

BEN SIEGELMAN

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PROFILE

Program Coordinator specializing in participatory projects in multicultural settings, including two years of fieldwork in rural Malawi. Experienced in Health, Gender Equity, and Agriculture programs. Skilled in project design, capacity building, and participatory methods. Fluent in Spanish and Chitumbuka, with strong communications and interpersonal skills.

EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York City **May 2007**
Bachelor of Arts, Music, Ethnomusicology Concentration in Jazz Studies

EXPERIENCE

HIV Wellness Program Coordinator 2014-Present
Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Health Washington, D.C.

Designed and implemented HIV Wellness Program at a Maternal Health Center serving immigrant populations living with HIV. Piloted and managed HIV Peer Counselor/Advocate program. Facilitated training sessions for Peer Advocates, Medical and Operations Staff related to Gender, HIV, and Cultural Competency. Developed educational materials and outreach strategies. Provided culturally appropriate counseling and education to HIV-positive participants, in Spanish and English. Built relationships with stakeholders, partner organizations, and community groups. Coordinated program logistics, managed budgets, oversaw daily operations, and monitored program success.

Life Cycle Health Educator, HIV Navigator 2013-Present
Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Health Washington, D.C.

Provided culturally and linguistically appropriate health education to health clinic patients, mostly in Spanish, covering a wide range of health topics. Facilitated organizational cross-trainings in HIV-related topics. Provided HIV Counseling and Case Management to participants and their families. Designed and coordinated Mary's Center Garden Group project. Developed educational materials for participants, and contributed to outreach projects.

Community Health and HIV/AIDS Advisor 2010-2012
Peace Corps Malawi Nyungwe, Karonga District, Malawi

Co-designed and co-managed projects in the Health, Forestry, and Agricultural sectors, alongside community counterparts serving a cluster of rural villages with a population of 40,000. Co-wrote and facilitated Gender Equity, Reproductive Health, and Medicinal Gardening trainings for village communities. Chaired Peace Corps Diversity Committee, and developed curriculum for Volunteer Diversity Trainings.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS

Siegelman, Benjamin and Marcia Truman. *HIV Navigation: A Holistic Model for Building Participant Wellness*. Rural HIV Research and Training Conference, Oct. 23 -24, 2015; Savannah, GA

Siegelman, Benjamin, A. Marachelian, S. Linhales Barker, and C. Sol. *Retention Into Care Through an HIV Navigation Model in the DC Metropolitan Area: Description of a Collaborative HIV Prevention and Care Model Between La Clinica del Pueblo and Mary's Center*. Annual Latino Health Disparities Conference, Sept. 25, 2014; Washington, DC

ACADEMIC AWARDS/HONORS

Tokyo Gagaku Mentor/Protégé Fellowship, 2007

Columbia University Dean's List: Fall 2004, Spring 2005, Fall 2005, Fall 2006

King's Crown Leadership Award, Columbia University, 2006

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Robert Emmett Dolan Prize, Scholarship for Music Performance, 2004-2005