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POSITION TITLE: Associate Vice President for Health Equity, Outreach & Interprofessional Activities, University of Arizona Health Sciences; Senior Advisor & PI, Arizona Area Health Education Center Program; Endowed Chair & Director, Arizona Center for Rural Health; Professor of Public Health, Medicine & Nursing.

EDUCATION/TRAINING (*Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable. Add/delete rows as necessary.*)

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	Completion Date MM/YYYY	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ	M.D.	05/1984	Medicine
St. Joseph’s Hospital, Phoenix, AZ	Internship	06/1985	Internal Medicine
University of NM, Albuquerque, NM	Residency	12/1987	Family Medicine
RWJF Health Policy Fellowship, D.C.	Fellowship	08/2008	Health Policy

A. Personal Statement

I have 37 years of faculty experiences in applied health policy, outcomes, education, health workforce development and translational research that qualify me to conduct, analyze, publish and disseminate research; use these to inform the public, health providers and policymakers at the local, state and federal levels; and engage individuals and communities to develop and implement programs and initiatives to address unmet health needs in rural and urban underserved areas and populations.

As an example, CMS funded me in my role as Director of the New Mexico (NM) Office of Health Care Reform to establish NM’s Affordable Care Act state health insurance marketplace, now titled now titled BeWellnm. It now has more than 56,000 enrollees. I engaged advocates, institutions, insurers, providers, consumers and stakeholders in the process. Currently I direct the University of Arizona Center for Rural Health (AzCRH) and serve as senior advisor for the Arizona Area Health Education Center (AzaHEC) Program in my role as Associate Vice President in the Office of the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences.

I have been principal investigator (PI) of state, federal, private foundation and other grant awards of over \$100 million over my 37-year academic career, \$48M over 25 years as faculty at the University of New Mexico (UNM), and \$55M over 12 years as a professor at the University of Arizona (U of A). I served as PI of the 2015-18 CMS Navigator program and as an AzCRH subawardee with the Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers (AACHC) since then. I have served as PI of two state and federally designated and funded grant programs - the Arizona State Office of Rural Health (AzSORH) since 2013, funded by the State of Arizona and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) via a 3:1 state:federal match, and the AzaHEC Program (PI from 2020-23) funded by HRSA and the State of Arizona via a 1:1 state:federal match.

I have served as PI for the HRSA Rural Hospital Flexibility Program since 2013, the HRSA Flex EMS Supplement (2019-24) and HRSA Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP, 2013-18). Through our AzSORH, AzFlex and other programs, I work closely with Arizona’s 17 critical access hospitals (CAHs), 55 rural health clinics (RHCs) 32 of which are affiliated with Arizona critical access hospitals (CAHs), 44 Indian Health Service (IHS, n=16) and Tribal-operated (P.L. 638 Self-determination, n=28) clinics and hospitals, and the 26 community health center systems that operate 175 federally qualified health center (FQHC) sites.

I work closely with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) via Interagency Services Agreements (ISA's) on federal initiatives that are housed in AzCRH. These ISA's have included the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) and COVID Disparities (2021-23) initiatives, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Arizona First Responder Comprehensive Pain and Addiction (FR-CARA, 2017-22) Act and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT, 2019-21) Mentor initiatives to train first responders to administer naloxone to reverse opioid overdoses to save lives and have licensed health providers mentor new MAT providers to treat those with opioid related substance use disorders. This is important in Arizona because it shares 373 miles of border with Mexico, with illicit drugs laced with fentanyl that contribute to horrific morbidity and mortality consequences in rural and urban areas of the state.

In my role as Associate Vice President (VP) in the Office of the Senior VP for Health Sciences at the University of Arizona, I now serve as senior advisor for the state and federally funded and designated Arizona Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program working with the six AHEC Regional Centers in Arizona and the nine Rural Health Professions Programs (RHPPs) in collaboration with Arizona's three public universities with health professions training programs – University of Arizona (U of A), Arizona State University (ASU) and Northern Arizona University (NAU). The newest Arizona AHEC Regional Center – the American Indian Health AHEC – was created by state statute, began operations in September 2022 using state AHEC funding, and awarded matching federal HRSA funding in 2024.

From 07/01/2023 through 06/30/2024 the AzaAHEC Program in conjunction with the six established AzaAHEC Regional Centers and nine RHPPs provided 1,945 health professional students and trainees 4,028 community-based, experiential training (CBET) field experiences across Arizona for 570,351 learner contact hours. The AzaAHEC Program administers a \$5 million State of Arizona one time, non-lapsing appropriation to expand existing and create new primary care graduate medical education (GME) residency programs in collaboration with Arizona federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), critical access hospitals (CAHs), rural health clinics (RHCs) and tribal operated (P.L. 638 Indian Self-Determination) clinics and hospitals. In December 2024, the Halle Foundation awarded \$2 million to the U of A to expand on the state appropriation to create new primary care GME programs emphasizing rural, tribal, border and urban underserved areas.

I collect, analyze, report, and translate data to enhance community engagement and thereby improve health insurance coverage, use data to create health professional education programs to address unmet health needs including rural primary care residencies – graduate medical education (GME), physician assistant, nurse midwife, physical therapy and other health professions programs, and address sustained safety net financing and access to quality health care, emphasizing interprofessional, team and enhanced community-based service-learning models in rural and urban underserved areas.

As faculty at UNM and U of A I have chaired 47 statewide conferences and given 530 invited lectures. Since I returned to U of A in 2012, I have been interviewed, published, broadcasted, and disseminated in 467 print, radio, television, and social media venues. Our Center for Rural Health data visualizations, policy briefs, and educational materials are often cited in these multimedia venues – expanding our reach to provide trusted information to the public.

As PI of ongoing and recently completed funded projects, I highlight these three initiatives as examples:

FAIN: U77HP03034

Derksen (PI) from 9/1/20 to 9/30/23, now Senior Advisor (Leila Barraza JD, MP PI as of 10/1/23).

09/01/2022-08/31/2027

Title: HRSA-State of Arizona, Model State-Supported Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program

FAIN: H9500102

Derksen (PI)

07/01/2013-06/30/2026

Title: HRSA-State of Arizona, State Office of Rural Health (SORH)

FAIN: U2W33311
Derksen (PI)
09/01/2024 - 08/31/2029
HRSA, Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program (Flex)
ADHS18-185671

B. Positions, Scientific Appointments, and Honors

Academic Positions

2018 – Current Associate VP for Health Equity, Outreach & Interprofessional Activities
2013 – Current Walter H. Pearce Endowed Chair and Director, Arizona Center for Rural Health
2012 – Current Professor, College of Public Health (MEZCOPH), University of Arizona (UArizona)
2004 – 2012 Full Tenured Professor UNM HSC, Family & Community Medicine
1994 – 2004 Associate Professor with Tenure UNM HSC, Family & Community Medicine
1988 – 1994 Assistant Professor UNM HSC, Family & Community Medicine

Scientific Appointments and Honors

2021 – Present Chair, Arizona Academy of Family Physicians Legislative Task Force
2019 Alumnus of the Year, UAHS College of Medicine-Tucson
2018 Napolitano Alumnus Award, UNM College of Medicine, Albuquerque
2017 - 2018 President, Arizona Academy of Family Physicians
2015 - Present AZ Hospital & Healthcare Assoc. Small Rural Hospital Constituency Group
2014 - Present Steering Committee, ADHS, AZ Health Improvement Plan
2013 - 2014 Chair, Am Acad of Family Physicians (AAFP) Commission on Governmental Advocacy
2011 - 2014 Am. Hospital Assoc. Governing Council Section for Small/Rural Hospitals
2010 - Present Manuscript Reviewer: Am J Public Health; Health Aff, J Fam Pract.
2008 - 2009 President, New Mexico Medical Society
2007 - 2010 RWJ Health Policy Fellowship, Washington D.C. with U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman – researched, drafted ACA health workforce provisions (including Title V, Sec. 5508 Teaching Health Centers).
2005 Family Physician of the Year, New Mexico Academy of Family Physicians
2001- 2007 Director UNM Center for Community Partnerships
1999 - 2000 President, New Mexico Academy of Family Physicians
1997 - 2001 Director, UNM HSC Office of Rural Outreach
1994 -1999 Executive Director, Health Plan Development & Relations, UNM HSC: negotiated hospital and physician contracts with public and private payers

C. Contributions to Science

1. My contributions to science include applied health policy – translating health workforce and outcomes data to inform national health policy via congressional testimony and peer reviewed publications to reduce the uninsured, narrow health disparities, control costs and assure a well-trained and distributed health workforce.
 - a. Rural Health Care Disparities Created by Medicare Regulations and Payment to the U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health. Oral and Written Testimony: 2015, Washington DC. Pages 25-31.
 - b. Kaufman A, **Derksen D**, Alfero C, DeFelice R, Sava S, Tomedi A, Baptiste N, Jaeger L, Powell W. The Health Commons and care of New Mexico's uninsured. Ann Fam Med. 2006 Sep-Oct;4 Suppl 1(Suppl 1):S22-7; discussion S58-60. PMID: PMC1578665.
 - c. **Derksen DJ**. The Affordable Care Act: unprecedented opportunities for family physicians and public health. Ann Fam Med. 2013 Sep-Oct;11(5):400-2.; PMID: PMC3767706
 - d. **Derksen D**. Teaching health centers: a proven solution for primary care workforce needs. Acad Med. 2014 Jan;89(1):7.

2. I use data to inform public health policy at the institutional, local, state, federal and international levels. I do this through invited lectures, regional conferences, and print, radio, television, and social media interviews.
 - a. Stephanie Innes (Print Journalist): “Medicaid changes could give health coverage to 10,000 more kids. Here’s how.” Arizona Republic 02/21/2024 [My role: interviewee].
 - b. Phil Galewitz: “9 States Poised to End Coverage for Millions if Trump Cuts Medicaid Funding.” KFF News. 12/4/2024 [My role: Interviewee].
 - c. Andres Rendon [Television Journalist]: “Public universities across Arizona to increase access to health care.” KOLD 13, 1min:43sec 6/1/2023. [My Role: Interviewee].
 - d. Ingrid Cruz [Print Journalist]: The Post-COVID Doctor Shortage Is a Ticking Time Bomb: Here’s How to Defuse It. Daily Beast. 02/01/2022 [My Role: Interviewee].
3. My contributions include informing contemporary public health policy issues and discussions through print, radio, television, and social media.
 - a. Stephanie Innes [Print Media Health Journalist Arizona Republic]: Here’s Why an Estimated 500,000 Arizonans Are at Risk of Losing Their Medicaid Coverage. 3/23/2022 [My Role: Interviewee].
 - b. Nicholas Gerbis (Host): COVID-19 vaccination coverage higher in urban U.S. counties – except in Arizona. KJZZ 91.5 Radio on 03/15/2022. [My Role: Interviewee].
 - c. Christopher Conover: It’s been nearly a year. Why aren’t more Arizonans vaccinated? AZPM PBS The Buzz. From 13min:45sec to 20min on 10/22/2021. [My Role: Interviewee].
 - d. Ted Simons [Host]: Addressing Vaccines and other COVID Issues in Rural Arizona. Arizona Horizon. From 11min to 17 min on 7/22/2021. [My Role: Interviewee].
4. I provide expertise and assistance at the state level serving on the Arizona Department of Health Services Arizona Health Improvement Plan and the Arizona Academy of Family Physicians on their Legislative Task Force and at the national level through the National Governors Association’s Expert Roundtables & Policy Academies and other venues on health workforce, Medicaid and Medicare, graduate medical education (GME) and rural health. Presentation and citation examples include:
 - a. 50th Annual Rural Health Conference: Celebrating 50 Years of Connecting Arizona. Flagstaff, AZ. 6/4/2024 – 6/5/2024 [My Role: Conference Chair].
 - b. Arizona Overview.” 89th Meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health & Human Services.” Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA). On 10/25/2021 [Role: Presenter].
 - c. Authority for Health Workforce Data Collection. Panel Presentation at the National Governors Association’s: Addressing the Health Care Workforce Needs of a Modern Delivery System Using Data.” Washington, DC on 11/19/2019. [My Role: Presenter].
 - d. CNN Town Hall with Senator John McCain and Senator Lindsey Graham, broadcast nationally and internationally from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. At 22min:50sec on 3/1/2017 [My Role: Asked Sen. McCain a question on Medicaid caps & cuts, returning to 48 million uninsured].

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