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## ABOUT ME

I am an expert in the application of public policy, research, programming, and multi-sector partnership tools to foster public health protection. I have experience with integrating the equity lens into programs, practices, and policies. I have worked 18 years in the federal public sector as a regulatory environmental health scientist, and science and policy advisor to programs on environmental justice and minority health. For four of these years, I led the implementation of a non-regulatory national initiative by a coalition of multi-sector leaders at the federal, regional, state, and local levels to promote health equity. I deeply appreciate the value of knowledge. I am an adjunct faculty in the environmental health department at the University of Maryland, College Park. I have designed and delivered public policy curricula and lectures for the RWJF Culture of Health Leaders Program (COHL), and the Kaiser Permanente Institute for Equitable Leadership.

I have published on topics such as: state-level infrastructure for promoting health equity; funding and capacity needs for health equity programming within state-level chronic disease programs; aligning program missions, functions, and outcomes with health equity; integrating environmental justice issues in environmental regulatory decision making; and aligning multiple resource streams for health equity. I have convened national leaders to offer strategic input on emerging topics such as cross-sector collaboration and resource alignment for health equity.

I offer technical assistance to leaders/advocates/communities interested in either using public policy as a tool for change in any sector, and/or integrating the equity lens in policies, programs, and practices in both the public and private sectors. I earned a doctorate degree in Environmental Health Science from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, and a master's degree in Environmental and Occupational Health from St. Louis University, Missouri.

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