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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## PERSONAL DATA

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Birthdate: July 09, 1990  
Birthplace: Sudan  
Citizenship: Sudan, US Permanent Resident

## EDUCATION

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| Boston University School of Public Health<br><b>Doctor of Public Health</b>                     | 2018-2022<br>Boston, MA, USA |
| Boston University School of Public Health<br><b>Master of Public Health</b>                     | 2014-2016<br>Boston, MA, USA |
| University of Khartoum, Faculty of Medicine<br><b>Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery</b> | 2007-2014<br>Khartoum, Sudan |

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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| Assistant Professor<br>Co-Director - Global Health Futures Innovation Research Network<br><b>Washington University in St. Louis School of Public Health</b>                            | 2025-Present<br>St. Louis, MO        |
| Assistant Professor<br>Department of Global Health<br>Department of Epidemiology<br><b>Boston University School of Public Health</b>   | 2023-2024<br>Boston, MA              |
| Lead Project Director<br>Rockefeller Foundation- Boston University 3-D Commission<br>Research Fellow<br>Department of Epidemiology<br><b>Boston University School of Public Health</b> | 2020-2024<br>2017-2023<br>Boston, MA |

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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### **OTHER AFFILIATIONS**

- Adjunct Assistant Professor, Boston University School of Public Health, (2025-present)
- Core Faculty member, Human Capital Initiative, Boston University Global Development Policy Center, (2024-present)
- Core Faculty member, Boston University Center on Emerging Infectious Diseases (CEID), (2024-present)
- Analyst, The Independent Panel for Pandemic preparedness and Response, World Health Organization, (2020-2021)

### **EDITORIAL**

- Editorial Board, Associate Editor, Journal of Migration and Health (2021-present)

### **JOURNAL REVIEWS**

- AJPB
- BMC Public Health
- BMJ- Global Health
- Journal of Public Health
- JAMA Network Open
- PLoS One
- PNAS-Nexus
- Systematic reviews

### **OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCES**

- Consultant, The Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, World Health Organization, Switzerland. (2021-2024)
- Consultant, Human Rights Centre, University of Essex, United Kingdom. (2021-2022)
- Consultant, Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity Unit, World Health Organization, Switzerland. (2021)
- Intern, Social Determinants of Health Unit, World Health Organization, Switzerland. (2014)
- Intern, World Medical Association, France. (2014)
- Consultant, Federal Ministry of Health, Sudan. (2012)
- Program Director, Sudan Medical Mission Project, Sudan. (2011-2012)

### **SERVICE**

#### **International**

- Member, Advisory Group on Health Equity and NCDs. NCD Alliance. (2023)
- Associate, Room 3 on Health and wellbeing. Brookings Institute and Rockefeller Foundation 17 Rooms challenge. (2022)
- Member, Health System Resilience in the Anthropocene Era Technical Advisory Group. World Bank. (2021-present)
- Member, The Global Health Equity Network Measurement Working Group. World Economic Forum.

(2021-present)

- Member, Wisdom Council Measuring Impact. Convened by Handshake, Goal 17 Partners and Handshake, with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Global Fund. (November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021)
- Member, The Global Health Equity Network Steering Committee Meeting. World Economic Forum. (October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020)
- Co-Lead, Future research agenda for the Healthy Societies Initiative by the Swedish Government, Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, and Wilton Park. (2021-2023)
- Member, Organizing committee of the pre-World Health Assembly workshop on youth leadership and advocacy, Geneva. International Federation of Medical Students' Associations. (2016)
- Member, Organizing committee of the pre-World Health Assembly workshop on youth leadership and advocacy, Geneva. International Federation of Medical Students Associations. (2014)

### **National**

- Member, Medical Schools' certification taskforce. Sudanese Medical Board. (2011)

### **Boston University School of Public Health**

- Member, Global Health Department Education Task Force, Boston University School of Public Health. (2023– 2024)
- Member, Dean's task force to review the Doctor of Public Health program, Boston University School of Public Health. (2018– 2019)
- Member, Strategic Thinking Steering Group for SPH 2030 strategic plan, Boston University School of Public Health. (2015 – 2016)
- Member, global health department teaching reform committees 1 & 2, Boston University School of Public Health. (2023– 2024)
- Member, global health department PhD program development committee, Boston University School of Public Health. (2024)
- Member, Doctor of public health committee, Boston University School of Public Health. (2024)

### **SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS**

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- Excellence in Teaching Award: Outstanding New Instructor. Boston University School of Public Health. (2024)
- Nominee. Boston University Supervisor of the Year Award. (2022)
- Student Speaker. Boston University School of Public Health Commencement. (2021)
- Speaker. Health Systems Global Conference Opening Plenary video. (2021)
- The Lancet Cover for "Access to Health Care and the US 2020 election" article. (2020)
- Top Ten Most Talked About Articles of 2020, for "Prevalence of depression symptoms in US. adults before and during the COVID-19 pandemic" JAMA Network Open. (2020)
- Chair, International Federation of Medical Students Association General Assembly. (2019)
- Emerging Voices in Global Health award. (2018)
- Students who Rocked Public Health award. (2018)
- Planetary Health meeting scholarship. (2017)

- Chair, International Federation of Medical Students Association General Assembly. (2016)
- Jenny Huddert Scholar, Boston University. (2014)
- Community Medicine Graduate Research project 2<sup>nd</sup> place award. Faculty of Medicine- University of Khartoum. (2012)
- Moremi Initiative for emerging young African women leadership Fellow. (2012)
- Distinguished academic performance in Sudan higher education qualifying exam. Sudan Federal Ministry of Education. (2007)

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETIES**

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- Society for Epidemiologic Research. (2018-present)
- Junior Doctors' Network. (2018-present)
- Emerging Voices in Global Health. (2018-present)
- Health Systems Global. (2018-present)
- American Public Health Association. (2017-present)
- Supervising Council Member, International Federation for Medical Students' Associations, France. (2016– 2018)
- World Medical Association. (2014-2020)
- Secretary General, International Federation for Medical Students' Associations, France. (2013 – 2014)
- Governing Council Chairperson, Khartoum Medical Students' Association, Sudan. (2013)
- President, Medical Students' International Network-Sudan, Sudan. (2012-2013)
- President, Moremi Initiative for emerging young African women leadership Fellowship. (2012)
- Secretary General, Medical Students' International Network-Sudan, Sudan. (2011-2012)
- Secretary of External Affairs, Khartoum Medical Students' Association, Sudan. (2009-2011)
- Secretary of External Affairs, Sudan Top Academically Accomplished Students Society, Sudan. (2008-2009)

## **TEACHING**

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### **Instructor**

- Leadership and Management for Public Health core course (PH718). Boston University School of Public Health. Fall 2024.
- Individual, Community, and Population health core course (PH720). Boston University School of Public Health. Fall 2023.
- Leadership and Management for Public Health core course (PH718). Boston University School of Public Health. Fall 2019.

### **Guest lecturer**

- Social Determinants, data, and decision-making to advance global population health equity. University of Edinburgh School of Social and Political Science. Online. October 2024.
- Why upstream analysis is essential in population mental health. Boston University School of Public

Health. March 2024.

- Social Determinants, data, and decision-making to advance global population health equity. University of Edinburgh School of Social and Political Science. Online. February 2024.
- Policy evaluation: real-world opportunities and challenges. Boston University School of Public Health. November 2023.
- Why upstream analysis is essential in population mental health. Boston University School of Public Health. November 2023.
- Social determinants, data, and decision-making: Advancing approaches to global health equity. University of Edinburgh School of Social and Political Science. Online. February 2023.
- The social determinants of mental health. Boston University School of Public Health. December 2021.
- Using Qualitative research to address interpersonal determinants of health: Bride-wealth, Family Curse, and Spontaneous Abortion Among Southern Sudanese Women as a case study. School of Public Health, Boston University. November 2019.
- Multi-level approaches and cross-cutting themes in public health: The environment and health. Boston University School of Public Health. Boston, MA. November 2018.
- Interpersonal Level Approaches. Individual, Community, and Population Health. Boston University School of Public Health. October 2018.
- Social Media and Marketing in Health. Boston University School of Public Health. November 2017.
- Using Qualitative research to address interpersonal determinants of health: Bride-wealth, Family Curse, and Spontaneous Abortion Among Southern Sudanese Women as a case study. Boston University School of Public Health. October 2017.
- Religion, culture, and Global Health practice: Female Genital Mutilation as an example. Boston University School of Public Health. October 2017.

### **Teaching Assistant**

- Monitoring and Evaluation of Global Health Programs (GH745). Boston University School of Public Health. Spring 2017.
- Individual, Community, and Population Health Cohort D (PH720). Boston University School of Public Health. Spring 2017.
- Introduction to Social and Behavioral Sciences in Global Health (GH720). Boston University School of Public Health. Spring 2016.
- Individual, Community, and Population Health (PH720) Cohort B. Boston University School of Public Health. Fall 2016.
- Individual, Community, and Population Health (PH720) Cohort D. Boston University School of Public Health. Fall 2016.

### **GRANT SUPPORT**

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#### **PENDING**

**Impact Evaluation of Bloomberg Philanthropies' Partnership for Healthy Cities** (MPI Abdalla, Galea)  
Funder: Bloomberg Philanthropies, \$4,500,000

Role: Principal Investigator  
Dates: 06/01/2025-05/31/2029

## **CURRENT**

### **Evaluation Farmwork for Bloomberg Philanthropies' Partnership for Healthy Cities (PI Abdalla)**

Funder: Bloomberg Philanthropies, \$400,000

Role: Principal Investigator

Dates: 11/01/2024-05/15/2025

### **Mass Violence Needs Assessment Project (Kilpatrick, Sub-award MPI Abdalla, Galea)**

Funder: Department of Justice, \$339,999

Role: Principal Investigator on sub-award

Dates: 07/01/2022-06/30/2025

### **Developing Recommendations for Aligning RWJF's Grantmaking with the Goal of Unraveling the Impact of Structural Racism on Health (MPI Abdalla, Galea)**

Funder: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, \$503,000

Role: Principal Investigator

Dates: 15/09/2021-15/02/2024

### **Optimizing Efforts to Restore Psychiatric and Social Function After a Major Hurricane (Galea, Ruggiero)**

Funder: National Institute of Mental Health, R01MH119193, \$2,530,865

Role: Epidemiologist

Dates: 04/10/2020-02/28/2026

### **The Rockefeller Commission on Health Determinants, Data, and Decision-Making (3-D Commission) (Galea)**

Funder: The Rockefeller Foundation, \$2,500,000

Role: Director

Dates: 11/01/2019-10/31/2024

## **COMPLETED**

### **Evaluation of the World Health Organization healthy cities indicators (PI Abdalla)**

Funder: World Health Organization, \$35,000

Role: Principal Investigator

Dates: 04/15/2024-12/31/2024

### **Evaluation of Bloomberg Philanthropies' Partnership for Healthy Cities (MPI Abdalla, Galea)**

Funder: Bloomberg Philanthropies, \$225,000

Role: Principal Investigator

Dates: 02/01/2023-06/30/2024

### **National Mass Violence Resource Center (Kilpatrick, Galea on sub-award)**

Funder: Department of Justice, \$609,690

Role on Project: Epidemiologist on sub-award  
Dates: 10/01/2017-09/30/2020

## PUBLICATIONS

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### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

#### Published

1. Ibrahim, A., **Abdalla, S. M.**, Jafer, M., Abdelgadir, J., & de Vries, N. (2018). Child labor and health: a systematic literature review of the impacts of child labor on child's health in low-and middle-income countries. *Journal of Public Health*, 41(1), 18-26.
2. Galea, S., & **Abdalla, S. M.** (2018). Precision Medicine Approaches and the Health of Populations: Study Design Concerns and Considerations. *Perspectives in biology and medicine*, 61(4), 527-536.
3. Ettman, C., **Abdalla, S. M.**, & Galea, S. (2018). Applying population health science principles to guide behavioral health policy setting. *Behavioral Science & Policy*, 4(1), 17-23.
4. **Abdalla, S. M.**, Mahgoub, E. A., Abdelgadir, J., Elhassan, N., & Omer, Z. (2019). Operationalization of patients' rights in Sudan: Quantifying nurses' knowledge. *Nursing ethics*, 26(7-8), 2239-2246.
5. Mahgoub, E., Nimir, M., **Abdalla, S.M.**, & Elhuda, D. A. (2019). Effects of school-based health education on attitudes of female students towards female genital mutilation in Sudan. *Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal*, 25(6), 406-412.
6. **Abdalla, S. M.**, & Galea, S. (2019). Is female genital mutilation/cutting associated with adverse mental health consequences? A systematic review of the evidence. *BMJ Global Health*, 4(4), e001553.
7. Galea, S., & **Abdalla, S. M.** (2019). The public's health and the social meaning of guns. *Palgrave Communications*, 5(1), 1-4.
8. Galea, S., & **Abdalla, S.M.** (2019). Putting Health at the Heart of National Policymaking: Learning from New Zealand. *The Milbank Quarterly*.
9. Abdelgadir, J., Ong, E. W., **Abdalla, S. M.**, Hunting, J. C., Diab, M. M., Haglund, M. M., Goodwin, C. R., Nelli, A., Gulur, P. (2020). Demographic Factors Associated with Patient-Reported Outcome Measures in Pain Management. *Pain Physician*, 23, 17-24.
10. Galea, S., **Abdalla, S. M.**, & Sturchio, J. L. (2020). Social determinants of health, data science, and decision-making: Forging a transdisciplinary synthesis. *PLoS Medicine*, 17(6), e1003174.
11. Galea, S., & **Abdalla, S. M.** (2020). COVID-19 Pandemic, Unemployment, and Civil Unrest: Underlying Deep Racial and Socioeconomic Divides. *JAMA*.
12. Ettman, C. K., **Abdalla, S. M.**, Cohen, G. H., Sampson, L., Vivier, P. M., & Galea, S. (2020). Prevalence of Depression Symptoms in US Adults Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *JAMA Network Open*, 3(9), e2019686-e2019686.
13. Galea, S., Ettman, C. K., & **Abdalla, S. M.** (2020). Access to health care and the 2020 US election. *The Lancet*.
14. Maani, N., **Abdalla, S. M.**, & Galea, S. (2020). The Firearm Industry as a Commercial Determinant of Health. *American journal of public health*, 110(8), 1182-1183.
15. **Abdalla S.M.**, Yu, S., & Galea, S (2020). Trends in cardiovascular disease prevalence by income level in the United States. *JAMA Network Open*. (9), e2018150-e2018150.
16. Ettman, C. K., Cohen, G. H., **Abdalla, S. M.**, & Galea, S. (2020). Do assets explain the relation between race/ethnicity and probable depression in U.S. adults? *PloS One*. 15(10): e0239618
17. **Abdalla, S. M.**, Solomon, H., Trinquart, L., & Galea, S. (2020). What is considered as global health scholarship? A meta-knowledge analysis of global health journals and definitions. *BMJ global health*, 5(10), e002884.
18. Ettman C. K., **Abdalla. S.M.**, Cohen G. H., Sampson L, Vivier P. M., & Galea S. (2020). Low assets and financial stressors associated with higher depression during COVID-19 in a nationally representative

sample of U.S. adults. *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health*.

19. **Abdalla, S. M.**, Maani, N., Ettman, C. K., & Galea, S. (2020). Claiming Health as a Public Good in the Post-COVID-19 Era. *Development*, 1-5.
20. Galea, S., Ettman, C. K., & **Abdalla, S. M.** (2020). Learning From the US COVID-19 response toward creating a healthier country. *American Journal of Public Health*, 110(12), 1794-1796.
21. Sampson, L., Ettman, C. K., **Abdalla, S. M.**, Colyer, E., Dukes, K., Lane, K. J., & Galea, S. (2021). Financial hardship and health risk behavior during COVID-19 in a large US national sample of women. *SSM-Population Health*, 100734.
22. Galea, S., Ettman, C. K., Maani, N., & **Abdalla, S. M.** (2021). Taking the Long View: COVID-19 Priorities for the Biden Administration. *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*.
23. **Abdalla, S. M.**, Keyes, K. M., & Galea, S. (2021). A public health approach to tackling the role of culture in shaping the gun violence epidemic in the United States. *Public Health Reports*, 136(1), 6-9.
24. **Abdalla S.M.**, Yu, S., & Galea, S. Trends of biomarkers of cardiovascular disease in the United States by income: disparities between the richest 20% and the poorest 80%, 1999-2018. *SSM - Population Health*.
25. Maani, N., **Abdalla, S. M.**, & Galea, S. (2021). Avoiding a legacy of unequal non-communicable disease burden after the COVID-19 pandemic. *The Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology*, 9(3), 133-135.
26. Haldane, V., De Foo, C., **Abdalla, S. M.**,† Jung, A. S., Tan, M., Wu, S., Chua, A., Verma, M., Shrestha, P., Singh, S. Perez. T., Tan. M.S., Bartos. M., Mabuchi. S., Bonk. M., McNab. C., Werner. G. K., Panjabi. R., Nordström. A., & Legido-Quigley, H. (2021). Health systems resilience in managing the COVID-19 pandemic: lessons from 28 countries. *Nature Medicine*, 1-17.
27. **Abdalla, S.M.**, Ettman, C.K., Cohen, G.H., & Galea, S. (2021). Mental health consequences of COVID-19: a nationally representative cross-sectional study of pandemic-related stressors and anxiety disorders in the USA. *BMJ open*, 11(8), p.e044125.
28. **Abdalla, S. M.**, & Galea, S. (2021). The 3-D Commission: Forging a Transdisciplinary Synthesis at the Intersection of Social Determinants of Health, Data, and Decision-making. *Journal of Urban Health*, 98(1), 1-3.
29. Biermann, O., Mwoka, M., Ettman, C. K., **Abdalla, S. M.**,\* Shawky, S., Ambuko, J., Pearson, M., Zeinali, Z., Galea, S., Mberu, B., & Valladares, L. M. (2021). Data, Social Determinants, and Better Decision-making for Health: the 3-D Commission. *Journal of Urban Health*, 98(1), 4-14.
30. Thapa, B., Torres, I., Koya, S. F., Robbins, G., **Abdalla, S. M.**,\* Arah, O. A., Weeks, W.B., Zhang, L., Asma, S., Morales, J.V., Galea, S., Rhee, K., & Larson, H. J. (2021). Use of Data to Understand the Social Determinants of Depression in Two Middle-Income Countries: the 3-D Commission. *Journal of Urban Health*, 98(1), 41-50.
31. Biermann, O., Koya, S. F., Corkish, C., **Abdalla, S. M.**,\* & Galea, S. (2021). Food, Big Data, and Decision-making: a Scoping Review—the 3-D Commission. *Journal of Urban Health*, 98(1), 69-78.
32. Maani, N., Robbins, G., Koya, S. F., Babajide, O., **Abdalla, S. M.**,\* & Galea, S. (2021). Energy, Data, and Decision-Making: a Scoping Review—the 3D Commission. *Journal of Urban Health*, 98(1), 79-88.
33. Mwoka, M., Biermann, O., Ettman, C. K., **Abdalla, S. M.**,\* Ambuko, J., Pearson, M., Rashid, S.F., Zeinali, Z., Galea, S., Valladares, L.M. & Mberu, B. (2021). Housing as a Social Determinant of Health: Evidence from Singapore, the UK, and Kenya: the 3-D Commission. *Journal of Urban Health*, 98(1), 15-30.
34. Torres, I., Thapa, B., Robbins, G., Koya, S. F., **Abdalla, S. M.**,\*Arah, O. A., Weeks, W.B., Zhang, L., Asma, S., Morales, J.V., Galea, S., Larson, H. J., & Rhee, K. (2021). Data Sources for Understanding the Social Determinants of Health: Examples from Two Middle-Income Countries: the 3-D Commission. *Journal of Urban Health*, 1-10.
35. Martins, D. C., Babajide, O., Maani, N., **Abdalla, S. M.**,\* Gómez, E. J., Pongsiri, M. J., Tlou, S., Leung, G.M., Benjamin, G.C., Goosby, E. Dain, K., Vega, J., Zeinali. Z., Stoeva. P., Galea. S., Sturchio. J., & Twum-Danso, N. A. (2021). Integrating Social Determinants in Decision-Making Processes for Health: Insights from Conceptual Frameworks—the 3-D Commission. *Journal of Urban Health*, 98(1), 51-59.
36. Babajide, O., Martins, D. C., Maani, N., **Abdalla, S. M.**,\* Gómez, E. J., Pongsiri, M. J., Tlou, S., Leung, G.M., Benjamin, G.C., Goosby, E. Dain, K., Vega, J., Zeinali. Z., Galea. S., Sturchio. J., & Twum-Danso, N. A. (2021). Improving Decision-Making for Population Health in Nonhealth Sectors in Urban

Environments: The Example of the Transportation Sector in Three Megacities—the 3-D Commission. *Journal of Urban Health*, 98(1), 60-68.

37. Singh, S., McNab, C., Olson, R.M., Bristol, N., Nolan, C., Bergström, E., Bartos, M., Mabuchi, S., Panjabi, R., Karan, A. **Abdalla, S.M.**,\* Bonk, M., Jamieson, M., Werner, K. G., R., Nordström, A., Legido-Quigley, H. & Phelan, A. (2021). How an outbreak became a pandemic: a chronological analysis of crucial junctures and international obligations in the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic. *The Lancet*. 398(10316), 2109-2124.
38. **Abdalla, S.M.**, Cohen, G.H., Tamrakar, S. Koya, S.F., & Galea, S., (2021). Media exposure and the risk of post-traumatic stress disorder following a mass traumatic event: an in-silico experiment. *Frontiers in Psychiatry*, p.2037.
39. Haldane, V., Jung, A. S., Neill, R., Singh, S., Wu, S., Jamieson, M., Verma, M., Tan, M., De Foo, C., **Abdalla, S. M.**, Shrestha, P., Chua, A. Q., Nordström, A., & Legido-Quigley, H. (2021). From response to transformation: how countries can strengthen national pandemic preparedness and response systems. *BMJ*, 375.
40. Tan, M. M. J., Neill, R., Haldane, V., Jung, A. S., De Foo, C., Tan, S. M., Shrestha, P., Verma, M., Bonk, M., **Abdalla, S. M.**, & Legido-Quigley, H. (2021). Assessing the role of qualitative factors in pandemic responses. *BMJ*, 375.
41. Singh, S., Bartos, M., **Abdalla, S. M.**, Legido-Quigley, H., Nordström, A., Sirleaf, E. J., & Clark, H. (2021). Resetting international systems for pandemic preparedness and response. *bmj*, 375.
42. Jung, A. S., Haldane, V., Neill, R., Tan, M. M. J., **Abdalla, S. M.**, Bartos, M., Shrestha, P., Chua, A.Q., Nordström, A. & Legido-Quigley, H. (2021). From dichotomisation towards intersectionality in addressing covid-19. *BMJ*, 375.
43. **Abdalla, S. M.**, Koya, S. F., Jamieson, M., Verma, M., Haldane, V., Jung, A. S., Singh, S., Nordström, A., Obaid, T., Legido-Quigley, H. & McNab, C. (2021). Investing in trust and community resilience: lessons from the early months of the first digital pandemic. *BMJ*, 375.
44. Jung, A. S., Haldane, V., Neill, R., Wu, S., Jamieson, M., Verma, M., n, M., De Foo, C., **Abdalla, S. M.**, Shrestha, P., Chua, A.Q., Bristol, N., Singh, S., Bartos, M., Mabuchi, S., Bonk, M., McNab, C., Werner, G. K., Panjabi, R., Nordström, A., & Legido-Quigley, H. (2021). National responses to covid-19: drivers, complexities, and uncertainties in the first year of the pandemic. *BMJ*, 375.
45. Wu, S., Neill, R., De Foo, C., Chua, A. Q., Jung, A. S., Haldane, V., **Abdalla, S. M.**, Guan, W.J., Singh, S., Nordström, A. & Legido-Quigley, H. (2021). Aggressive containment, suppression, and mitigation of covid-19: lessons learnt from eight countries. *BMJ*, 375.
46. Haldane, V., Jung, A. S., De Foo, C., Bonk, M., Jamieson, M., Wu, S., Verma, M., **Abdalla, S. M.**, Singh, S., Nordström, A. & Legido-Quigley, H. (2021). Strengthening the basics: public health responses to prevent the next pandemic. *BMJ*, 375.
47. Ettman, C. K., Cohen, G. H., **Abdalla, S. M.**, Sampson, L., Trinquart, L., Castrucci, B. C., Bork, R.H., Clark, M.A., Wilson, I., Vivier, P.M., & Galea, S. (2022). Persistent depressive symptoms during COVID-19: a national, population-representative, longitudinal study of US adults. *The Lancet Regional Health-Americas*, 5, 100091.
48. Ettman, C.K., Cohen, G.H., **Abdalla, S.M.**, Trinquart, L., Castrucci, B.C., Bork, R.H., Clark, M.A., Wilson, I.B., Vivier, P.M. and Galea, S. (2022). Assets, stressors, and symptoms of persistent depression over the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic. *Science advances*, 8(9), p.eabm9737.
49. **Abdalla, S. M.**, & Galea, S. (2022). Invited Commentary: Toward a Better Understanding of Disparities in Overdose Mortality. *American Journal of Epidemiology*.
50. **Abdalla, S.M.**, Hernandez, M., Koya, S.F., Rosenberg, S.B., Robbins, G., Magana, L., Nsoesie, E.O., Sabin, L. & Galea, S., (2022). What matters for health? public views from eight countries. *BMJ global health*, 7(6), p.e008858.
51. Agarwal, N., **Abdalla, S.M.**, & Cohen, G. H., (2022). Marital rape and its impact on the mental health of women in India: a systematic review. *PLOS Glob Public Health* 2(6): e0000601.
52. **Abdalla, S.M.**, Cohen, G.H., Sampson, L., Kilpatrick, D., & Galea, S., (2022). Mitigating the mental health consequences of the Parkland mass shooting: An in-silico experiment. *EClinicalMedicine*.

2022;51:101555. doi:10.1016/j.eclinm.2022.101555

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## PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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### ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

1. **Abdalla S.M.\***, Mahgoub J.A., Abdelgadir. J., Elhassan. N., Omer. Z., Operationalization of Patients' Rights in Sudan: Assessment of Nurses' and Patients' Knowledge and Implementation of Patients' Rights at Tertiary Hospitals. Health Systems' Global Pre-conference. Edinburgh, UK [Oral Presentation]. October 2018.
2. **Abdalla S.M.\***, Cohen G.H., Tamrakar S., Sampson L., Galea S. Mitigating the mental health consequences of the Parkland mass shooting: an in-silico experiment. Society for Epidemiologic Research Annual Meeting. [Oral Presentation]. Minneapolis, MN. June 2019.
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  6. van Schalkwyk, M., Maani, N., **Abdalla, S. M., \*** and Petticrew, M. Understanding the commercial determinants of health by learning from local experiences and difference contexts. World Congress on Public Health. [Panel Presentation]. May 2023.
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  9. Ettman CK, Subramanian M, Fan AY, Adam GP, **Abdalla SM,** Stuart EA, Galea S. Assets and mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic: a systematic review. [Poster] AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. June 26, 2023. Seattle, WA.
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  11. **Abdalla S.M.\*** An upstream approach to population mental health: a cross-country comparison. Consortium of Universities for Global Health. [Organized Session Oral Presentation]. Los Angeles, CA. March 2024.
  12. **Abdalla S.M.,** Voss R., Rosenberg, S.B., Ettman, C.K., Galea S. The methodological diversity in studying the prevalence of post-traumatic stress disorder during the Covid-19 pandemic: a systematic review of the global literature. Consortium of Universities for Global Health annual meeting. [Poster Presentation] February 2025.
  13. **Abdalla S.M.,** Pickerel M., Rosenberg, S.B., Galea S. Distribution of experiences of traumatic events and life stressors across socio-economic groups in eight countries. Consortium of Universities for Global Health annual meeting. [Poster Presentation] February 2025.
  14. **Abdalla S.M.,** Rosenberg, S.B., Ettman, C.K., Galea S. The distribution of adverse mental health indicators across eight countries. Consortium of Universities for Global Health annual meeting. [Poster Presentation] February 2025.
  15. **Abdalla S.M.,** Melendez Contreras, C., Rosenberg, S.B., Rasool, S.A., Galea S. The socio-economic distribution of institutional trust across eight countries. Consortium of Universities for Global Health annual meeting. [Poster Presentation] February 2025.

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## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1. Speaker. Graduate education and opportunities in the United States. Sudanese Researchers' initiative. Khartoum, Sudan. 2015.
2. Moderator. The impact of adopting the Sustainable Development Goals on Global Health priorities and education. School of Public Health, Boston University. Boston, MA. 2016.
3. Speaker. A practical approach to Systematic Reviews. Al-Tababa Advanced Training Center. Sudan. 2018.
4. Panelist. The role of the private sector in achieving universal health coverage. Emerging voices in global health program. Liverpool school of tropical medicine. Liverpool, UK. 2018.
5. Panelist. Is Alma Ata still relevant in the age of universal health coverage? A debate. Health Systems Global conference. Liverpool, UK. 2018
6. Panelist. Fostering Diversity and Inclusion at the Society for Epidemiologic Research. Society for Epidemiologic Research Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN. June 2019.
7. Panelist. Gender inequities in global health scholarship and practice. School of Public Health, Boston University Boston, MA. 2019.
8. Speaker. Decolonizing Global Health, what does it mean? And why? Washington University Global Health Residency program. Online. 2020.
9. Speaker. Global Health Equity Begins at Home: inequities, determinants of health, and the health of population. Global Health Seminar, Boston University School of Public Health. Online. 2020.
10. Speaker. How to conduct a literature review. Sudanese Pediatricians' Association. Online. 2020.
11. COVID-19 and an unequal world: The flaws in our current approach to addressing the pandemic. University College London. Online. 2020.
12. Panelist. Decolonising Global Health. Digital Mentor Podcast. [Online](#). 2020.
13. Speaker. Decolonizing Global health: The elusive goal. Karolinska Institute. Online. 2020.
14. Speaker. Combining insights on social determinants and the power of data to inform decision making. World Leadership Dialogue. The World Congress on Public Health. Online. 2020.
15. Speaker. Data and the Public's Health. Albion College's Colloquium in Public Health. Online. 2021.
16. Discussant. African Agency and the Future of Public Health in Africa: Lecture and Panel Discussion. Cape Town University. [Online](#). 2021.
17. Panelist. Explaining Patterns of COVID-19 Response in the US. The Joseph H. Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies, Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania. Online. 2021.
18. Panelist. Social Determinants of Health: 10th Anniversary of the Rio Political Declaration. World Health Organization. [Online](#). 2021.
19. Keynote Speaker. Rethinking our approach to health after a pandemic: Lessons learned from Covid-19. National Health Outreach Conference. Kansas City, Missouri. 2022.
20. Panelist. Reflections on a career in Global Health for medical students. Pre-World Health Assembly Youth workshop. International Federation of Medical Students' Associations. Online. 2022.
21. Speaker. Advancing knowledge on how to achieve healthy societies. Healthy Societies for Healthy Populations meeting. London, United Kingdom/Online. 2022.
22. Presenter. An argument for addressing the commercial determinants of health in low-and middle-income countries. American Public Health Association annual meeting side event. Boston, USA. 2022.
23. Presenter. The commercial determinants of health in low-and middle-income countries.

- Governance, Ethics, and Conflicts of Interest in Public Health Network. Online. 2022.
24. Panelist. The commercial determinants of health in low-and middle-income countries. Boston University School of Public Health. Online. 2023.
  25. Panelist. Exploring Career Trajectories: Public Health Panel. Massachusetts General Brigham system. Online. 2023.
  26. Presenter. A population health science approach to gun violence. Research on Tap. Boston University. 2023.
  27. Lecturer. WHO-ISPED European Public Health Leadership Course 2023. Online. 2023.
  28. Panelist. Launch of WHO Operational Framework for Monitoring Social Determinants of Health Equity. Online. 2024.
  29. Speaker. Human Capital Initiative symposium. Boston University Global Development Policy Center. 2024.
  30. Guest lecturer. An upstream approach to population mental health. MGH-McLean Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship Program. Boston. 2024.
  31. Speaker: Using data on the social determinants of health to inform decision-making. Boston University. World Health Assembly side event. Geneva, Switzerland. 2024.
  32. Presenter. Using data on the social determinants of health to inform decision-making. Washington University in St. Louis Public Health Institute. St. Louis. 2024.
  33. Speaker, An introduction to career pathways in Global Health. AmeriCorps VISTA Workshop. Boston Medical Center Pediatrics department. 2024.