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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, International Health, 2007
M.H.S., Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, International Health, 2002
B.S., University of Vermont, Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, 1998

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Sexual and reproductive health promotion; HIV/AIDS prevention and care; behavior change; social epidemiology; qualitative and quantitative research methods; program development and evaluation; program adaptation and replication

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY:

Dr. Cunningham joined Sociometrics Corporation in 2007. As a Senior Research Associate, she is responsible for the conceptualization, design, and implementation of research aimed at the development and evaluation of health promotion programs, particularly related to sexual and reproductive health. She is especially interested in interventions which address the multi-level determinants of sexual risk taking behavior as well program replication issues including how to adapt empirically-validated disease prevention and health promotion programs to serve diverse populations. In addition, Dr. Cunningham leads the production of data archives, comprised of original data from the most outstanding studies in a particular field, for use by students and professionals in the social sciences.

Prior to joining Sociometrics, Dr. Cunningham participated in numerous NIH-funded projects to better understand and address behavioral and structural factors that influence individuals. sexually transmitted infection (STI), including HIV, risk. These projects ranged from formative work to inform programming efforts to evaluations of the impact of existing State and Federal policies. Her work has been published in numerous peer-reviewed journals including the American Journal of Public Health, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and Journal of Adolescent Health, among others.