

## Anthony Peluso, DrPH, MPH

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### EDUCATION

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- 2020**      **Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) in Community Health**  
*East Tennessee State University College of Public Health, Johnson City, TN*  
 Dissertation: [A Mixed-Methods Analysis of Abortion Attitudes and Perceptions among Women Living in Alabama and South Carolina](#)  
 Committee: Katie Baker, DrPH, MPH (chair); Nathan L. Hale, PhD, MPH; Michael G. Smith, DrPH, MSPH
- 2017**      **Master of Public Health (MPH) in Community Health**  
*East Tennessee State University College of Public Health, Johnson City, TN*  
 Advisor: Katie Baker, DrPH, MPH
- 2015**      **Bachelor of Science (BS) in Biological Sciences & Sociology** (*Magna cum laude*)  
*University of Pittsburgh Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts & Sciences, Pittsburgh, PA*

### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS & EMPLOYMENT

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- 08/2023-Present**      **Assistant Professor**, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences  
 School of Public Health, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 06/2023-08/2023**      **Adjunct Assistant Professor**, Master of Public Health Program  
*College of Graduate Studies, Midwestern University, Glendale, AZ*
- 01/2021-06/2023**      **Assistant Professor**, Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine (AZCOM)  
*Midwestern University, Glendale, AZ* (Joint Appointment)
- 01/2021-06/2023**      **Assistant Professor**, Master of Public Health Program  
*College of Graduate Studies, Midwestern University, Glendale, AZ*

### FUNDED RESEARCH

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#### I. Intramural

- 2021-2023**      **MWU Faculty Research Startup Fund (\$30,000)**  
*College of Graduate Studies, Midwestern University, Glendale, AZ*  
 Role: Principal Investigator  
**Key Responsibilities:** Development and management of all research study activities, including study conceptualization, theoretical framework development/alignment, collaboration with colleagues and co-investigators, IRB protocol development and submission, study recruitment, data collection, management, and analyses, and supervision of graduate research assistants.
- 2018-2022**      **Exploring Reproductive Health Attitudes, Beliefs and Experiences among Lesbian and Bisexual Women in Northeast Tennessee (\$9,300); PI: Dr. Katie Baker**  
*Research Development Committee, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN*  
 Role: Project Manager  
**Key Responsibilities:** Preparation and submission of grant; submission of IRB protocol and management of study modifications; participant recruitment, enrollment, interviewing, data collection, and payment; supervision of undergraduate research

assistants; management of participant survey data in REDCap; alignment and execution of qualitative analyses.

- 2016-2018**      **Exploring Adverse Childhood Experiences among Mothers and Daughters in South Central Appalachia (\$1,500); Co-PIs: Drs. Katie Baker & Megan Quinn**  
*Research Development Committee, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN*  
Role: Graduate Research Assistant  
**Key Responsibilities:** Assistance with qualitative data analysis, including development of coding scheme and actual coding of interviews; management and analysis of survey data in SPSS; development of regional conference presentation materials and attendance at ACEs conference.
- 2016-2017**      **Exploring Spheres of Silence Surrounding Cervical Cancer Communication in Appalachian Tennessee (\$1,500); PI: Dr. Katie Baker**  
*Research Development Committee, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN*  
Role: Graduate Research Assistant  
**Key Responsibilities:** Contribution to grant preparation and submission; execution of literature reviews to guide study and interview guide development.

## II. Extramural

- 2017-2020**      **Evaluation of the South Carolina Choose Well Initiative to Reduce Unintended Pregnancy (\$13,969,143); PIs: Drs. Amal Khoury & Nathan Hale**  
*Anonymous Foundation, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN*  
Role: Graduate Research Assistant  
**Key Responsibilities:** Assistance with literature reviews; collaboration on longitudinal survey development and implementation processes; management of incoming survey data in REDCap, including conducting data quality and integrity checks on survey data; assistance in the development and execution of focus groups across the state of South Carolina; management of IRB protocol submissions and modifications through ETSU, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and Alabama Department of Public Health.
- 2015-2019**      **Likes, Pins and Views: Engaging Moms on Teen Indoor Tanning thru Social Media (\$3,301,527); PIs: Drs. David Buller & Sherry Pagoto**  
*National Cancer Institute (R01-CA192652-01A1), East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN*  
Role: Graduate Research Assistant  
**Key Responsibilities:** Onboarding and communication with Coordinated School Health officials in Tennessee for facilitation of study recruitment and retention; participation in biweekly steering committee calls with external collaborators Klein Buendel and University of Massachusetts Medical School; assisted with pilot testing, development of focus group discussion guide and execution of focus groups with moms of teenage daughters in Northeast Tennessee.

## PUBLICATIONS (\*indicates trainee/student author)

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### I. Refereed Journal Articles

Waring M, Baker K, **Peluso A**, May C, Pagoto S. Content analysis of Twitter chatter about indoor tanning. *Translational Behavioral Medicine*. 2019;9(1):41-47. doi: 10.1093/tbm/iby011.

### II. Non-Refereed Journal Articles

Olanrewaju FS, Vanhook P, McKenzie SW, Falodun A, **Peluso A**, Jawla M, Omoike E. Hepatitis C virus screening in Federally Qualified Health Centers in rural Appalachia. *Healthcare Research and Public Safety Journal*, 2019;1(1):1-7.

### III. Manuscripts in Progress

**Peluso A**, Harless C\*. "Our sexuality matters and our sexual health matters, even though our sexual lives are different": Exploring the lived experiences of LGBTQ+ emerging adults in South Central Appalachia. Target Journal: *Journal of Appalachian Health*. In preparation.

**Peluso A**, Greenberg D\*, Raney E, El-Ibiary S. Arizona pharmacists' perspectives on prescribing hormonal contraception. Target Journal: *Journal of the American Pharmacists Association*. In preparation.

**Peluso A**, Berry H\*, Shaikh S\*, El-Ibiary S. Pharmacy access to emergency contraception in the United States: A systematic review of facilitators and barriers. Target Journal: *Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy*. In preparation.

Smith MH, Chakraborty P, Kim T, **Peluso A**, Steinberg J, Kavanaugh ML, Gallo MF. State policy context and abortion attitudes: Results from the Surveys of Women. Target Journal: *AJOG*. In preparation.

## PRESENTATIONS (\*indicates trainee/student author)

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### I. Invited Presentations

**Peluso A**. (2021, November 4). *Reproductive Health in the US: Past, Present, and Future*. Presented virtually to the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (CCOM) Medical Students for Choice Club, Midwestern University, Glendale, AZ.

**Peluso A**. (2021, October 28). *Gender, Sex, and Health Disparities: Why Terminology Matters*. Presented virtually to Graduate Medical Education (GME) Consortium Directors and Faculty, Midwestern University, Glendale, AZ.

**Peluso A**. (2021, March 19). *Healthcare Barriers in LGBTQ+ Communities*. Presented virtually at Students for One Health Club Meeting, Midwestern University, Glendale, AZ.

**Peluso A**, Copp M, Watson E, DiBona D, Bowers O. (2018, November 5). *Systems Thinking in Sexual and Reproductive Health: Identifying Factors that Influence the Burden of Sexually Transmitted Infections on Young People in the South*. Moderated session presented in the DrPH Systems Approaches to Public Health Issues Seminar Series, Johnson City, TN.

## II. Research Presentations – Local

Greenberg D\*, **Peluso A**, El-Ibiary S, Raney E. (2023, April 14). *Pharmacists' perspectives on prescribing contraception in Arizona*. Poster session presented at the Kenneth A. Suarez Research Day, Midwestern University, Glendale, AZ.

Berry H\*, Shaikh S\*, **Peluso A**. (2023, April 14). *A Multi-State Comparison of Legislation Permitting Pharmacist-Prescribed Contraception*. Poster session presented at the Kenneth A. Suarez Research Day, Midwestern University, Glendale, AZ.

**Peluso A**, Hale N, Smith MG, Khoury A. (2019, April 12). *Women in Need of Publicly Funded Contraceptive Services in South Carolina: A County-Level Investigation*. Oral session presented at the Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN.

**Peluso A**, Baker K, Hillhouse J. (2018, April 4). *Dual Method Use in a Sample of College-Aged Women*. Oral session presented at the Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN.

**Peluso A**, Baker K, Hillhouse J, Pagoto S. (2017, April 12). *Social Media Use and Indoor Tanning Behavior among College Students: Innovative Spaces to Integrate Public Health Messages*. Poster session presented at the Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN.

**Peluso A**, Baker K, Peterson A, Pagoto S. (2016, April 7). *Social Media Use Among Public High Schools in Tennessee: Potential Platforms for Parent-Based Health Campaigns*. Poster session presented at the Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN.

Ariyo O, Baker K, **Peluso A**, Florence LC. (2016, April 7). *Supporting the Case for a Maternal Social Media Campaign to Reduce Indoor Tanning among Teenage Girls*. Poster session presented at the Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN.

## III. Research Presentations – State/Regional

Hawkins SE, Baker K, **Peluso A**. (2018, September 12-14). *Sexual Health Knowledge and Attitudes among College Students at a Mid-Sized Regional University in Tennessee*. Poster session presented at the Tennessee Public Health Association Annual Educational Conference, Franklin, TN.

Baker K, Quinn M, Ariyo O, **Peluso A**, Smyth M, Cano A, Peterson A, Mwirigi K, Owens H. (2017, October 20). *Exploring Adverse Childhood Experiences among Mothers and Daughters in South Central Appalachia*. Oral session presented at the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Southeastern Summit, Asheville, NC.

## IV. Research Presentations – National

**Peluso A**, Greenberg D\*, El-Ibiary S, Raney E. (2023, March 24-27). *Pharmacists' perspectives on prescribing contraception in Arizona*. Poster session presented at the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) 2023 Annual Meeting and Exposition, Phoenix, AZ.

**Peluso A**, Harless C\*. (2022, November 6-9). *A qualitative study of sexual and reproductive healthcare experiences of LGBTQ+ emerging adults in Appalachia*. Oral session presented at the American Public Health Association (APHA) 2022 Annual Meeting and Expo, Boston, MA.

Zeigler M, Bolch C, Davis D, Trembath F, **Peluso A**, Sands L, Yorgason A, Carlson T, Stein AB, Chapman AS, Vander Wyst KB. (2022, March 28-30). *Building the Future Interdisciplinary Public Health Team Online: Midwestern University Master of Public Health Cohorts 1 & 2*. Virtual poster session presented at Teaching Prevention 2022: Pivot with Purpose to Build a Healthier Future (APTR Annual Meeting), Online.

## V. Research Presentations – International

**Peluso A**, Baker K, Pagoto S. (2018, May 1-4). *ETSU is Skin Smart: Policy Adoption Aimed at Reducing Indoor Tanning among College Students at a Small Southeastern University*. Oral session presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on UV & Skin Cancer Prevention, Toronto, ON.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### I. Classroom Instruction: Course Director or Co-Instructor

Term/Year	Role	Course Title	Mode of Instruction	Education Level	Average Enrollment	Institution
Fall 2023	Course Instructor	<i>Systems Thinking in Public Health Practice</i>	Online	MS/MPH	7	School of Public Health, West Virginia University
Fall 2023	Course Instructor	<i>Social Determinants of Health</i>	In-Person	BS	26	School of Public Health, West Virginia University
Summer 2023	Course Instructor (Developed Course)	<i>Behavioral and Social Impacts on Public Health</i>	Online	MPH	10	College of Graduate Studies, Midwestern University
Winter 2021-22; Summer 2022; Winter 2022-23	Course Instructor (Developed Course)	<i>Epidemiology of Emerging Infectious Diseases</i>	Online	MPH	20	College of Graduate Studies, Midwestern University
Summer 2021; Winter 2021-22; Winter 2022-23	Course Instructor (Developed Course)	<i>Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Response</i>	Online	MPH	20	College of Graduate Studies, Midwestern University
Summer 2021; Summer 2022	Course Instructor	<i>Behavioral and Social Aspects of Public Health</i>	Online	MPH	30	College of Graduate Studies,

						Midwestern University
Summer 2022	Course Instructor	<i>Design of MPH Practicum</i>	Online	MPH	10	College of Graduate Studies, Midwestern University
Summer 2021	Co-Instructor	<i>Introduction to MPH Project and Practicum</i>	Online	MPH	25	College of Graduate Studies, Midwestern University
Fall 2018, 2019; Spring 2019, 2020	Course Instructor	<i>Introduction to Public Health</i>	In-Person & Online	BS	75	College of Public Health, East Tennessee State University

## II. Classroom Instruction: Guest Lecturer or Small Group Facilitator

Term/Year	Role	Course Title	Lecture/Lab Topic	Institution
Fall 2023	Guest Lecturer	<i>Global Perspectives of Public Health</i>	Socioeconomic Determinants of Health	School of Public Health, West Virginia University
Spring 2023	Facilitator	<i>Humanity in Medicine</i>	Topics in the Medical Humanities	Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine, Midwestern University
Fall 2022	Guest Lecturer	<i>Health Promotion I</i>	Intro to One Health	College of Health Sciences (Illinois), DPT Program, Midwestern University
Fall 2022	Guest Lecturer	<i>Oral Health Sciences I</i>	Public Health 101	College of Dental Medicine (Illinois), Midwestern University
Spring 2021, Spring 2022	Facilitator	<i>Microbiology II</i>	Tabletop Exercise: Pneumonic Plague	College of Graduate Studies, Midwestern University; Arizona Department of Health Services

Spring 2022, Spring 2023	Guest Lecturer	<i>Oral Health Sciences VI</i>	Principles of Epidemiology II	College of Dental Medicine (Illinois), Midwestern University
Spring 2022	Guest Lecturer	<i>Oral Health Sciences II</i>	Principles of Epidemiology I	College of Dental Medicine (Illinois), Midwestern University
Winter 2020- 2021, 2021-22, 2022-23	Facilitator	<i>Public Health, Epidemiology and Zoonotic Disease</i>	Outbreak Investigation Case Study	College of Veterinary Medicine, Midwestern University
Summer 2021, Summer 2022	Facilitator	<i>Epidemiology II</i>	Lab Exercise: Foodborne Illness Outbreak Investigation	College of Graduate Studies, Midwestern University
Summer 2021, Summer 2022	Facilitator	<i>Epidemiology II</i>	Lab Exercise: Sensitivity, Specificity & HIV Screening	College of Graduate Studies, Midwestern University
Summer 2021	Guest Lecturer	<i>Climate Change, Ecosystem Stability, and Public Health</i>	Environmental and Climate Justice	College of Graduate Studies, Midwestern University
Fall 2018, 2019	Guest Lecturer	<i>Consulting and Implementation of Health Programs and Services</i>	Basic Data Input and Analysis in SPSS	College of Public Health, East Tennessee State University
Spring 2017	Guest Lecturer	<i>Health Communication</i>	Use of Social Media in Health Communication Research	College of Public Health, East Tennessee State University

## STUDENT MENTORING/ADVISING

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### I. West Virginia University (08/2023-Present)

### II. Midwestern University (01/2021-06/2023)

#### MPH Integrative Learning Experience Mentees

- Hannah Geldermann (DO/MPH 2023); Project Title: “Designing a Process Evaluation for Thresholds’ Substance Use Treatment Program”
- Deepa Chandrasekhar (DO/MPH 2023); Project Title: “Pain Management in Surgery: Guidelines for Equitable Treatment of Pain in Black Patients Undergoing Abdominal Surgery”
- Jessica Ventenilla (DMD/MPH 2023); Project Title: “Best Practices Guide for Preventing Early Dental Caries”

Research Mentees

- Sean Pecoraro (DO/MPH 2024)
- Hana Berry (DO/MPH 2025)
- Kimberly La (DO/MPH 2025)
- Alec Robitaille (DO/MPH 2025)
- Sara Shaikh (DO/MPH 2025)

MPH Advisees

- Emily Legate (DVM/MPH 2023)
- Alison Mihailovich (DVM/MPH 2023)
- Rachel Cropp (DVM/MPH 2024)
- Alexa Gallardo (DVM/MPH 2024)
- April Rosales (DVM/MPH 2024)
- Martha Villalpando (DVM/MPH 2024)
- Gisselle Hernandez (OD/MPH 2025)

**SERVICE**

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**I. College/School Level**

<b>2022-2023</b>	Member, <i>Student Promotion &amp; Graduation Committee</i> , College of Graduate Studies, Midwestern University
<b>2021-2023</b>	Chair, <i>Student One Health Research Grant Review Committee</i> , College of Graduate Studies, Midwestern University
<b>2021-2023</b>	Co-Faculty Advisor, <i>Sun Protection Outreach Teaching by Students (SPOTS) Club</i> , Midwestern University
<b>2021-2023</b>	Member, <i>Research Committee</i> , College of Graduate Studies, Midwestern University
<b>2021-2023</b>	Member, <i>MPH Education Committee</i> , College of Graduate Studies, Midwestern University
<b>2021-2022</b>	Member, <i>MPH Admissions Committee</i> , College of Graduate Studies, Midwestern University
<b>2021</b>	Faculty Judge, <i>Interprofessional Health Care and One Health Student Poster Session (Virtual)</i> , Midwestern University (2021)
<b>2019-2020</b>	Facilitator, <i>DrPH Orientation</i> , College of Public Health, East Tennessee State University
<b>2018-2020</b>	Student Mentor, <i>DrPH Program</i> , College of Public Health, East Tennessee State University
<b>2018-2020</b>	Student Member, <i>DrPH Operations Committee</i> , College of Public Health, East Tennessee State University
<b>2017</b>	Student Member, <i>MPH Curriculum Revision Committee</i> , College of Public Health, East Tennessee State University

**II. University Level**

<b>2022-2023</b>	Member, <i>Institutional Review Board</i> , Midwestern University
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- 2021** Operation Hope Volunteer, *COVID-19 Vaccination Center*, Midwestern University, Glendale, AZ
- 2016** Ad-Hoc Member, *Academic Misconduct Hearing Committee*, School of Graduate Studies, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN

### III. Community Level

- 2021-2023** Member, Arizona Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) Steering Committee
- 2019** Organizer, Community Silent Auction, One Acre Café, Johnson City, TN
- 2019** Volunteer/Judge, Unicoi County 4-H Baking Contest, Erwin, TN
- 2018-2019** Volunteer/Judge, Unicoi County 4-H Public Speaking Contest, Erwin, TN
- 2013-2015** Volunteer, UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, Pittsburgh, PA (2013-2015)
- 2011-2012** Volunteer, Pitt Make a Difference Day, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

### IV. Abstract/Journal Reviewer

- 2023-Present** Conference Abstract Reviewer, American Public Health Association
- 2023-Present** Conference Abstract Reviewer, Society of Family Planning
- 2022-Present** Ad-Hoc Journal Reviewer, *Obstetrics & Gynecology*
- 2021-Present** Ad-Hoc Journal Reviewer, *Journal of the American Pharmacists Association*
- 2020-Present** Ad-Hoc Journal Reviewer, *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*

### V. Professional Memberships

- 2023-Present** Member, American Pharmacists Association
- 2022-Present** Member, American Public Health Association
- 2022-Present** Member, Society of Family Planning

## OTHER RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2017-2020** **Graduate Research Assistant & Teaching Associate**  
*College of Public Health, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN*
- 2017** **MPH Field Experience**  
*University Health Center, College of Nursing, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN*
- 2015-2017** **Tuition Scholar (Research Assistant)**  
*College of Public Health, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN*
- 2012-2014** **Teaching Assistant**  
*Office of Freshman Programs, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA*

## TRAININGS & CERTIFICATES

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- 2023** Safe Zone Training, Midwestern University
- 2021** Coding and Analyzing Qualitative Data, Fall Qualitative Inquiry Seminars, Research Talk, Inc.

<b>2021</b>	CITI Course in the Protection of Human Research Subjects (2021, 2018, 2015)
<b>2021</b>	FEMA ICS-100 Introduction to Incident Command System
<b>2021</b>	FEMA IS-200 Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response
<b>2021</b>	FEMA IS-700 An Introduction to the National Incident Management System
<b>2021</b>	FEMA IS-800 National Response Framework, An Introduction
<b>2021</b>	Yellowdig Instructor Certification Course
<b>2020</b>	COVID-19 Contact Tracing Course, Johns Hopkins University
<b>2020</b>	Naloxone Administration Training, ETSU Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy
<b>2016-2019</b>	ETSU HIPAA Training Certificate
<b>2017</b>	CITI Course in Good Clinical Practice (GCP) - Social and Behavioral Research Best Practices for Clinical Research
<b>2016</b>	Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug, & other Addiction Services (TAADAS) Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) 101 Training
<b>2015</b>	IRBManager Training, ETSU Institutional Review Board

## HONORS & AWARDS

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<b>2020</b>	Excellence in Teaching Award, School of Graduate Studies, East Tennessee State University
<b>2019</b>	Outstanding DrPH Student, Community and Behavioral Health, East Tennessee State University
<b>2017</b>	Delta Omega Honor Society Inductee, East Tennessee State University, Alpha Pi Chapter
<b>2017</b>	Outstanding MPH Student, Community and Behavioral Health, East Tennessee State University
<b>2016-2017</b>	Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Inductee, East Tennessee State University
<b>2016</b>	First Place Award, Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN. Poster Presentation: <i>Social Media Use Among Public High Schools in Tennessee: Potential Platforms for Parent-Based Health Campaigns</i>