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Senior Research Associate

EDUCATION:

UCLA School of Public Health. Dr.P.H. Major in Population and Family Health with minor in methodology (1997)

UCLA School of Public Health. M.P.H. Population and Family Health (1990)

Harvard University. B.A. Biology, Cum Laude (1987)

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

Dr. Golden joined Sociometrics Corporation in 2010. In her role as a Senior Research Associate, Dr. Golden examines and compares HIV/AIDS prevention programs and focuses on the development and evaluation of health promotion projects and program replication for diverse populations. Her interests include epidemiology, data collection, management, and analysis, and scientific writing.

Before coming to Sociometrics, Dr. Golden worked for the Los Angeles County (LAC) Department of Public Health, where she oversaw the LA Health Overview of a Pregnancy Event Project, focusing on fetal and infant mortality. She also supported the LAC Action Learning Collaborative Partnership to Eliminate Disparities in Infant Mortality, and assisted the LA Mothers and Babies Project. Prior to that she served as a grant-writer and program evaluator for the *Rescatando Salud/Health Rescue Promotora* Project, housed in the LAC Department of Health Services, where she helped formulate the Young Child Immunization Survey used to assess immunization rates, knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, and practices of parents in South LA.

Earlier, as Chief of Program Planning and Evaluation at Harbor-UCLA Research and Education Institute, South LA Health Projects, Dr. Golden was co-Investigator on a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health, grant. Immunize LA Kids was implemented over six years by a coalition of more than 50 local organizations. She also co-authored a California Department of Health Services, State-funded Collaborative, grant, South LA Immunization Project. She helped devise an original methodology used by the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) to document immunization rates. While at WIC, she also studied prenatal nutrition and breastfeeding.

Her “hands-on” experiences in health care include: training in El Paso, in lay midwifery; one year with the Los Angeles Childbirth Center; and one year with Gynecare in Boston.

PUBLICATIONS

She has published in the *Am. J. Med.*, *Public Health Rep.*, and the *J. Phys. Chem.* She has presented papers and posters at conferences, such as, the National Immunization Conference, the Secretary’s National Leadership Summit on the Elimination of Racial and Ethnic Disparities, and the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exhibition.