

# **Dr. Jeremy M. Whitaker**

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## **Education**

Doctor of Education  
Focus Area: Health Education  
University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA

Degree Awarded  
May 2017

Master of Public Health  
Focus Area: Global Health  
University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Degree Awarded  
December 2005

Bachelor of Liberal Studies  
Focus Areas: Social Work, Public Relations  
University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA

Degree Awarded  
August 2003

## **Credential**

Certified in Public Health  
National Board of Public Health Examiners

Awarded  
March 2018

## **Professional Experience**

### **Program Director and Associate Professor – Allen College**

**1.2016 – Current**

- Develop, implement, and evaluate the curriculum for Bachelor of Health Science in Public Health – Health Care Leadership
- Act as the sole instructor for eight online courses public health courses annually
  - Includes: US Health Care System, Public Health Preparedness, Social Determinants of Health, Global Health, Health Care in Diverse Communities, Global Health
- Supervise and train five adjunct professors, both locally and remotely
- Teach doctoral courses in the Doctor of Education (Ed.D) program
- Served on five on dissertation committees in the Ed.D program
- Coordinate recruitment efforts with admissions department, including agreements with community colleges

### **Program Coordinator and Visiting Associate Professor – Wartburg College**

**8.2020 - 5.2023**

- Oversee curriculum development for the Bachelor of Arts – Public Health
- Teach five courses annually in subjects such as epidemiology, health policy, and statistics
- Advise all public health majors and minors, including internship placement statewide

**Director, Health Care Policy - Iowa Hospital Association**

**7.2013 - 8.2014**

- Collaborated and produced legislative agendas, policy briefs and presentations in conjunction with advocacy staff
- Oversaw the VoterVoice database (cloud-based solution for grassroots advocacy) – utilized database to send targeted legislative messages to elected officials.
- Managed robust website redesign and migration with a budget of less than \$1000, and maintained hospice and home care websites (www.hpcal.org and www.iahc.org); and
- Wrote, managed, and published five electronic newsletters for hospital, home care, and hospice associations.

**Instructor, Adjunct - University of Northern Iowa**

**8.2011 - 12.2012**

- Instructed Public Health and Health Promotion Evaluation for 3 semesters
- Instructed Health Advocacy, Social Action, and Policy Development

**Community Health Consultant - Iowa Department of Public Health**

**1.2008 - 7.2010**

- Managed Quitline Iowa and other contracts totaling \$3 million annually in the area of tobacco cessation:
  - Managing pharmaceutical distribution, evaluation, training, and marketing; and
  - Employing utilization analytics to make ongoing decisions related to call center operations.
- Coordinated strategic planning and reporting to the CDC for all objectives related to tobacco cessation
- Implemented Iowa Smokefree Air Act, including coordination with Attorney General's Office, conducting site visits, and answering questions from businesses, local government, and the public; and
- Acquired millions of dollars in funds for IDPH, including an award of \$635,000 in stimulus funding and an ongoing annual contract of over \$250,000 annually in federal matching funds from Iowa Medicaid Enterprise.

**Community Education Specialist - Shasta County Public Health**

**1.2006 - 1.2008**

- Coordinated a comprehensive syringe exchange, sales, and disposal program.
- Provided training and technical assistance for sexually transmitted disease education.
- Oversaw Pandemic Influenza Communication Plan, Extreme Heat Response, and Substance Abuse Prevention Strategic Plans.

**Meteorologist - United States Air Force**

**4.1998 - 8.2002**

- Provided weather support for aircrews, including forecasts, observations, and in-flight hazards.
- Issued severe weather alerts and warnings at Little Rock Air Force Base in a 24-hour duty station.
- Deployed to hostile fire zones in Tuzla, Bosnia in Winter 2000-2001 and Ali-Al Salem, Kuwait in Spring 2002.
- Received an honorable discharge in August 2002 after four years of service.

**Funding and Presentations**

**FUNDING**

Whitaker, J. (Primary Investigator). May 2018-May 2020. National Network of Libraries of Medicine Outreach Grant. Iowa Public Health Research Center at Allen College. \$11,500 annually. Provides library resources to public health organizations statewide.

Whitaker, J. (Primary Investigator). 2009. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Supplemental funding for state tobacco quitlines. \$635,000.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS**

Whitaker, J. (2024) Law Enforcement Views on Harm Reduction. Public Health Conference of Iowa. Des Moines, IA.

Whitaker, J. (2022) Public Health 3.0: A Primer for Iowa. Public Health Conference of Iowa. Ames, IA.

Whitaker, J. (2020) Bringing Public Health into the Classroom. Iowa Governor's Conference on Public Health (Virtual Presentation).

Whitaker, J. (2019) Bringing Public Health into the Classroom. National Health Science Conference. St. Louis, MO.

Whitaker, J. (2019) Health Career Education Partnerships in the Cedar Valley. UNI Education Summit. Cedar Falls, IA.

Whitaker, J. (2018) A Roadmap to Implementing Evidence-Based Policy for Chronic Disease. Iowa Governor's Conference on Public Health. Des Moines, IA.

Whitaker, J. (2018) Carving a Niche: Undergraduate Public Health as a Completion Degree. Undergraduate Public Health and Global Health Education Summit. Arlington, VA.

Whitaker, J. (2018) Is Zip Code the Most Important Determinant of Health. Wendt Conference on Character and Place. University of Dubuque.

Whitaker, J. (2017) An Evaluation of Primary Chronic Disease Prevention at Local Health Departments in Iowa. Poster. Improving Population Health: Now, Across People's Lives and Across Generations to Come. Austin, TX.

Whitaker, J. (2017). Misplaced Priorities: How County Health Departments Overlook the Leading Causes of Death. University of Northern Iowa 10th Annual Graduate Student Symposium.

Whitaker, J. and Oshel, J. Overview of Tobacco Prevention in Iowa. Prevention Symposium, Urbandale, IA. November 2009.

Whitaker, J. Chlamydia Screening Project – Male Survey Results. Annual California ClaSP Conference, Oakland, CA. June 2006.

McKenzie M., Deckert, A., Vert, H., and Whitaker, J. Disease Demonstration Project: Syringe Sales and Exchange. Shasta County Board of Supervisors Meeting, June 2006.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- First Place, Oral Presentation. 10th Annual Graduate Student Symposium. University of Northern Iowa (2017)
- National Institutes of Health Graduate Scholar in Health Disparities (2005, 2010)
- Golden Dome – Team of the Year, Office of the Iowa Governor (2009)
  - Enforcement of Smokefree Air Act

## **RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2021-2022

President, Iowa Public Health Association

Two-year term 2021-2022

Strategic plan core member, Black Hawk County Public Health

Blood Donor, LifeServe Blood Center

Health Initiative for People Who Use Drugs, Steering Committee Member. Iowa Department of Public Health

Radon Working Group, Iowa Cancer Consortium

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## **RECENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2023-2024

Wartburg College

SW 300 Social Policy

PBH 371 Public Health Internship (coordinator)

Allen College

PH 400 Introduction to Public Health

PH 410 The American Health Care System

PH 430 Epidemiology and Biostatistics

PH 420 Health Care in Diverse Communities

PH 450 Social Determinants of Health

PH 460 Public Health Preparedness

PH 420 Health Care in Diverse Communities

PH 476 Introduction to Global Health

PH 495 Management, Law, and Ethics

PH 499 Capstone Project in Public Health

2022-2023

Wartburg College

PBH 101 Introduction to Public Health

PBH 210 Health Statistics

PBH 255 Applied Public Health Practice (travel course)

PBH 301 Health Policy

PBH 371 Public Health Internship (coordinator)

Allen College

EDD 710 Leading a Health Sciences Organization

PH 400 Introduction to Public Health

PH 410 The American Health Care System

PH 420 Health Care in Diverse Communities

PH 450 Social Determinants of Health

PH 460 Public Health Preparedness

PH 476 Introduction to Global Health

PH 495 Management, Law, and Ethics

PH 499 Capstone Project in Public Health