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## EDUCATION

### **The University of Kentucky; Lexington, Kentucky**

#### **Doctor of Public Health**

**May 2006**

Concentration: Health Behavior

Co-Advisors: Carol Ireson, PhD & Douglas Scutchfield, MD

Dissertation: *The Use of Photovoice in Rural Appalachia as a Method of Identifying Community Health Issues and Discovering Solutions*

### **Auburn University; Auburn, Alabama**

#### **Master of Science**

**May 2002**

Major: Rural Sociology

Advisor: John D. Dunkelberger, PhD

Thesis: *Use of the Internet and Traditional Sources of Health Information by Rural Alabama Households*

### **Auburn University; Auburn, Alabama**

#### **Bachelor of Arts**

**August 2000**

Major: Anthropology

## EMPLOYMENT

### **Assistant Director and Associate Dean**

**July 2022–present**

Alabama Cooperative Extension System and College of Human Sciences, Auburn, AL

### **Extension Professor**

**July 2021–June 2022**

School of Human Sciences, Mississippi State University, MS

### **Extension Associate Professor**

**July 2015–June 2021**

School of Human Sciences, Mississippi State University, MS

### **Extension Assistant Professor**

**May 2012–June 2015**

School of Human Sciences, Mississippi State University, MS

### **Assistant-to-Associate Professor**

**August 2006–May 2012**

Department of Community Health Sciences, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS

**Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow**

**July 2005–July 2006**

Charles F. Kettering Foundation, Dayton, OH

**Research Coordinator**

**May 2003–June 2005**

Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

**SELECT EXTENSION AND HUMAN SCIENCES PROJECTS AND LEADERSHIP**

**Mississippi State University Extension Program Development and Evaluation Capacity (2012–Present)**

Enhance Mississippi State University Extension’s program development and evaluation capacity by supporting Extension agents and specialists as they conduct needs assessments, develop high-quality programs in response to needs, document program outputs and outcomes, and generate reports and impact statements to meet needs of and requests from Extension professionals and administrators

**National Program Team for *Extension Collaboration on Immunization Teaching and Education (EXCITE)* Initiative (2021–Present)**

Serve as a member of the EXCITE Program Team and Lead Evaluator of this national initiative, developing the evaluation plan for the EXCITE initiative and providing continued leadership on the implementation plan for the national initiative and 98 EXCITE funded projects, including those in 1862, 1890, and tribal institutions. I monitor project evaluation reports and identify trends or areas where assistance is needed based on data gathered through these reports and document progress to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture and other stakeholders; and contribute to scholarship.

**Mississippi State University Extension Office of Nutrition Education, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Education Program (2018–2021)**

Guided SNAP-Education policy, system, and environmental interventions; developed or assisted with the development of evaluation surveys for adult and youth curricula; guided process and outcome evaluation of the statewide social marketing campaign; analyzed evaluation data for accountability reports and scholarship; and chaired the committee to recruit, interview, and recommend Extension agents to implement the SNAP-Education plan in 18 Mississippi counties, ensuring university policies and procedures were followed and candidates were highly qualified and diverse

**American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences accreditation process, School of Human Sciences (2017–2019)**

Led the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences accreditation process for the School of Human Sciences at Mississippi State University ensuring standards, policies and procedures were met and programs were reaccredited

**Children, Youth, and Families At-Risk, Mississippi State University Sustainable Community Projects: Promoting Responsible and Empowered Parenting: Adolescent Holistic Educational Approaches Defined (PREP-AHEAD) (2014–2019)**

Led this multi-year program to educate pregnant and parenting teens and emerging adults on positive parenting, child development, conflict management, and professional skills. During the project, 13 cohorts of participants completed over 20 hours of face-to-face parenting education in Neshoba and Newton Counties, MS. The pretest-posttest design revealed significant, positive changes in parenting attitudes among participants.

**Strengthening Extension Programs and Professionals in the Southern Region and Beyond**

Chaired the Southern Region–Program Leadership Network, Program and Staff Development Committee (2014–2015)

Served as secretary of the National Association of Extension Program and Staff Development Professionals (2016–2017)

Contributed to regional and national Cooperative Extension efforts, such as *Turning the Tide on Poverty, Coming Together for Racial Understanding, and Civil Discourse on Race Relations*

Conducted a national environmental scan and evaluability assessment of 4-H Healthy Living programs in the domains of healthy eating; physical activity; alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention; social-emotional health and well-being; and injury prevention to identify those ready for comprehensive outcome evaluation and/or replication at a national level (2013–2016).

## PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND CREATIVE ENDEAVORS

### Refereed Publications

[\*indicates authorship with a current or former graduate student mentee]

Wheat, J., Gardner, A., **Downey, L.**, Cox, M., Johnson, G., Guin, S., Leeper, J., Moore, C., & Brandon, J. (2022). Medical education for African American communities in the rural South: A focus group approach to identify fundamental considerations. *Journal of Rural Health, 1-10*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jrh.12656>

**Downey, L. H.**, Peterson, D. J., Gregory, T., & Buys, D. R. (2022). Opportunities for Extension engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences, 113*(4), 46–51.

**Downey, L. H.** (2022). Community engagement and programming models for the 21<sup>st</sup> century Extension professional. *Journal of Extension*, 60(1).

<https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/joe/vol60/iss1/2>

\*Robertson, M. N., **Downey, L. H.**, Seitz, H. H., Hardman, A. M., & Buys, D. R. (2022). Rural adults' perceived role of family members in prescription opioid misuse prevention: Implications for family-based approaches. *Journal of Rural Health*, 38:100–111.

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**Downey, L. H.**, \*Terp, K., & Byrd, S. H. (2021). A process evaluation of the *HappyHealthy* social marketing campaign. *Journal of Human Sciences and Extension*, 9(2), 146–155.

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<https://doi.org/10.34068/joe.59.04.19>

\*Yow, Z., Denny, M. D., Wilson, J., & **Downey, L. H.** (2021). Determining Master Gardener volunteer management competencies for Extension agents. *Journal of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents*, 14(1).

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Gray, V. B., Byrd, S. H., & **Downey, L. H.** (2021). Patterns of food availability and cost in retail stores participating in the supplemental nutrition assistance program in Mississippi.

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Smith, M. L., Peterson, D. J., & **Downey, L. H.** (2021). Revising curriculum through the use of lesson study. *Journal of Extension*, 58(4).

<https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/joe/vol58/iss4/9>

\*Mathews, R., **Downey, L. H.**, & Gerard, P. (2020). Formative research to inform the development of a healthy eating social marketing campaign in Mississippi. *Journal of Human Sciences and Extension*, 8(2), 51–68. <https://www.jhseonline.com/article/view/920>

\*Steen, J., \*Robertson, M. N., Seitz, H., **Downey, L. H.**, Hardman, A., & Buys, D. (2019). Addressing the opioid epidemic: Defining Cooperative Extension's role. *Journal of Extension*,

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**Downey, L. H.**, \*Cuy Castellanos, D., Yadrick, K., Avis-Williams, A., Graham-Kresge, S., & Bogle, M. (2011). Perceptions of community-based participatory research in the Delta Nutrition Intervention Research Initiative: An academic perspective. *Health Promotion Practice, 12*(5), 744–752. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1524839909353743>

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## Manuscripts Under Review

Okafor, M. I., Seitz, H. H., **Downey, L. H.**, & Buys, D. R. (2022). Formative research to inform COVID-19 vaccine education in Mississippi. [Manuscript submitted for publication].

\*Robertson, M. N., Seitz, H., **Downey, L.**, Hardman, A., Steen, J., & Buys, D. (2022). Increasing uptake of prescription drug take-back boxes: Eliciting preferences and applying the Theory of Planned Behavior to predict use. [Manuscript submitted for publication].

\*Robertson, M. N., Seitz, H., **Downey, L.**, Hardman, A., & Buys, D. (2021). Comfort, Theory of Planned Behavior, and intention to talk about opioids with family and friends. [Manuscript submitted for publication].

\*McCrary, A., Burger, L. M., **Downey, L. H.**, & Baker, B. (2020). Conservation stream crossings: Bringing the Borich Model into the agriculture and natural resources field. [Manuscript submitted for publication, revised, and resubmitted].

\*Osman, N., Peterson, D. J., **Downey, L. H.**, Seal, S. (2020). *Exploring disabled agricultural workers' professional life before and after using assistive technology: Using the job characteristics model*. [Manuscript submitted for publication].

Elmore-Staton, L., **Downey, L. H.**, Peterson, D. J., & \*Wenth, K. L. (2020). Sleep of adolescent parents: A descriptive study. [Manuscript submitted for publication].

## Conference Proceedings

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## Book Chapter

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## Cooperative Extension Publications

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**Downey, L. H.**, & Peterson, D. J. (2020, August). *A collaboration framework for use in Extension*. Mississippi State University Extension Service.

**Downey, L. H.**, & Peterson, D. J. (2020, June). *Summary of responses from internal assessment of MSU Extension agents*. Mississippi State University Extension Service.

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## Instructional Guides

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Gregory, T. M., **Downey, L. H.**, & Peterson, D. J. (2021, July). *2021–2022 MSU Extension programs approved for statewide implementation*. Mississippi State University Extension Service.

**Downey, L. H.** (2021, June). *Extension Collaborative on Immunization Teaching & Engagement (EXCITE) activity 1 reporting user guide*.

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**Downey, L. H.** (2020, July). *Evaluating grab-and-go kits or experiences delivered through Mississippi University Extension Service*. Mississippi State University Extension Service. [Recorded presentation conversation with Dr. Mariah Morgan].

**Downey, L. H.**, Peterson, D.J., & Morgan, M. (2020, May). *Mississippi University Extension Service online learning readiness survey user guide*. Mississippi State University Extension Service.

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### Refereed Presentations, Posters, and Workshops

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Gregory, T. M., & **Downey, L. H.** (2021, December 1). *Using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to determine area of interest for a COVID 19 vaccine education project* [Poster]. Annual Conference–National Association of Program and Staff Development Professionals, Virtual, United States.

Gray, V. B., **Downey, L. H.**, Parmer, S. M., & Byrd, S. H. (2021, February 1–3). *Development of Today's Mom: HappyHealthy Baby, an online course* [Poster]. Annual Conference–Association of SNAP Nutrition Education Administrators, Virtual, United States.

\*Pylate, L., Hardman, A. M., **Downey, L. H.**, Wilmoth, J. D. & Elmore-Staton, L. (2020, November 10–13). *Family recovery: A journey of college students and their families* [Presentation]. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Virtual, United States.

Kenda, D., **Downey, L. H.**, Byrd, S. H., & Gregory, T. (2020, April 23–24). *Evaluation of smarter lunchrooms movement implementation in Mississippi schools* [Accepted for presentation]. Mississippi Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Annual Meeting. Meeting canceled due to COVID-19.

Payne, M., Byrd, S. H., **Downey, L. H.**, & Gregory, T. (2020, April 23–24). *Connecting Mississippi families to community health resources* [Accepted for presentation]. Mississippi Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Annual Meeting. Meeting canceled due to COVID-19.

Whitten, K., Byrd, S. H., & **Downey, L. H.** (2020, April 23–24). *Developing a social marketing campaign: HappyHealthy* [Accepted for presentation]. Mississippi Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Annual Meeting. Meeting canceled due to COVID-19.

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Gregory, T. M., **Downey, L. H.**, & Byrd, S. H. (2020, February 3–7). *Food tasting evaluation to determine likability of recipes among limited-resource audiences* [Poster Presentation]. Annual Conference—Association of SNAP Nutrition Education Administrators, Arlington, VA, United States.

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**Downey, L. H.**, Elmore-Staton, L., \*Rodriguez, J. T., Peterson, D. J., & \*Wenth, K. L. (2019, November 2–6). *Influence of positive youth development concepts on parenting attitudes among young mothers* [Poster presentation]. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo, Philadelphia, PA, United States.

\*Robertson, M. N., Seitz, H. H., **Downey, L. H.**, Hardman, A. M., \*Steen, J., Williams, D., Stone, A., & Buys, D. (2019, November 2–6). *Increasing uptake of prescription drug take-back boxes: Eliciting preferences and applying the theory of planned behavior to predict use* [Poster presentation]. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo, Philadelphia, PA, United States.

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Buys, D. R., \*Steen, J., \*Robertson, M. N., Seitz, H. H., **Downey, L. H.**, Hardman, A. M., Stone, A. E., & Williams, D. (2019, October 1). *Addressing the opioid epidemic: A call to action for Cooperative Extension* [Conference session]. National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Meeting, Hershey, PA, United States.

**Downey, L. H.**, McGrath, L. C., \*Pylate, L., & \*Little, C. (2019, October 17–18). *Building institutional support for breastfeeding—Lessons learned from Mississippi State University* [Presentation]. Mississippi Public Health Association Annual Conference, Jackson, MS, United States.

**Downey, L. H.** & Byrd, S. H. (2019, October 17–18). *HappyHealthy—From a concept to a statewide social marketing campaign* [Poster presentation]. Mississippi Public Health Association Annual Conference, Jackson, MS, United States.

\*Wells, J. B., **Downey, L. H.**, Tabler, G. T., Wamsley, K. G., & McDaniel, C. D. (2019, July 15–19). *Current recruitment practices and their relationship with student numbers, graduation rates, and satisfaction within poultry science* [Presentation]. Poultry Science Association Annual Meeting, Poultry Science Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

\*Wells, J. B., **Downey, L. H.**, Tabler, G. T., Wamsley, K. G., & McDaniel, C. D. (2019, July 15–19). *Internal and external factors influencing poultry science student college choice* [Presentation]. Poultry Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

\*Wells, J. B., **Downey, L. H.**, Tabler, G. T., Wamsley, K. G., & McDaniel, C. D. (2019, July 15–19). *An environmental scan of recruitment practices in poultry science departments located in the United States* [Presentation]. Poultry Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

**Downey, L. H.**, Hardman, A. M., & Byrd, S. H. (2019, July 27–30). *Using formative research to develop the HappyHealthy social marketing campaign* [Poster presentation]. Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, United States.

\*Robertson, M. N., Williams, D., Seitz, H. H., **Downey, L. H.**, Hardman, A. M., \*Steen, J., Stone, A. E., & Buys, D. R. (2019, May 8–10). *Physicians or media: Who gives patients opioid-related information?* [Poster presentation]. National Rural Health Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, United States.



\*Robertson, M. N., **Downey, L. H.**, Hardman, A. M., Seitz, H. H., \*Steen, J. & Buys, D. R. (2019, May 1–3). *Promoting prescription opioid misuse prevention strategies in rural America: Findings from focus groups* [Presentation]. National Health Outreach Conference, Fort Worth, TX, United States.

**Downey, L. H.**, Elmore-Staton, L., Peterson, D. J., & \*Rodriguez, J. (2019, March 21–23). *Sleep of adolescent parents and their children: A descriptive study* [Poster presentation]. 2019 Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research on Child Development, Baltimore, MD, United States.

\*Steen, J., \*Moak, R., Sansing, A. P., Harris-Speight, J., Buys, D. R., & **Downey, L. H.** (2018, October 25–26). *Developing a public health module to complement a community-based health education program* [Presentation]. Delta SOPHE Annual Conference, Delta Society for Public Health Education, Oxford, MS, United States.

\*Robertson, M. N., **Downey, L. H.**, Buys, D. R., Hardman, A., & Seitz, H. H. (2018, October 25–26). *Perceptions of prescription opioid use: Findings from focus groups with rural Mississippians* [Presentation]. Delta SOPHE Annual Conference, Delta Society of Public Health Education, Oxford, MS, United States.

\*Moak, R., \*Steen, J., Sansing, A. P., Harris-Speight, J., Buys, D. R., & **Downey, L. H.** (2018, October 18–19). *Developing a public health module to complement a community-based health education program: A case from MSU Extension's Junior Master Wellness Volunteer Program* [Presentation]. Mississippi Public Health Association Annual Conference, Mississippi Public Health Association, Jackson, MS, United States.

\*Robertson, M. N., Buys, D. R., **Downey, L. H.**, Seitz, H. H., & Hardman, A. (2018, October 18–19). *Prescription opioid use and misuse: Perceptions among the sandwich generation of Mississippi* [Presentation]. Mississippi Public Health Association Annual Conference, Mississippi Public Health Association, Jackson, MS, United States.

**Downey, L.H.** & Peterson, D.J. (2017, December 5–7). *Perception of current and ideal collaboration practices in Extension* [Presentation]. National Association of Extension Program and Staff Development Professionals Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV, United States.

Freeman, C. E., Meyers, S. L., Hill, E., & **Downey, L. H.** (2017, November 14–18). *That's a wicked looking tater: An interdisciplinary approach to salving 'wicked' agricultural issues using fashion product development* [Presentation]. International Textile and Apparel Association Annual Meeting, St. Petersburg, FL, United States.

Sansing, A., Buys, D., Evans, M., **Downey, L.**, & Harris-Speight, J. (2017, November 4–8). *Rural medical scholars program: Filling the gap for healthcare and health leaders in Mississippi* [Presentation]. American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, United States.

\*Moak, R., Buys, D. R., Sansing, A. P., Harris-Speight, J., & **Downey, L. H.** (2017, October 12–13). *Developing a social media toolkit to complement a community-based health education program: A report from MSU Extension's Junior Master Wellness Volunteer Program* [Poster presentation]. Mississippi Public Health Association Annual Conference, Jackson, MS, United States.

**Downey, L. H.**, Buys, D. R., Fountain, B., Ball, T., Hilbun, A. H., & Threadgill, P. (2017, September 27). *Extension's role in disaster preparedness, response, and recovery: Perceptions of Mississippi stakeholders* [Poster presentation]. Extension Disaster Education Network Annual Conference, Moline, IL, United States.

\*Calico, C. **Downey, L. H.**, Meyers, S., and Greenhaw, L. (2017, February 5–7). *Faculty perceptions of an innovative service-learning experience* [Poster presentation]. Southern Region Conference of the American Associate for Agricultural Education, Mobile, AL, United States.

**Downey, L.H.**, Peterson, D.J., Donaldson, J., & Hardman, A.M. (2016, December 6–8). *Application of the RE-AIM evaluation framework* [Presentation]. National Association of Extension Program and Staff Development Professionals Annual Conference, Ridgedale, MO, United States.

Settle, Q., North, E. G., \*Brubaker, M., & **Downey, L. H.** (2016, June 13–16). *Evaluating communication efforts in Extension* [Presentation]. Association for Communication Excellence Annual Conference, Memphis, TN, United States.

Sansing, A., Buys, D., **Downey, L.**, Edge, R., Twiner, A., & Harris-Speight, J. (2016, April 6–8). *Building partnerships to equip teens to promote healthy lifestyles* [Presentation]. National Health Outreach Conference, Roanoke, VA, United States.

Sansing, A., Buys, D., **Downey, L.**, Edge, R., Twiner, A., & Harris-Speight, J. (2016, April 4–8). *Building partnerships to equip teens to promote healthy lifestyles* [Presentation]. Southern Region 4-H Biennial Conference, Biloxi, MS, United States.

Peterson, D. J., **Downey, L. H.**, & Donaldson, J. (2015, November 9–14). *Lessons learned in the implementation and adaptation of 4-H Common Measures* [Presentation]. American Evaluation Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, United States.

Elmore-Staton, L., **Downey, L. H.**, Peterson, D. J., \*Gwizdala, T., Parker, J., & \*Hallberg, C. (2015, November 12–15). *Positive parenting practices: An education program for teen parents* [Poster presentation]. Pediatric Sleep Medicine Conference, Amelia Island, FL, United States.

Meyers, S. L, Ward, J. K, Heiselt, A., & **Downey, L. H.** (2015, June 16–20). *Sweet potato innovation challenge* [Poster presentation]. North American College and Teachers of Agriculture Annual Conference, Athens, GA, United States.

Meyers, S.L., Ward, J.K., Heiselt, A., **Downey, L.**, and Schultz, S. (2015, January 20). *Sweet potato innovation challenge* [Poster presentation]. National Sweetpotato Collaborators Group Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, United States.

**Downey, L. H.** & Peterson, D. J. (2014, December 8–11). *The Organizational Change Survey: A method for organizational learning* [Research presentation]. National Association of Extension Program and Staff Development Professionals, San Antonio, TX, United States.

**Downey, L. H.**, Peterson, D. J. Leatherman, J., & LeMenestrel, S. (2014, October 27). *Enhancing the evaluation of 4-H Healthy Living Programs using the RE-AIM framework* [Competency building workshop presentation]. National Association of Extension 4-H Agents 2014 Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, United States.

**Downey, L. H.**, Sexton, J., & Peterson, D. J. (2013, December 3–5). *Back to basics: Changing Extension culture while syncing program planning* [Presentation]. National Association of Extension Program and Staff Development Professionals Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO, United States.

**Downey, L. H.**, Gehrt, K., Donaldson, J., North, E. G., & Niewolny, K. (2013, December 3–5). *Capturing collective impact: An exemplar from a multi-state Extension workgroup on community, local, and regional food systems* [Presentation]. National Association of Extension Program and Staff Development Professionals Annual Conference, Kansas City, MO, United States.

Peterson, D. J., **Downey, L. H.**, Leatherman, J., & LeMenestrel, S. (2013, October 14–19). *Environmental scan and evaluability assessment of 4-H Healthy Living programs: A systematic multi-phase, mixed methods approach* [Presentation]. American Evaluation Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., United States.

Fondren, A., Ball, C., **Downey, L. H.**, Tidwell, D., Threadgill, P., Clary, J., & Briley, C. (2013, August 9–12). *Moving EFNEP and SNAP-Ed nutrition educators from teachers to role models using the Mississippi in Motion program* [Poster presentation]. Annual Meeting of Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior, Food and Nutrition Extension Education Division Pre-Conference Workshop, Portland, OR, United States.

**Downey, L. H.**, Sexton, J., & Peterson, D. J. (2012, December 11–13). *Making the connection between accountability and public value* [Presentation]. Annual Meeting of the National Association of Extension Program and Staff Development Professionals, Denver, CO, United States.

\*Huye, H. F., Molaison, E. F., **Downey, L. H.**, Connell, C., Zoellner, J., & Madison, M. (2012, October 6–9). *Development of an instrument measuring the perceived attributes of implementing a healthy diet innovation in the Lower Mississippi Delta* [Presentation]. Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo, Philadelphia, PA, United States.

\*Huye, H. F., Molaison, E. F., **Downey, L. H.**, Connell, C., Zoellner, J., & Madison, M. (2011, September 24–27). *Identification of attributes that promote the adoption and implementation of the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGAs)* [Presentation]. American Dietetic Association Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo, San Diego, CA, United States.

\*Barnes, P., Curtis, A., **Downey, L. H.**, & Ford, L. (2010, November 6–10). *A multi-state examination of partnership activity among local public health systems using the Collaborative Capacity Framework* [Presentation]. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, United States.

Mayfield-Johnson, S., **Downey, L. H.**, Young, R. E., Anderson-Lewis, C., Story, L., Day, P., & Byrd, A. (2010, November 6–10). *Exploring evaluation findings from the Getting on Target with Community Health Advisors Project* [Presentation]. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, United States.

**Downey, L. H.**, Young, R. E., Johnson, S., Anderson-Lewis, C., Story, L., Day, P., & Byrd, A. (2010, June). *Getting on Target with Community Health Advisors: Preparing local residents to serve in the Mississippi Delta* [Poster presentation]. Unity Conference, Columbus, OH, United States.

**Downey, L. H.**, Young, R. E., Johnson, S., Anderson-Lewis, C., Story, L., Day, P., & Byrd, A. (2010, May 19–21). *Getting on Target with Community Health Advisors: Preparing local residents to serve in the Mississippi Delta* [Poster presentation]. National Rural Health Association, Savannah, GA, United States.

**Downey, L. H.** (2009, September). *The nature of partnerships in rural public health systems* [Paper presentation]. Mississippi Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Bay St. Louis, MS, United States.

Johnson, S., Young, R., **Downey, L. H.**, Anderson-Lewis, C., Story, L., & Day, P. (2009, May). *Don't let stroke get you—We've GOTCHA (Getting on Target with Community Health Advisors)* [Paper presentation]. Empowering Communities Conference, Jackson, MS, United States.

**Downey, L. H.**, Wheat, J. W., Leeper, J., et al. (2009, May). *Rural medical educators: Exploring their experiences, concerns, and vision for the future* [Paper presentation]. National Rural Health Association Annual Meeting, Miami Beach, FL, United States.

Cross, A., Hoover, A., & **Downey, L. H.** (2009, April 6–8). *The importance of rural journalism in promoting community health* [Paper presentation]. Priester National Extension Health Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN, United States.

**Downey, L. H.** & Cross, A. (2009, February 1–3). *The importance of rural journalism in promoting community health* [Paper presentation]. Southern Rural Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, United States.

**Downey, L. H.,** \*Gaddam, R., & Scutchfield, F. D. (2008, May). *The nature of partnerships in rural public health systems* [Poster presentation]. National Rural Health Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, United States.

**Downey, L. H.,** \*Gaddam, R., & Scutchfield, F. D. (2008, April 9–11). *Understanding the breadth and depth of local public health agencies' partners and their influence on local public health system's partnership performance* [Paper presentation]. First Annual Public Health Systems Research Keeneland Conference, Lexington, KY, United States.

**Downey, L. H.,** \*Gaddam, R., & Scutchfield, F. D. (2007, November 3–7). *Promoting the public's health through partnerships in local public health systems* [Paper presentation]. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., United States.

**Downey, L. H.** (2007, September). *Engaging the community for the community's health* [Paper presentation]. Mississippi Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, MS, United States.

**Hall, L. M.** (2007, June). *Moving from dialogue to deliberation: Expanding the Empowerment Education Model for improving community health* [Paper presentation]. Society for Public Health Educators Mid-Year Meeting, Seattle, WA, United States.

**Hall, L. M.** (2007, February 3–6). *Making the connection: The importance of rural journalism in community health efforts* [Paper presentation]. Southern Rural Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Mobile, AL, United States.

**Hall, L. M.** (2006, May). *Listening to the missing partner: Uncovering rural youth's health concerns through photovoice* [Poster presentation]. Campus-Community Partnerships Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, United States.

**Hall, L.M.** (2006, March 17–19). *The use of photovoice in rural Appalachia as a method of engaging youth in discussions about their community* [Paper presentation]. Appalachian Studies Annual Meeting, Dayton, OH, United States.

**Hall, L. M.,** Ireson, C. L., McKee, S. E., & Slavova, S. (2005, December). *Defining the elements of success: A critical pathway model of injury prevention coalitions* [Paper presentation]. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, United States.

**Hall, L. M.,** Ireson, C. L., McKee, S. E., Adams, K. A., & Slavova, S. (2005, May). *Hitting the bull's eye: Should surveillance data or community perception guide safety coalition efforts?* [Paper presentation]. National Injury Prevention and Control Annual Conference, Denver, CO, United States.

**Hall, L. M.,** & Ireson, C. L. (2005, April). *Discovering the community voice: A missing component of community health needs assessments* [Paper presentation]. National Priester Extension Annual Meeting, Lexington, KY, United States.

Tarima, S., Slavova, S. S., & **Hall, L. M.** (2005, March). *Probability estimation when some observations are grouped* [Paper presentation]. Tenth Biennial CDC/ATSDR Symposium on Statistical Methods, Washington, D.C., United States.

McKee, S. E. & **Hall, L. M.** (2005, March). *A new beginning—Community based partnerships, injury prevention, and public health* [Paper presentation]. Appalachian Studies Annual Meeting, Radford, VA, United States.

**Hall, L. M.**, Dunkelberger, J. D., & Wheat, J. (2002, February). *Expansion of the PC and Internet use for health information by rural Alabama households* [Paper presentation]. Southern Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, United States.

**Hall, L. M.**, Dunkelberger, J. D., & Ferreira, W. (2001, August). *Diffusion adoption and use of personal computers and the Internet in farm business decisions: Southeastern beef and peanut farmers* [Paper presentation]. Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM, United States.

**Hall, L. M.**, Dunkelberger, J. D., & Ferreira, W. (2001, April). *The Diffusion-Adoption Model: Southeastern beef and peanut farmers' use of the personal computer and Internet when making farm business decisions* [Paper presentation]. Alabama Academy of Science Annual Meeting, Auburn, AL, United States.

**Hall, L. M.**, Dunkelberger, J. D., & Ferreira, W. (2001, February). *The Diffusion-Adoption Model: Southeastern beef and peanut farmers' use of the personal computer and Internet when making farm business decisions* [Paper presentation]. Southern Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, TX, United States.

### **Conference Proposals Accepted for Presentation**

Rodgers, M. S., Stofer, K., Burton, D., Grandon, M., **Downey, L.**, & Haynes-Maslow, L. (2022, May). *A system-based approach between federal health agencies and the Extension Foundation to address hesitancy* [Oral presentation]. National Health Outreach Conference Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO, United States.

### **Conference Proposal Under Review**

Fox, L. K., Rodgers, M. S., Haynes-Maslow, L. & **Downey, L.** *Opportunities, lessons learned, and challenges among Extension professionals engaged in adult immunization education—Insights from the EXCITE initiative*. National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences.

## Invited Presentations

Peterson, D. J., & **Downey, L. H.** (2020, July). *A case study of Mississippi in the United States of America: Case study update*. Presentation at the IFPRI-FAO-PIM Agriculture Human Capital Investment group meeting (online).

Peterson, D. J., & **Downey, L. H.** (2020, May). *Interagency collaboration in Mississippi contributes to successful agriculture human capital development*. Presentation at the IFPRI-FAO-PIM Agriculture Human Capital Investment Technical Workshop session 5 (online).

Peterson, D. J., & **Downey, L. H.** (2020, May). *Mississippi, United States of America*. Presentation at the IFPRI-FAO-PIM Agriculture Human Capital Investment technical workshop session 3 (online).

## GRANTS

### Proposals Submitted and Funded

*Evaluation of the Extension Collaborative on Immunization Teaching and Engagement (EXCITE) project (2021)*

- Investigators: Laura H. Downey
- Sponsor: eXtension Foundation
- Award: \$70,202 (04/01/21–03/31/22)

*Increasing Vaccination Rates among Rural Mississippians*

- Investigators: David R. Buys, Laura H. Downey, Holli H. Seitz
- Role: Evaluator
- Sponsor: eXtension Foundation
- Award: \$171,660 (06/01/21–05/31/23)

*Strengthening Vaccine Education and Access in Mississippi (2021)*

- Investigators: David R. Buys, Laura H. Downey, Holli H. Seitz
- Role: Evaluator
- Sponsor: eXtension Foundation
- Award: \$24,178 (05/01/21–04/30/22)

*The Community Connectedness of Extension Agents to Justify their Offices as Vaccine “sign up” locales—Subaward of Mississippi CEAL: Addressing Equity in Vaccine Access and Distribution (2021)*

- Investigators: Laura H. Downey, David R. Buys, Ann Sansing, Linda Mitchell
- Role: Principal Investigator
- Sponsor: University of Mississippi Medical Center

- Award: \$130,478 (03/01/21–08/31/21)

*Growing Strong Schools, Families and Communities – Mississippi State University Extension Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—Education FY 2021 (2020)*

- Investigators: Sylvia H. Byrd and Laura H. Downey
- Role: Evaluator
- Sponsor: USDA, Food and Nutrition Service
- Amount: \$ 4,186,641 (October 1, 2020–September 30, 2021)

*Strategies to Invest in Human Capital in Agriculture: A Case Study of Mississippi in the United States of America (2020)*

- Investigators: Donna J. Peterson, Laura H. Downey, and Bryan Farrell
- Role: Co-Principal Investigator
- Sponsor: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, International Food Policy Research Institute
- Award: \$15,000 (June 1, 2020–September 30, 2020)

*Nature is Art / Art is Nature (2019)*

- Investigators: Jim Del Prince, Laura H. Downey, and James Henderson
- Role: Evaluator
- Sponsor: Mississippi Arts Commission
- Award: \$3,003 (July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020)

*National Youth Preparedness Initiative: Preparing Teens, Preparing Communities – Phase 3 Expansion (2018)*

- Investigators: Ryan Akers, Laura H. Downey, Alisha M. Hardman, and Michael E. Newman
- Role: Co-Principal Investigator
- Sponsor: USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture
- Award: \$155,422 (September 1, 2018–August 31, 2020)

*4-H Challenge Cohort: Mississippi State University (2017)*

- Investigators: Donna J. Peterson, Laura H. Downey, Paula I. Threadgill, and Mariah S. Morgan
- Role: Co-Principal Investigator
- Sponsor: National 4-H Council
- Award: \$81,000 (November 15, 2017–December 15, 2018)

*Preventing Opioid Misuse in the SouthEast: the PROMISE Initiative (2017)*

- Investigators: David R. Buys, Laura H. Downey, Elizabeth Gregory North, and Ann Sansing
- Role: Co-Principal Investigator



- Sponsor: USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture
- Award: \$310,181 (September 1, 2017–August 31, 2020)

*CoverItUp: A Train-the-Trainer Program to Expand Knowledge and Utilization of Cover Crops in Mississippi (2017)*

- Investigators: William B. Burdine, Thomas C. Barickman, Stephen L. Meyers, and Laura H. Downey
- Role: Co-Principal Investigator
- Sponsor: USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture
- Award: \$65,222 (April 1, 2017–March 31, 2019)

*National Youth Preparedness Initiative: Preparing Teens, Preparing Communities – Phase 2 Expansion (2017)*

- Investigators: Ryan Akers, Laura H. Downey, Alisha M. Hardman, and Michael E. Newman
- Role: Co-Principal Investigator
- Sponsor: USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture
- Award: \$141,941 (September 1, 2017–August 31, 2020)

*National Youth Preparedness Initiative: Preparing Teens, Preparing Communities – Phase 1 (2016)*

- Investigators: Ryan Akers, Laura H. Downey, Alisha M. Hardman, and Michael E. Newman
- Role: Co-Principal Investigator
- Sponsor: USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture
- Award: \$180,072 (September 1, 2016–August 31, 2018)

*Expanding 4-H Healthy Living Programs to Rural Youth and Families in Mississippi and Tennessee (2014)*

- Investigators: Joseph L. Donaldson, Laura H. Downey, and Donna J. Peterson
- Role: Co-Principal Investigator
- Sponsor: USDA, Rural Health and Safety Education
- Award: \$149,999 (October 1, 2014–August 31, 2015)

*Mississippi State University Sustainable Community Project: Promoting Responsible & Empowered Parenting: Adolescent Holistic Educational Approaches Defined (2014–2019)*

- Investigators: Laura H. Downey, Lori Elmore-Staton, Mariah S. Morgan, Donna J. Peterson, and Paula I. Threadgill
- Role: Co-Principal Investigator
- Sponsor: USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture
- Award: \$644,960 (August 15, 2014–August 14, 2019)

*4-H Healthy Living Environmental Scan and Evaluability Assessment: Phase 2 (2014)*

- Investigators: Donna J. Peterson and Laura Downey
- Role: Co-Principal Investigator
- Sponsor: National 4-H Council
- Award: \$39,570 (January 1, 2014–December 31, 2015)

*Sweet Potato Innovation Challenge (2014)*

- Investigators: Stephen L. Meyers, Laura H. Downey, and Charles Freeman
- Role: Co-Principal Investigator
- Sponsor: USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture
- Amount: \$133,618 (September 1, 2014–August 31, 2018)

*Preparing Mississippi for Future Disaster-Incident Command System-Rebuild and Renew (2014)*

- Investigators: Paula I. Threadgill, Brent J. Fountain, David R. Buys, Rita W. Green, Robert T. Ball, and Laura H. Downey
- Role: Co-Principal Investigator
- Sponsor: USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture
- Amount: \$115,504 (September 1, 2014–August 31, 2016)

*4-H Healthy Living Environmental Scan and Evaluability Assessment: Phase 1 (2013)*

- Investigators: Laura H. Downey and Donna J. Peterson
- Role: Co-Principal Investigator
- Sponsor: National 4-H Council
- Award: \$30,730 (February 1, 2013–November 30, 2013)

*SHAPE-CARE (2013)*

- Investigators: Cassandra L. Kirkland, Lori Elmore-Staton, Laura H. Downey, and Donna J. Peterson
- Role: Co-Principal Investigator
- Sponsor: W.K. Kellogg Foundation
- Award: \$143,478 (May 1, 2013–April 30, 2016)

*Expanding FARMtastic: An Agricultural Literacy Program for Mississippi Youth (2013)*

- Investigators: Laura H. Downey and Julie White
- Role: Principal Investigator
- Sponsor: Mississippi State University Extension Service
- Award: \$49,957

*The Public's Perspective on Addressing Obesity (2012)*

- Investigators: Laura H. Downey
- Role: Principal Investigator
- Sponsor: Charles F. Kettering Foundation
- Award: \$12,000 (January 5, 2013–October 31, 2015)

## UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTION

### Courses Taught at Mississippi State University

**Program Planning and Development.** Three hours lecture. Principles, theory, and practice in developing local and state programs of vocational, technical, and extension education. (Graduate) (Fall 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)

**Application of Research Methods.** Three hours lecture. Principles and techniques for planning, conducting, and reporting research; development of effective design of research problems; emphasis on understanding and evaluating scientific. (Graduate) (Fall 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)

**Analysis and Interpretation of Data in Agricultural and Extension Education Research.** Three hours lecture. Principles and techniques for collecting, analyzing, and reporting research in agricultural and extension education. Emphasis on student research project development, student authorship. (Graduate) (Fall 2013, 2014)

### Other Courses Previously Taught

Chronic Epidemiology (Graduate), University of Southern Mississippi  
 Epidemiology (Graduate and Undergraduate), University of Southern Mississippi  
 Health Education among Rural Populations (Graduate), University of Southern Mississippi  
 Health Education Program Planning (Undergraduate), University of Southern Mississippi  
 Introduction to Community Health (Undergraduate), University of Southern Mississippi  
 Program Evaluation for Health Education (Undergraduate), University of Southern Mississippi  
 Qualitative Research Methods (Graduate), University of Southern Mississippi

### Graduate Student Advising and Committee Service

#### PhD Committee Chair or Co-Chair, Mississippi State University

Gayle Fortenberry (Co-chair), Agricultural and Extension Education

Jessica Graves, Agricultural and Extension Education

Austin Jacobs, Agricultural and Extension Education, graduated 2018

Erin King, Agricultural and Extension Education

Lauren Colby Nickels, Agricultural and Extension Education

Muhammed Riaz, Human Development and Family Studies

Mary Nelson Robertson (Co-Chair), Human Development and Family Studies, graduated 2019

Rebekah Sparks (Co-Chair), Human Development and Family Studies

Jamie Varner, Agricultural and Extension Education, graduated 2018

Rocheryl Ware (Co-Chair), Agricultural and Extension Education, graduated 2020

**PhD Committee Service, Mississippi State University**

Stephanie Haney, Human Development and Family Studies, graduated 2020  
 Jasmine Hendrix (Minor professor), Food Science, December 2021  
 Clint James, Agricultural and Extension Education  
 Monet Kees, Instructional Systems and Workforce Development  
 Rick Kennedy, Agricultural and Extension Education  
 Christy King, Agricultural and Extension Education  
 Randy Loper, Agricultural and Extension Education, graduated 2016  
 Rahel Mathews, Nutrition, graduated 2017  
 Carlos Alberto Moreno-Ortiz, Agricultural and Extension Education, graduated 2018  
 Leah Pylate, Human Development and Family Studies, graduated 2020  
 Joy Rodriguez, Human Development and Family Studies  
 Julie White, Agricultural and Extension Education  
 Jessica Wells, Poultry Science, graduated 2018

**PhD Committee Service, Other institutions**

Priscilla Barnes, Public Health, Western Michigan University, graduated 2010  
 Diana Cuy-Castellanos, Nutrition, the University of Southern Mississippi, graduated 2011  
 Holly Federico Huye, Nutrition, the University of Southern Mississippi, graduated 2012

**Masters Committee Chair, Mississippi State University**

Mariah Baird, Agricultural and Extension Education (Thesis), graduated 2016  
 Jake Bullard (Co-Chair), Agricultural and Extension Education (Exam), graduated 2017  
 Karen Crow, Human Development and Family Studies (Thesis), graduated 2015  
 Beverly Keasler, Agricultural and Extension Education (Thesis)

**Masters Committee Service, Mississippi State University**

Patricia Braddock, Agricultural and Extension Education (Exam), graduated 2013  
 McKayla Brubaker, Agricultural and Extension Education (Thesis), graduated 2017  
 Christina Childers, Agricultural and Extension Education (Thesis)  
 Drew Cole, Nutrition (Thesis)  
 Brandy Elrod, Agricultural and Extension Education (Creative Component), graduated 2017  
 Georgia Graham, Human Development and Family Studies (Exam), graduated 2017  
 Kandiacie Gray, Horticulture (Thesis)  
 Teresa Gwizdala, Human Development and Family Studies (Exam), graduated 2018  
 Jessie Hayden, Agricultural and Extension Education (Thesis), graduated 2017  
 Emily Hayes, Human Development and Family Studies (Exam), graduated May 2015  
 Shelby Holms, Human Development and Family Studies (Thesis), graduated 2017  
 Emily Keeton, Agricultural and Extension Education (Thesis), graduated 2017  
 Samantha Jones, Human Development and Family Studies (Exam), graduated 2014  
 Alice Long, Human Development and Family Studies (Thesis), graduated 2015  
 Riley Messman, Animal and Dairy Sciences (Thesis)  
 Kate McCormick, Human Development and Family Studies (Thesis), graduated 2017  
 Audrey McCrary, Wildlife, Fisheries, and Aquaculture (Thesis), graduated 2019

Millie Murphree, Agricultural and Extension Education (Thesis), graduated 2019  
 Anna-Marie Nickels, Plant and Soil Sciences (Thesis)  
 Nesma Osman, Agricultural and Extension Education (Thesis), graduated 2018  
 Taylor Poole, Human Development and Family Studies (Thesis), graduated 2019  
 Charona Simms, Human Development and Family Studies (Exam), graduated 2019  
 Jennifer Smith, Human Development and Family Studies (Thesis), graduated 2015  
 Elizabeth Thorne, Human Development and Family Studies (Thesis), graduated 2015  
 Drew Wilson, Agricultural and Extension Education (Creative Component)  
 Cecily Young, Nutrition (Thesis), graduated 2017  
 Zach Yow, Agricultural and Extension Education (Creative Component), graduated 2020

### **Masters Committee Service, Other Institutions**

Kristin Little, Anthropology (Thesis), the University of Southern Mississippi, graduated 2013

### **Advisor/Mentor for Undergraduate Research, Mississippi State University**

Eva Carranza, Nutrition, May 2020  
 Dalton Hall, Biochemistry/pre-medicine, graduated May 2020  
 Anna Laurin Harrison (Co-mentor), Nutrition, graduated May 2015

### **Non-Formal Teaching Experiences**

**Downey, L. H.**, Gregory, T., & Peterson, D. J. (2022, January). *Extension Program Planning*. In-service training as part of new agent orientation for Mississippi State University Extension Service professionals, Mississippi State, MS.

Peterson, D. J., & **Downey, L. H.** (2022, January). *Evaluation Basics and Impact Statements*. In-service training as part of new agent orientation for Mississippi State University Extension Service professionals, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H.**, Okafor, M. I., & Sansing, A. (2021, November). *4-H Junior Disease Detectives Instructor Training*. In-service training for Mississippi State University Extension Service professionals, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H.** (2021, October). *Evaluating EXCITE Projects: Practical Considerations and Overcoming Challenges*. Professional development as part of the EXCITE Activity 2 strategy session for EXCITE grantees, personnel of Land-grant universities and colleges.

**Downey, L. H.** (2021, June). *EXCITE Activity 1 Reporting Requirements*. Orientation for EXCITE Activity 1 grantees, personnel of Land-grant universities and colleges.

**Downey, L. H.** (2021, June). *EXCITE Activity 2 Reporting Requirements*. Orientation for EXCITE Activity 2 grantees, personnel of Land-grant universities and colleges.  
 Peterson, D. J., & **Downey, L. H.** (2020, November). *Digital Measures: Q & A*. In-service training for Mississippi State University Extension Service professionals, Mississippi State, MS.

Peterson, D. J., & **Downey, L. H.** (2020, October). *Digital Measures and in-service training: Just the basics*. In-service training as part of new agent orientation for Mississippi State University Extension Service professionals, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H.**, & Peterson, D. J. (2020, October). *The Extension program planning model*. In-service training as part of new agent orientation for Mississippi State University Extension Service professionals, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H.**, & Peterson, D. J. (2020, October). *Qualtrics—An Introduction*. In-service training for Mississippi State University Extension Service professionals, Mississippi State, MS.

Peterson, D. J., & **Downey, L. H.** (2020, September). *Reporting and selecting statewide programs in Digital Measures*. In-service training for Mississippi State University Extension Service professionals, Mississippi State, MS.

Buys, D. R., **Downey, L. H.**, Evans, M. W., & North, E. G. (2020, May). *More on what we need to know about COVID-19 and our role during emergency response efforts*. In-service training for Mississippi State University Extension Service professionals, Mississippi State, MS.

Peterson, D. J., & **Downey, L. H.** (2020, May). *Staying the course: Continuing to evaluate Extension's good work*. In-service training for Mississippi State University Extension Service professionals, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H.**, & Peterson, D. J. (2020, May). *Staying true: Following Extension program planning best practices when developing online learning experiences*. In-service training for Mississippi State University Extension Service professionals, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H.** (2020, May). *HappyHealthy social marketing campaign—preliminary evaluation*. Presentation for professionals with the Mississippi State University Extension Service Extension Office of Nutrition Education, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H.** (2019, December). *National Youth Preparedness Initiative—Delaware evaluation protocol*. In-service training provided via Zoom for University of Delaware Extension Service professionals, Delaware.

**Downey, L. H.** (2019, October). *Levels of partnership*. In-service training for professionals with the Mississippi State University Extension Service Extension Office of Nutrition Education, Jackson, MS.

**Downey, L. H.** (2019, August). *National Youth Preparedness Initiative—Alaska evaluation protocol*. In-service training provided via Zoom for University of Alaska Extension Service professionals, Alaska.

**Downey, L. H.** (2019, May). *National Youth Preparedness Initiative—Missouri evaluation protocol*. In-service training provided via Zoom for University of Missouri Extension Service professionals, Missouri.

**Downey, L. H.** (2019, May). *Policy, systems, and environments that influence health*. In-service training for professionals with the Mississippi State University Extension Service Extension Office of Nutrition Education, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H.** (2019, May). *Identifying and building relationships with community partners*. Workshop for professionals with the Mississippi State University Extension Service Extension Office of Nutrition Education, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H.** (2018, May). *Photovoice as a community assessment method or evaluation technique*. In-service training via Zoom for University of Tennessee Extension Service professionals. Presented to University of Tennessee Extension Service professionals, Tennessee.

**Downey, L. H.** (2018, November). *National Youth Preparedness Initiative—Oregon evaluation protocol*. In-service training provided via Zoom for Oregon State University Extension Service professionals, Oregon.

Peterson, D. J., **Downey, L. H.**, & Morgan, M. S. (2018, November). *Data that matter: Using 4-H common measures 2.0*. In-service training for Mississippi State University Extension Service 4-H professionals, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H.** (2018, October). *National Youth Preparedness Initiative—Alabama evaluation protocol*. In-service training provided via Zoom for Alabama Cooperative Extension System professionals, Alabama.

Peterson, D. J., **Downey, L. H.**, & Morgan, M. S. (2018, May). *Using lesson studies to enhance 4-H programs*. In-service training for Mississippi State University Extension Service 4-H professionals, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H.**, & Hardman, A. M. (2018, May). *National Youth Preparedness Initiative—Nevada evaluation protocol*. In-service training provided via Zoom for University of Nevada Extension Service professionals, Nevada.

**Downey, L. H.** (2018, April). *National Youth Preparedness Initiative—South Dakota evaluation protocol*. In-service training provided via Zoom for South Dakota State University Extension Service professionals, South Dakota.

**Downey, L. H.**, Morgan, M. S., & Peterson, D. J. (2018, March). *Data that matter: Using 4-H common measures 2.0*. In-service training for Mississippi State University Extension Service 4-H professionals, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H., & Hardman, A. M.** (2018, February). *National Youth Preparedness Initiative—North Carolina evaluation protocol*. In-service training provided via Zoom for North Carolina State Extension Service professionals, North Carolina.

**Downey, L. H.** (2017, October). *National Youth Preparedness Initiative—Tennessee evaluation protocol*. In-service training provided for Tennessee Extension Service professionals, Tennessee.

**Downey, L. H.** (2017, September). In-service training provided for Virginia Tech Extension Service professionals, Virginia.

**Downey, L. H.** (2017, March). *National Youth Preparedness Initiative—Nebraska evaluation protocol*. In-service training provided for Nebraska Extension Service professionals, Nebraska.

Hardman, A. M., **Downey, L. H.**, & Peterson, D. J. (2016, August). *MSU Extension programming and evaluation overview 2016*. Workshop presented at the Mississippi State University Extension Service New Faculty Orientation, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H., & Peterson, D. J.** (2016, August). *Mississippi State University Extension Service program planning process: Questions and answers*. Presented to Extension Agents and Regional Specialists in the Northeast region, Verona, MS.

**Downey, L. H., & Peterson, D. J.** (2016, May). *Results of an environmental scan and evaluability assessment of 4-H Healthy Living programs*. Seminar delivered online to the National 4-H Healthy Living Management Team.

Peterson, D. J., **Downey, L. H.**, & Hardman, A. M. (2016, April). *MSU Extension programming and evaluation update 2016*. Presented to MSU Extension Specialists, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H., & Peterson, D. J.** (2015, December). *Using program evaluation results in your performance evaluation*. Presented at Mississippi State University Extension Service Coastal Research and Extension Center, Biloxi, MS.

**Downey, L. H.** (2015, December). *National Youth Preparedness Initiative—Mississippi evaluation protocol*. In-service training provided for MSU Extension Service professionals, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H.** (2015, November). *Rapid end-of-session evaluation*. Presented at Mississippi State University Extension Service Annual Conference, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H., & Peterson, D. J.** (2015, September). *Mississippi State University Extension Service program planning process: Questions and answers*. Presented to Extension Specialists in the coastal region, Mississippi State, MS.



**Downey, L. H.**, & Peterson, D. J. (2015, July). *Evaluating your 4-H robotics program*. Presentation at Mississippi State University Extension Service Agent and Volunteer In-Service Training, Mississippi State, MS.

Peterson, D. J., & **Downey, L. H.** (2015, July). *When is your program ready for replication and rigorous evaluation?* Presentation at the Program Evaluation Virtual Summer School hosted by the National Association of Extension Program and Staff Development Professionals, Southern Region Program Leadership Network, and University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture.

Peterson, D. J., Hardman, A., & **Downey, L. H.** (2015, June). *Evaluation 101: Logic models*. Guest lecture for Extension students on Bogor campus of Jakarta Fisheries University.

Peterson, D. J., Hardman, A., & **Downey, L. H.** (2015, June). *Evaluation 101: Domains and examples*. Guest lecture for Extension students on Bogor campus of Jakarta Fisheries University.

Peterson, D. J., Hardman, A., & **Downey, L. H.** (2015, June). *Evaluation 101: An introduction*. Guest lecture for Extension students on Bogor campus of Jakarta Fisheries University.

**Downey, L. H.**, Hardman, A., & Peterson, D. J. (2015, June). *Evaluation in human sciences*. Presentation at School of Human Sciences Brown Bag Seminar Series, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H.**, Hardman, A., & Peterson, D. J. (2015, April). *Mississippi State University Extension Service statewide plan of work*. Workshop presented at the Mississippi State University Extension Service Agriculture and Natural Resources In-service, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H.**, & Peterson, D. J. (2015, April). *Development of Extension agents' county plan of work*. Workshop presented at the Mississippi State University Extension Service Regional Extension Coordinator Orientation, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H.**, Hardman, A., & Peterson, D. J. (2015, March). *Mississippi State University Extension Service statewide plan of work*. Workshop presented at the Mississippi State University Extension Service 4-H and FCS In-service, Mississippi State, MS.

Downey, L. H. (2015, January). *Overview of Project: Expanding 4-H Healthy Living Programs to Rural Youth and Families in Mississippi and Tennessee*. Presentation at Expanding 4-H Healthy Living Program to Rural Youth & Families Professional Development Training, Memphis, TN.

Newman, M. E., Sexton, J., Peterson, D. J., & **Downey, L. H.** (2014, October). *Program planning, quarterly reports, evaluation, and assessment*. Presentation at the Orientation for New Extension Specialists, Mississippi State, MS.

Peterson, D. J., & **Downey, L. H.** (2014, June). *4-H Healthy Living environmental scan and evaluability study: Phases 1 and 2*. Workshop presented at the 4-H Healthy Living Management Team Meeting, Washington, DC (via Adobe Connect).

**Downey, L. H., & Peterson, D. J.** (2013, October). *4-H Healthy Living environmental scan and evaluability study: Phase 1*. Workshop presented at the 4-H Healthy Living Management Team Meeting, Washington, DC (via Adobe Connect).

Sexton, J., & Plan of Work Design Team (including **Downey, L. H.**) (2013, October). *Specialist Plan of Work workshop*. Presented at Mississippi State University Extension Service Specialist Plan of Work Workshop, Mississippi State, MS.

Sexton, J., & Plan of Work Design Team (including **Downey, L. H.**) (2013, September). *Agent Plan of Work workshop*. Presented at Mississippi State University Extension Service Agent Plan of Work Workshop, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H., & Peterson, D. J.** (2013, April). *Conducting an environmental scan of 4-H Healthy Living programs across the nation*. Presentation during the 4-H Healthy Living Liaison Conference Call (via Adobe Connect).

**Downey, L. H.** (2013, April & May). *Planning programs with impact*. Presented at workshop for Mississippi State University Extension Service specialists in the Department of Food Science, Nutrition, and Health Promotion, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H.** (2013, April). *Program planning and evaluation: Essential elements*. Presented at workshop for Mississippi State University Extension Personnel in Newton County, Decatur, MS.

Peterson, D. J., & **Downey, L. H.** (2013, March). *Stress-free quarterly reporting*. Presented at Mississippi State University Extension Service 4-H State In-Service Conference, Mississippi State, MS.

**Downey, L. H., & Peterson, D. J.** (2013, March). *Sharing your program successes: Impact reporting*. Presented at Mississippi State University Extension Service 4-H State In-Service Conference, Mississippi State, MS.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Service to the University

- *Member*, Mothering Committee, Mississippi State University (January 2019–present)
- *Member*, Search Committee for Human Research Protection Program Director, Mississippi State University (October–November 2017)
- *Member*, Community Engagement Committee, Mississippi State University (August 2016–present)
- *Member*, Service-Learning Advisory Committee, Mississippi State University (August 2016–present)
- *Member*, Institutional Effectiveness Review Committee, Mississippi State University (August 2013–May 2018)

- *Co-Planner* (with Dr. Julie Sexton), Faculty Retreat for the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, Mississippi State University (January–February 2012)
- *Member*, Faculty Senate, the University of Southern Mississippi (2010–2012)
  - *Secretary* (2011–2012)
  - *Member*, Awards Committee, Faculty Senate, the University of Southern Mississippi (2011–2012)
- *Co-chair*, Research and Scholarship Committee, Faculty Senate, the University of Southern Mississippi (2010–2011)
- *Member*, Academic Council, the University of Southern Mississippi (2010–2012)
  - Intercollegiate Committee, Academic Council, the University of Southern Mississippi
  - Academic Standards Committee, Academic Council, the University of Southern Mississippi

### **Service to the College/Extension Service**

- *Chair*, Search Committee, MSU Extension Agent I/Community Wellness Planner, MS (October 2019–September 2021) (18 Extension agent positions)
- *Member*, Mississippi State University Extension Intranet Committee, Mississippi State University (October 2016–May 2017)
- *Member*, Rural Medical Educator Program Advisory Board, Mississippi State University (May 2016–June 2019)
- *Member*, Mississippi State University Extension Service 2015 Annual Conference Planning Committee (September–October 2015)
  - Chair, Program Development Subcommittee
- *Member*, Mississippi State University Extension Service 2014 Annual Conference Planning Committee (September–October 2014)
  - Chair, Program Development Subcommittee
- *Chair*, Alumni Survey Committee, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Mississippi State University (June 2013–May 2014)
- *Member*, Curriculum Committee, College of Health, the University of Southern Mississippi (2006–2010)

### **Service to the Department/School**

- *Member*, Promotion and Tenure Committee, School of Human Sciences, Mississippi State University (August 2020–present)
- *Member*, Search Committee, Agricultural Education and International Ag Instructor position, School of Human Sciences, Mississippi State University (April–July 2020)
- *Chair*, Self-Study Committee for American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, School of Human Sciences, Mississippi State University (September 2017–March 2019)
- *Member*, Search Committee, Program and Staff Development Specialist, School of Human Sciences, Mississippi State University (August 2014–February 2015)

- *Chair*, Search Committee, Family Life Extension Specialist, School of Human Sciences, Mississippi State University (March–June 2014)
- *Library Representative*, School of Human Sciences, Mississippi State University (August 2013–July 2019)
- *Member*, Mission/Goals Committee, School of Human Sciences, Mississippi State University, (August 2013–July 2019)
- *Member*, Curriculum Committee, School of Human Sciences, Mississippi State University (August 2012–July 2015)
- *Member*, Search Committee, Agricultural Information Science and Education, School of Human Sciences, Mississippi State University (May–July 2014)
- *Member*, Search Committee, Consumer Economics Specialist, School of Human Sciences, Mississippi State University (March–June 2013)
- *Chair*, Instructor Search Committee, Department of Community Health Sciences, the University of Southern Mississippi (2010)
- *Member*, Undergraduate Assessment Committee, Department of Community Health Sciences, the University of Southern Mississippi (2008)
- *Member*, Curriculum Committee, Department of Community Health Sciences, the University of Southern Mississippi (2006–2010)
- *Member*, Student Awards Committee, Department of Community Health Sciences, the University of Southern Mississippi (2006–2012)
- *Member*, Tenure and Promotion Document Revisions Committee, Department of Community Health Sciences, the University of Southern Mississippi (2008)
- *Member*, Recruitment Committee, Department of Community Health Sciences, the University of Southern Mississippi (2007)
- *Member*, Self-Study Committee for the Council on Education in Public Health, Department of Community Health Sciences, the University of Southern Mississippi (2006)
- *Member*, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Community Health Sciences, the University of Southern Mississippi (2006)
- *Member*, Undergraduate/Allied Health Assessment Plan Committee, Department of Community Health Sciences, the University of Southern Mississippi (2006)

## Community Service

- *Accredited Leader*, La Leche League of Starkville/Columbus (August 2019–present)
- *Member*, Excel by 5 Coalition Meeting, Oktibbeha County, MS (September 2018–present)
- *Member*, Assistant Pastor Search Committee, First Presbyterian Church of Starkville, Starkville, MS (February 2017–July 2018)
- *Co-Leader*, Sunday School, First Presbyterian Church of Starkville, Starkville, MS (August 2013–July 2018)
- *Member*, Evangelism Committee, First Presbyterian Church of Starkville, Starkville, MS (August 2014–July 2015)

- *Member*, Search Committee for Aiken Village Preschool Director, Mississippi State University (April–May 2014)
- *Co-Leader*, AWANA® Children's Bible Study Club, First Presbyterian Church of Starkville, Starkville, MS (August–July 2013)
- *Organizer*, Lexington, Mississippi first annual Wellness Festival sponsored by the Mississippi State Office of Rural Health and Mississippi Rural Health Association (2010)
- *Consultant* (in-kind), Proposal developer, Mississippi Children's Museum and the Junior League of Jackson, MS (2006/2007)
- *Consultant* (in-kind), Facilitator Trainer, the University of Kentucky College of Public Health and The Foundation for Healthy Kentuckians, Lexington, KY (2006)
- *Volunteer*, Director of a photovoice project for youth at the East End Dayton Community Center, Dayton, OH (2006)
- *Volunteer*, Contributed a 12-part series on rural health titled "Health: Listening to Concerns and Discovering Solutions" in the *Licking Valley Courier*, Morgan County, KY (2005)
- *Volunteer*, Served on a fundraising committee for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Dayton, OH (2005)
- *Volunteer*, Served on a steering committee for planning the symposium, Harnessing the Power of Coalitions, Lexington, KY (2005)

### **Service to Professional Organization**

- *Member*, Evaluation Committee, Association of SNAP-Ed Nutrition Networks and Other Implementing Agencies (January 2020–September 2021)
- *Member*, Evaluation Workgroup, USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, Southeast Regional Office (October 2019–September 2021)
- *Co-Chair*, Finance Committee, National Association of Extension Program and Staff Development Professionals (January–December 2019)
- *Secretary*, National Association of Extension Program and Staff Development Professionals, (January 2016–January 2018)
- *Chair*, Program and Staff Development Committee, Southern Region Program Leadership Network (August 2015–August 2016)
- *Member*, Strategic Planning Committee, National Association of Extension Program and Staff Development Professionals (June–December 2015)
- *Member*, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, National Association of Extension Program and Staff Development Professionals, (January–December 2015)
- Contributor, American Evaluation Association, 365-A-Tip-a-Day for Evaluators, 2014
- *Vice-Chair*, Program and Staff Development Committee, Southern Region Program Leadership Network (August 2014–August 2015)
- *Proposal developer*, Mississippi Rural Health Association (2010)
- *Chair*, Conference planning committee, Mississippi Rural Health Association (2010)
- *President*, Mississippi Rural Health Association (2009)
- *Chair*, Conference planning committee, Mississippi Rural Health Association (2009)

- *President-elect*, Mississippi Rural Health Association (2008)
- *Member*, Conference planning committee, Mississippi Rural Health Association (2008)
- *Member*, Conference planning committee, Southern Rural Health Conference (2008)
- *Board Member*, Mississippi Rural Health Association (2006–2010)

## Editorial/Review Activities

- *Reviewer*, Mississippi State University Extension Service
- *Reviewer*, Journal of Human Sciences and Extension
- *Reviewer*, Health Promotion Practice—Journal of the Society for Public Health Educators
- *Reviewer*, Journal of Appalachian Health
- *Reviewer*, Community Development—Journal of the Community Development Society
- *Associate Editor*, Health and Wellness, Journal of Human Sciences and Extension (February 2012–July 2016)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- National Diversity in Extension Award, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, November 2021
  - *Coming Together for Racial Understanding* (various Land-grant Universities and Extension professionals)
- National Diversity in Extension Award, Southern Distinguished Team, Epsilon Sigma Phi, October 2020
  - *PROMISE Initiative* (David Buys, **Laura H. Downey**, Alisha Hardman, Mary Nelson Robertson, Ann Sansing, Holli Seitz, Je’Kylynn Steen, Amanda Stone)
- Excellence in Community Engagement—Engagement in Teaching and Learning Category—Award, Mississippi State University, November 2018
  - *Sweet Potato Challenge Innovation* (**Laura H. Downey**, Charles Freeman, Stephen Meyers)
- Duane H. Tucker Outstanding Extension Leadership Award, Mississippi State University Extension Service, October 2018
- Excellence in Teamwork, National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals, June 2017
  - *Civil Discourse on Race Relations* (Carolynne Abdullah, Manami Brown, Ron Brown, Alice Diebel, **Laura H. Downey**, Michelle Eley, Brent Elrod, Chris Geith, Bill Hare, Paul Lachapelle, Sally Miske, Richard Pirog, Timothy Shaffer, Rachel Welborn)
- Excellence in Teamwork, Southern Region, National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals, May 2015
  - *Turning the Tide on Poverty* (Patricia Dyk, Mary Emery, **Laura H. Downey**, Crystal Tyler-Mackey, Pamela Monroe, Rachel Welborn, Sheri Worthy)

- Faculty Member of the Month, College of Health, the University of Southern Mississippi, September 2011
- E.D. Kenna, Sr. Award, College of Health, the University of Southern Mississippi, May 2011
- Emerging Scholar Award, College of Health, the University of Southern Mississippi, May 2006
- Most Promising Researcher, College of Public Health, the University of Kentucky, May 2006
- Delta Omega (Public Health) Honor Society, the University of Kentucky, May 2006
- Alpha Kappa Delta (International Sociology Honor Society), Auburn University, May 2002
- Graduate Dean's Award for Excellence (2000–2001), Auburn University, May 2001