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Educational Background:
PhD Health Education Southern Illinois University
MS Community Health Education Western Illinois University
BS Medicine Bengbu Medical College

Current Position: Associate Professor Health Education, Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Science, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia.

Immediate Past Professional Position: AAHE RCB Chairperson

Professional Activities:
- 2008-2010 Coordinator, Graduate Program, Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Science, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia.
- 2005-present Associate Professor, Health Education, Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Science, Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia.
- 2007 Spring Visiting Scholar, Department of Biokinetics and Sport Science, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, Republic of South Africa
- 2000-2002 Research Fellow, Community Guide Branch, Division of Prevention Research and Analytic Methods, Epidemiology Program Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1987-1992 Attending Physician and Clinical Instructor, Anhui Provincial Hospital, Anhui Medical University, Hefei, People's Republic of China.
- 1995-2005 American Public Health Association (APHA)
- 1995-present American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD) Research Consortium
- 1994-present Eta Sigma Gamma – National Professional Health Education Honor Society (Life Member)

AAHE/AAHPERD Professional Activities and Service – National, District or State:
- 2011 Vice President-Health Candidate, Southern District AAHPERD.
- 11/2010 Conducted health education training for a delegation of 16 Chinese Health Education Leaders.
- 2008-2010 Chair, Research Coordinating Board, American Association for Health Education/American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHE/AAHPERD).
- 2008-present Reviewer, American Journal of Health Education
- 2008-2010 Member, Multicultural Involvement Committee, American Association of Health Education/American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHE/AAHPERD).
- 2008 Delegate to the AAHPERD Alliance Assembly, Southern District AHPERD
- 2002-present Reviewer, International Electronic Journal of Health Education (IEJHE).

- 2003-2006 Member, Scholarship Committee, American Association for Health Education/American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHE/AAHPERD).
- 2003-2005 Program Chair, Alternative and Complementary Medicine Special Primary Interest Group, 131st, 132nd, and 133rd American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meetings.
- 2000-2003 Member, Professional Development Committee, American Association for Health Education/American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD).

Brief Statement

The health education professionals have played a key role in advance our profession. Yet, we are not as effective as we should have been in helping individuals adopt healthy behaviors. The key reason, I believe, is that we have not placed sufficient emphasis on health advocacy and social change. Health issues are social issues and are influenced directly or indirectly by politics. We must influence the change of social and political structure and environment in order to be effective in helping individuals change their behaviors. Health educators must be active advocates and be politically savvy in order to be effective in practicing health education. I have a track record of providing high quality services to the profession. If elected, I will continue my service to AAHE at a higher level and make bigger impact.