, Ajeh R, **Pierz A**, et al. Challenges and opportunities to reduce the burden of cervical cancer in a low income, high HIV prevalence context. BMC Women’s Health 2021. doi: 10.21203/rs.2.20620/v2.
6. Marcus JZ, Adedin Y, **Pierz AJ**, et al. A pilot study of human papillomavirus detection in urine using a novel nucleic acid amplification test. J Clin Microbio 2021;1-6. doi: 0.1093/jalm/jfaa238.
7. **Pierz AJ**, Ajeh R, Fuhngwa N, et al. Acceptability of Self-Sampling for Cervical Cancer Screening Among Women Living With HIV and HIV-Negative Women in Limbé, Cameroon. Front Repro Health 2021;2. doi: 10.3389/frph.2020.561202.
8. Castle P … **Pierz A**, Murokora D, et al. A comparison of screening tests for detection of high-grade cervical abnormalities in women living with HIV from Cameroon. Infectious Agents and Cancer 2020;15. doi: 10.1186/s13027-020-00311-w.
9. Castle P, **Pierz A**, Adcock R, et al. A pooled analysis to compare the clinical characteristics of human papillomavirus- positive and -negative cervical precancers. Cancer Prevention Research 2020;0182.2020. doi: 10.1158/1940-6207.CAPR-20-0182.
10. **Pierz AJ**, Randall TC, Castle PE, et al. A scoping review: Facilitators and barriers of cervical cancer screening and early diagnosis of breast cancer in Sub-Saharan African health settings. Gyn Onc Reports 2020;33:100605. doi: 10.1016/j.gore.2020.100605.
11. Adedimeji A … **Pierz AJ**, Murokora D, et al.. Cervical human papillomavirus DNA detection in women living with HIV and HIV-uninfected women living in Limbe, Cameroon, J Clin Virol 2020;128(104445). doi: 10.1016/j.jcv.2020.104445.
12. Castle P … **Pierz A**, Dartibale C, et al. Participation in cervical screening by self-collection, Pap, or a choice of either in Brazil. Cancer Prevention Research 2019;12(3):159-169.
13. Castle P & **Pierz A**. (At Least) Once in a Lifetime: Global Cervical Cancer Prevention. Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinics of North America 2019;46(1):107-123.
14. Castle PE, **Pierz AJ**, Stoler MH. A systematic review and meta-analysis on the attribution of human papillomavirus (HPV) in neuroendocrine cancers of the cervix. Gynecological Oncology 2018;148(2):422-429. doi: 10.1016/j.ygyno.2017.12.001

**Published Abstracts**

1. Ingabire C, **Pierz A**, Gasana J, et al. “Women Are Reluctant to Make Long Journeys to Seek Screening Services While They Do Not Have Any Pain:” Providers' Experience on Cervical Cancer Screening in Primary Health Care Centers in Rwanda. In: Proceedings of the 9th Annual Symposium on Global Cancer Research; Global Cancer Research and Control: Looking Back and Charting a Path Forward; Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev 2021;30(7 Suppl):Abstract nr95

**Manuscripts Under Review**

1. Lopez-Castro T … **Pierz AJ**, Kodali S, et al. Loss, liberation and agency: Patient experiences of methadone treatment at opioid treatment programs during the COVID-19 pandemic

**Manuscripts in Progress**

1. **Pierz AJ**, de Luna F, Wilhite JA. The STI+ Stigma, Sexuality and Sexual Health (4SH): A Sex-Positive Research Framework for STI Transmission and Health Outcomes. *[in prep]*
2. **Pierz AJ**, Ryan G, Taylor TN, et al. *“Being alone is nothing new to me:”* A mixed-methods exploration of the lived experience of social support and isolation among older people living with HIV in the Bronx, New York. *[in prep]*
3. **Pierz AJ**, Wilhite JA, Taylor TN, et al. Telehealth Use Among Older People Living with HIV During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *[in prep]*
4. Sharma A, **Pierz AJ**, Ryan G, et al. Clinical Care Priorities and Service Needs Among Patients Aging with HIV in the Bronx, New York. *[in prep]*
5. Ryan G, **Pierz AJ**, Taylor TN, et al. Enhancement in Geriatric HIV Care; Perspectives from Staff and Providers treating patients aging with HIV in the Bronx, NY. *[in prep]*

**Conference Papers & Presentations**

* 1. Lathan HS, **Pierz AJ**, Levine D. (November 2022). Centering Sustainability Work in Public Health Partnerships and Applied Practice at the CUNY School of Public Health. Presented at 1st Annual Experiential Learning @ CUNY Virtual Conference: Virtual/New York, NY, USA.
  2. **Pierz AJ**, Rauh L, Masoud D, Cruz AK, Palmedo C, Ratzan SC, Parker R. (November 2022). Supporting healthcare providers for successful vaccine communication. Presented at the 100th Meeting Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association: Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
  3. **Pierz AJ**. Drivers of socioeconomic conditions and health disparities among sex workers in New York City using Marxist feminist and precarious employment theory. (November 2022). Presented at the 100th Meeting Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association: Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
  4. **Pierz A**. The STI+ Stigma, Sexuality and Sexual Health (4SH): A Sex-Positive Research Framework for STI Transmission and Health Outcomes. Presented at the 65th Annual The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS) Conference: Vancouver, BC, Canada.
  5. **Pierz AJ**, Ryan G, Taylor TN, Tejada Lizardo W, Zhang C, Rivera Rodriguez R, Bogaisky M, Grossberg R, Morales H, Zingman BS, Sharma A. (October 2022). Clinical care priorities and service needs among people aging with HIV in the Bronx, NY. Presented at the 13th Annual International Workshop on Aging and HIV: Virtual/Utrecht, Netherlands.
  6. **Pierz AJ**, Ajeh R, Fuhngwa N, Nasah J, Dzudie A, Nkeng R, Anastos KM, Castle PE, Adedimeji A. (May 2021) Acceptability of self-sampling for cervical cancer screening among women living with HIV and HIV-negative women in Limbe, Cameroon. Presented at the 11th Annual International Workshop on HIV and Women: Virtual.
  7. **Pierz AJ**, Nkeng R, Nde JJ, Fuhngwa N, Nsame D, Nji M, Dzudie A, Anastos KM, Castle PE, Adedimeji A. (April 2021). Challenges and opportunities associated with cervical cancer screening programs in a low-income, high HIV prevalence context. Presented at the 7th Annual Central Africa IeDEA Research Meeting: Virtual.
  8. **Pierz AJ** & Dapi DN, The role of traditional life and colonial authority in post-colonial identity, agency, and health-seeking behaviors of women in Cameroon. Presented at the 4th Annual International Conference on New Voices in Global Health: Pathum Thani, Thailand.

**Teaching Experience**

**Graduate and Undergraduate Instruction** (UG = undergraduate, G = graduate)

2023 *CUNY School of Public Health and Health Policy*, New York, NY, USA

Instructor of record

Fall: Community Health Practice Collaborative I (G), Community Health Practice Collaborative

II (G), Quantitative & Qualitative Research Data Analysis Methods in Public Health Research

(G)

2023 *CUNY School of Public Health and Health Policy*, New York, NY, USA

Instructor of record

Summer: Community Health Practice Collaborative I (G), Quantitative & Qualitative Research

Data Analysis Methods in Public Health Research (G)

2023 *CUNY School of Public Health and Health Policy*, New York, NY, USA

Instructor of record

Spring: Community Health Practice Collaborative II (G)

2023 *York College*, Queens, NY, USA

Instructor of record

Spring: Sex and Sexuality (UG)

2022 *CUNY School of Public Health and Health Policy*, New York, NY, USA

Instructor of record

Fall: Community Health Practice Collaborative I (G), Community Health Practice Collaborative

II (G), Quantitative & Qualitative Research Data Analysis Methods in Public Health Research

(G)

2022 *York College*, Queens, NY, USA

Instructor of record

Fall: Sex and Sexuality (UG)

2022 *CUNY School of Public Health and Health Policy*, New York, NY, USA

Instructor of record

Summer: Community Health Practice Collaborative I (G)

2022 *CUNY School of Public Health and Health Policy*, New York, NY, USA

Instructor of record

Spring: Health Ethics, Communications and Advocacy (G), Graduate Capstone Project (G)

2022 *CUNY School of Public Health and Health Policy*, New York, NY, USA

Teaching Assistant, Instructor of record: Kathleen Cravero-Kristofferson,

Spring: Global Health Policy and Politics (G)

2021 *CUNY School of Public Health and Health Policy*, New York, NY, USA

Teaching Assistant, Instructor of record: Meghan Fitzgerald

Spring: Graduate Capstone Project (G)

**Guest Lectures**

2021-2018 Technical University of Munich

Instructor of record: Andrea Göttler

Guest Lecturer for SG810001: Health & Society

**Mentorship Experience**

2023 Alanna Kate Cruz (G) | Advised on Capstone paper *Caregiver Education and Support for*

*Bodyfeeding and Lactation in Refugee Camps Utilizing an Infant and Young Child Feeding*

*Framework: A Scoping Review* | Health Policy & Management

Sadia Alam (G), Julianna Cavalanti Campos (G), Skylar Gill (G), Hannah Grunfeld (G), Anna

Leidecker (G) | Advised on Capstone project *Community Perceptions and Attitudes Towards   
Sexual and Reproductive Health Care in Elmhurst, Queens |* Community Health & Social Sciences

2022 Josephine Ledda (G) | Advised on Capstone paper *“Leaps and Bounds:” Reviewing Racial*

*Disparities for Dietitians of Color* | Health Policy & Management

**Service**

**Service to CUNY Graduate School of Public Health**

2022 Student Representative of the Community Health and Social Sciences (CHSS) Department,

Governance Council

2020-2022 Treasurer, Sexual and Reproductive Health, Rights and Justice Club

**Service to Profession**

2020-present Ad hoc Reviewer | International Journal of Women’s Health, Frontiers in Reproductive

Health, Cancer Prevention Research, Cancer Management and Research, eCancer

**Professional Affiliations**

* American Public Health Association
* Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality
* International Society for the Study of Women’s Sexual Health

**Computer Skills**

Dedoose, SPSS, R