

# Djuana Harvell

## Community Engagement | Public Health | Health Scientist

### Initiative Lead | Public Health Issue Identification & Analysis | Outcome-Driven Intervention

Work Plans | Progress Reports | Program design & implementation | Balanced strategic & technical leadership | Quantitative measurement & qualitative evaluation

- 16+ years of program management and project management skills; developing goals, plans, and schedules; identifying and mobilizing resources; and delegating contributions.
- Collaborative leader, engaging communicator with excellent presentation, training, and negotiation skills, working effectively with diverse stakeholder groups.
- Valued by colleagues as a committed key contributor and natural leader who inspires excellence.
- Recognized community health thought leader dedicated to improving the lives of others through advancement of the health of individuals and communities.

## Experience

### THE FOUNDATION FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN COMMUNITIES

2014 to Present

#### Director, Special & Innovative Projects | be well Health & Wellness Initiative (2018 to present)

- Promoted to lead strategic planning, research, assessment, and implementation of key projects within a \$1.5 million multi-faceted organization, improving the lives of >34,000 community members in 6 East Denver and Aurora neighborhoods.
- Collaborate with project teams, partners, managers, and volunteers to implement health advocacy, education, and prevention plans. Report to Senior Vice President.
- Oversee a Health Policy Coordinator; established and lead a team of 25 community stakeholders
- Contribute to development of annual plans, outreach, policies, reports, grant writing, and abstracts.

#### Project Manager, be well Health and Wellness Initiative (2014 to 2018)

- Recruited to serve as Project Lead of be well/be EPIC, a \$0.5 million project funded by the CDC's Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health initiative to improve health equity for citizens.
- Collaborated with project teams, partners, managers, and volunteers to implement health advocacy, promotion, and prevention plans.
- Engaged residents whose concerns had previously not been a part of planning and policy decisions.

### UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER, ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS

2002 to 2014

#### Research Associate, Department of Medicine, Pediatric Infectious Diseases (2011 to 2014)

- Led study examining effect of CMV infection on HIV infectivity in the presence of hormones.
- Created and optimized lab protocols to address immunological questions. Collaborated with multi-disciplinary investigators.

#### Assistant Research Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Endocrinology (2008 to 2011)

- Implemented study on biological differences of breast cancer in pregnant vs. non-pregnant women.
- Presented results at academic conferences; manuscripts published.

#### Instructor, Department of Medicine, Division of Endocrinology (2006 to 2008)

- Planned and conducted a series of experiments to determine mechanisms for the greater clinical effectiveness of Aromatase Inhibitor (AI) monotherapy compared to AI + Tamoxifen.
- Invited speaker at academic conferences. Published two manuscripts on results in journal Breast Cancer Research and Treatment. Co-author of two manuscripts on breast cancer and lymph node metastasis

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## Additional Experience

### Instructor | Faculty

- UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER: Taught Practical Application of Molecular and Cell Biology Techniques for the Clinical Investigator Course. Mentored an undergrad summer program student.
- METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER: Taught General Biology Lab 1090 Course.
- UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA: Mentored high school student in an Eppley Institute Summer Program

**Scientific Reviewer**, COLORADO CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCES INSTITUTE - Community Engagement Joint Pilot Grant Reviewer (2018 & 2019), US DOD BREAST CANCER RESEARCH PEER REVIEW PANEL (2009, 2011 & 2013) Served local & national scientific review panel. Gained insights into grant writing.

### Research Intern, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Worked with a research team to isolate and identify major DNA adducts formed from polycyclic aromatic and nitrated polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons using reverse HPLC. Contributed to a published manuscript.

### Graduate Student, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER & CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY.

Planned and conducted a series of experiments. Presented data at scientific meetings and academic conferences; reported results in master's thesis, PhD dissertation, 7 publications, and 2 book chapters.

## Community Leadership

REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP 2021 to Present  
**Board of Director** (2021 to present) - Hiring Committee

PACT - PARTNERSHIP OF ACADEMICIANS AND COMMUNITIES FOR TRANSLATION 2017 to Present  
Mission is to transform the way communities and researchers work together to design and conduct research by building bridges between health research, clinical practice, and community health initiatives.  
**Vice Chair** (2020 to present) - grant review panel, nominating committee

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. – DENVER ALUMNAE CHAPTER 2002 to Present  
*Fulfilled multiple roles for Public Service Organization with 200 members, 25 committees, achieving key goals.*  
**Training Facilitator** (2016 to present) – Code of Conduct, Leadership, Team Building, Risk Management  
**Chair, 80th Anniversary Celebration** Scholarship Fundraising Event raising \$30K in net proceeds, 2019  
**Delta Fellow Leadership Program** - 2018 graduate  
**President** (2012 to 2016)- Regional "Chapter of the Year" (2013 & 2016)

## Leadership Recognitions

Delta of the Year "Torch of Excellence " Award, Denver Alumnae Chapter, 2019 and 2006  
Member of the Year Regional Award, Central Region, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., 2017  
Women of Distinction Award Girl Scouts of Colorado, 2015  
African Americans Who Make a Difference Award, Denver Urban Spectrum Newspaper, 2014  
Irma Kelly Hudson Community Service Image Award- Denver Alumnae Chapter, 2010

## Education | Professional Development

**Ph.D. Pathology & Microbiology**  
**M.S. & B.S., Chemistry**

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER  
CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

### Professional Development

Cancer Research Training, Eppley Institute for Cancer Research; Bp America's Helios University Leadership Program; Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Program; Regional Institute for Health & Environmental Leadership; Coaching Academy