

**Curriculum Vitae**  
**Malia Jones, PHD, MPH**

**EDUCATION:**

PhD, *University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Community Health Sciences, School of Public Health, 2008-2012*

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Anne R. Pebley (chair), Dr. Carol S. Aneshensel, Dr. Judith Siegel, Dr. Robert D. Mare, Dr. Bridget Friesthler

Dissertation title: Accumulating neighborhood stress exposure: effects on hypertension, obesity, and depression

Minor in Sociology

MPH, *University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Community Health Sciences, School of Public Health, 2006-2008*

BA, *American University, 1995-1999*

Majors: Anthropology, Philosophy, and Comparative Religion

University Honors in Anthropology

Magna Cum Laude

**WORK HISTORY:**

***Research Experience***

Assistant Scientist, 7/2015-present

Applied Population Laboratory, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin Madison

Postdoctoral Fellow, 7/2012-6/2015

Institute for Prevention Research, Department of Preventive Medicine, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Graduate Student Researcher

Los Angeles Family and Neighborhoods Survey, UCLA School of Public Health, Community Health Sciences, Los Angeles, CA (6/2008 – 9/2008 & 9/2009-6/2012)

UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, Los Angeles, CA (9/2008 – 9/2009)

Intern, 5/2007 – 9/2007

World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland

Project Administrator, 5/2003-6/2008

RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA

Intern, 5/1998 – 12/1998

Garden Resources of Washington, Washington, D.C. (A nonprofit organization bringing community gardens to underserved neighborhoods in Washington, D.C.)

***Teaching and Training Experience (student evaluations available upon request)***

## Lecturer

*Introduction to Community Health Sciences (CHS100)*

Department of Community Health Sciences, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health

*Gender and Minority Health Issues (HP420m)*

Department of Health Promotion, USC

*Community Mapping (SW241G)*

Department of Social Welfare, Luskin School of Public Affairs, UCLA

*Multicultural Health (HEA468)*

Health Sciences Department, California State University, Dominguez Hills

*Research Methods (HEA479)*

Health Sciences Department, California State University, Dominguez Hills

## Trainer, 6/2010

“Implementing the RAND modified Delphi methodology for expert panels”

RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA

## Trainer/Consultant in measurement of walkability, 2011-2012

“Implementing the Pedestrian Environmental Quality Index in Boyle Heights, CA”

Academic-Community Collaborative in our Neighborhood (ACCION), funded by The California Endowment

“Implementing the Pedestrian Environmental Quality Index in Carson, CA”

UCLA-RAND Center for Adolescent Health and Development, Los Angeles, CA

## GRANTS

Project Title: “Palms Neighborhood Walkability & Aging Population Study”

Funding organization: Wilshire Foundation Internship for Issues of Aging

Role: P.I.

Award: \$3,876

Project dates: 6/2009-10/2009

Project status: completed

Project Title: “Palms Neighborhood Walkability Pilot”

Funding organization: Palms Neighborhood Council, City of Los Angeles, CA

Role: P.I.

Award: \$2,000

Project dates: 1/2009-10/2009

Project status: completed

## HONORS AND AWARDS

2011-2012     Dissertation Year Fellowship, Graduate Division, University of California Los Angeles

2011     Best Doctoral Student Abstract, Community Health Planning and Policy Development (CHPPD) Section of the American Public Health Association’s Annual meeting

2010     Community Service Recognition Award, City of Los Angeles Mayor’s Office

2009-2011 Predoctoral Traineeship in Demography, California Center for Population Research, funded by a National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) T32 Institutional National Research Service Award.

2008-2009 UCLA Graduate Division Regents Fellowship

2006-2007 UCLA Graduate Division Regents Fellowship

2002-2005 Division Medalist, City of Los Angeles Triathlon, 2002, 2004 and 2005

2004 Outstanding Service Award, RAND Research Staff Management Department

1995-1999 American University Presidential Scholarship

1995 National Merit Scholar

1994 Moore College of Art Scholarship for Fine Arts—Drawing

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

Hascall, T, Lorenz, K, Orlando M, Cadogan M, Jones M, Yosef J, Simon B, Harker J, Saliba D. 2007. “A pilot description of dyspnea among nursing home residents.” *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*. Apr;55(4):S109.

Housen P, Shannon G, Simon B, Orlando M, Cadogan M, Sohn L, Jones M, Buchanan J, Saliba D. 2008. “What the Resident Meant to Say: Use of Cognitive Interviewing Techniques to Develop Questionnaires for Nursing Home Residents.” *The Gerontologist*. Apr;48(2):158-69

Cadogan M, Orlando M, , Lorenz K, Jones M, Yosef J, Hascall T, Simon B, Harker J, Saliba D. 2008. “Relationship of Reported Pain Severity to Perceived Effect on Function of Nursing Home Residents.” *Journal of Gerontology, Medical Sciences*. Sep;63(9):969-73.

Housen P, Shannon G, Simon B, Orlando Edelen M, Cadogan M, Jones M, Buchanan J, Saliba D. 2009. “Why not just ask the resident? Refinement of a preference assessment tool for nursing homes.” *Journal of Gerontological Nursing*. Nov; 35(11):

Jones M, Pebley AR, Sastry N. 2011. “Eyes on the Block: Measuring Urban Physical Disorder Through In-person Observation.” *Social Science Research*. March; 40(2): 523-537.

Buttenheim AM, Jones M, and Baras Y. 2012. “Exposure to personal belief exemptions from mandated school entry vaccinations among California kindergarteners.” *American Journal of Public Health*. Sept; 102(8): 59-67.

Saliba D, Jones M, Streim J, Ouslander J, Berlowitz D, Buchanan J. 2012. “Overview of significant changes in the Minimum Data Set for Nursing Homes Version 3.0.” *JAMDA*. Sept; 13(7): 595-601.

Jones M and Huh J. 2013. “Toward a multidimensional understanding of residential neighborhood: a latent profile analysis of Los Angeles neighborhoods and longitudinal adult excess weight.” *Health & Place*. May; 27. 134-141.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2014.01.011>

Jones M, Pebley AR. 2014. "Redefining Neighborhoods Using Common Destinations: Social Characteristics of Activity Spaces and Home Census Tracts Compared. *Demography*. June; 51(3): 727-752. <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13524-014-0283-z>

Jones M, Bутtenheim A. 2014. "Potential Effects of California's new vaccine exemption law on the prevalence and clustering of exemptions" *AJPH*. Sept; 104(9). e3-e6. <http://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/abs/10.2105/AJPH.2014.302065>

Tate EB, Shah A, Jones M, Pentz MA, Dunton GF. "Towards a better understanding of the link between parent and child physical activity levels: the moderating role of parental encouragement and direct modeling." *In press at Journal of Physical Activity and Health as of August 2014*.

### ***Manuscripts under Review***

Jones M, Pebley AR. Letter to the editor, *under review at Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, June 2013*.

Jones M, Huh J, Dunton GF, Spruijt-Metz D, Pentz MA. "Spatial profiling: a latent profile analysis of obesogenic activity spaces and adult BMI." *Revise & Resubmit at Spatial and Spatio-Temporal Epidemiology as of April 2014*.

Jones M, Pebley AR. "The great recession and neighborhood change: the case of Los Angeles County." *Under review at Russell Sage Foundation Journal special call for papers: Spatial Foundations of Inequality as of June 2014*.

Jones M, Taylor A, Intille SS, Dunton GF. "Ecological Momentary Assessment of Stress and Physical Activity, BMI, and Waist Circumference Among Adults." *Under review at Journal of Physical Activity and Health as of May 2015*.

### ***Manuscripts in Development***

Jones M. "Social environment and chronic disease: does the geographic scale of neighborhood matter?" *Targeting Journal of Urban Health*.

Jones, M. "Error in self-reported weight: the effect of social stigma or simple error? A comparison of self-assessed and measured body weight among Los Angeles County Adults."

Cowgill BO, Lui C, Jones M, Thompson L, Bastani R, Chung PJ (author order TBD). "Community-based Implementation of a systematic observational walkability measure in Carson, CA." *Targeting American Journal of Health Promotion*.

Jones M. “The legacy of redlining: effects of historical housing policy on present-day neighborhood foreclosure risk in Los Angeles County.”

Jones, M, Dunton, GF. “Kids’ daily activity spaces, physical activity and stress: Linking real-time geospatial data with other real-time data sources in a sample of Southern California children.”

### ***Other Publications***

World Health Organization. 2009. “Children’s Environmental Health Indicators (CEHI): Presenting Regional Successes Learning for the Future. Summary.” Geneva, Switzerland. (Contributing author).

Babey SH, Meng YY, Jones M. 2009. “Many Californians with Asthma have Problems Understanding Their Doctor.” Los Angeles, CA: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, January Policy Brief.

Diamant AL, Babey SH, Jones M, Brown ER. 2009. “Teen Dietary Habits Related to Those of Parents.” Los Angeles, CA: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, February Policy Brief.

Babey SH, Jones M, Yu H, Goldstein H. 2009. “Bubbling Over: Soda Consumption and its Link to Obesity in California.” Los Angeles, CA: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, September Policy Brief.

Diamant AL, Babey SH, Wolstein J, Jones M. 2010. “Obesity and diabetes: two growing epidemics in California.” Los Angeles, CA: UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, August Policy Brief.

Jones M and Buttenheim A. September 22, 2014. “Anti-Vaccination beliefs are contagious like a disease.” Guest post at *The Monkey Cage*, The Washington Post online. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/09/22/anti-vaccination-beliefs-are-contagious-like-a-disease/>

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### ***Selected Conference Presentations***

Shannon G, Housen P, Simon B, Orlando M, Sohn L, Buchanan J, Jones M, Saliba D. 2006. “Mostly Yes, Mostly No: Are Simplest Responses the Best?” *Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Geriatric Society.*

Lorenz K, Cadogan M, Buchanan J, Yosef J, Hascall T, Simon B, Orlando M, Harker J, Meier M, Jones M, Saliba D. 2007. “To what extent do serious psychiatric illnesses impair symptom reports?” *Presidential poster presentation at the Annual American Geriatrics Society Meeting, Seattle, WA.*

Jones M, Gore F. 2008. “Children’s Environmental Health Indicators Project: What the

World's Children Have in Common.” *Poster presentation at the Annual meeting of the Southern California Public Health Association and at UCLA Public Health Week.*

Jones M, Chang H. 2010. “Walking in L.A.: A case study using PEQI in Palms, Los Angeles.” *Poster presentation at the Health Impact Assessment in the Americas meeting, Oakland, CA.*

Jones M, Sastry N, Pebley AR. 2010. “Neighborhood-level Physical Disorder and its Relationship to Poverty, Affluence, Residential Stability, and Ethnicity in Los Angeles.” *Oral presentation at the Annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Dallas, TX.*

Jones M, Chang HC. 2011. “Assessing walkability using structured observation of the built environment by community volunteers: are Los Angeles neighborhoods walkable?” *Oral presentation at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington DC. Winner, Best Doctoral Student Abstract, Community Health Planning and Policy Development (CHPPD) Section.*

Jones M and Pebley AR. 2011. “Undiagnosed diabetes, hypertension, and overweight: Rates and their association with access to preventive care among Los Angeles adults.” *Oral presentation at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington DC.*

Jones M. 2011. “Self-assessing weight status: a comparison of self-assessment and measurement of weight among Los Angeles County adults.” *Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington DC.*

Jones M and Pebley AR. 2012. “Redefining Neighborhoods Using Common Destinations: Social Characteristics of Activity Spaces and Home Census Tracts Compared.” *Oral presentation at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, San Francisco CA.*

Jones M. 2013. “Testing the mediating role of physical disorder in the relationship between neighborhood poverty and adult obesity.” *Poster presentation, 2013 annual meeting of Active Living Research, San Diego, CA.*

Jones M, Taylor A, Dunton GF, Intille SS. 2013. “Momentary versus durable stress experiences as predictors of BMI among adults.” *Poster presentation, 2013 annual meeting of the Society for Behavioral Medicine, San Francisco, CA.*

Jones M. 2013. “Neighborhood social characteristics and Chronic Disease Outcomes: Does the Geographic Scale of Neighborhood Matter?” *Poster presentation, 2013 annual meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA.*

Kim C, Choi T, Jones M, Huh J. 2014. “The effects of neighborhood contexts on perceived smoking norms among young Korean Americans.” *Oral presentation, 2014 annual meeting of the Society for Behavioral Medicine, Philadelphia, PA.*

Jones M, Huh J, Dunton GF, Spruijt-Metz D, Pentz MA. 2014. “Spatial profiling: a latent profile analysis of obesogenic activity spaces and adult BMI.” *Oral presentation, 2014 annual meeting of Active Living Research, San Diego, CA.*

Jones M, Pebley AR. 2014. “The great recession and neighborhood change: the case of Los Angeles County.” *Oral presentation, 2014 annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Boston, MA.*

Jones, M, Dunton, GF. “Kids’ daily activity spaces, physical activity and stress: Linking real-time geospatial data with other real-time data sources in a sample of Southern California children.” *Poster presentation at 2015 annual meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego, CA.*

### **JOURNAL REVIEW**

American Journal of Epidemiology  
American Journal of Preventive Medicine  
Annals of the Association of American Geographers  
BMC Pediatrics  
Health and Place  
Journal of Aging and Health  
Pediatric Obesity  
Pediatrics  
Preventive Medicine

### **ASSOCIATIONS**

Society for Behavioral Medicine, 2013-present  
Delta Omega public health honor society, 2012-present  
Population Association of America, 2009-present  
California Center for Population Research, affiliated researcher, 2008-present  
American Public Health Association, 2008-present  
Phi Beta Kappa, 1999-present

### **SKILLS**

Software Proficiencies: Stata, ArcView GIS, QGIS, GeoDa, Geospatial Modeling Environment ,  
Epi Info, EndNote, QuickBooks, MS Word, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint.  
Project management experience.  
Language: Native English and basic Spanish.