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**Education**

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| <b>Master of Public Health, 1992</b>     | University of Michigan School of Public Health<br>Public Health Policy and Administration |
| <b>Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, 1987</b> | Rutgers University<br>Major in English  |

**Professional Experience**

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| <b>Drexel University School of Public Health</b>                 | <b>1996-Present</b> |
| <i>Assistant Professor, Health Management and Policy</i>         | <i>2004-Present</i> |
| <i>Adjunct Assistant Professor, Health Management and Policy</i> | <i>1996-2003</i>    |

Lecture and advise master's level students in public health management and policy, focusing on health system organization and maternal and child health. Assist in development of curriculum, major competencies, and enhancement of community public health initiatives. Serve as Policy Advisor to the Philadelphia GROW Project which informs local, state, and national legislators about food insecurity, hunger, and child development and makes policy recommendations to improve food access in Philadelphia. Develop and maintain relationships and collaborative projects with city and state government, including active involvement and leadership in the Center for Academic Public Health Practice, a collaboration between Drexel's School of Public Health and the Philadelphia and Montgomery County Health Departments. Current and recent research include development of feasibility studies for local public health departments in several Pennsylvania counties and assessment of obstetric capacity in Philadelphia and its relationship to birth outcomes and maternal health.

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| <b>Jennifer Kolker Consulting</b> | <b>2004-2006</b> |
| <i>Principal</i>                  |                  |

Consultant to private, non-profit, and government organizations focusing on public health, community/urban planning, early childhood, and maternal/child health. Areas of focus include program planning and project management, research and policy analysis, and grant development and review. Clients include the City of Philadelphia, The University of Pennsylvania, The William Penn Foundation, The Reinvestment Fund, Philadelphia Safe and Sound, the Institute for Safe Families, and the Health Federation of Philadelphia.

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| <b>Public Works, LLC</b>       | <b>2001-2004</b> |
| <i>Senior Policy Associate</i> |                  |

Senior policy associate offering public policy research, analysis, management consulting and strategic planning to government agencies and officials, state and national non-profits and "think tanks" across the country. Focus areas include policy and program development in public health, early childhood and education, health systems, data management, Medicaid and welfare reform.

**Philadelphia Department of Public Health****1994-2000***Office of the Health Commissioner, Assistant Director, Health Planning and Analysis*

Responsible for Department-wide planning and policy activities, including policy and procedure development, funding and service analysis, grants development and compliance, departmental program coordination and special projects. Liaison to Mayor's Office, city, state and federal agencies, not-for-profit organizations and academic institutions for citywide planning and program development. Analyze program and fiscal functions of department and citywide programs. Coordinate inter- and intradepartmental program policy in areas such as children and family health, HIV/AIDS, managed care, welfare reform, health insurance, violence prevention, and correctional health.

*AIDS Activities Coordinating Office, Director of Policy and Planning*

Director of planning, policy, program, and resource development for Departmental AIDS activities. Developed all federal grant applications for HIV/AIDS services, resulting in over \$14 million annually in federal funds; maintained grantee relationships and reporting requirements with federal and state funding agencies. Advised Health Commissioner on legislative and policy issues, authored policy and testimony, and coordinated and communicated with external community groups and local, state and federal government on HIV/AIDS policy.

**The Philadelphia AIDS Consortium****1992-1994***Manager of Policy and Planning*

Managed Planning Department of federally designated regional HIV Health Services Planning Council. Developed and implemented community-wide HIV planning process for services and programs for people with HIV. Prepared annual quantitative and qualitative needs assessment and regional comprehensive plan for HIV and other public health services.

**Selected Publications**

Kolker, J., Gallagher, D., Davidson, J., Rubinstein, S., *Enhancing Public Health in Berks County*. Report to the Berks County Community Foundation.

Kolker, J., Lim, Suet, Maus, K., Line, C. *Obstetric Care for Philadelphia Residents. An Analysis of Obstetric Capacity from 1997-2004*. July 2007.

Gallagher, D., Kolker, J., Davidson, J., Rubinstein, S., *Enhancing Public Health in Dauphin County*. Report to the Dauphin County Health Improvement Project. July 2007.

Kolker, J., Davis, M., Dempsey, S. *A Blueprint for Responding to Children Exposed to Domestic Violence in Pediatric Health Care*. Institute for Safe Families: Safe and Bright Futures. September 2006.

Kolker, J., Schewel, S. *Medicaid Coverage for Abortion: Estimating the Need in Southeastern Pennsylvania*. Report to the Women's Medical Fund, June 2006

Kolker, J. *Supporting Child Development: A Role for the William Penn Foundation*.

Kolker, J., Gallagher, D., Davidson, J. *Feasibility Study for a Lancaster County Health Department*. Report submitted the United Way of Lancaster County, April 2005.

Kolker, J. *Children Exposed to Trauma: Inventory of Philadelphia's Capacity to Respond*. June 2005.

Kolker, J., Osborne, D., Schnurer, E. *Early Care and Education: The Need for a National Policy*. The Center for National Policy, Washington, DC, September 2004.

Kolker, J., Schnurer, E., *Stateline Policy Papers on Welfare Reform*. Center for National Policy, 2002-2003.

Kolker, J., *Licensing and Regulation of Child Care in Philadelphia: Issues, Findings, and Recommendations*. City of Philadelphia, Office of the Managing Director: June 2003.

### **Selected Presentations**

*Analysis of Obstetric Care in Philadelphia*. Drexel University College of Medicine, Women's Health and Education Program. January 2008.

*Typhoid Mary to Andrew Speaker: A Panel Discussion of Public Health, Medical History & Ethics*. Drexel University College of Medicine, Program on Medical Humanities. November 2007.

*Obstetric Closures and Birth Outcomes: Presentation to Stakeholders, June 2007*.  
*Impact of obstetric closures on birth outcomes and quality of care*. Academy Health Health Annual Research Meeting: General Poster Session and Gender and Health Interest Group Poster Session. June 2007.

*Politics & Policymaking in State Coverage Expansion Efforts, 2007: Challenges & Opportunities*. Academy Health Research Meeting: Special Panel Presentation and Kaiser Webcast. June 2007.

*Developing Local Health Departments: Stories from Pennsylvania*. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, November 2006.

*Child Care and National Policy*. Delaware Valley Association for the Education of Young Children (DVAEYC) Annual Meeting, May 2005.

### **Professional Activities and Memberships**

Philadelphia GROW, Policy Advisor  
Health Federation of Philadelphia. Multiplying Connections, Professional Advisory Committee  
KidZone Philadelphia, Children's Health Advisor  
Institute for Safe Families, Clinical Network for Children Exposed to Domestic Violence  
Norristown Alliance for Healthier Babies, Steering Committee  
Health Federation of Philadelphia, *Improving System Response to Children and Trauma*  
Delaware Valley Health Care Council: *Obstetric Services Task Force, Data Subcommittee*  
American Public Health Association  
Academy Health, Sections on Child Development and Gender and Health  
Pennsylvania Public Health Association