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Research Interests

Community-based participatory research (CBPR); community power; health equity; implementation science; participatory evaluation; mixed methods; substance use disorder; maternal health; legal epidemiology; systems change.

Education

Institution	Degree	Years	Field
Misericordia University	BS	2014–2018	Biology
East Stroudsburg University	MPH	2018–2019	Community Health
East Tennessee State University	DrPH	2020–2023	Epidemiology & Biostatistics

Academic and Professional Appointments

- 2024–Present: Research Scientist, Institute for the Advancement of Community Health, Furman University
- 2024–Present: Principal Investigator, American Heart Association CDRA HERN Project
- 2024–Present: Adjunct Professor, University of South Carolina Upstate
- 2023–Present: Adjunct Professor, Furman University
- 2023–2024: Manager of Research and Program Evaluation, IACH, Furman University
- 2023–2025: Lead Principal Investigator, FAVOR Upstate

- 2022–Present: Co-Investigator, ETSU Addiction Science Center
- 2022–2023: Lead Epidemiologist & Community Organizer, Virginia Rural Health Association
- 2020–2023: Graduate Research Assistant & Teaching Assistant, East Tennessee State University
- 2018–2019: Graduate Research Assistant, East Stroudsburg University
- 2015–2018: Undergraduate Research Fellow, Misericordia University

Funded Research

- Principal Investigator, American Heart Association Community-Driven Research Approaches Health Equity Research Network (CDRA HERN)
- Lead Principal Investigator, FAVOR Upstate research and evaluation initiatives
- Co-Investigator, ETSU Addiction Science Center collaborative research

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Brooks, B., **Teel**, J., Kluk, M., Subedi, P., & Hagaman, A. (2026). Structural barriers and pathways to care: A qualitative study of access among people who use drugs in Tennessee. *Manuscript submitted for publication to Harm Reduction*.
- Criss, S., Abim-Karmon, R. S., **Teel**, J., Rodríguez, V., Bennon, A., Wills, S., Gonzales, S., Nayreau, D. D., Bharadwaj, V., Kim, H. G., Woollery, J., & Fair, M. (2026). Trust, participation, and power: Community perspectives from the Equity in Public Health Initiative. *Manuscript submitted for publication to Journal of Community Health*.
- McKinnon, H. F., Fair, M. L., **Teel**, J., Lubaczewski, C., Kimura, A., Smith, K., & Eichelberger, K. (2026). Perceptions of stigma of pregnant individuals experiencing substance use disorder receiving prenatal care at magdalene clinic: a cross-sectional study. *Harm reduction journal*, 23(1), 29. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12954-025-01377-8>.

- **Teel, Jody**, "Overdose Prevention Behaviors and the Rural Risk Environment Among People Who Inject Drugs in Rural Appalachia" (2023). *Electronic Theses and Dissertations*. Paper 4266. <https://dc.etsu.edu/etd/4266>.
- **Teel, J., Cantrell, J., Glass, C., Hunsucker, D., Mills, J., Mathis, S. M., Pettyjohn, S., Quinn, M., & Brooks, B.** (2025). Overdose prevention behaviors among people who inject drugs in rural Appalachia: a qualitative study. *Drugs: Education, Prevention and Policy*, 1–8. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09687637.2025.2595257>.
- **Teel, J., McKinnon, Fair, M.L., Eichelberger, K., H., Davis, K., Holcomb, L. & Dickes, L.** (2026). How Adverse Childhood Trauma Shapes Prenatal Health Outcomes in Women with Substance. *Revise and Resubmit to Drugs: Education, Prevention and Policy*.
- **Teel, J., McKinnon, H., Horton, A., Samuels, K., Russ-Sellers, R., Babatunde, A., Hoyos-Lopez, D., & Fair, M.** (2026). From Principle to Practice: Structural Constraints and the Operationalization of Equity in CBPR, a Scoping Review. *Manuscript under review by the International Journal of Health Equity*.
- **Teel, J., Owusu, D. N., Davis, C., Paulus, T., Mathis, S. M., Ahuja, M., & Brooks, B.** (2026) People who use drugs as frontline responders: Rethinking overdose response training through lived experience. *Revise and resubmit to the International Journal of Drug Policy*.

Selected Conference Presentations

- From Intent to Impact: Strengthening Equitable Practice in Community-Based Participatory Research. SCPHA Annual Conference (2026).
- Amplifying Voices and Building Trust Through Community Advisory Boards. Health Equity Summit (2024).
- National Conference on Addiction Recovery Science (2024): Two presentations on overdose prevention and harm reduction.

Community and Technical Reports

- Teel, J. (2022). *SAMHSA prevention grant evaluation report (2022 annual report)*. Virginia Rural Health Association.
- Teel, J. (2023-2025). *Equity in Public Health Initiative evaluation report (2023 annual report)*. Institute for the Advancement of Community Health, Furman University.
- Teel, J. (2023-2025). *SAMHSA Building Communities of Recovery (BCOR) evaluation report (2023 annual report)*. Institute for the Advancement of Community Health, Furman University.
- Teel, J. (2023). *SAMHSA prevention grant evaluation report (2023 annual report)*. Virginia Rural Health Association.
- Teel, J. (2025). *Tennessee CORE evaluation report*. East Tennessee State University.
- Teel, J. (2025). *Tennessee Department of Health Program evaluation report*. Institute for the Advancement of Community Health, Furman University.

Teaching Experience

Furman University

Adjunct Instructor

- Community Health Seminar (Graduate)
- Applied Epidemiology (Graduate)

University of South Carolina Upstate

Adjunct Instructor

- Introduction to Epidemiology (Undergraduate)

East Tennessee State University

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Epidemiology (Graduate)

Student Mentorship

- Research Mentor, Community-Based Participatory Research Fellowship
- Graduate and undergraduate student research mentor
- Undergraduate research assistant supervision

Community-Engaged Leadership

- Lead Evaluator, Roots & Research Community Research Advisory Board
- Lead Evaluator and facilitator, HEAL Board, Community Advisory Board