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### A. Education

M.D. (Equivalent, US Medical Board Eligible), Nanjing Medical College, China, 1984

M.S. Nutrition, University of Nevada, Reno, 1994

Ph.D. Environmental Health & Sciences (Epidemiology Focus), University of Nevada, Reno, 1997

#### B. Positions and Honors.

# **Positions and Employment**

1984-1991	Physician and Medical Epidemiologist, Jiangsu Occupational Medicine Institute, China
1992-1994	Graduate Assistant, Nutritional Epidemiology, University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada
1994-1996	Research Scientist, Environmental Epidemiology, University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada
1996-2006	State Chief Biostatistician, Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
1999-2006	Director, State Center for Health Data and Research, Nevada DHHS, Carson City
2007-present	Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics
2007-present	Executive Director, Nevada Center for Surveys, Evaluation and Statistics, University of
	Nevada, Reno
2017-present	Lead, Division of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Environmental Health, School of
	Community Health Sciences, University of Nevada, Reno

# Other Experience and Professional Memberships (selected)

2004-2007	Chair, Nevada Statewide Behavior Health Surveillance Advisory Committee
2006-	Member, Nevada Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Agency, Epi Working Group
2006-2007	Interim Bureau Chief, Nevada State Bureau of Health Planning and Statistics
2009-2009	Chair, Nevada Governor's Panel on ARRA Health Information and Technology
2012-2016	Graduate Director, School of Community Health Sciences, University of Nevada, Reno
2016-2016	Chair, Committee of Transition for School of Community Health Sciences Independence
	from the Division of Health Sciences, UNR
2015-2018	Member, University Promotion and Tenure Committee, University of Nevada, Reno

### C. Teaching Experience

# Student Advisory:

As chair: 5 Ph.D. students; 26 master students;

As advisory committee member: more 60 PhD and master students.

### Courses Taught:

CHS230 Introduction to Environmental Health

CHS280 Introduction to Biostatistics

CHS725 Environmental Health

CHS739 Cancer Epidemiology

CHS724 Environmental Epidemiology

CHS753 Health Informatics

# D. Research Support (Selected)

### Ongoing

PI: Wei Yang Period: 07/18-06/23

CDC

<u>Promoting Adolescent Health through School-Based HIV Prevention --Nevada Youth Behavior Risk</u> Survey/Health Profile Survey

The major goal of this project is to conduct bi-annual classroom survey, analyze and evaluate major behavior risk factors among selected sample of Nevada youth population, as well as bi-annual surveys on health education and police among school principals and health teachers.

PI: Wei Yang Period: 07/18-06/23

Nevada Division of Public and Behavior Health

<u>Statewide Nevada Youth Behavior Risk Survey/Health Profile Survey for High School and Middle Schools</u>

The major goal of this project is to conduct statewide (all high and middle schools) bi-annual classroom survey, analyze and evaluate major behavior risk factors among Nevada youth population, as well as bi-annual surveys on health education and police among school principals and health teachers.

PI: Wei Yang Period: 10/11-01/19

Subcontract of CDC through Nevada Division of Public and Behavior Health

Nevada Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System

The major goal of this project is to conduct annual telephone survey, analyze and evaluate major behavior risk factors among Nevada adult population.

PI: Wei Yang Period: 07/16-06/21

Subcontract of CDC through Nevada Division of Public and Behavior Health

Nevada Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System

The major goal of this project is to conduct survey, analyze and evaluate major behavior risk factors among Nevada pregnant women.

PI: Wei Yang Period: 05/17-04/20

Nevada Business Group on Health

Medical Insurance Claims Utilization Analysis

The major goal of this project is to conduct comparative analysis on utilization, spending, and patterns of healthcare claims among major self-insured employers of northern Nevada.

PI: Wei Yang Period: 09/18-06/23

Subcontract of NIH, (U54) through University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Statistical Support for the Institutional Development Award (IDeA) Program Infrastructure for Clinical and Translational Research (IDeA-CTR)

The major goal is to serve as the director of the Statistical Support Core for IDeA-CTR at University of Nevada, Reno

PI: Rock S. Period: 10/16-09/21

HRSA

Nevada Leadership in Neuro-developmental Disabilities

The major goal of this project is to provide training for the leadership in neuro-developmental disabilities including autism in Nevada. W Yang serve as the Epidemiologist for this project.

PI: Wagner, K Period: 10/15-09/20

NIH, (R01, subcontracted with UCLA)

Impacts of a novel law enforcement-delivered intervention on drug user health

The major goal is to analyze the impacts of law enforcement-delivered intervention on drug user health. W Yang serves as the biostatistician for this project.

PI: Earley, S Period: 01/19-12/23

NIH, (U54, Cobre)

Nevada Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) in Molecular and Cellular Signal Transduction in the Cardiovascular System

The goal is to establish and develop interdisciplinary research Center within the University of Nevada, Reno, and the UNR School of Medicine that is focused on fundamental molecular and cellular signal transduction mechanisms within the cardiovascular system. W Yang serves as statistical consultant for this project.

# **Completed Support**:

More than 30 grants, over \$30 million total amount during past 10 years.

### D. Professional Presentations

More than 200 invited or submitted professional presentations.

# E. Peer Reviewed Publications (Selected, since 2009)

# 2019

- Mao, W., Chen, Y., Wu, B., Ge, S., Yang, W., Chi, I., Dong, X. 2019. Perceived Stress, Social Support, and Dry Mouth among U.S. Older Chinese Adults. Journal of the American Geriatrics Society. In Press.
- Agarwal, A. B., Cassinelli, K., Johnson, A., Matsuda, K., Kirkpatrick, B., Yang, W., von Bartheld, C.
  2019. Seasonality of births in horizontal strabismus: comparison with birth seasonality in schizophrenia and other disease conditions. Journal of Developmental Origins of Health and Disease. In Press.
- Yang, M., Clements-Nolle, K., Parrish, B., Yang, W. 2019. Adolescent Concussion and Mental Health Outcomes: A Population-based Study. American Journal of Health Behaviors. 2019; 43(2):258-265.
   DOI: https://doi.org/10.5993/AJHB.43.2.3.
- Alexander-Leeder, C., Yang, W., Mburia, I. 2019. Effects of Mental Health Exposure Factors on the Prevalence of Postpartum Depression: A Nevada Population-Based Study. Journal of Pregnancy and Child Health. 2019/6:401. 401. doi:10.4172/2376-127X.1000401.

#### 2018

• Gay, C., Clements-Nolle, K., Packham, J., Ackermen, G., Lensch, T., Yang, W. 2018. Community Level Exposure to the Rural Mining Industry: The Potential Influence on Early Adolescent Alcohol and Tobacco Use. Journal of Rural Health. DOI: 10.1111/jrh.12288. 34(3), 304-313.

- Li, C., Yuan, Z., Clements-Nolle, K. D., Fu, Y., Yang, W. (2018). Physical activity and overweight/obesity among academically stressed adolescents. Biostatistics and Epidemiology International Journal, 1(2), 40–46.
- Burns, R., Fu, Y., Clements-Nolle, K. D., Yang, W. (2018). Relationships among physical activity, sleep duration, and academic achievement in a representative sample of adolescents. Preventive Medicine Reports, 12, 71-74.
- Li, Y., Yuan, Z., Clements-Nolle, K. D., **Yang, W.** (2018). Sexual orientation and depressive symptoms among high school students in Jiangxi province. Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health. 2018, 1-9. DOI: 10.1177/1010539518800335.
- Li, C., Han, B., Yang, W., Yuan, Z. (2018). Disease prevention infrastructure and resource distributions of Nanchang metropolitan. Chinese Health Resources. (in Chinese) 21(30): 246-250.
- Li, X., Xu, W., Jiang, X., Tong, X., Huang, Q., Turner\*, M., Mi\*, M. Godenick\*, L., Yang, W. and Yuan,
  Z. (2018). Analysis of sexual risk behaviors among Nanchang high school students. Chinese Journal of School Health (in Chinese). 10.16835/j.cnki.1000-9817.2018.12.037; 2018 (12) 1888-1890.
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- Wang, J., Li, C., Xie, F., Jiang, X., Deadmond\*, M., Vieyra\*, G., Dai, X., Yang, W. and Yuan, Z. (2018).
  Risk factors of bullying behaviors among high school students in Jiangxi Province. Chinese Journal of School Health (in Chinese). 10.16835/j.cnki.1000-9817.2018.12.014; 2018 (12) 1814-1817.
- Scooper, S., Trivedi, D., Yamamoto, R., Worker, C., Feng, C.Y., Sorensen, J., Yang, W., Xiong, Z., Feng, Y. 2018. Increased (Pro)renin Receptor Expression in Subfornical Organ Neurons in Hypertensive Humans. American Journal of Physiology-Heart and Circulatory Physiology. 314: H796–H804, 2018. doi:10.1152.
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- Clements-Nolle, K., Lensch, T., Baxa, A., Gay, C., Larson, S., Yang, W. 2017. Sexual Identity, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and Suicidal Behaviors. Journal of Adolescent Health. DOI: dx. doi. Org / 10.1016 / j.jadohealth.2017.09.022.
- Tung, W.C., Lu, M. Rull, R., Yang, W. 2017. Pilot Test Results of A Video-based HIV Intervention for Chinese College Students in the U.S. Journal of Public Health and Emergency. In Press.

- Fu, Y., Burns, R.D., Yang, W., Brusseau, T.A., Hannon, J.C. 2017. Effects of a health-related physical fitness intervention on middle school students' academic learning time during physical education. J of Public Health and Emergency. doi: 10.21037/jphe.2017.07.02.
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- Pan, B., Yuan, Z., Zou, J., Cook, D. M. and **Yang. W.** 2016. *Elderly hospitalization and the New-typeRural Cooperative Medical Scheme (NCMS) in China: multi-stage cross-sectional surveys of Jiangxi province*. BMC Health Services Research. 16:436. DOI 10.1186/s12913-016-1638-5.
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