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Education & Training

- 2014-16 Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing; Research on Vulnerable Women, Children and Families (T32NR007100; PI: Sommers). HIV/STI Prevention among Heterosexually-Active Black Adolescents with Mental Illnesses, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (U01PS003304; PI: Brawner).
- 2011-14 PhD, University of Pennsylvania
Dissertation: Understanding Virginitly from the Perspectives of Arab American Women: A Phenomenological Approach. Marilyn S. Sommers, advisor.
- 2004-07 MS, American University of Beirut, School of Nursing, Lebanon; Minor in Education
Thesis: Quality of Life in People Living with HIV/AIDS in Lebanon. Samar Noureddine, advisor.
- 1996-99 BS, American University of Beirut, School of Nursing, Lebanon.

Employment

- 2016- Assistant Professor (Tenure track), Department of Human Development Nursing Science, College of Nursing, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- 2012-13 Research Assistant; University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing; Marilyn Sommers, PhD, RN, FAAN (PI) and Maureen George, PhD, RN, FAAN (PI).
- 2010-11 HIV/AIDS Facilitator, UN Cares Project, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Beirut, Lebanon.
- 2007-11 Project Manager; American University of Beirut, School of Nursing, Beirut, Lebanon; Huda Abu-Saad Huijer, PhD, RN, FAAN (PI) and Nuhad Dumit, PhD, RN (PI).
- 2003-04 Head Nurse, Medical-Surgical Unit; New Mowasat Hospital, Kuwait.
- 2001 Home Care Nurse, Home Health Care, Beirut, Lebanon.
- 1999-03 Clinical Nurse, Medical Surgical Infectious Unit; American University of Beirut – Medical Center, Beirut, Lebanon.

Honors and Awards

- 2023 Pinnacle Leader, Power of Nursing Leadership, Illinois.
- 2023-24 Public Voice Fellowship. The OpEd Project. University of Illinois System.
- 2020-21 Teaching Recognition Program Award; Office of Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, University of Illinois Chicago.
- 2020 Faculty Fellow of the Year Award; Honors College; University of Illinois Chicago.
- 2020 Staff and Faculty Appreciation Award; College of Nursing, University of Illinois Chicago.
- 2017- Visiting Faculty Fellow, Research Education Institute for Diverse Scholars, Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS, School of Public Health, Yale University.
- 2017 Janet A. Deatrick Junior Faculty Research Award, College of Nursing, University of Illinois Chicago.
- 2014 Ann Wolbert Burgess Endowed Student Dissertation Award, School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2014 Teaching Assistant Award, School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2013 Leboy-Davies Fellowship Award, Gender Sexuality and Women's Studies, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania.

- 2013 Doctoral Student Research Award, Sigma Theta Tau, Xi Chapter, University of Pennsylvania.
 2011 Nurse of the Year Award; American University of Beirut, Alumni Association, Nurses' Chapter.

Research Funding

Extramural

- 2022-27 National Cancer Institute (NIH, 1R01CA258683-01A1; \$2,780,330): Adaptation and implementation of a patient navigation program for cervical cancer screening across contexts in Senegal. Role: **Co-Investigator** (MPI: Dykens, Faye).
- 2021-24 Rita & Alex Hillman Foundation (\$50,000): A youth-centered community-based intimate partner violence prevention program for immigrant communities in the United States. Role: **Principal Investigator**.
- 2021-22 Medical Library Association Research, Development, and Demonstration Project Grant (\$1,000). More harm than good: Exploring reasons for and effects of common stringent literature search criteria from the perspective of nursing students, nurses, faculty and librarians. Role: **Consultant** (PI: Truex, E.).
- 2019-21 Yale University, School of Public Health; Research Education Institute for Diverse Scholars (NIH Pilot R25MH087217-09; \$20,000): HIV/STI risk behaviors, mental health, and immigration: The experiences of immigrants pre- and post-migration. Role: **Principal Investigator** (PI: Kershaw).
- 2015-16 Sigma Theta Tau International/Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (\$5,000): Exploring healthy sexualities and sexual behaviors in Arab and Arab American youth. Role: **Principal Investigator**.

Intramural

- 2023 University of Illinois Chicago, Center for Health Equity Research (NIH, U54MD012523-01; \$3,000): Dissemination grant. Role: **Principal Investigator**.
- 2020-22 University of Illinois Chicago College of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, Alpha Lambda Chapter (\$1,000). Exploring healthcare workers' decision-making regarding COVID-19 vaccination: A qualitative study. Role: **Co-Investigator** (PI: Chu, M.).
- 2018-21 University of Illinois Chicago, College of Nursing, Internal Research Support Program (\$20,000): Toward the development of a community-based and youth-focused sexual violence prevention intervention for Arabs in Chicago. Role: **Principal Investigator**.
- 2018-21 University of Illinois Chicago, Center for Health Equity Research (NIH, U54MD012523-01; \$50,000): Toward the development of a community-based and youth-focused sexual violence prevention intervention for Sexual and Gender Minorities in underserved Arab Communities in Chicago. Role: **Principal Investigator**.
- 2018-19 University of Illinois at Chicago, Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy (\$10,000): Developing a sexual and reproductive health workshop for Arab youth in Chicago. Role: **Principal Investigator**.
- 2017-21 University of Illinois Chicago, Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy (\$10,000): Intrapartum inequalities: Birth experiences and obstetric interventions among immigrant women in Chicago. Role: **Co-Investigator** (PI: Liese, K.).
- 2015-16 University of Pennsylvania, Center for Undergraduate Research & Fellowship: Understanding health and intimate partner violence from the perspectives of Iraqi women refugees: A qualitative study. Role: **Consultant** (PI: Perfetti).
- 2015-15 University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing. Research on Vulnerable Women, Children and Families (\$400) (T32NR007100, PI: Marilyn S. Sommers): Exploring health behaviors in Arab and Arab American women; a feasibility study for use of Facebook advertisement. Role: **Principal Investigator**.
- 2012-14 Office of Nursing Research University of Pennsylvania (\$4,250): Understanding virginity from the

perspectives of Arab women. Role: **Principal Investigator.**

Publications (Peer-Reviewed)

Citations 994 (685 since 2019), h-index 18, i10-index 26 ([Google Scholar](#), last updated February 2024)

+Data-based ^Student co-author *Community partner Senior author

Published (54 total; 16 first-authored)

1. Crooks, N., **Abboud, S.**, Jeremiah, R., & Matthews, A. Writing qualitative research proposals using the Pathway Project Mapping Tool. *International Journal of Qualitative Research*. Accepted March 2024.
2. +**Abboud, S.**, ^Chaudhry, A., & Pachankis, J. A qualitative exploration of minority stress, mental health, and sexual health among Arab immigrant sexual minority men in the United States. *Cultural Diversity & Ethnic Minority Psychology*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1037/cdp0000645>
3. +Singer, R.B., Barrow, J., Johnson, A.K., Zemplak, J., Crooks, N., **Abboud, S.**, Bruce, D., Green, N., Stamps, J., Neely, J., Sherman, S.G., Patil, C.L., Matthews, A.K. (2024), Centering PrEP: Utilizing ADAPT-ITT to inform group PrEP care for sex workers in Chicago. *BMC Public Health*, 24, 56. <http://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-023-17508-4>
4. +**Abboud, S.**, ^Taweh, O., ^Chaudhry, A., Pachankis, J. (2024). “There's a lot of conflict between your queer identity and also your Muslim or Arab identity;” A qualitative exploration of the intersectional minority stressors of U.S.-born Arab sexual minority men. *Social Science & Medicine- Qualitative Research in Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmqr.2024.100393>.
5. +^Chebli, P., Strayhorn, S.M., Hanneke, R. Muramastu, N., Watson, K., Fitzgibbon, M., **Abboud, S.**, & Molina, Y. (2024). A Scoping Review of Cancer Interventions with Arab Americans. *Journal of Immigrant & Minority Health*, 26, 200–226. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10903-023-01497-y>
6. +Hallihan, H., **Abboud, S.**, Lee, S., Rospenda, K., Srimoragot, M., Fink, A., & Ma, J. (2023). A qualitative exploration of young adults' perceptions of a new intervention for alcohol use disorder. *Annals of medicine*, 55(2), 2295983. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07853890.2023.2295983>
7. **Abboud, S.** (2023). [Invited commentary]. Inclusion of the MENA category in the U.S. census: Will MENA individuals and their health disparities be finally visible?” *Survey Practice* 16 (1). <https://doi.org/10.29115/SP-2023-0028>.
8. +**Abboud, S.**, Seal, D.W., Pachankis, J.E., Khoshnood, K., Khouri, D., Fouad, F.M., Heimer, R. (2023). Experiences of stigma, mental health, and coping strategies among Lebanese and displaced Syrian men who have sex with men in Lebanon: A qualitative study. *Social Science & Medicine* (335). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2023.116248>.
9. +^Chaudhry, A., Hebert-Beirne, J., Alessi, E., Mitchell, U., Molina, Y., Hanneke, R., Chelbi, P., & **Abboud, S.** (2023). The health needs of sexual and gender minority migrant women to the United States: A scoping review. *LGBT Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1089/lgbt.2022.0392>.
10. +^Chebli, P., *Shalabi, I., *Taha, N., Muramatsu, N., Watson, K., Fitzgibbon, M., Molina, Y., & **Abboud, S.** (2023). A Community–Academic Partnership to Explore and Address Cancer Disparities in Southwest Chicago Arab Americans. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action* 17(3), 361-378. <https://www.muse.jhu.edu/article/907968>.
11. +^Kandahari, N., Prata, N., Lahiff, M., & **Abboud, S.** (2023). Family sex communication, parental acculturation, and religiosity among Arab American young adults. *Sexuality & Culture*, 27, 1777-1793. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12119-023-10089-9>.
12. +Singer, R., **Abboud, S.**, Johnson, A.K., Zemplak, J., Crooks, N., ^Lee, S., Wilson, J., Gorvine, D., Stamps, J., Bruce, D., Sherman, S., Matthews, A.K., Patil, C. (2023). Experiences of sex workers in Chicago during the COVID-19: A qualitative study. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 20(11), 5948 <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph20115948>

13. **Abboud, S.**, & Flores, D.D. (2023) [Invited commentary]. A developmental model of the sexual minority closet: Implications for Arab immigrant sexual minorities and parent-LGBTQ child sex communication. *Archives of Sexual Behaviors*, 52, 1897-1902. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10508-022-02522-1>.
14. **Abboud, S.**, ^Zubi, M., *Shalabi, I., *Taha, N., Velonis, A., & Patil, C. (2022). Intimate partner violence prevention among Arab American young adults in Chicago: Implications for intervention development. *Journal of Advanced Nursing* 79(4): 1589-1602. <http://doi.org/10.1111/jan.15390>.
15. **Abboud, S.**, Veldhuis, C., Ballout, S., ^Nadeem, F., Nyhan, K., & Hughes, T. (2022). Sexual and gender minority health in the Middle East and North Africa region: A scoping review. *International Journal of Nursing Studies Advances*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijnsa.2022.100085>
16. **Rahmani, A.**, Fedotova, J., Shahbazi, S., Falahi, A., Allahqoli, L., Ghanei Gheshlagh, R., Alkatout, I., **Abboud, S.** (2022). Sexual function and mood disorders among menopausal women: A systematic scoping review. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*, (19)7, 1098-1115. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jsxm.2022.03.614>.
17. Singer, R., Crooks, N., **Abboud, S.**, & **Patil, C.** (2022). Engaging vulnerable populations in community based participatory research: lessons learned. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action*, 16(2), 227-234. <https://doi.org/10.1353/cpr.2022.0026>
18. **Matthews, A.**, **Abboud, S.**, Smith, A., Smith, C., Jeremiah, R., Hart, A., & Weaver, T. (2022). Strategies to address structural and institutional barriers to student success in nursing program. *Journal of Professional Nursing* (40), 96-104. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.profnurs.2022.03.005>
19. **Krikirat, P.**, Sansiriphun, N., **Abboud, S.**, Koenig, M.D., McCreary, L., Park, C.G., & **Patil, C.L.** (2022). Relationships between Thai fathers' self-efficacy to support breastfeeding and exclusive breastfeeding duration. *Midwifery*, 106. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.midw.2022.103261>
20. **Rahmani, A.**, Grylka-Baeschlin, S., Fallahi, A., Allahqoli, L., Ghanei Gheshlagh, R., **Abboud, S.**, & Rezaei, E. (2022). Postpartum sexual quality of life: Scale development and psychometric properties assessment in Iran. *Sexuality & Disability*, 40(1), 115-127. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11195-021-09716-w>
21. **Abboud, S.**, Flores, D., Bond, K., ^Chebli, P., Brawner, B.M., **Sommers, M.S.** (2022). Family sex communication among Arab American young adults: A mixed-methods study. *Journal of Family Nursing*, 28(2) 115–128. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10748407211053931>.
22. Taha, S., **Abboud, S.**, Bernard, L., & **Holmes, D.** (2022). Measurement of sexual orientation and gender identity among older adults. *Research in Gerontological Nursing*, 15(22). <https://doi.org/10.3928/19404921-20220218-01>
23. **Chebli, P.**, Reyes, K., Muramatsu, N., Watson, K., Fitzgibbon, M., **Abboud, S.**, **Molina, M.** (2021). Perspectives of multisectoral community stakeholders on Arab Americans' cancer patients' needs and suggested interventions. *Supportive Care in Cancer*, 29, 5915–5925. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00520-021-06169-x>
24. **Brawner, B.**, Jemmott, L.S., Hanlon, A., Lozano, A.J., **Abboud, S.**, Ahmed, C., & **Wingood, G.** (2021). Results from Project Gold: A psychoeducational HIV/STI prevention intervention for Black youth. *AIDS Care*, 33(6), 767-785. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09540121.2021.1874273>
25. **Taha, S.**, Bernard, L., **Holmes, D.**, & **Abboud, S.** (2021). Advocating for LGBTQ+ older adults: A review paper on the role of executive nurses. *Nursing Management*, 28(28). <https://doi.org/10.7748/nm.2020.e1965>
26. **Abboud, S.**, Flores, D., ^Redmond, L., Brawner, B.M., & **Sommers, M.S.** (2021). Sexual attitudes and behaviors among Arab American young adults in the United States. *Culture, Health, and Sexuality* (23), 12: 1591-1607. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13691058.2020.1788163>
27. **Abboud, S.**, Naal, H., Chahine, A., Taha, S., Harfoush, O., Mahmoud, H. (2020) “It’s mainly the fear of getting hurt”: Experiences of LGBT individuals with the healthcare system in Lebanon.

- Annals of LGBTQ Public and Population Health*, 1(3):165-185. <https://doi.org/10.1891/LGBTQ-2020-0001>
28. +*Zayed, L., ^Chebli, P., *Shalabi, I., *Taha, N., & **Abboud, S.** (2020). Health assessment of the Arab American community in Southwest Chicago. *Journal of Community Health*, 45:761–767. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10900-020-00791-2>
 29. +Naal, H., **Abboud, S.**, Harfoush, O., & **Mahmoud, H.** (2020). Examining the attitudes and behaviors of healthcare providers towards LGBT patients in Lebanon. *Journal of Homosexuality*, 67(13):1902-1919. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00918369.2019.1616431>
 30. **Abboud, S.**, ^Chebli, P., Rabelais, E. (2019). The contested whiteness of Arab identity in the United States: Implications for health disparities research. *American Journal of Public Health*, 109(11):1580-1583. <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2019.305285>
 31. +^Perfetti, A.R., **Abboud, S.**, Behme, M., & **Barg, F. K.** (2019). Understanding wellness and barriers to healthcare among Iraqi refugee women. *Health and Social Care in the Community*, 27(6):1430-1437. <https://doi.org/10.1111/hsc.12810>
 32. +Flores, D., **Abboud, S.**, & **Barroso, J.** (2019). Hegemonic masculinity during parent-child sex communication with sexual minority male adolescents. *American Journal of Sexuality Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15546128.2019.1626312>
 33. +Liese, K., Mogos, M., **Abboud, S.**, DeCocker, K., Koch, A., & **Geller, S.** (2019). Racial/ethnic disparities and severe maternal morbidity in the United States 2002-2014. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, 6(4):790-798. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-019-00577-w>
 34. +**Abboud, S.**, Lanier, Y, Jemmott, L.S., & **Sommers, M.S.** (2019). Navigating virginites: enactment of sexual agency among Arab women in the USA. *Culture, Health, & Sexuality*, 21(10): 1103-1116. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13691058.2018.1539249>
 35. Brawner, B., **Abboud, S.**, Reason, J., Wingood, G., & **Jemmott, L.S.** (2019). The development of an innovative, theory-driven, psychoeducational HIV/STI prevention intervention for heterosexually-active Black adolescents with mental illnesses. *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies*, 14(2): 151-165. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17450128.2019.1567962>
 36. Naal, H., **Abboud, S.**, & **Mahmoud, H.** (2019). Developing an LGBT-affirming healthcare provider directory in Lebanon. *Journal of Gay & Lesbian Mental Health*, 23(1):107-110. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19359705.2018.1538919>
 37. +**Agenor, M.**, **Abboud, S.**, Delgadillo, J. G., Perez, A. E., ^Peitzmeier, S. M., & Borrero, S. (2018). Intersectional nativity and racial/ethnic disparities in human papillomavirus vaccination initiation among US women: A national population-based study. *Cancer Causes & Control*, 29(10), 927-936. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10552-018-1069-1>
 38. **Abboud, S.**, Kim, S., Jacoby, S., Mooney-Doyle, K., Waite, T., Froh, B., Kim, H., Sowicz, T., Kelly, T.A., & **Kagan, S.** (2017). Co-creation of a pedagogical space to support qualitative inquiry: An advanced qualitative collective. *Nurse Education Today*, (50), 8-11. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nedt.2016.12.001>
 39. +**Abboud, S.**, ^De Penning, E., Brawner, B., Menon, U., Glanz, K., & **Sommers, M.S.** (2017). Cervical cancer screening among Arab women in the United States; an integrative review. *Oncology Nursing Forum*, 44(1), E20-E33. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1188%2F17.ONF.E20-E33>
 40. +Alexander, K., Volpe, E.M., **Abboud, S.**, & **Campbell, J.C.** (2016). Reproductive coercion, sexual risk behaviors, and mental health symptoms among young low-income behaviorally bisexual women: Implications for nursing practice. *Journal of Clinical Nursing*, 25(23-24), 3533-3544. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jocn.13238>
 41. +George, M., **Abboud, S.**, Pantalon, M.V., Sommers, M.S., Mao, J., & **Rand, C.** (2016). Changes in clinical conversations when providers are informed of asthma patients' beliefs about medication use and integrative medical therapies. *Heart & Lung: The Journal of Acute and Critical Care*, 45(1), 70-78. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.hrtlng.2015.11.002>

42. +Yazbik Dumit, N., Abboud, S., Massouh, A., & Magilvy, J.K. (2015). Role of the Lebanese family caregivers in cardiac self-care: A collective approach. *Journal of Clinical Nursing*, 24(21-22), 3318-26. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jocn.12949>
43. +**Abboud, S.,** Jemmott, L.S, & Sommers, M.S. (2015). “We are Arabs.” The embodiment of virginity through Arab and Arab American women's lived experiences. *Sexuality and Culture*, 19(4), 715-736. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12119-015-9286-1>
44. +George, M., Pinilla, R, **Abboud, S.,** Shea, J.A., & Rand, C. (2013). Innovative use of a standardized debriefing guide to assist in the development of a research questionnaire with low literacy demand. *Applied Nursing Research*, 26(3), 139-142. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apnr.2012.11.005>
45. +Abu-Saad Huijjer, H., & Abboud, S. (2013). Predictors of quality of life in a sample of Lebanese patients with cancer. *Europe's Journal of Psychology*, 9(1), 8–18. <https://doi.org/10.5964/ejop.v9i1.444>
46. +Abu-Saad Huijjer, H., Abboud, S., & Doumit, M. (2012). Symptom prevalence and management of cancer patients in Lebanon. *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*, 44(3); 386-399. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpainsymman.2011.10.019>
47. +Abu-Saad Huijjer, H., & Abboud, S. (2012). Health-related quality of life among breast cancer patients in Lebanon. *European Journal of Oncology Nursing*, 16(5); 491-497. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ejon.2011.11.003>
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49. +Arevian, M., Nouredine, S., & Abboud, S. (2011). Beliefs related to breast cancer and breast cancer screening among Lebanese Armenian women. *Health Care for Women International*, 32(11); 972-989. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07399332.2011.580405>
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51. +Abu-Saad Huijjer, H., Abboud, S., & Dimassi, H. (2009). Palliative care in Lebanon; knowledge, attitudes, and practices of nurses. *International Journal of Palliative Nursing*, 15(7); 170-177. <https://doi.org/10.12968/ijpn.2009.15.7.43425>
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54. +Abu-Saad Huijjer, H., Dimassi, H, & Abboud, S. (2008). Perspectives on palliative care in Lebanon. *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, 11(9); 1184-1185. <https://doi.org/10.1089/jpm.2008.0128>

Manuscripts Under Review

1. +**Abboud, S.,** ^Hashim, F., ^Sharif, E., *Shalabi, I., *Taha, N., Velonis, A., & Patil, C. The perspectives of Arab American young adults in Chicagoland area on intimate partner violence; a qualitative study. *Journal of Family Violence*. Submitted March 2024.
2. +^Chaudhry, A., Hebert-Beirne, J., Alessi, E., Khuzam, M., Mitchell, U., Molina, Y., Wasfie, D., Fox, S., **Abboud, S.** Barriers and facilitators to healthcare utilization for Arab sexual minority women migrants in the United States. *Culture, Health, & Sexuality*. Submitted March 2024.
3. +^Mansuri, S., Daniel, M.N., Halloway, S., **Abboud, S.,** Schoeny, M., Buchholz, S.W. Feasibility of assessing physical activity behavior in young Muslim Arab American women. *Journal of Physical Activity & Health*. Submitted February 2024.
4. +^Chaudhry, A., Hebert-Beirne, J., Alessi, E., Khuzam, M., Mitchell, U., Molina, Y., Wasfie, D.,

- Fox, S., & **Abboud, S.** Exploring the health impact of intersectional minority identity stressors on Arab sexual minority women migrants to the United States. *Qualitative Health Research*. Revised and resubmitted March 2024.
5. +^Mansuri, S., Daniel, M.N., Halloway, S., **Abboud, S.**, Schoeny, M., Buchholz, S.W. Correlates of Lifestyle Physical Activity among Young Arab American women. *Western Journal of Nursing Research*. Submitted December 2023.
 6. +Hallihan, H., Srimoragot, M., **Abboud, S.**, Lee, S., Rospenda, K. Exploring Young Adults' Struggles with Heavy Alcohol Consumption: Challenges in Seeking and Receiving Treatment- A Focus Group Study. *Early Intervention in Psychiatry*. Submitted March 2024.
 7. +^Duangchan, C., **Abboud, S.**, Jeremiah, R.D., Gorman, G., Iramaneerat, C., Matthews, A.K. Cancer survivorship care in Thailand: A qualitative descriptive study of colorectal cancer survivors. *European Journal of Oncology Nursing*. Submitted November 2023.
 8. +^Mansuri, S., Daniel, M.N., Halloway, S., **Abboud, S.**, Buchholz, S.W. Lifestyle physical activity behavior assessment in young Muslim Arab American women—A pilot study. *Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing*. Submitted July 2023.

Book Chapters (4 total)

1. Flores, D., Magland, E., Hennessy, K., Martinez, I., Agudo, F., & **Abboud, S.** (2023). Fighting oppressive masculinity at home: Sex talks with gay, bisexual, and queer sons. In Taverner, B (Editor), *Sex Education Research: A Look Between the Sheets*. Routledge Press. In Press.
2. Flores, D., **Abboud, S.**, Bond, K., Guthrie, B., and Kershaw, T. (2020). Investing in early career minority researchers for HIV research: An exemplar for moving beyond tokenism. In Veronica P.S. Njie-Carr, Yolanda Flores Niemann, & Phyllis Sharps (Eds.), *Disparities in the Academy: Accounting for the Elephant*. Pittsburgh, PA: Dorrance Publishing Co.
3. Squires, A., **Abboud, S.**, Ojemeni, M., Ridge, L. (2017). Creating new knowledge: Nursing and midwifery-led research to drive the global goals. In W. Rosa (Ed) *New Era in Global Health. Nursing and the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*. New York: Springer.
4. Sakr, G. E., Elhajj, I. H., Joujou, M. K., **Abboud, S.**, & Huijjer, H. A. (2012). Portable wireless device for automated agitation detection. In M. Watfa (Ed.), *E-Healthcare Systems and Wireless Communications: Current and Future Challenges* (pp. 236-255). Hershey, PA: Medical Information Science Reference. doi:10.4018/978-1-61350-123-8.ch012

Non Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. **Abboud, S.**, & *Shalabi, I. (2023). The impact of COVID-19 on the Arab American communities in Chicago. Expert commentary in *Beyond Erasure and Profiling: Cultivating Strong and Vibrant Arab American Communities in Chicagoland*. Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, UIC. Retrieved at: <https://irpp.uic.edu/state-of-racial-justice/reports/#beyond-erasure-and-profiling-cultivating-strong-and-vibrant-arab-american-communities-in-chicagoland>
2. Dumit N, **Abboud S**, Nouredine S, & Arevian M. (2010). Rapid assessment of sexual and reproductive health and HIV service linkages in Lebanon (2010); UNFPA, American University of Beirut, Republic of Lebanon Ministry of Public Health and the National AIDS Control Program in Lebanon. Retrieved at: <http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/topics/linkages/RASLebanon.pdf>

Presentations (33 total; 19 first-authored)

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1. +^Chaudhry A., Hebert-Beirne, J., Alessi, E.J., Khuzam, M.Z., Mitchell, U., Molina, Y., Wasfie, D., **Abboud, S.** (2023). Exploring the mental health and healthcare seeking of Arab sexual minority women (SMW) migrants to the United States: A qualitative descriptive study. American Public Health

- Association Conference, Atlanta, USA (Oral).
2. +**Abboud, S.**, ^Chaudhry, A., ^Taweh, O., & Pachnakis, J. (2023). “There's a Lot of Conflict Between Your Queer Identity and Also Your Muslim or Arab Identity;” A Qualitative Exploration of the Intersectional Minority Stressors of U.S.-Born Arab Sexual Minority Men. Annual Conference of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, New Orleans, USA (Oral).
 3. **Abboud, S.**, Singer, R., Crooks, N., & Patil., C. (2023). Engaging Vulnerable Populations in Community-Based Participatory Research: Lessons Learned. Annual Conference of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, New Orleans, USA (Poster).
 4. +Singer, R.B., Barrow, J., Johnson, AK, Zemplak, J., Crooks, N., **Abboud, S.**, Bruce, D., Green, N., Stamps, J., King, C., Morales, N., Patil, C., Matthews, AK. (2023). Application of ADAPT-ITT: Adapting an evidence-based group care model for sex workers taking PrEP. Third Coast Center for AIDS Research Symposium, Chicago, IL (Poster).
 5. +^Hashim, F., ^Sharif, E., *Shalabi, I., *Taha, N., Velonis, A., Patil, C., **Abboud, S.** (2023). Contextualizing intimate partner violence among Arab American young adults in Chicago; a qualitative study. Consortium of Universities for Global Health, Washington, DC, USA (Poster).
 6. +^Duangchan, C., Matthews, A., **Abboud, S.**, Jeremiah, R., Gorman, G., & Iramaneerat, C. (2023). Organizational-level barriers to colorectal cancer survivorship care in Thailand. Oncology Nursing Society Congress, San Antonio, Texas, USA (Poster).
 7. **Abboud, S.**, ^Chaudhry, A., & Pachankis, J. (2022). Arab Immigrant Sexual Minority Men in the United States: A Qualitative Exploration of Minority Stress and Mental and Sexual Health. Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC) Annual Conference, Tampa, Florida, USA (Oral).
 8. +**Abboud, S.**, Seal, D., Khoshnood, K., Khouri, D., Fouad, F., Heimer, F. (2022). Drug and Alcohol Use Among Lebanese and Displaced Syrian Men who Have Sex with Men in Lebanon: A Qualitative Study. 2022 National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) International Forum (Poster, Virtual Conference).
 9. +**Abboud, S.**, Ballout, S., Veldhuis, C., ^Nadeem, F., Nyhan, K., & Hughes, T. (2021). LGBTQ Health in the Middle East and North Africa Region: A Scoping Review. Annual Conference of The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Puerto Rico, USA (Oral).
 10. +**Abboud, S.**, ^Zubi, M., *Shalabi, I., *Taha, N., Velonis, A., & Patil, C. (2021). The Understanding of Intimate Partner Violence Among Arab Young Adults in Chicago. Annual Conference of The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Puerto Rico, USA (Poster).
 11. Taha, S., Bernard, L., Holmes, D., & **Abboud, S.** (2021). Advocating for LGBTQ+ Older Adults: A Review of the Role of Nurse Managers. 9th GLMA Annual Nursing Summit of the 39th GLMA Annual Conference on LGBTQ Health (Oral, Virtual Conference).
 12. +**Abboud, S.**, Abdelrahim, N., ^Redmond, L., Salem, R., ^Sharif, E., Velonis, A., Patil, C. (2020). Toward the Development of a Community-Based and Youth-Focused Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Intervention for Arabs in Chicago. Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Global Sex Research Virtual Conference, USA (Oral).
 13. +^Kandahari, N., Prata, N., Lahiff, M., & **Abboud, S.** (2020). Acculturation, Religiosity, and Sexual Health Among Arab Immigrant Youth: An Invisible Health Need. Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Global Sex Research Virtual Conference, USA (Oral).
 14. +^Kandahari, N., Prata, N., Lahiff, M., **Abboud, S.** (2020). Exploring healthy sexualities in Arab-American immigrant youth. Annual Meeting, American Public Health Association. San Francisco, CA, USA (Poster).
 15. +^Kandahari, N., Prata, N., Lahiff, M., **Abboud, S.** (2020). The sexual health of Arab-American immigrant youth: An invisible health disparity. Annual Meeting, American Public Health Association. San Francisco, CA, USA (Poster; Winner of Student Poster Award).
 16. +Bond, K., Flores, D., Williams, P., Ingram, L., **Abboud, S.**, Leonard, N. (2019). Young Black women’s sexual socialization in the home: Implications for sexual health and comprehensive sex

- education for PrEP utilization among youth. American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, USA (Oral).
17. +[^]Chebli, P., **Abboud, S.**, Zayed, L., Molina, Y. (2019). Exploring cancer risk perceptions in Arab Americans in Chicago: a mixed method study. American Society of Preventive Oncology, Tampa, FL (Poster).
 18. +**Abboud, S.**, Naal, H., Mahmoud, H. (2018). LGBT Individuals' perceptions and experiences within the healthcare system in Lebanon. Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Montreal, Canada (Oral).
 19. +**Abboud, S.**, Naal, H., Mahmoud, H. (2018). Enhancing access to healthcare services for LGBT individuals in Lebanon. Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Montreal, Canada (Poster).
 20. +**Abboud, S.**, Naal, H., Mahmoud, H. (2018). LebGUIDE: LGBT health care provider database in Lebanon. Lebanese Medical Association for Sexual Health, Beirut, Lebanon (Oral).
 21. +**Abboud, S.**, Rabelais, E., Brawner, B., Sommers, M.S. (2017). "Everyone has their sexual morality": sexual attitudes among Arab youth in the US. Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Atlanta, GA, USA (Oral).
 22. **Abboud, S.**, Mahmoud, H. (2017). LebMASH's history in resilience. GLMA Health Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality. Philadelphia, PA (Oral).
 23. Rabelais, E., **Abboud, S.** (2017). Arabs in the United States: An example at the center of bioethics. American Society for Bioethics and Humanities 2017 Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MI (Oral).
 24. +**Abboud, S.**, Brawner, B., Sommers, M.S. (2016). Exploring healthy sexualities and sexual behaviors in Arab and Arab American youth. Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality conference. Phoenix, AZ (Oral).
 25. +George, M., **Abboud, S.** (2016). A Brief survey prompts tailored discussion of barriers to medication adherence in adults with uncontrolled asthma. Concordium, Crystal City, VA (Oral).
 26. **Abboud, S.**, Rabelais, E., Sommers, M.S. (2015). Quantifying virginity: Illuminating cultural and anatomic controversies in hymenal measurement practices. Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Albuquerque, NM (Oral).
 27. +**Abboud, S.**, Sommers, M.S. (2014). Understanding virginity from the perspectives of Arab American women; A Phenomenological approach. Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Omaha. NE (Oral).
 28. +Alexander, K.A., Volpe, E.M, **Abboud, S.** (2015). Reproductive coercion and sexual risk behaviors among young low-income behaviorally bisexual women. Center for AIDS Research Social and Behavioral Research Network, Baltimore, MD (Poster).
 29. +**Abboud, S.**, Koo, K., McKenny, M., & Brawner, B. (2015). Intersectionality of ethnic identity, emotion regulation, and attitudes toward women among Black adolescents with mental illnesses. American Public Health Association, Chicago IL (Poster).
 30. +**Abboud, S.**, Sommers, M.S. (2014). Understanding virginity from the perspectives of Arab American women; A phenomenological approach. Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Omaha. NE (Oral).
 31. **Abboud, S.**, Sommers, M.S. (2013). Understanding virginity in Arab and Muslim societies. Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, San Diego, CA (Oral).
 32. +Dumit, N., **Abboud, S.** (2009). Perceptions of cardiac self-care among Lebanese family caregivers. American University of Beirut Alumni Association, Beirut, Lebanon (Oral).
 33. +**Abboud, S.** (2007). Quality of Life in HIV/AIDS Patients in Lebanon. University of Dublin, Trinity College, Ireland (Oral).

Published OpEd Pieces

- 2024 Truthout.org: [Will the Largest Medical Body in US Remain Silent After Al-Shifa's Destruction?](#)
2023 Chicago Sun*Times: [U.S. Census says I'm 'White', but I'm not](#)
2023 Visible Magazine: [Home at Last: How I Found My Queer Arab Community.](#)

Media Mention

- 2024 WVON Radio; The Matt McGill show; interview by former state rep Ken Dunkin (1/2/2024)
2023 The 19th News: ['Systematically erased': Middle Eastern and North African women and LGBTQ+ Americans don't see themselves in U.S. data.](#)
2019 Hivos.org: [Training doctors in Lebanon to ensure health equity for the LGBTI+ community.](#)
Stepfeed: [Lebanon's LGBT community is often denied healthcare, and it's not OK. LebMASH is championing "Excellence Without Discrimination."](#)
Al Nashra: [LebMASH launches "LGBT Health Week."](#)
Al Akhbar: [Hospitals and doctors refuse services to the LGBTQ communities.](#)
2018 UIC Radio Broadcasting: Health Disparities Affecting Arabs in Chicago.

Invited Speaker (Outside of UIC)

- 2023 [SWANA Racial/Ethnic Categorization in the United States: Implications for Health Disparities and HIV Research](#), University of California San Francisco, Center for AIDS Prevention Studies in the Division of Prevention Science. California (Virtual talk).
2023 Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Among Arab American Young Adults in Chicago: Implications for Intervention Development. Arab Legal Symposium. Arab American Family Services, Moraine Valley Community College, IL.
2021 Arab & Middle East/North Africa Racial/Ethnic Categorization in the U.S.: Implications for Health Disparities. National Committee for Quality Assurance, Washington, DC (Virtual talk).
2020 Hegemonic Masculinity During Parent-Child Sex Communication with Sexual Minority Adolescents. American Journal of Sexuality Education (Virtual talk).
2019 Building a Community-Based Research Program With the Arab Community in Chicago. Fourth Annual Faith, Health, and Research Dialogue; Chicago State University, IL.
2019 Muslim Americans and Sexual Health. The Muslim Women and the Media Training Institute; Chicago, IL.
2018 Sexuality, Health, and Immigration among Arabs in the U.S. Loyola University, Department of Public Health Sciences, Chicago, IL.
2014 Understanding Virginitly from the Perspectives of Arab American Women; A phenomenological Approach. American University of Beirut, School of Nursing. Beirut, Lebanon.

Invited Speaker (at UIC)

- 2023 Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Among Arab American Young Adults in Chicago: Implications for Intervention Development. Research Day; College of Nursing, UIC.
2023 Spill the Shay (Tea): Being Arab and LGBTQIA+. Arab American Cultural Center and the Gender and Sexuality Center, UIC.
2023 LGBTQ Health in the Arab World: The Case of Lebanon; Global Health Colloquium, UIC.
2022 Interprofessional Collaboration for QI Initiatives: A Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive Approach. Institute for Healthcare Improvement, UIC.
2021 LGBTQ Health in Lebanon: Role of Community Activism; Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee, College of Nursing, UIC.
2021 Arabs in STEM; Mentoring and What to Look for in a Mentor? Arab American Cultural Center, UIC.
2021 Toward the Development of a Community-Based and Youth-Focused Sexual Violence Prevention

- Intervention for Arab Youth in Chicago. Summer Undergraduate Research Program in Health Disparities (SURPHD) for the Center of Hispanic Excellence, UIC.
- 2020 Immigration, Sexuality, and Arab Youth: Implications for Sexual Health; College of Medicine, Division of Pediatrics; UIC.
- 2019 Developing a Sexual and Reproductive Health Workshop for Arab Youth in Chicago; Lunchtime Lecture Series, Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, UIC.
- 2019 Immigration, Sexuality, and Arab Women: Implications for Sexual Health. International Women's Day Symposium Committee, UIC.
- 2018 Immigration: The Impact on HIV Risk Behaviors. World AIDS Day. UIC Global Health
- 2018 Occupying the "Space Between"; Community Engaged Research and Identity as an Insider, Outsider, or Anything In-Between. UIC Center for Clinical and Translational Science.

Teaching

UIC Courses

- Qualitative Research in Nursing (NURS 574; PhD required course).
- Theoretical Foundations for Evidence-Based Practice (NURS 515, DNP and MSN required course)-Course Coordinator.
- Human Sexuality and Health: From Local to Global (Honors College 122).
- Leadership, Policy, and Interprofessional Collaboration (NURS 517; DNP required course).

Invited Class Lectures

- 2023 The Role of Nurses in the Community; UIC, College of Nursing.
- 2022 Phenomenology: Maurice Merleau-Ponty; UIC, College of Nursing.
- 2022 Gender-Based Violence Prevention: A Case of Arabs in Chicago; UIC, School of Public Health.
- 2021- Phenomenology; Brown University, School of Public Health (**Yearly**).
- 2021- Immigration, Sexuality, and Arab Youth: Implications for Sexual Health; University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing (**Yearly**).
- 2021- LGBTQ Health in Lebanon. UIC, College of Nursing (**Yearly**).
- 2020 Virginity; New York University, School of Nursing
- Immigration, Sexuality, and Arab Youth: Implications for Sexual Health; Tufts University, Department of Community Health.
- 2019- Researcher as an Instrument in Qualitative Research; American University of Beirut, School of Nursing; Beirut, Lebanon (**Yearly**).
- 2019 Immigration as Social Determinant of Health; UIC, College of Nursing.
- 2018- Sex, Sexuality, and Women's Sexual Health; UIC, College of Nursing (**Yearly**).
- 2016- Women's Health as an Aggregate in the Community; University of Massachusetts Lowell, College of Health Sciences (**Yearly**).
- 2016- Phenomenology: Understanding Virginity from the Perspectives of Arab American Women; Columbia University, School of Nursing (**Yearly**).

Professional Activities and Services

Grants Review

- 2021 Center for Health Equity Research, Research Pilot Program Seed Grants, UIC.
- 2021 Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS, Research Pilot Program Seed Grant, Yale University.
- 2021 Office of Research Facilitation, K23 mock review, UIC.
- 2020 Center for Health Equity Research, Research Pilot Program Seed Grants, UIC.
- 2020 Sigma Theta Tau International, Alpha Lambda Chapter Research Awards, UIC.

- 2020 Office of Research Facilitation, K99/R00 mock review, UIC.
- 2019- Provost Graduate Research Award Grant Review, UIC (Yearly).
- 2019 Center for Health Equity Research, Community Discussion and Dissemination Seed Grants, UIC.
- 2019 Research Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, American University of Beirut, Lebanon.
- 2017 Sigma Theta Tau International, Alpha Lambda Chapter Research Awards, UIC.

UIC Service Reviews

- 2021;23 Teaching Recognition Award Applications Review, Office of Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs.
- 2021 Honors College Awards Applications Reviews, Honors College.
- 2020 BSN Applicants Interviews, College of Nursing.
- 2020- Advanced Generalist MS Applicants Interviews, College of Nursing (Yearly).

Journal Manuscript Review:

- 2022- Journal of Sex Research
- 2021- Transgender Health
- 2021- Preventive Medicine Reports
- 2021- Journal of School Nursing
- 2019- Social Science and Medicine
- 2018- International Journal of Older People Nursing
- 2017- Healthcare for Women International
- 2015- Journal of Clinical Nursing
- 2014- Qualitative Health Research
- 2013- International Journal of Nursing Studies
- 2009- AIDS Care

Professional and Academic Committees

College of Nursing

- 2023-24 Department Peer Review Yearly Evaluation Committee, College of Nursing, UIC
- 2023- Member, PhD advisory committee, College of Nursing, UIC
- 2023-24 Member, Search Committee, Department Head for Human Development Nursing Science and Biobehavioral Nursing Science Departments, UIC. College of Nursing.
- 2021-22 Member, Faculty Mentorship Program Taskforce, College of Nursing, UIC
- 2021 Department Peer Review Yearly Evaluation Committee, College of Nursing, UIC
- 2019 Member, Search Committee, Associate Dean for Equity and Inclusion, College of Nursing, UIC
- 2017-21 Chair (2018-2021), Equity & Inclusion Committee, College of Nursing, UIC

University of Illinois Chicago

- 2021- Faculty Advisor, Middle Eastern and North African Student Organization, UIC.
- 2020- Faculty Affiliate, Middle East and Muslim Societies Cluster, Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UIC.
- 2019- Faculty Advisor, Women's Health Initiative Student Organization, UIC.
- 2019- Ambassador, Asian American Resource and Cultural Center.
- 2018 Member, Search Committee, Arab American Cultural Center Director, UIC.
- 2017-22 Member, Honors College Council, Honors College, UIC.
- 2016- Member, Advisory Committee for the Arab American Cultural Center, UIC.
- 2016- Faculty Fellow, Honors College, UIC.

Professional

- 2024-25 Member, Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS) Conference Program Committee.
- 2021- Affiliate; Center for Arab Narratives; ACCESS; Detroit, Michigan.
- 2018-20 Chair (2019-2020), Strategic Planning and Policy Committee, Lebanese Medical Association for Sexual Health.
- 2017- Member, Scientific Committee for Yearly LGBT Health Week in Lebanon, Lebanese Medical Association for Sexual Health.
- 2016- Board member, Lebanese Medical Association for Sexual Health.

Professional Memberships

- 2022- American Nurses Association (ANA), Illinois
- 2022- Association for Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC)
- 2016- Sigma Theta Tau International, Alpha Lambda Chapter
- 2014- Arab American Studies Association
- 2014- National American-Arab Nurses Association
- 2012- Association for Middle East Women's Studies
- 2012- Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality

Nursing Licensure

- 2018- Illinois Nursing License (RN041.464772).
- 2013- Pennsylvania Nursing License (RN647910).
- 1999- Ministry of Public Health, Lebanon, Registered Nurse (7344/99).

Certification

- 2014 Teaching Certificate, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2014 Graduate Certificate, Gender, Sexuality, and Women' Studies Program; School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania.

Languages

Fluent (reading, speaking, and writing): Arabic, English, French.