

GITANJALI S. TANEJA

EDUCATION

- PhD, Educational Psychology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1999
- MA, Educational Psychology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1996
- BA, Psychology, Pennsylvania State University, 1993

RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Scientific Program Specialist (GS-14)

2015- present

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Epidemiology Branch

Program/Contract Management

- Serving as Contracting Officer Representative (COR) for large, multi-year scientific contracts
- Collaborating with agency Office of Acquisitions to develop acquisition plans, detailed Statements of Work, independent government cost estimates and evaluation criteria for procurements

Health Scientist Administrator (GS-14)

2008- 2015

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Bethesda MD; National Children's Study (NCS), and Office of Science Policy, Analysis and Communications

Program/Contract Management

- Served as Contracting Officer Representative (COR) for over 10 large, multi-year research and operations Contracts, with annual budgets up to \$5million
 - o Provided technical and fiscal oversight, conducts site visits, reviews contract deliverables, and conducts evaluations of contract performance
- Collaborated with agency Office of Acquisitions to develop acquisition plans, detailed Statements of Work, independent government cost estimates and evaluation criteria for procurements
- Led protocol development for all elements of the study related to neurodevelopment, behavior and psychosocial functioning, including oversight of multi-disciplinary working groups comprised of academic and government scientists

Communications

- o Served as Co-lead for Communications team, which included taking responsibility for weekly newsletter development and dissemination and planning content and logistics for large NCS meetings for internal and external stakeholders
- o Developed NCS Strategic Plan and periodic reports for Congress and NIH Leadership
- o Served as lead for NCS website re-development including content development and design enhancements

Collaborations

- o Served as NICHD/NCS representative to the NIH Toolbox, a trans-NIH initiative involving multiple institutes
- o Served as Coordinator for the International Childhood Cancer Cohort Consortium Steering Committee and led the planning for bi-annual meeting in Lyon, France
- o Collaborated with national and international scientific experts from research organizations, academic institutions and academic medical centers to identify or design methodologies, protocols, operational procedures, guidelines, and quality assurance measures that align with current domestic

and international standards

Intramural Research Training Award Fellow/Research Fellow

2001-2006

Division of Epidemiology, Statistics and Prevention Research, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Bethesda MD

- Served as Principal Investigator and Project Officer on research studies relating to epidemiology of childhood injuries and adolescent health, including depression and bullying behaviors
- Provided fiscal and administrative oversight of contracts, including interagency agreements
- Completed multiple courses in epidemiology and prevention research at Johns Hopkins University

Post-Doctoral Research Associate

1999-2001

Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

- Conducted evaluation of state policies regarding kindergarten readiness
- Coordinated study on pre-kindergarten programs in the public schools

Adjunct Visiting Professor

2001

Duke University, Fall, 2000

- Taught semester long introductory Child Development course to 100 undergraduate students
- Developed syllabus, prepared lessons and exams, and supervised teaching assistants

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS & TRAININGS

Contracting Officer's Representative Certification, Level III

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

(additional publications, conference presentations and invited talks available upon request)

Brenner RA, **Taneja GS**, Schroeder, TJ, Trumble, AC, Moyer, PM, Buck Louis, GM. Unintentional injuries among youth with developmental disabilities in the United States, 2006–2007. *Injury Control and Safety Promotion*. 2013;20(3):259-65.

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Nansel TR, Craig W, Overpeck M, **Saluja G**, Ruan J. Cross-national consistency in relationship between bullying behaviors and psychosocial adjustment. Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine. 2004; 158: 730-736.

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Saluja G, Kotch J, Lee LC. The Effects of Social Capital and Social Support on Outcomes of Child Abuse and Neglect. Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, 2003; 157(7): 609-708.

Early DM, Rimm-Kaufman SE, Cox MJ, **Saluja G**, Pianta RC, Bradley RH, Payne C. Maternal Sensitivity and Wariness in the Transition to Kindergarten. Parenting: Science and Practice, 2002; 2(4): 355-377.

Saluja G, Early DM, Clifford RM. Public School Involvement in Pre-Kindergarten Education: What Makes a Difference? Principal, 2001; 80(5).

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