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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Bachelor of Arts/1992	Reed College, <i>Psychology</i>
Master of Science/1999	Harvard School of Public Health, <i>Health and Social Behavior</i>
Master of Science/2002	Harvard School of Public Health, <i>Maternal and Child Health</i>
Doctor of Science/2005	Harvard School of Public Health, <i>Society, Human Development and Health</i>
Doctor of Philosophy/2006	Karolinska Institute, <i>Medical Sciences</i>
Postdoctoral Research Fellow	Harvard School of Public Health, <i>Environmental Health</i>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, July 2008-present, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Department of International Health

Duties include conducting research, teaching, committee work, and supervision of doctoral and masters students primarily in the Social and Behavioral Interventions Program.

2009-present ***Joint Appointment***, Department of Health, Behavior and Society, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University.

2010-present ***Joint Appointment***, Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University.

Faculty Affiliate (Johns Hopkins University)

- Center for Public Health and Human Rights
- Women and Children's Health Policy Center
- Center for Global Health
- Hopkins Population Center
- Center for Human Nutrition
- Global Center for Obesity Prevention

Research Associate/Consultant, 2007-2009, Harvard Medical School, Department of Global Health and Social Medicine

Primary responsibility was to oversee a feasibility study of a psychosocial intervention working with HIV-affected youth in rural Haiti in conjunction with the non-governmental organization Partners In Health.

Research Fellow, August 2005-July 2008, Harvard School of Public Health, Department of Environmental Health

Collaborated with an interdisciplinary team of researchers to bring together the fields of environmental health with social epidemiology. Engaged in research and supervision of masters students.

Research Assistant, 2001-2002, Harvard School of Public Health, Department of Maternal and Child Health

Examined correlates of post-partum depression within a multi-ethnic population of women in the Boston area. Conducted statistical analysis and review of the pertinent literature on this topic.

Program Evaluator, 1999-2000, Boston Department of Public Health

Conducted statistical analysis to evaluate a radio campaign on adolescent underage drinking. Surveys were carried out with parents of teenagers in several areas of Massachusetts, including Boston.

Intervention Study Development, 2000, Harvard School of Public Health, Department of Maternal and Child Health

Developed scripts for telephone counselors to use in an intervention study focusing on physical activity and dietary behaviors for postpartum women's health. Scripts incorporated motivational interviewing techniques. Assessed survey measures to be included in the evaluation.

Health Educator, 1997-1999, Community Asthma Project, Harvard School of Public Health

Conducted qualitative data collection and analysis. Facilitated qualitative focus groups to pilot-test materials related to the development of a dictionary on asthma for low-literacy readers in English and Spanish. Conducted intercept interviews in parks, hospitals and community centers, and individual interviews with teachers at adult learning centers.

Qualitative Data Analyst, 1998, Cambridge Public Health Department

Analyzed qualitative data for the *Agenda for Children* to establish city-wide priorities for children in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Summarized recommendations for the city council. Surveyed 'at risk' youth about health care needs.

Rural/Urban Healthcare Interviewer, 1996-1997, Bureau of Sociological Research, University of Nebraska

Conducted both qualitative and structured interviews with both rural and urban Nebraskans on medical accessibility for people with depression and alcohol problems. Made home visits and conducted telephone interviews about stressful life events and formal and informal health resources.

Fulbright Grantee, 1994-1996, Hospital San Ignacio, Bogotá, Colombia

Evaluated and aided children with learning disabilities. Conducted neuropsychological tests with patients and participated in research on their cognitive functioning. Attended psychiatry rounds in hospital and received patients in inpatient and outpatient mental health services. Served as teacher's assistant in a physiology class for medical students.

Research Assistant in Psychiatry, 1992-1993, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Portland, Oregon

Researched side effects of anti-psychotic medications, alcohol use in the elderly, and violence in the emergency room. Evaluated patients on the severity of involuntary movements, administered short psychiatric and mini-mental exams, and conducted interviews on alcohol and drug use. Completed chart reviews and conducted data analysis.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

National Society Leadership Activities

Co-Chairperson, International Maternal Child Health Section Leadership Committee, American Public Health Association (2012- 2014).

Society Memberships

World Psychiatric Association - Section on Epidemiology and Public Health (2014- now)
Society for Research in Child Development (2011)
Global Health Council (2011)
American Public Health Association (1999-2005, 2011-2015)
Society for Public Health Education (2002)
American Society for Nutritional Sciences (2002)
Health and Human Rights working group, Harvard School of Public Health (1997-1999)
Women in Public Health working group, Harvard School of Public Health (1997-1998)

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Board Membership

Maternal Child Health Journal (2014-present)
Women's Health Bulletin (2014-present)

Guest Editor

Special Issue, 'Current Issues in Maternal and Child Health in Latin America'. *International Journal of Population and Research* (forthcoming)

Peer Review

Addictive Behaviors (2007); *American Journal of Epidemiology* (2008,2012); *American Journal of Public Health* (2010); *BMJ Open* (2011,2012); *BMC Pediatrics* (2011); *Economics and Human Biology* (2011;2014); *Journal of Women's Health* (2008,2012); *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health* (2010; 2015); *Journal of Developmental Origins of Health and Disease* (2010); *Journal of Food Science* (2012); *Journal of Nutrition* (2011,2014); *Journal of the Pan American Health Organization* (2013); *Journal of Pediatrics* (2009-2011); *Maternal and Child Health Journal* (2010, 2014); *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences* (2013); *Pan African Medical Journal* (2010); *Pediatrics* (2009,2012,2013); *Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiology* (2004-2006; 2011); *PlosOne* (2013); *Public Health Nutrition* (2011;2014); *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology* (2011); *Social Science and Medicine* (2006-2010, 2012-2013).

Grant Reviewer

Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan, External reviewer for Kazakhstani scientific research proposals, National Centre of Science and Technology Evaluation (December 2014)

Department of Health and Human Services (HRSA), Maternal and Child Health Bureau – R40 MCH Research Program Grant Reviewer (November 17-18, 2011)

Young Epidemiology Scholars, *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation* (2006)

Abstract Reviewer

Maternal and Child Health Section Abstracts, *American Public Health Association* (2005-2014)

Woman's/Maternal Health Abstracts and Mental Health Abstracts, 16th and 17th Annual CDC Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology (MCH EPI) Conference (2010-11)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Fulbright Grant, US State Department - Institute of International Education, Bogotá, Colombia (1994-1996)
- Co-Chair for Women in Public Health, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA (1997-1998)
- David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Pre-dissertation Research Grant, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA (1999)
- Student Coordinating Committee Department Representative, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA (1999-2000)
- Frederick Sheldon Fellowship, Committee on General Scholarships, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (2000)
- Seiden-Denny Scholarship in Children's Health, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA (2000-2001)
- Graduate Student Research Associate, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Cambridge MA (2001-2002)
- Uwe Brinkmann Travel Fellowship, Department of Population & International Health, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA (2002)
- Harvard Injury Control Research Center Seed Grant, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA (2003)
- Maternal Child Health Section Student Fellow, American Public Health Association, Washington DC (2002-2003)
- Society for Public Health Education Student Fellow in Injury Prevention, Society for Public Health Education/Centers for Disease Control, Washington DC & Atlanta GA (2002-2003)
- Thord-Gray Memorial Fellowship, American Scandinavian Foundation Fellowship to Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden (2002-2003)
- Doctoral Student Award, Association for Women in Science, Bethesda, MD (2003)
- Vera Bellus Fellowship, Committee on General Scholarships, Harvard University, Boston, MA (2003)
- Outstanding Student Paper in Maternal and Child Health Award, 131st Annual Meeting, American Public Health Association Meeting (2003)
- Catherine E. Philbin Public Health Scholarship, Women's Clubs of Massachusetts, Sudbury, MA (2004)
- Research Stipend, Karolinska Institute, Division of Clinical Cancer Epidemiology, Stockholm, Sweden (2005-2006)
- Guest Scholarship, Department of Education and Research, Swedish Institute, Stockholm, Sweden (declined) (2006-2007)

NIH Loan Repayment Program in Pediatrics, ‘Lead exposure, neurodevelopment, and child development,’ National Institutes of Health, Bethesda MD (2006-2008)

NIH Loan Repayment Program in Pediatrics – Renewal, ‘Nutritional, social and environmental influences on child development’, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD (2009-2010).

NIH Loan Repayment Program in Pediatrics -- Renewal, ‘Social and biological influences on maternal and child health’, National Institute of Child Health and Development, NIH, Bethesda, MD (2014-2015)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

1. Poon PG, *Houston K, Shrestha A, Rayamajhi R, Thapa L, **Surkan PJ**. Nepali widows’ access to legal entitlements: a human rights issue. *Human Rights Quarterly* (in press).
2. *Sabri B, *Saberwal S, Decker MR, Shrestha A, Sharma K, Thapa L, **Surkan PJ**. Violence against widows in Nepal: Experiences, coping behaviors and barriers to seeking help. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* (in press).
3. *Lee RM, *Rothstein J, *Gergen J, *Zachary DA, Palmer AM, Gittelsohn JG, **Surkan PJ**. Process evaluation of a comprehensive supermarket intervention in a low-income Baltimore community. *Health Promotion Practice*. (in press)
4. *Shin AH, **Surkan PJ**, *Coutinho AJ, Suratkar S, Kramer RF, Rowan MT, Sharma S, *Dennisuk LA, *Cook M, *Gass A, Gittelsohn J. Impact of Baltimore Healthy Eating Zones: An environmental intervention to reduce obesity and obesity-related factors among African-American youth. *Health Education & Behavior* (in press).
5. *Brown NA, Clegg Smith K, Johnson Thornton R, Bowie JV, **Surkan PJ**, Thompson DA, Levine DM. Gathering perspectives on extended family influence on African-American children’s physical activity. *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice* (in press).
6. **Surkan PJ**, *Charles MK, Katz J, Siegel EH, Khatry SK, LeClerq SC, Stoltzfus RJ, Tielsch JM. The role of zinc and iron-folic acid supplementation on early child temperament and eating behaviors in rural Nepal. *PLOS One* (in press).
7. *Conserve DF, Eustache E, Oswald CM, Louis E, Scanlan F, Mukherjee JS, **Surkan PJ**. Maternal HIV illness and its impact on child well-being and development in Haiti. *Journal of Child and Family Studies* (in press).
8. *Dalglis SL, Melchior M, Younès N, **Surkan PJ**. Relationship between occupational factors and suicidal thoughts in young adults in France. *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology* (in press).
9. *Sakyi KS, **Surkan PJ**, Fombonne E, Chollet A, Melchior M. Childhood social isolation and psychological difficulties in young adulthood: an 18 year follow-up study *European Child & Adolescent Psychiatry* (in press).
10. *Patel S, **Surkan PJ**. Unwanted childbearing and household food insecurity in the United States. *Maternal and Child Nutrition* (in press).

11. *Salehi-Abargouei A, Shiranian A, Ehsani S, **Surkan PJ**, Esmailzadeh A. Caesarean delivery is associated with childhood general obesity but not abdominal obesity in Iranian elementary school children. *Acta Paediatr* (in press).
12. *Conserve DF, Whemoloua LG, **Surkan PJ**. Attitudes towards intimate partner violence and the association with condom use among men in Haiti: An analysis of the nationally representative Demographic Health Survey. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* (in press).
13. **Surkan PJ**, *Broaddus E, Shrestha A, Thapa L. Non-disclosure of widowhood in Nepal: Implications for women and children. *Global Public Health* (in press).
14. Melchior M, *Prokofyeva E, Younès N, **Surkan PJ**, Martins SS. Health service use among individuals with illegal drug use disorders: the role of comorbid common psychiatric disorders. *BMC Psychiatry* (in press).
15. *Houston KT, **Surkan PJ**, Katz J, West KP, LeClerq SC, Christian P, Wu L, Dali SM, Khatri SK. Deaths due to injury including violence among Nepali women of childbearing age: A verbal autopsy analysis. *Injury Prevention* (in press). (Selected for inclusion in a special themed issue to highlight the 'best in global injury science' along with commentary from the WHO division of violence and injury prevention.)
16. Hart T, Mustanski B, Ryan DT, Gorbach PM, Stall RD, **Surkan PJ**, Plankey M. Depression and sexual dysfunction among HIV-positive and HIV-negative men who have sex with men: Mediation by antidepressant and stimulant use. *Archives of Sexual Behavior* (in press).
17. *Rodman SO, Palmer AM, *Zachary DA, *Hopkins L, **Surkan PJ**. "They just say organic food is healthier": Perceived health benefits of organic food among supermarket shoppers in Southwest Baltimore. *Culture, Agriculture, Food and Environment* 2014; 36(2):83-92.
18. *Rouhani MH, *Salehi-Abargouei A, **Surkan PJ**, Azadbakht L. Is there a relationship between red or processed meat intake and obesity? A systematic review and meta-analysis of observational studies. *Obesity Reviews* 2014; 15(9):740-8.
19. *Conserve D, King G, Eustache E, Louis E, Oswald CM, Scanlan F, Mukherjee JS, **Surkan PJ**. Disclosure and impact of maternal HIV+ serostatus on children participating in a psychosocial intervention in rural Haiti. *Maternal and Child Health* 2014;18(10): 2309-2315.
20. *Ruark A, Dlamini L, Maziuko N, Green EC, Kennedy C, Nunn A, Flanigan T, **Surkan PJ**. Love, lust, and the emotional context of concurrent sexual partnerships among young Swazi adults. *African Journal of AIDS Research* 2014, 13(2): 133–143.
21. **Surkan PJ**, *Ettinger AK, *Hock RS, Ahmed S, Strobino D, Minkovitz CS. Early maternal depressive symptoms and child growth trajectories. *BMC Pediatrics* 2014; 14(1):185.
22. *Pollard SL, *Wingert K, *Zachary DA, *Schofield S, **Surkan PJ**. Family and community influences on diabetes-related dietary change in a low-income, urban neighborhood. *Diabetes Educator* 2014; 40(4): 462-469.

23. Azadbakht L, Izadi V, **Surkan PJ**, Esmailzadeh A. Effect of a high protein weight loss diet on high sensitivity C-reactive protein and cardiovascular risk among overweight and obese women: A parallel clinical trial. *International Journal of Endocrinology* 2013; 971724. doi: 10.1155/2013/971724.
24. *Wingert K, *Zachary DA, Fox MJ, Gittelsohn J, **Surkan PJ**. Child as change agent: The potential of children's influence to increase healthy food purchasing. *Appetite* 2014; 81: 330-336.
25. Friedman MR, Stall RD, Plankey M, Silvestre AJ, Mustanski B, Shoptaw S, **Surkan PJ**, Rinaldo CR. Stuck in the middle: Longitudinal HIV-related health disparities among men who have sex with men and women. *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes* 2014; 66(2):213-20.
26. Melchior M, Chollet A, Fombonne E, **Surkan PJ**, Dray-Spira R. Internet and video game use in relation to overweight in young adults: The French TEMPO study. *American Journal of Health Promotion* 2014; 28(5):321-324.
27. *Saleem HT, **Surkan PJ**. Parental pregnancy wantedness and child social-emotional development. *Maternal and Child Health Journal* 2014; 18(4): 930-938.
28. *Haviland M, Shrestha A, Decker MR, Kohrt B, Kafle HM, Lohani S, Thapa L, **Surkan PJ**. Barriers to sexual and reproductive health care among widows in Nepal. *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics* 2014; 125: 129-133.
29. *Brown NA, Johnson Thornton RL, Clegg Smith K, **Surkan PJ**, Levine DM. "It's like Big Mama's house": Examining the cultural and familial contexts of dietary socialization practices in African American extended families. *Ecology of Food and Nutrition* 2014;53(2):149-70.
30. *Parrish C, **Surkan PJ**, Martins SS, Gattaz WF, Andrade LH, Viana MC. Childhood abuse and neglect and adult onset of hypertension and heart disease in São Paulo, Brazil. *Preventing Chronic Disease* 2013; 10: E205.
31. *Lam Y, *Broaddus ET, **Surkan PJ**. Literacy and healthcare-seeking among women with low educational attainment: analysis of cross-sectional data from the 2011 Nepal Demographic Health Survey *International Journal for Equity and Health* 2013; 12(1):95.
32. Miraghajani MS, Najafabadi MM, **Surkan PJ**, Esmailzadeh A, Mirlohi M, Azadbakht L. Soy milk consumption and blood pressure among type 2 diabetic patients with nephropathy. *Journal of Renal Nutrition* 2013;23(4):277-282.
33. *Prokofyeva E, Martins SS, Younès N, **Surkan PJ**, Melchior M. Access to treatment in case of major depression: the role of family history. *Journal of Affective Disorders* 2013;151(2):461-6.
34. Rahman A, **Surkan PJ**, Cayetano C, Rwagatare P, Dickson K. Maternal mental health as a key component of maternal and child health programs. *PLoS Medicine* 2013; 10(5):e1001442.
35. *Hanif H, Bastos FI, Malta M, Bertoni N, **Surkan PJ**, Winch P, Kerrigan D. Individual and contextual factors of influence on adherence to antiretrovirals among people attending public clinics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. *BMC Public Health* 2013;13(1):574.
36. *Zachary DA, Palmer AM, *Beckham S, **Surkan PJ**. A framework for understanding grocery purchasing in a low-income urban environment. *Qualitative Health Research* 2013; 23(5):665-78.

37. *Lapedis JB, *Layer EH, *Houston KT, *Levy SA, *West M, **Surkan PJ**. Perspectives on transitioning East Baltimore's uninsured from an emergency department to federally qualified health centers. *Californian Journal of Health Promotion* 2013; 11(1): 109-121.
38. **Surkan PJ**, Siegel EH, *Patel S, Katz J, Khatri SK, Stoltzfus RJ, LeClerq SC, Tielsch JM. Effects of zinc and iron supplementation fail to improve motor and language milestone scores of infants and toddlers. *Nutrition* 2013; 29(3): 542-548.
39. Murray LK, *Singh NS, **Surkan PJ**, Semrau K, Bass J, Bolton P. A qualitative study of Georgian youth who are on the street or institutionalized. *International Journal of Pediatrics* 2012; 921604.
40. *Bonn S, **Surkan PJ**, Lagerros YT, Bälter KA. Feasibility of a novel web-based physical activity questionnaire for young children. *Pediatric Reports* 2012; 6:4(4):e37
41. **Surkan PJ**, *Ettinger AK, Ahmed S, Minkovitz CS, Strobino D. Impact of maternal depressive symptoms on growth of preschool- and school-aged children. *Pediatrics* 2012; 130(4):e847-55.
42. *Sakya K, Melchior M, Chollet A, **Surkan PJ**. The combined effects of parental divorce and parental history of depression on cannabis use in young adults in France. *Drugs and Alcohol Dependence* 2012; 126(1-2):195-9.
43. *Chen Y, Latkin C, Celentano DD, Yang X, Xia G, Li X, Miao J, **Surkan PJ**. Delineating interpersonal communication networks: A study of the diffusion of an intervention among female entertainment workers in Shanghai, China. *AIDS and Behavior* 2012; 16(7):2004-14.
44. **Surkan PJ**, *Shankar M, Katz J, Siegel EH, LeClerq SC, Khatri SK, Stoltzfus RJ, Tielsch JM. Beneficial effects of zinc supplementation on head circumference of Nepalese infants and toddlers. *European Journal of Clinical Nutrition* 2012; 66(7):836-42.
45. Bolton P, **Surkan PJ**, Gray A, Desmousseaux M. The mental health and psychosocial effects of structural violence: A qualitative study in northern Haiti. *Transcultural Psychiatry* 2012; 49 (3-4):590-612.
46. **Surkan PJ**, *Kiihl SF, *Kozuki N, *Carvalho Vieira LM. Social support of low-income Brazilian mothers related to time to completion of childhood vaccinations. *Human Vaccines and Immunotherapeutics* 2012; 8(5): 507-604.
47. Smith Fawzi MC, Eustache E, Oswald C, Louis E, **Surkan PJ**, Scanlan F, Hook S, Mancuso A, Mukherjee JS. Psychosocial support intervention for HIV-affected families in Haiti: Implications for programs and policies for orphans and vulnerable children. *Social Science and Medicine* 2012; 74(10):1494-503.
48. *Hock RS, Or F, Kolappa K, Burkey M, **Surkan PJ**, Eaton WW. Resolutions for global mental health. *The Lancet* 2012; 379(9824):1367-1368.
49. **Surkan PJ**, *Fielding-Miller RJ, Melchior M. Parental relationship satisfaction in French young adults associated with alcohol abuse and dependence. *Addictive Behaviors* 2012; 37:313-317.

50. **Surkan PJ**, Gottlieb BR, McCormick MC, Hunt A, Peterson KE. Impact of a health promotion intervention on maternal depressive symptoms at 15 months postpartum. *Maternal Child Health Journal* 2012; 16(1):139-148.
51. *Hu A, Loo E, Winch PJ, **Surkan PJ**. Filipino women's tuberculosis care seeking experience in an urban poor setting: a socio-ecological perspective. *Health Care for Women International* 2012; 33:1, 29-44.
52. **Surkan PJ**, *Poteat T. Relevance of the quality of partner relationships and maternal health to early child wellness. *Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics* 2011; 32(4):292-300.
53. Azadbakht L, Rouhani MH, **Surkan PJ**. Omega-3 fatty acids, insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes. *Journal of Research in Medical Sciences* 2011;16(10):1259-60.
54. **Surkan PJ**, Kennedy KE, Hurley KM, Black MM. Maternal depression and early childhood growth in developing countries: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* 2011; 287:607–615D. (Chosen as the "feature article" of the month by the journal editorial board. Also, noted by the journal as the most downloaded article of the month.)
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56. Azadbakht L, **Surkan PJ**, Esmailzadeh A, Willett WC. Effects of the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) eating plan on C-reactive protein, coagulation abnormalities and hepatic functional tests among type 2 diabetic patients: A randomized cross-over clinical trial. *Journal of Nutrition* 2011;141(6):1083-8.
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58. **Surkan PJ**, *Coutinho AJ, *Christiansen K, *Dennisuk LA, Suratkar S, Mead E, Sharma S, Gittelsohn J. Healthy food purchasing among African-American youth, associations with child gender, adult caregiver characteristics and the home food environment. *Public Health Nutrition* 2011; 14(4) 670-677.
59. Azadbakht L, Pour Fard NR, Karimi M, Baghaei MH, **Surkan PJ**, Rahimi M, Esmailzadeh A, Willett WC. Effects of the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) eating plan on cardiovascular risks among type 2 diabetic patients: A Randomized Cross-Over Clinical Trial. *Diabetes Care* 2011; 34(1):55-7.
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61. Smith-Fawzi MC, Eustache E, Oswald C, **Surkan PJ**, Louis E, Scanlan F, Wong R, Li M, Mukherjee J. Psychosocial functioning among HIV-affected youth and their caregivers in Haiti: Implications for family-focused service provision in high HIV burden settings. *AIDS Patient Care and STDs* 24(3):147-58, 2010.

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63. **Surkan PJ**, Rådestad I, Cnattingius S, Steineck G, Dickman PW. Social support after stillbirth for prevention of maternal depression. *Acta Obstetrica et Gynecologica Scandinavica* 2009; 88(12):1358-64.
64. Rådestad I, **Surkan PJ**, Steineck G, Cnattingius S, Onelöv E, Dickman PW. Long-term outcomes of mothers having held their pre-term or stillborn baby. *Midwifery* 2009; 25(4):422-9.
65. **Surkan PJ**, Wypij D, Trachtenberg F, Daniel DB, Barregård L, McKinlay S, Bellinger DC. Neuropsychological function in school-age children with low mercury exposures. *Environmental Research* 2009; 109(6):728-33.
66. Bassini D, **Surkan PJ**, Olinto MT. Inadequate use of prenatal services among Brazilian women: The role of maternal characteristics. *International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* 2009; 35(1):15–20.
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68. **Surkan PJ**, Rådestad I, Cnattingius S, Steineck G, Dickman PW. Events following a stillbirth in relation to maternal depressive symptoms. *Birth* 2008; 35(2):153-157.
69. **Surkan PJ**, Steineck G, Kreichbergs U. Perceptions of a mental health questionnaire: The ethics of using population-based controls. *Journal of Medical Ethics* 2008; 34(7):545-547.
70. **Surkan PJ**, Schnaas L, Wright RJ, Téllez-Rojo MM, Lamadrid-Figueroa H, Hu H, Hernández-Avila M, Bellinger DC, Schwartz J, Perroni E, Wright RO. Maternal self-esteem, exposure to lead, and child neurodevelopment. *Neurotoxicology* 2008; 29(2):278-85.
71. **Surkan PJ**, Kawachi I, Ryan LM, Berkman LF, Vieira LM, Peterson KE. Maternal depressive symptoms, parenting self-efficacy and child growth. *American Journal of Public Health* 2008; 98(1):125-132.
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Additional Community Outreach

- Dissemination briefing on methods and implementation of the “Eat Right/Live Well” Supermarket Intervention for Dr. Eve A. Lehrman, Obesity Analyst, Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention and Tobacco Control and Rhonda Johnson the Acting Director of Food Access and Community Health Programs, New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, January 28, 2014

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Personal statement of research objectives

My research centers on how social and psychosocial determinants influence maternal and child health in international as well as domestic settings. Much of my work has been to study intergenerational influences on child health, for instance to examine the role of maternal mental health, social relations, support, and familial environment on early growth and childhood development. My experience spans both quantitative and

qualitative methods and is cross-disciplinary. This research focuses on examining interactions between social conditions and other factors, such as behaviors and environmental exposures, that impact health. I am committed to conducting interventions, research that will inform interventions, or that can improve the health of underserved populations and help alleviate health disparities. International collaborations have included work in Brazil, Sweden, Haiti, Iran, Nepal, Bangladesh, France, and Mexico.

Keywords

Social epidemiology, social conditions, social support, social justice, mental health, reproductive health, nutrition, child growth, cognitive and social development, health disparities, international health