

Julia Jones Matthews School of Population and Public Health Experts List

Billy U. Philips Jr., Ph.D., MPH

Professor and acting dean, Julia Jones Matthews School of Population and Public Health
Offices in Abilene and Lubbock

Expertise:

Matters pertaining to the Julia Jones Matthews School of Population and Public Health
Rural health
Health disparities/Health equity
Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases (COVID-19 modeling)
Health technology innovations
Social determinants of health (social support)

Theresa Byrd, Dr.PH, RN

Professor and chair
Office in Lubbock

Expertise:

Cancer prevention and cancer screening, especially cervical, colorectal and breast cancer
Health behavior change: cancer screening, vaccination and prenatal care
Community based participatory research
Health equity
U.S. Mexico border health and Latinx health issues

Duke Appiah, Ph.D., MPH

Associate professor
Office in Lubbock

Expertise:

Chronic disease epidemiology (cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity, aging and cancer)
Reproductive aging
Women's health
Infectious diseases epidemiology
Racial and ethnic health disparities
Applied statistics

Lisa Gittner, Ph.D.

Associate professor
Office in Lubbock

Expertise:

Justice-involved individuals with mental health issues
Diversion from incarceration to treatment
Veteran diversion from incarceration to treatment
Big data modeling of places

Hafiz Kahn, Ph.D.

Professor

Office in Lubbock

Expertise:

Public Health informatics

Chronic diseases (Alzheimer's disease, cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity, etc.)

Statistical modeling

Big data analytics

Bayesian Predictive Modeling

Courtney Queen, Ph.D.

Assistant professor

Office in Abilene

Expertise:

Access to health care

Health equity

Technology and innovation

Education, pedagogy and communication

Aging and retirement in Europe

Multi-methods research

Julie St-John, Dr.PH, MPH

Associate professor

Office in Abilene

Expertise:

Community health workers/promotores de salud (community health workers)

Community health/needs assessments

Human sex trafficking

Community based participatory research (Community engagement)

Public health

Social justice/health equity

Education