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EDUCATION

2006	B.A., English
	Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio
2008	M.P.H., Health Policy & Management
	Emory's Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, Georgia
2014	Ph.D., Health Promotion, Education & Behavior
	University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina

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PROFESSORSHIP

2020 - Present	Associate Professor (Tenured), College of Social Work, University of South Carolina Columbia, South Carolina
2014 – Present	Director for Strategy and Innovation, SmartHOME Center for Economic Excellence, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
2014 – 2020	Assistant Professor, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina Columbia, South Carolina

OTHER RESEARCH AND TEACHING POSITIONS

2013 – 2014	Project Coordinator, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina
2011 – 2014	Co-Project Coordinator/Graduate Researcher, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior and Cancer Prevention and Control Program, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina
2010 – 2014	Teaching Assistant/Consumer Health, Department of Health Promotion, Education and Behavior, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina
2009 – 2010	Management Analyst, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Contractor), Atlanta, Georgia
2009 – 2010	Program Analyst, Office of Evaluation and Inspection, Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (OIG), Atlanta, Georgia

2007 – 2008	Program Audits and Management Support Intern, Georgia Department of Account and Audits, Healthcare Audits Division, Atlanta, Georgia
2006 – 2007	Graduate/Research Assistant, Atlanta Veterans Administration Hospital, Department of Psychiatry and Schizophrenia Research, Atlanta, Georgia
2005 – 2006	Clinical Research Coordinator, University Hospitals Health Systems, Department of Ophthalmology, Cleveland, Ohio
2002 – 2005	Undergraduate Researcher/Administrative Assistant, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Center for RNA and Molecular Biology, Cleveland, Ohio

TEACHING

† Graduate Course ‡ Undergraduate

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

SOWK 201: Introduction to Social Work, 2020-2021‡

SOWK 304: Social Welfare Services for Older Adults and Families, 2018-2022‡

SOWK 352: Social Work and Scientific Inquiry, 2015-2022 ‡

SOWK 791: Social Work Research Methodologies 2015-2022 † & (Korea, 2017) †

SOWK 740: Social Welfare Policy Analysis (Korea, 2017) †

MENTORING

Student	Degree	Program	Role	Completion Year
Sarah Rasmussen	PhD	SOWK	Committee Member	In Progress
Rushondra James	PhD	EDUC	Committee Member	In Progress
Victoria Charles	PhD	SOWK	Committee Member	In Progress
Parthenia Robinson	PhD	SOWK	Committee Member	In Progress
Kasey Smith	PhD	PHLTH (UGA)	Committee Member	In Progress
Sudie Nallo	PhD	EDUC	Committee Member	2020
Raymond Adams	PhD	SOWK (JSU)	Committee Member	2020 (
Weizhou Tang	PhD	SOWK	Committee Member	2019
Xian Wu	PhD	ENCP	Committee Member	2018

(EDUC = College of Education; SOWK = College of Social Work; ENCP = College of Engineering and Computing; PHLTH = Public Health)

HONORS AND AWARDS

2002	Gates Millennium Scholar, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
2010-2011	Arnold School of Public Health Fellowship, Arnold School of Public Health,

	University of South Carolina
2012	South Carolina Public Health Association Scholarship, South Carolina Public Health Association
2013	University of South Carolina Distinguished Scholar Award, Office of the Vice President for Research, University of South Carolina
2014	Top Doctoral Student Award, Department of Health Promotion, Education and Behavior, University of South Carolina
2020	40 Under 40 Leaders in Health, National Minority Quality Forum
2020	Emerging Leaders Program, American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Published

- Beer, J.M. Owens, O. L. Human Factors and Ergonomics Considerations for Aging-in-Place: Part 1
 The Intersection of Users and Tasks. Ergonomics in Design: The Quarterly of Human Factors
 Applications. In press.
- Owens, O. L., Beer, J.M. Human Factors and Ergonomics Considerations for Aging-in-Place: Part 2 The Intersection of Environment and Technology. Ergonomics in Design: The Quarterly of Human Factors Applications. In press.
- Fairman C.M., **Owens O.L**., Kendall K.L., Steele J., Latella C, Jones M.T., Marcotte L., Peddle-McIntyre C.J., McDonnell K.K.. Study protocol: Investigating the feasibility of a hybrid delivery of home-based cluster set resistance training for individuals previously treated for lung cancer. Pilot and Feasibility Studies. In press
- F. Corbett C, M. Combs E, J. Wright P, L. Owens O.L., Stringfellow I, Nguyen T, Van Son CR (2021) Virtual home assistant use and perceptions of usefulness by older adults and support person dyads. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 18(3):1113. Advance online publication. doi: 10.3390/ijerph18031113
- Owens, O.L., Dawson, R. Thomas. T.L. (2020). Development of the Prostate Cancer Treatment Decision Framework: A context specific expansion of the Risk as Feelings Hypothesis. *Cancer Nursing*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1097/NCC.0000000000000918
- McDonnell, K.K., Gallerani, D.D., Newsome, B.R., Owens, O.L, Beer, J.M., Myren-Bennett, A.R., Regan, E., Hardin, J.W., Webb, L.A. (2020). A prospective pilot study evaluating feasibility and preliminary effects of *Breathe Easier*: A mindfulness-based intervention for survivors of lung cancer and their family members (Dyads). *Integrative Cancer Therapies*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1177/1534735420969829

- Owens, O. L., Beer, J. M., Revels, A. A., & White, K. (2020). The Lived Experiences of older low-income African Americans living alone: implications for aging in place in the United States. Journal of Aging and Environment, 7, 746–759. doi: 10.1080/26892618.2020.1780662
- Beer, J.M., Smith K.N., Kennedy T., Mois, G., Acena D., Gallerani D.G., McDonnell, K.K., Owens, O.L. (2020). A focus group evaluation of the breathe easier: a mindfulness-based mHealth app for survivors of lung cancer and their family members. *American Journal of Health Promotion*. 34(7), 770-778.
- Owens, O. L., Wooten, N. R., & Tavakoki, A. S. (2020). Adaptation and Initial Psychometric Evaluation of an Informed Prostate Cancer Screening Decision Self-Efficacy Scale for African-American Men. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, 7(4):746-759. doi: 10.1007/s40615-020-00702-0.
- Owens, O. L., Smith, K. N., Beer, J. M., Gallerani, D. & McDonnell, K. K. (2020) Qualitative cultural sensitivity assessment of "Breathe Easier," A mobile app for survivors of lung cancer and families. *Oncology Nursing Forum.* 47(3), 331-341. doi: 10.1188/20.onf.331-341
- McDonnell, K. K., Owens, O. L., Hilfinger Messias, D. K., Friedman, D. B., Newsome, B. R., King, C. C., Jenerette, C., & Webb, L. A. (2020). After Ringing the Bell: Receptivity of and Preferences for Healthy Behaviors in African American Dyads Surviving Lung Cancer. *Oncology Nursing Forum*, 47(3), 281-291. doi: 10.1188/20.onf.281-291
- Owens, O. L., Wooten, N. R., Rose, T., Tavakoki, A. S., Owens, O. L., Tavakoli, A. S., Rose, T., & Wooten, N. R. (2019). Development and psychometric properties of a prostate cancer knowledge scale for African American men. *American Journal of Men's Health*, 13(6). doi: 10.1177/1557988319892459
- Owens, O. L., Wooten, N. R., & Tavakoki, A. S. (2019). Development and initial psychometric
 evaluation of the Computer-Based Prostate Cancer Screening Decision Aid Acceptance Scale for
 African-American men. BMC Medical Research Methodology, 19(1). 1-13. doi: 10.1186/s12874-0190776-y
- Owens, O. L., Kim., S., Tavakoki, A. S. (2019). Are decision-aids leading to shared prostate cancer screening decisions among African-American men?: iDecide. *Cancer Causes and Control*. *30*(7), 713-719. doi: 10.1007/s10552-019-01179-x
- Owens, O. L., Estrada, R. D., Johnson, K., Cogdell, M., Fried, D. B., Gansauer, L., & Kim. S. (2019). "I'm not a chance taker": A mixed methods exploration of factors affecting prostate cancer treatment decision-making. *Ethnicity and Health*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1080/13557858.2019.1606165
- McDonnell, K., Owens, O. L., Messias, D., Heiney, S., Friedman, D., Campbell, C., Webb, L. (2018). Health behavior changes in African American family members facing lung cancer: Tensions and compromises. *European Journal of Oncology Nursing*. 38, 57-64. doi:10.1016/j.ejon.2018.12.002.
- Owens, O. L., Beer, J. M., Reyes, L. I. & Thomas, T. L. (2018). Systematic review of commercially available mobile phone applications for prostate cancer education. *American Journal of Men's Health*.

- Odlum, M., Davis, N., Owens, O. L., Preston, M. A., Brewer, R. & Black, R. (2018). Correlates and etiological factors associated with hedonic well-being among an aging population of US men and women: Secondary data analysis of a national survey. BMJ Open. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2017-020962
- Owens, O. L., Felder, T., Tavakoli, A. S., Revels, A. A., Friedman, D. B., Hughes-Halbert, C., & Hébert, J. R. (2018). Evaluation of a computer-based decision aid for promoting informed prostate cancer screening decisions among African American men: iDecide. *American Journal of Health Promotion*. 33(2), 267-278. doi: 10.1177/0890117118786866
- Owens, O. L., Beer, J. M., Reyes, L. I., Gallerani, D. G., Myhren-Bennett, A. R., & McDonnell, K. K. (2018). Mindfulness-based symptom and stress management apps for adults with chronic lung disease: Systematic search in app stores. *JMIR mHealth and uHealth*, 6(5), e124. doi: 10.2196/mhealth.9831
- Owens, O. L., Friedman, D. B., & Hébert, J. R. (2017). Building an evidence base for promoting informed prostate cancer screening decisions: An overview of a cancer prevention and control program. *Ethnicity & Disease*, 27(1), 55-62. doi: 10.18865/ed.27.1.55
- Owens, O. L., James, C., & Friedman, D. B. (2017). Overcoming the challenges of African-American recruitment in health sciences research: Strategies and recommendations. *Urologic Nursing*, 37(6), 293-315. doi: 10.7257/1053-816X.2017.37.6.293
- Owens, O. L., Beer, J. M., Revels, A., & Levkoff, S. (2017). Feasibility of using a video diary methodology with older African Americans living alone. *Qualitative Social Work*, 18(3), 397–416. doi: 10.1177/1473325017729570
- Bergeron, C. D., Friedman, D. B., Sisson, D. C., Tanner, A., Kornegay, V. L., Owens, O. L., & Patterson, L. L. (2016). Awareness, perceptions, and communication needs about the affordable care act across the life span. *American Journal of Health Education*, 47(2), 108-116. doi: 10.1080/19325037.2015.1133341
- Owens, O. L., Friedman, D. B., Brandt, H. M., Bernhardt, J. M., & Hébert, J. R. (2016). Digital solutions for informed decision making: An academic–community partnership for the development of a prostate cancer decision aid for African American men. *American Journal of Men's Health*, 10(3), 207-219. doi: 10.1177/1557988314564178
- Jackson, D.D., **Owens, O.L.,** Friedman, D.B., & Dubose-Morris, R. (2015). Innovative and community-guided evaluation and dissemination of a prostate cancer education program for African-American men and women. *Journal of Cancer Education*, 30(4), 779-785. doi: 10.1007/s13187-014-0774-z.
- Tanner, A., **Owens, O. L.,** Sisson, D., Kornegay, V., Bergeron, C. D., Friedman, D. B., Weis, M. Patterson, L., & Windham, T. (2015). Dodging the debate and dealing with the facts: Using research and the public library to promote understanding of the Affordable Care Act. *The Library Quarterly*, 86(2), 172-192.

- Hickman, R. L. & **Owens, O. L.** (2015). Closing the digital divide among older African Americans: Recommendations to access to and use of technology. *National Black Nurses' Association [NBNA] News, Special Issue on Aging*, Winter 2015, 4-5.
- Owens, O. L., Friedman, D. B., Brandt, H. M., Bernhardt, J. M., & Hébert, J. R. (2015). An iterative process for developing and evaluating a digital prostate cancer decision aid for African-American men. *Health Promotion Practice*, 16(5), 642-55. doi: 10.1177/1524839915585737
- Owens O. L., Jackson D., Thomas, T., Friedman, D. B., & Hébert, J. R. (2015). Prostate Cancer knowledge and decision making among African-American men and women in the southeastern United States. *International Journal of Men's Health*, 14(1), 55-57.
- Jackson, D. D., **Owens, O. L.,** Friedman, D. B., Hébert, J. R. (2014). An intergenerational approach to prostate cancer education: Findings from a pilot project in the Southeastern USA. *Journal of Cancer Education*, 29(4), 649-56. doi: 10.1007/s13187-014-0618-x
- Friedman, D. B., **Owens, O. L.,** Johnson, K., Jackson, D.D., Gansauer, L., Dickey, J., Miller, R., Payne, J., Bearden, J., & Hebert, J. R. (2014). An evaluation of a community-academic-clinical partnership to reduce prostate cancer disparities in the South. *Journal of Cancer Education*, 29(1), 80–85. doi:10.1007/s13187-013-0550-5
- Owens O.L., Jackson, D., Thomas, T., Friedman, D. B., & Hébert, J. R. (2013). African-American men's and women's perceptions of clinical trials research: Focusing on prostate cancer among a high-risk population in the south. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, 24(4), 1784-1800. doi: 10.1353/hpu.2013.0187
- Thomas, T., **Owens O. L.,** Torres, M., Friedman, D. B., & Hébert, J. R. (2013). Written and spoken narratives about health and cancer decision making: A novel application of Photovoice. *Health Promotion Practice*, *14*(6), 833-840. doi: 10.1177/1524839912465749
- Friedman, D. B., Thomas, T., **Owens, O. L.,** & Hébert, J. R. (2012). It takes two to talk about prostate cancer: A qualitative assessment of African American men's and women's cancer communication practices and recommendations. *American Journal of Men's Health*, 6(6), 472-484. doi: 10.1177/1557988312453478
- Friedman, D. B., Johnson, K., Owens, O. L., Thomas, T., Gansauer, L., Dawkins, D., Bartelt S., Talley, J., Waddell, N., Bearden, J., & Hébert, J. R. (2012). Developing partnerships and recruiting dyads for a prostate cancer informed decision-making program: Lessons learned from a community-academic-clinical team. *Journal of Cancer Education*, 27(2), 243-249. doi: 10.1007/s13187-012-0353-0

Book Chapter

• Beer, J. M., & Owens, O. L. (2018). Social agents for aging-in-place: A focus on health education and communication. *In Aging, Technology and Health* (pp. 237-259). Amsterdam, Netherlands; Elsevier.

CONFERENCE ARTICLES

- Tavkoli, A. S., Owens, O. L. & Wooten, N. R. (2019, April). Using Parallel Analysis to find the
 dimensionality and psychometric properties of the Computer-Based Prostate Cancer Screening
 Decision Aid acceptance Scale among African-American men. SAS Global Forum, Dallas, TX.
- Tavkoli, A. S., Owens, O. L. & Wooten, N. (2018, October). Using SAS® to test the psychometric properties of the computer-based prostate cancer screening decision aid acceptance scale among African-American men. Southeast SAS Users Group (SESUG) Conference. St. Pete Beach, FL.
- Owens, O. L. (2015, August). Principles for developing digital health interventions for prostate cancer: A community-based design approach with African-American men. 17th International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction. Los Angeles, CA.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Received

2022 – 2023	Co-Investigator. (PI: J. Osterman) Identifying preference-relevant features of telehealth supported HIV care in South Carolina. Prisma Health, \$20,000.
2022 – 2023	Co-Investigator. (PI: C. Corbett) Integrating Virtual Home Assistant Use into Prisma Health SeniorCare PACE Participants' Care Plans". Prisma Health, \$20,000.
2021 –2022	Co-Principal Investigator. Enabling Remote Access to <i>Breathe Easier</i> : A Novel Approach to Improve Symptom Self-Management and Wellness for Survivors of Lung Cancer and their Family Members. Prisma Health, \$20,000.
2021- 2022	Co-Investigator. (PI: C. Fairman) Feasibility of a hybrid delivery of home-based resistance training in lung cancer. University of South Carolina, Office of the Vice President for Research ASPIRE 1, \$15,000.
2020	Co-Principal Investigator. COVID-19 Response in South Carolina. Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation, \$20,000.
2020 – 2021	Co-Investigator. Influence of Prostate Cancer on Work Experience with Focus on Race and Income: A Qualitative Study. U.S. Department of Defense, \$500,000.
2018 – 2021	Co-Principal Investigator. Advancing Quality Lung Cancer Survivorship in South Carolina 2.0. Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation, \$259,000.
2017 – 2019	Co-Investigator. An mHealth Mindfulness-based Approach to Multiple Behavior Change and Symptom Management for Individuals Facing Lung Cancer. Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation, \$750,000.
2017 – 2018	Principal Investigator. Effect of Emotion on Prostate Cancer Treatment Decision Making. Geographic Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program, National Cancer Institute, \$10,000.
2016 – 2017	Principal Investigator. Identifying Patterns of Multiple Primary Cancer Incidence in South Carolina. College of Social Work, Deans Grant, \$5,000.

2015 - 2020Co-Investigator. South Carolina Advancing Diversity in Aging Research (R-25). National Institute on Aging, \$2,000,000. 2015 - 2017Principal Investigator. Assessing Home Environments for Aging in Place Among Older African Americans: A Video Diary Project. University of South Carolina, Office of the Provost, \$20,000. 2015 - 2017Principle Investigator. The Evaluation of a Computer-Based Education Program to Promote "Informed Decision Making for Prostate Cancer Screening Among African-American Men in Faith-Based Communities. University of South Carolina, School of Pharmacy, America Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant, \$30,000. 2015 - 2017Principal Investigator. Evaluation of an Avatar-Led Decision Aid to Promote Informed Decision Making for Prostate Cancer Screening Among African-American Males in Faith-Based Communities. University of South Carolina, Office of the Vice President for Research ASPIRE 1, \$15,000. 2013 - 2014Principal Investigator. A Community Based Approach to the Development of a Computer-Based Aid to Facilitate Informed Decision Making for Prostate Cancer Screening Among African-American Males in Faith Based Communities. University of South Carolina, Science and Health Communication Research Group, \$3,000. 2013 - 2014Principal Investigator. A Creative Approach to Promoting and Facilitating Informed Decision Making for Prostate Cancer Screening Among African-American Males in Faith-Based Communities. University of South Carolina, Support to Promote Advancement Research and Creativity, \$5,000. 2013 - 2014Co-Investigator. Prostate Cancer: The Choices You Face. South Carolina Cancer Alliance, \$11,500. 2012 - 2013Principal Investigator. A Community Based Participatory Approach to the Development of a Computer Based Aid to Facilitate the Informed Decision Making of Faith-Based African American Men Regarding Prostate Cancer. Institute for African American Research, \$1,500. 2010 - 2011Co-Investigator. The Use of Technology and Photography for Health Communications in the African American Faith-Based Community. University of South Carolina, Science and Health Communications Research Group, \$3,000. **Submitted** 2022 Co-Principal Investigator. Empowering Communities to Deliver and Sustain Evidence-Based Falls Prevention Programs. Administration for Community Living, \$600,000. 2022 Co-Investigator. Integrating Virtual Home Assistant Use into A SeniorCare PACE Participants' Care Plan. NIH, NINR (R21) \$275,000 2022 Co-Investigator. Integrating Virtual Home Assistant Use into Prisma Health SeniorCare PACE Participants' Care Plans. Prisma Health \$20,000

Submitted but Not Funded

2021 Principal Investigator. A Mixed Methods Approach to Understanding Disparities in Prostate Cancer Treatment Decision Making: A Focus on Emotions and Healthcare Provider Communication. Mike Slive Foundation. \$50,000 (Revised and Resubmitted) 2020 Principal Investigator. A Mixed Methods Approach to Understanding Disparities in Prostate Cancer Treatment Decision Making: A Focus on Emotions and Healthcare Provider Communication. Mike Slive Foundation, \$50,000 2018 Principal Investigator. The Role of Emotion in Prostate Cancer Treatment Decision Making: A Multi-Modal Approach. (K01) Resubmitted in February 2018. National Cancer Institute, \$700,000. Principal Investigator. Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center in Precision Medicine 2018 and Minority Men's Health (Minority Supplement). National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities, \$375,000. 2017 Co-Investigator. Center of Excellence on the Role of Diet, Physical Activity, and Stress in Inflammation-Associated Racial Disparities in South Carolina (U54). National Cancer Institute, \$50,000.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Owens, O. L., (2018, October). *Connected Health: The Smarter Way to Age in Place*. South Carolina Institute for Medicine and Public Health's Workforce for Health Taskforce Meeting.
- Owens, O. L., (2017, October). Panelist, *Taking the Non Out of Nonprofit*. Venture Carolina.
- Owens, O. L. & Moon, S. S. (2017, May). *Connected health technology for aging in place*. Korea Association of Social Workers for a Sustainable Future Management (KASM), Seoul, Korea.
- Owens, O. L. & Moon, S. S. (2017, May). *Connected health technology for Disabilities*. Korea National Center for Disabilities, Seoul, Korea.
- Owens, O. L., (2017, January). *ThinkSMART-E: Cultivating a Culture of Interdisciplinary Entrepreneurship*. Faber Entrepreneurship Center: Harmonizing Meeting. University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
- Beer, J. M., Levkoff, S., **Owens, O. L.,** (2016, February). *SmartHOME: A Center for Economic Excellence*. Aging Research Day. Medical University of South Carolina. Charleston, SC.
- Owens, O. L. (2015, March). The Development and Delivery of Digital Interventions for Cancer Prevention: An Academic-Community Collaboration. Sumter Area Social Workers Conference. Sumter, SC.
- Beer, J. M., **Owens, O. L.,** Levkoff, S. (2015, March). *SmartHOME: A Research Program for Helping Older Adults Age in Place*. 2015 Aging Research Day. Clemson University. Clemson, SC.

• Owens, O. L., (2015, March). Digital Using E-health for Informed Prostate Cancer Screening Decisions. Congaree Medical, Dental, Pharmaceutical Association. Monthly Meeting. Columbia, SC.

CONTRIBUTED PRESENTATIONS

- Zahnd, WE., Silverman, A.F, Self, S., Hung, P., Natafgi, N., Adams, S.A., Owens, O.L., Merrill, M., Crouch, E., Eberth, J.M. (2022, May). Cancer Prevention Activities in RHCs: Impacts of COVID-19. [Oral Session]. National Rural Health Association's 45th Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM.
- Feasibility of Using Virtual Home Assistants to Promote Aging in Place (2020, September). [Oral Session]. Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science's 2020 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research, Virtual Conference.
- McDonnell, K. K., Gallerani D. G., Newsome, B. R., Owens O. L., Beer, J., Webb, L.A, Bennett A., Hardin, J. W. (2019, September). A Dyad-based mindfulness cancer recovery program to reduce lung cancer symptoms—A mixed-methods study. [Oral Session]. 2019 World Lung Cancer Conference, Barcelona, Spain.
- McDonnell K. K., Gallerani, D. G., Owens O. L, Beer J., Hardin, J. W. (2019, June). A Dyad-based mindfulness cancer recovery program to reduce lung cancer symptoms for survivors and family members [Oral Session]. Multinational Association for Supportive Care in Cancer, San Francisco, CA.
- McDonnell, K. K., Newsome, B., Owens, O. L., Beer, J. M., Stewart, J., White, H., Gallerani, D. G., Church, T. (2019, April). Advancing quality lung cancer survivorship in South Carolina. [Oral Session]. Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation U.S. Grantee Summit 2019, Princeton, NJ.
- Owens, O.L., Felder, T., Tavakoli, A. S., Revels, A., Friedman, D. B., Hughes-Halbert, C., and Hebert, J.R. (2018, November). *Effects of "iDecide," a computer-based decision aid on prostate cancer knowledge and self-efficacy among African-American men.* [Oral Session]. 146th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.
- Owens, O. L., Felder, T., Tavakoli, A. S., Revels, A., Friedman, D. B., Hughes-Halbert, C., and Hebert, J.R. (2018, November). *Evaluation of a computer-based decision aid on prostate cancer knowledge and informed decision making among African-American men.* [Oral Session]. 146th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.
- Beer, J. M., Owens, O. L., Smith, K., Kennedy, T., Acena, D., Gallerani, D. G., & McDonnell, K. K. (2018, November). Development and evaluation of Breathe Easier mHealth app for survivors of lung cancer and their caregivers. [Poster Session]. 146th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.
- Wooten, N. R., **Owens, O. L.,** & Tavakoki, A. S. (2018, November). *Measuring the acceptance and feasibility of iDecide: A psychometric perspective*. [Poster Session]. 146th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.

- Wooten, N. R, Owens, O. L., & Tavakoki, A. S. (2018, November). Psychometric properties of the Informed Prostate Cancer Screening Decision Self-Efficacy Scale for evaluating "iDecide," a decision aid for African-American men. [Poster Session]. 146th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.
- Smith, K., Kennedy, T., Acena, D., Gallerani, D., **Owens, O. L.,** McDonnell, K. K., & Beer, J. (2018, April). *The evaluation of the design of a mindfulness-based stress reduction mobile application for survivors of lung cancer and their family members.* [Poster Session]. Southeast Student Mentoring Conference in Gerontology and Geriatrics, Athens, GA.
- Owens, O. L., Felder, T. Tavakoki, A.S., Revels, A., Friedman, D. B., Hughes-Halbert, C., & Hebert, J. R. (2017, November). *Effects of "iDecide," a computer-based decision aid on prostate cancer knowledge and informed decision making self-efficacy among African-American men.* [Oral Session]. 145th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.
- Owens, O. L., Beer, J. M., Revels, A., & Levkoff, S. (November, 2017). *Use of video diaries to assess home environments for aging in place among older African Americans living alone*. [Oral Session]. 145th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.
- Owens, O. L., Friedman, D. B., & Hebert, J. R. (2017, November). Building an evidence base for promoting informed prostate cancer screening decisions: An overview of a cancer prevention and control program. [Oral Session]. 145th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta, GA.
- Owens, O. L., Beer, J. M., Revels, A., Levkoff, S. (2017, November). *Using Video Diary to assess home environments for aging in place among older African Americans living alone*. [Oral Session]. Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta, GA.
- McDonnell, K. K., Beer, J. M., Owens, O. L., Newsome, B., Hardin, J. W., Khan, A., Smith, K., Church, T., Gallerani, D. G., Acena, D., Bennett, A., Kennedy, T., Reyes, L., Regan, E., Smith, K., & Webb, L. (2017, April). Advancing quality lung cancer survivorship in South Carolina. [Oral Session]. Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation U.S. Grantee Summit 2017, Atlanta, GA.
- Owens, O. L., Friedman, D. B., Hebert, J. R. (2016, November). Recruitment of African-American men for the evaluation of a computerized, community-based prostate cancer education program: Barriers and opportunities. [Oral Session]. 144th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, CO.
- Owens, O. L., Friedman, D. B., Hebert, J. R. (2016, April). *Barriers and opportunities for recruiting African Americans for prostate cancer research*. [Oral Session]. 9th Annual James E. Clyburn Health Disparities Lecture, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Hilfinger Messias, D. K., Heiney, S., Friedman, D., **Owens, O. L.,** and Campbell, C. (2015, July). Living with lung Cancer: Receptivity and preferences for risk-reducing behavior among African American families. [Oral Session]. Sigma Theta Tau, 26th International Nursing Research Congress, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Owens, O. L., Friedman, D. B., Brandt, H. M., Bernhardt, J. M., Hebert, J. R. (2015, November). *An academic-community-partnership to explore e-Health solutions for informed prostate cancer*

- screening decisions. [Oral Session]. 143rd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Chicago, IL.
- Sisson, D. C., **Owens, O. L.,** Bergeron, C. D., Friedman, D. B., Tanner, A., Kornegay, V., Weis, M. A., Windham, T., Patterson, L. (2014, November). *Establishing innovative partnerships for effective communication about the Affordable Care Act: The use of community forums.* [Oral Session]. 142nd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Bergeron, C. D., Sisson, D. C., **Owens, O. L.,** Friedman, D. B., Tanner, A., Weis, M. A., Kornegay, V., Windham, T., Patterson, L. (2014, November). *Knowledge, benefits, and concerns about the Affordable Care Act across the lifespan*. [Oral Session]. 142nd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Owens, O. L., Sisson, D. C., Bergeron, C.D., Friedman, D. B., Tanner, A., Kornegay, V., Weis, M. A., Windham, T., Patterson, L. (2014, November). Assessing community members' knowledge and sources of information about the Affordable Care Act: A telephone survey. [Oral Session]. 142nd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Tanner, A., Owens, O. L., Sisson, D., Kornegay, V., Bergeron, C. D., Friedman, D. B., Weis, M., Patterson, L., & Windham, T. (2014, August). *Dodging the debate and dealing the facts: Using research and community partnerships to promote understanding of the Affordable Care Act.* [Oral Session Winner of First Place Faculty Paper in ComSHER Division]. 97th Annual Conference of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Montreal, Canada.
- Bergeron, C. D., Sisson, D. C., Owens, O. L., Friedman, D. B., Tanner, A., Weis, M. A., Kornegay, V., Windham, T., Patterson, L. (2014, August). Knowledge, benefits, and concerns about the Affordable Care Act among individuals of all ages. [Oral Session]. Graduate Student Day, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Sisson, D. C., Owens, O. L., Bergeron, C. D., Friedman, D. B., Tanner, A., Kornegay, V., Weis, M. A., Windham, T., Patterson, L. (2014, April). Affordable Care Act: effective communication through innovative partnerships & community forums. [Poster Session]. Graduate Student Day, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Owens, O. L., Friedman, D. B., Brandt, H. M., Bernhardt, J. M., Hebert, J. R. (2014, April). Developing and evaluating an avatar-led decision aid for facilitating informed prostate cancer screening decisions among African-American men. [Oral Competition]. Graduate Student Day, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Owens, O. L., Sisson, D. C. (2014, March). Affordable Care Act (ACA) in Richland County: knowledge, perceptions, & ACA information sources. [Oral Session]. Science and Health Communication Student Symposium, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Jackson, D. D., **Owens, O. L.,** Thomas, T. L., Friedman, D. B., & Hebert, J. R. (2013, November). *A comprehensive, mixed methods assessment of African-American men's and women's health and cancer decision making.* [Oral Session]. 141st Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.
- Owens, O. L., Thomas, T., James, C., Williams, A., Friedman, D. B., Ureda, J., Johnson, K., Dickey, J., Miller, R., Lovett, S., Gaunsauer, L., Bearden J., Hebert, J. R. (2013, November). *African*

- American men and informed prostate cancer-related decision making: Developing valid measures. [Oral Session]. 141st Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.
- Owens, O. L., Friedman, D. B., Brandt, H. M., Bernhardt, J. M., Hebert, J. R. (2013, November). Informed decision making in a new age: Technology use in informing older southern African-American men about prostate cancer screening. [Oral Session]. 141st Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.
- Owens, O. L., Friedman, D. B., Jackson, D. D., & Hebert, J. R. (2013, June). *Promoting the role of cancer research with an African-American faith-based community: A focus on prostate cancer*. [Poster and Oral Sessions]. National Cancer Institute's Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities Community Networks Program Centers (CNPC) Annual Program Meeting, Bethesda, MD.
- Owens, O. L., Friedman, D. B., Brandt, H. M., Hebert, J. R. (2013, April). Study of African-American men's health information technology use and prostate screening behavior: Towards a digital approach to informed decision making. [Poster Session First place in health promotion and policy subsection]. Graduate Student Day, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Owens, O. L., Friedman, D. B., Brandt, H. M., Hebert, J. R. Bernhardt, J. B. (2013, April). *Digital health solutions for promoting informed decision making about prostate cancer screening among African-American men*. [Poster Session]. James E. Clyburn Health Disparities Lecture Series, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Owens, O. L., Friedman, D. B., Brandt, H. M., Hebert, J. R. (2013, February) *Informed decision making in the digital age: a study of African-American men's health information technology use and prostate cancer screening behavior*. [Poster Session]. Digital Health Communications Extravaganza, Orlando, FL.
- Thomas, T., **Owens, O. L.,** Tanner, (2012, November). *A. Content analysis of prostate cancer information on YouTube*. [Oral Session]. 140th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Owens O. L., Jackson D., Thomas T., Friedman D. B., Hebert, J. R. (2012, November). *Perceptions and barriers to clinical trials participation among African-American men and women in a faith-based community in the south.* [Oral Session]. 140th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Owens, O. L., Friedman, D. B., Johnson, K. M., Thomas, T. L., Dawkins, D. S., Gansauer, L., Bartelt S., Waddell, N. M., Talley, J., Bearden, J. D. III, & Hebert, J. R. (2012, August). *Improving health communication and marketing practices for recruiting dyads in an African-American, faith-based community: Lessons learned from a community-academic-clinical team.* [Poster Session]. 6th Annual National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media, Atlanta, GA.
- Thomas, T., **Owens, O. L,** Friedman D. B., Torres M. E., & Hebert, J. R. (2012, April). Written and spoken narratives about health and cancer decision making among African Americans: A community Photovoice project. [Poster Session Third place award]. James E. Clyburn Health Disparities Lecture Series, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
- Owens, O. L., & Thomas, T. (2012, March). *Content analysis of prostate cancer information on YouTube*. [Poster Session Honorable Mention] Graduate Student Day, University of South Carolina,

Columbia, SC.

- Owens, O. L., Thomas, T., Friedman, D. B., & Torres, M. E. (2012, February). *Enhancing innovative health communication methodologies using traditional technology*. [Poster Session Selected to pilot 1 of 2 digital posters.] Digital Health Communications Extravaganza, Orlando, FL.
- Friedman D. B., Thomas, T., Owens, O. L., Johnson, K. M., Dawkins, D. S., Bartelt, S., Gansauer, L., Talley, J., Waddell, N. M., Bearden, J. D., & Hebert, J. R. (2011, September). To screen or not to screen: African-American men's and women's suggestions for how to motivate men to talk to their doctors about prostate cancer. [Oral Session]. Joint conference of the American Association for Cancer Education, Cancer Patient Education Network, and European Association for Cancer Education, Buffalo, NY.
- Thomas, T., Owens, O. L., Friedman, D. B., Johnson, K. M., Dawkins, D. S., Bartelt, S., Gansauer, L., Bearden, J. D., & Hebert, J. R. (2011, September). *African-American men's and women's knowledge, perceptions, and barriers to communicating about prostate cancer: A family-centered qualitative study.* [Poster Session]. Joint conference of the American Association for Cancer Education, Cancer Patient Education Network, and European Association for Cancer Education, Buffalo, NY.
- Owens, O. L., Thomas, T., Friedman, D. B., & Hebert, J. R. (2011, September). New strategies for prostate cancer communications within African-American communities: Reducing information access disparities. [Oral Session]. Joint conference of the American Association for Cancer Education, Cancer Patient Education Network, and European Association for Cancer Education, Buffalo, NY.
- Owens, O.L., Thomas, T., Friedman, D.B., & Hebert, J.R. (2011, April). *Discovering new strategies for delivering prostate cancer information in a faith-based African-American community*. [Poster Session First-place poster session competition]. Health Equity in the 21st Century: Saving the Next Generation James E. Clyburn Health Disparities Lecture Series, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, COLLOQUIA

- Guest Lecturer, University of South Carolina, College of Nursing (SOCW 870, Research Grant Proposal Development), Topic: "Grant Development: The Role of Theory in Health Research." March 18, 2022.
- Guest Lecturer, Ball State University, School of Social Work (SOCW 671 Social Work with Older Adults), Topic: "Using Science to Inform Aging in Place" April 6, 2021.
- Guest Lecturer, University of South Carolina School of Medicine (BMSC 749 Clinical Medicine Across the Lifespan), Topic: "Building SmartHomes for Aging in Place." March 13, 2019.
- Guest Lecturer, University of South Carolina, College of Nursing (NURS 870, Research Grant Proposal Development), Topic: "Grant Development: Considering Implications of Mobile Health." April 4, 2018.
- Guest Lecturer, West Chester University, Department of Health (HEA 110: Transcultural Health course), Topic: "Health and Illness in African-American Communities." October 19, 2017.

- University of South Carolina, School of Public Health (HPEB 300, Intro to Health Education), Topic: "Using Community Based Methods To Develop Digital Technologies for Health Promotion." March 31, 2017.
- Guest Lecturer, University of South Carolina School of Public Health (EPID 746: Cancer Epidemiology), Topic: "Prostate Cancer Etiology, Screening, and Interventions." March 30, 2017.
- Guest Lecturer, University of South Carolina College of Social Work, Eulji University, Topic:
 "Technology for Social Work Practice." February 22, 2017.
- Organizer, ThinkSMART-E Colloquium, Topic: "Pursing Government Funding for Start-ups."
 (Speaker: Tyler Tatum). February 24, 2017.
- Guest Lecturer, University of South Carolina College of Social Work, MS University Delegation, Topic: "Using Technology to Promote Healthy Communities." November 14, 2016.
- Guest Lecturer, University of South Carolina College of Social Work (SOWK 341: Human Behavior and the Social Environment), Topic: "Healthcare Technologies for Healthy Aging." September 21, 2016.
- Guest Lecturer, University of South Carolina, College of Nursing (NURS 870, Research Grant Proposal Development), Topic: "Creating Mobile Health Interventions and Sustaining Interventions through Social Entrepreneurship." April 1, 2016.
- Organizer, ThinkSMART-E Colloquium, Topic: "Pursuing Private Funding/Partnering with Industry." (Speaker: Tiffany Edwards). November 4, 2016.
- Organizer, ThinkSMART-E Colloquium, Topic: "Leveraging In-House Resources for Social Entrepreneurship." (Speaker: Jean Clenney & Student CAD Connections, Darla Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina). April 22, 2016.
- Organizer, ThinkSMART-E Colloquium, Topic: "Think Lean: Academic Research to Social Enterprise." (Speaker: Dirk Brown, Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina). February 29, 2016.
- Organizer, ThinkSMART-E Colloquium, Topic: "Social Scientist to Social Entrepreneurs: Models for a Sustainable Social Enterprise." (Speaker: Dennis Poole, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina). January 22, 2016. Role: Organizer.
- Guest Lecturer, University of South Carolina, College of Social Work (SOWK 303: Social Welfare Services for Children and Youth), Topic: "Evidence Based Practice in Health Services." November 11, 2015.
- Guest Lecturer, University of South Carolina, College of Social Work (SOWK 894: Planning and Design of Dissertation Research), Topic: "Applying for Graduate Funding: SPARC Award University of South Carolina." September 17, 2015.

- Guest Lecturer, University of South Carolina, College of Nursing (NURS 870, Research Grant Proposal Development), Topic: "Community Based Research Methods for Developing Mobile Health Interventions." September 12, 2015.
- Guest Speaker, College of Nursing, Cancer Survivorship Forum, Topic: "E-health for Promoting Informed Prostate Cancer Screening Decisions Among African American Men." April 15, 2015.
- Guest Speaker, Sumter Area Social Work Organization, Topic "Community Based Research Methods for Prostate Cancer Prevention." March 27, 2015.
- Guest Speaker, Congaree Medical Dental Pharmaceutical Association, Topic: "Using E-health for Informed Prostate Cancer Screening Decisions." February 11, 2015.
- Guest Lecturer, University of South Carolina, Department of Epidemiology (EPID 803: Epidemiologic Methods III), Topic: "The Doctoral Research Experience: Grants, Research, and Future Careers." October 20, 2014.
- Guest Lecturer, University of South Carolina, Department of Health Promotion Education and Behavior (HPEB 704: Health Education Research Seminar), Topic: "Navigating the funding environment as a Doctoral Student." October 13, 2014.
- Guest Expert Panel Member, University of South Carolina, Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSCE 572: Human Computer Interaction). October 7, 2014 & December 10, 2014.
- Guest Lecturer, Health Promotion Education and Behavior (HPEB 553: Community Health Problems), Topic: "Implementing Community Based Participatory Research in Research." October 6, 2014.
- Guest Lecturer, University of South Carolina, College of Social Work (SOWK 894: Planning and Design of Dissertation Research), Topic: "Applying for Graduate Funding: SPARC Award University of South Carolina." September 9, 2014.
- Guest Presenter at the Science and Health Communication Student Symposium, Topic: "Written and Spoken Narratives about Health and Cancer Decision Making Among African Americans: A Community Photovoice Project." April 10, 2014.
- Guest Lecturer, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior, University of South Carolina (HPEB 300: Introduction to Health Promotion Education and Behavior), Topic: "Planning and Implementing Community-Based Research." November 13, 2013.
- Guest Lecturer, Medical University of South Carolina's Technical Applications Center for Healthful Lifestyles, Topic: "A Community Guided Approach to the Development of a Kiosk to Facilitate Informed Decisions About Prostate Cancer Screening Among African American Men in Communities of Faith." October 11, 2013.
- Guest Presenter, University of South Carolina's Institute for African American Research, Topic:

- "Digital Solutions for Informed Decision Making: The Community Development of a Tool to Facilitate African- American Men's Prostate Cancer Screening Decisions." October 9, 2013.
- Guest Presenter, Potter's Christian Life Center, Columbia, SC, Topic: "What You Need to Know About Prostate Cancer and Informed Decision Making." October 2, 2013.
- Guest Lecturer, University of South Carolina, Department of Epidemiology (EPID 803: Epidemiologic Methods III), Topic: "A Community Guided Approach to the Development of a Kiosk to Facilitate Informed Decisions About Prostate Cancer Screening." August 18, 2013.
- Guest Lecturer, University of South Carolina, College of Social Work (SOWK 791: Social Work Research Methods), Topic: "Photovoice: A Qualitative Interdisciplinary Method For Health Communication." April 22, 2013.
- Guest Lecturer, University of South Carolina, Department of Health Promotion Education and Behavior (HPEB 711: Applied Health Communications), Topic: "Entertainment Education." February 7, 2013.
- Guest Speaker, Healthy Columbia, Healthy Men's Conference. Columbia SC. November 10, 2012.

MEDIA FEATURES/APPEARANCES

- Featured on the Journal of Health Management and Practice's PodCast. Topic: "Technology to Improve Informed Decision Making." January 26, 2020.
- Featured on the Journal of Health Management and Practice's PodCast. Topic: "Helping Older Adults Age in Place." January 8, 2020.
- Featured on "Ask Dr. Macie" segment of Cynthia Hardy's "On Point" television show (WACH Fox Columbia), Topic: "SmartHomes for aging in Place." December 2, 2018.
- Featured on WLTX19, Topic "SC's first Senior SmartHOME caters to seniors who can't afford assisted living care." November 17, 2018.
- Featured on Judy Gaston's N' Touch radio show (Kiss 103 FM), Topic: "Making Informed Prostate Cancer Screening Decisions." December 20, 2015.
- Featured on Judy Gaston's N' Touch radio show (KISS 103.1 FM), Topic: "Moving towards technology use for informed decisions about prostate cancer among African American men in SC." December 30, 2012.
- Featured on Gary Posick's Health, Wealth, and Happiness radio show (620 AM), Topic: "The state of prostate cancer among African American men in SC and to promoting informed decision making." November 8, 2012.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of South Carolina

2022	Dean's Review Committee, Honors College
2021 - 2022	Search Committee, Faculty Principal for the Entrepreneurship and Innovation Living
	Learning Community
2019 - 2021	American Association of University Professors, UofSC (Treasurer)
2016 - 2020	Graduate School, Committee Member, Career Development Advisory Committee
2017 - 2018	USC College of Nursing, Research and Scholarship Day (Poster Judge)
2017 - 2017	Student Leadership and Service Center, Leadership and Service Awards Committee
	(member)
2016 - 2018	Delta Omega (President)
2016 - 2017	Organizing committee for Aging Research Day Conference, South Carolina Aging
	Research Network (member)
2015 - 2016	Delta Omega (President Elect)
2014 - 2017	Preston College Faculty Associate (mentoring)
2014 - 2015	M-Health Workgroup, USC College of Nursing (member)

University of South Carolina, College of Social Work

2020 – Present	Faculty Council (Chair since 2021)
2018 - 2020	PhD Committee (member)
2020 – Present	SOWK 791 (course lead)
2016 - 2020	SOWK 352 (course lead)
2018 - 2019	Ombudsman
2016 - 2018	Aging Specialization Committee (member)
2016 - 2018	BSW Committee (member)
2014 - 2016	College of Social Work, Grievance Committee (chair)
2014 - 2017	College of Social Work, Entrepreneurship Liaison

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2019 –	American Cancer Society, Columbia Chapter (executive board member)
2016 - 2019	The Friendship (board member)
2015 –	Building Industry Association of Central Carolina, Universal Design Coalition (member)

NATIONAL SERVICE

2021 – Co-Editor, Special Issue on The Role of Assistive Technology in Promoting Health Equity (International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health)

2019 – Manuscript Reviewer (Ethnicity and Health)

2016 – American Public Health Association (member, Public Health Social Work Section)

2016 – Review Editor (Frontiers in Public Health)

2015 - Manuscript Reviewer (Journal of Men's Health)