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**EDUCATION**

<b><u>Institution</u></b>	<b><u>Major</u></b>	<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Degree</u></b>
University of Texas Houston Health Science Center School of Public Health	Epidemiology	9/00-5/04	Ph.D.
University of Texas Houston Health Science Center School of Public Health	Epidemiology	9/98-8/00	M.S.
University of Texas – Austin	Psychology	9/93-12/97	B.A.
Bellaire Senior High School		9/89-5/93	High School Diploma

**HONORS**

Delta Omega Public Health Honor Society  
Reuel A. Stallones Scholarship  
Phi Beta Kappa  
University of Texas High Honors  
Golden Key National Honor Society  
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

<b><u>Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Institution</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>
11/06-present	University of Texas Houston Health Science Center – School of Public Health Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research	Assistant Professor
09/04-10/06	University of Texas Houston Health Science Center – School of Public Health Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research	Faculty Associate

09/02-08/04	University of Texas Houston Health Science Center – School of Public Health Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research Duties: Project director for HIV, STD, and Pregnancy Prevention Program for Middle School Students; Measurement Coordinator for Longitudinal Study of Child and Adolescent Health (Susan Tortolero, PI)	Senior Research Assistant Full Time
3/00-08/02	University of Texas Houston Health Science Center – School of Public Health Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research Duties: Coordination and Recruitment of Study Participants for Multi-component Evaluation of Substance Use/Violence Prevention/Mental Health Enhancement Program; Development of a Comprehensive Instrument to Measure Health Behaviors for a Longitudinal Study (Susan Tortolero, PI)	Research Assistant II Full Time
3/00-9/00	ASPH/CDC/ATSDR Internship Program	Intern
6/99-3/00	R25E CA56452 Cancer Prevention Short Term Experience, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Behavioral Science Duties: Literature Review of Psychosocial Characteristics of Women who Decline Genetic Testing for Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer (Under Direction of Sally Vernon, Ellen Gritz)	Intern
9/98-3/00	Baylor College of Medicine Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy Duties: Literature Review for Study of Barriers in the Informed Consent Process	Research Assistant Part Time
9/98-8/99	Texas Woman’s University School of Nursing	Graduate Research Assistant Part Time

## **RESEARCH GRANT RESUBMITTED NOV. 1, 2006**

**National Institute of Mental Health:** K01, The Cyberbullying Project: Technologically-Oriented Bullying among Middle School Youth (**Peskin, PI**)  
(Michael Ross, Pamela Orpinas, Susan Tortolero, Mentors)

## **RESEARCH SUPPORT**

**SIP 4-04 (Markham-PI)**

**9/30/04 - 9/29/09**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Co-Investigator

*Evaluation of Abstinence-only and Abstinence-plus HIV, STI and Pregnancy Prevention for Middle School Students*

**1 R01 MH66640-01 (Tortolero-PI)**

**9/10/02 - 6/30/07**

National Institutes of Health/NIMH  
Project Director

*HIV/STD Prevention Program for Middle School Students*

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Peskin, M.F., Tortolero, S.R., Markham, C.M., Addy, R.C., Baumler, E.R. Bullying and Victimization and Internalizing Symptoms among Low-Income Black and Hispanic Students. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, In Press.

**Peskin, M.F.**, Tortolero, S.R., Markham, C.M. Bullying and Victimization among Black and Hispanic Adolescents. *Adolescence*, In Press.

Low, B.J., Orpinas, P., **Fleschler, M.**, Sinicrope, P.K. Prevalence of Hispanic Child Aggression and Victimization. *Journal of Intercultural Disciplines* 2005; 5: 77-98.

Buzi, R.S., Tortolero, S.R., Roberts, R.E., Markham, C.M., & **Fleschler, M.** Gender Differences in the Consequences of a Coercive Sexual Experience among Adolescents Attending Alternative Schools. *Journal of School Health* 2003; 73: 191-196.

**Fleschler, M.A.**, Tortolero, S.R., Baumler, E.R., Vernon, S.W., & Weller, N.F. Lifetime Inhalant Use among Alternative High School Students in Texas: Prevalence and Characteristics of Users. *American Journal of Alcohol and Drug Abuse* 2002; 28: 477-495.

## **SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS**

Markham C.M., Tortolero, S.R., **Peskin M.F.**, Baumler, E., Addy R.C. Prevalence of Oral, Vaginal, and Anal Sex among Middle School Students. In Final Preparation. To be submitted to *Pediatrics*, September 2006.

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

**Peskin, M.F.**, Tortolero, S.R., Addy, R.C., Weller, N.F. Weapon Carrying Prevention: Should Adults Spend More Time with Youth? In Final Preparation. To be submitted to *Aggressive Behavior*, November 2006.

Cuccaro, P., Grunbaum, J.A., Berry, S.H., **Peskin, M.F.**, Kilpatrick, S., Mun, E.Y., Wiesner, M. Healthy Passages: Constructing a Multidimensional and Comprehensive Assessment of Children's Health and Well-Being. First author is revising manuscript for re-submission.

**Peskin, M.F.**, Juvonen, J., Whitworth, R., Windle, M., Dittus, P., Paulk, D., Schuster, M.A., & Tortolero, S.R. Peer Victimization and Multiple Mental and School Health Indicators among Elementary School-Aged Youth.

Markham C.M., Shegog R., **Peskin M.F.**, Spooner K.K., McKirahan N., Thiel M.A., Tortolero S.R.. It's Your Game... Keep It Real: An HIV-, STD-, and Pregnancy-Prevention Program for Middle School Students.

Shegog R., Dancel T.M., Ledet R.M., **Peskin M.F.**, Markham C.M., Tortolero S.R. Using CD-ROM to Tailor an HIV-, STD-, and Pregnancy-Prevention Program for Middle School Students.

## **BOOK CHAPTER**

**Peskin, M.F.**, Tortolero, S.R., Markham, C.M., Orpinas, P. Cyberbullying and Cyberharassment among Low Income Ethnic-Minority Youth: How Much of a Problem is There? Prospectus accepted and first author has completed first draft, submitted November 15, 2006. To be included the book entitled, Cyberbullying: A New Variation on an Old Theme (Editor-Warren J. Blumenfeld, Ed.D.).

## **MONOGRAPHS**

Tortolero, S.R., **Peskin, M.F.**, Addy, R.C., Weller, N.F., Eason, K.E., McWhorter, K., Arvey, H. (Tentative title, in preparation, 2006) Evaluation of the Houston Independent School District's Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative, in *Safe Schools/Healthy Students: Meeting the Challenge/Capturing the 1999 Safe Schools Healthy Students Experience Through Local Outcomes*. Newton, MA: Education Development Center, Inc.

## **ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

**Peskin, M.F.**, Juvonen, J., Whitworth, R., Windle, M., Dittus, P., Paulk, D., Schuster, M.A., & Tortolero, S.R. Peer victimization and multiple mental and school health indicators among elementary school-aged youth. Accepted to Society for Adolescent Medicine 2007 Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, Mar 28-31, 2006.

Markham, C., Tortolero, S., **Peskin, M.**, Shegog, R., Addy, R., Baumler, E., McKirahan, N., Spooner, K., Escobar-Chaves, L., Thiel, M. Short-term impact evaluation of “It’s Your Game, Keep it Real”: A multimedia HIV/STI and pregnancy prevention intervention for middle school youth. Accepted to 134<sup>th</sup> American Public Health Association, Boston, MA, Nov 4-8, 2006.

Markham C., **Fleschler M.**, Addy R., McKirahan N., Hurt D., Youmans S., Tortolero S. Vaginal, oral and anal sex behaviors among middle school youth. 133<sup>rd</sup> American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA, Nov 5-9, 2005.

Cuccaro, P., Grunbaum, J.A., Berry, S.H., **Fleschler, M.A.**, Kilpatrick, S., Mun, E.Y., Wiesner, M. Healthy Passages: Constructing a Multidimensional and Comprehensive Assessment of Children’s Health and Well-Being. 133<sup>rd</sup> American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA, Nov 5-9, 2005.

Markham C.M., Robin L., Thiel M., Spooner K., McKirahan N., **Fleschler M.**, Shegog, R., Escobar-Chaves S.L., Tortolero S. Designing comparable abstinence education and comprehensive sexuality curricula. 133<sup>rd</sup> American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA, Nov 5-9, 2005.

**Fleschler, M.A.**, Juvonen, J., Paulk, D., Grunbaum, J.A., Tortolero, S.R., Windle, M., & Schuster, M. Bullying and victimization behaviors among elementary school-aged youth: Results from the Healthy Passages Study. 132<sup>nd</sup> American Public Health Association Annual Conference, November 6-10, 2004, Washington D.C.

Shegog, R., Markham, C., McKirahan, N., **Fleschler, M.**, Coton, C., Chapman, E., Low, B., Hurt, D., Spooner, K., Tortolero, S. It’s Your Game...Keep it Real: Feasibility of innovative multimedia HIV/STI and pregnancy prevention for middle school youth. 132<sup>nd</sup> American Public Health Association Annual Conference, November 6-10, 2004, Washington D.C.

Markham, C., Shegog, R., McKirahan, N., **Fleschler, M.** It’s Your Game...Keep it Real: Translating theory into practice for the development of a multi-component HIV/STI and pregnancy prevention program for middle school youth. 78<sup>th</sup> Annual School Health Conference of the American School Health Association, October 13-17, 2004, Pittsburgh, PA.

**Fleschler, M.A.**, Tortolero, S.R., Addy, R.C., McWhorter, K., Arvey, H., Eason, K.E. Findings from Houston’s Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative. 1999 Safe Schools Healthy Students Evaluation Symposium, June 29, 2004, Washington D.C.

**Fleschler, M.A.**, Tortolero, S.R., Addy, R.C., Weller, N.F., Markham, C.M. The association between adult interaction and weapon carrying among high school students in an inner-city school district in Texas, USA. 7<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, June 6-9, 2004, Vienna, Austria.

Markham, C.M., **Fleschler, M.**, McKirahan, N., Shegog, R., Low, B.J., Spooner, K., Hurt, D., Escobar-Chaves, S.L., Thiel, M., Youmans, S., Addy, R.C., Tortolero, S.R. Using Intervention Mapping to develop an HIV/STD and pregnancy prevention program for middle school youth. Society for Prevention Research 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. May 26-28, 2004. Quebec City, Quebec.

Markham, C.M., **Fleschler, M.A.**, McKirahan, N., Escobar-Chaves, S.L., Shegog, R., Low, B.J., Thiel, M., Addy, R.C., Tortolero, S.R.. Using Intervention Mapping to develop an HIV/STD and pregnancy prevention program for middle school youth. Advances in Teaching and Learning 2004: Scholarship on Teaching, University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston School of Health Informatics, February 26, 2004, Houston, Texas.

Shegog, R., Markham, C.M., McKirahan, N., **Fleschler, M.**, Coton, C., Chapman, E., Low, B.J., Hurt, D., Spooner, K., Tortolero, S. It's Your Game.....Keep It Real: An Interactive Description of a Computer-Based Component of an HIV/STI and Pregnancy Program for Middle School Youth. Advances in Teaching and Learning: Scholarship on Teaching, University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston School of Health Informatics, February 26, 2004, Houston, Texas.

Low, B.J., Orpinas, P., Baumler, E., Kelder, S., & **Fleschler, M.** Personal, parental, and environmental factors associated with aggression among urban Latino students in grades four through twelve in Texas. 2004 National Conference of the National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies, February 17, 2004, Houston, Texas.

Markham, C.M., **Fleschler, M.**, McKirahan, N., Chaves, S.L., Shegog, R., Low, B.J., Thiel, M., Addy, R.C., & Tortolero, S.R. Using Intervention Mapping to develop an HIV/STD and pregnancy prevention program for middle school youth. American Public Health Association Annual Conference, November 15-19, 2003, San Francisco, California.

**Fleschler, M.A.**, Tortolero, S.R., Weller, N.F., & Addy, R.C. Adult Interaction and Weapon Carrying: Is there an Association? American Public Health Association Annual Conference, November 9-13, 2002, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Tortolero, S.R., Weller, N.F., **Fleschler, M.A.**, & Addy, R.C. Evaluation of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative (SS/HS) for Two Houston Independent School District (HISD) Feeder Tracks: Baseline and Year 1 Follow Up Results for Elementary Sample. University of Texas Houston Health Science Center, Faculty Research Day. November, 2001, Houston, Texas.

**Fleschler, M.A.**, Tortolero, S.R., Baumler, E.R., Vernon, S.W., & Weller, N.F. Demographic, Psychosocial, and Other Risk Behaviors Associated with Lifetime Inhalant Use Among Students at Alternative High Schools in Texas. University of Texas Houston Health Science Center, School of Public Health, Student Research Day. April, 2001, Houston, Texas.

Tortolero, S.R., Weller, N.F., **Fleschler, M.A.**, Addy, R.C., & Baumler, E.R. Evaluation of a Community-Wide, Multi-Component Intervention Project for a Large Urban School District in Southeast Texas. University of Texas Houston Health Science Center, Faculty Research Day. October, 2000, Houston, Texas.

### **COMMUNITY-RELATED PRESENTATIONS**

Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative: Baseline Results (1999-2000). Case Management Presentation Presented to Austin Feeder High School Principals and Counselors. March 19, 2001, Houston, Texas

Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative: Baseline and Follow-Up Results (1999-2003). Presentation to Family Services of Greater Houston. January 2004, Houston, Texas

**Fleschler, M.A.**, Tortolero, S.R., Addy, R.C., & Weller, N.F. Evaluation of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative (SS/HS) for Two Houston Independent School District (HISD) Feeder Tracks. Safe & Drug Free Schools & Communities Annual State Conference, February 2003, Houston, Texas.

Markham, C.M., Tortolero, S.R., & **Peskin, M.F.** LINK UP HOUSTON. Using the 40 Developmental Assets Framework to Guide Prevention Research. May 13, 2006, Houston, Texas.

### **MANUSCRIPTS REVIEWED**

Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health  
Journal of Adolescent Health

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Co-Instructor, Program Evaluation, Fall 2006, University of Texas Houston Health Science Center – School of Public Health

Co-Instructor, Introduction to Epidemiology, Spring 2005; Spring 2006, University of Texas Houston Health Science Center – School of Public Health

Preceptor, University of Texas School of Public Health Internships, Spring 2005; Spring 2006.

Guest Lecturer, Public Health Informatics, Spring 2004, University of Texas Houston Health Science Center – School of Public Health

Guest Lecturer, Introduction to Epidemiology, Summer 2001; Spring 2003; Spring 2004, University of Texas Houston Health Science Center – School of Public Health

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Epidemiology, Summer 2001; Spring 2003,  
University of Texas Houston Health Science Center – School of Public Health

Group Facilitator, Intervention Mapping, Fall 2002, University of Texas Houston Health  
Science Center – School of Public Health

Substitute Facilitator, Health Promotion: Theory and Methods, Fall 2001, University of  
Texas Houston Health Science Center – School of Public Health

### **COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Taking Charge: A Collaborative project to help young girls take charge of their futures.  
Community-wide workshop for middle school girls to take place in October,  
2006.

NCJW – Concerned Young Women Chapter  
Vice President of Programming – 2003-2004  
Treasurer – 2004-2006  
Vice President for Community Service – 2006-present

Run for the Rose: Steering Committee  
Volunteer coordinator for 5k race benefiting brain cancer –  
May 17, 2003, May 16, 2004, April 2, 2006

Women's American ORT  
Financial Secretary – 2002-2003

BBYO - Advisor for high school youth – 2000-2003