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Curriculum Vitae (November, 2023)

Pieter Baker, PhD, MPH

Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health (2021)

UCSD / SDSU Joint Doctoral Program in Public Health (Global Health Track)

Research Focus: Infectious Disease, Substance Use, HIV/AIDS

Dissertation Title: "Drugs, Germs, and Justice: Examining Police Practices and the HIV Risk Environment for People who Inject Drugs"

Master of Public Health - Epidemiology (2014)

Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health

Certificate – Infectious Disease Epidemiology

Graduate Thesis: "Prevalence and Risk Factors for Community-Associated Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* in New York City from 2006-2012"

Bachelor of Science in Biology, cum laude, Honor's Scholar (2010)

Point Loma Nazarene University

Honor's Project Thesis: "Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria Pollution in San Diego's Coastal Wetlands: A Survey of Plasmid-Mediated Quinolone Resistance Genes in Local Sediments"

Professional Experience

Assistant Professor of Epidemiology

2023-Present

University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health

Department of Epidemiology & Biostatistics

Postdoctoral Research Fellow- ALIVE Study

2021-2023

Johns Hopkins University - Bloomberg School of Public Health

Department of Epidemiology

HIV Epidemiology and Prevention Sciences Training Program (NIH T32 Al102623, PI: Beyrer/Mehta)

Predoctoral Research Fellow - SHIELD Study

2019-2021

University of California, San Diego

Division of Infectious Disease and Global Public Health, School of Medicine

HIV & Substance Use T32 (NIH T32 DA023356, PI:Strathdee)

Human Rights Fellow – HIELO Study

2018-2019

Human Rights Center, University of California, Berkeley

Health Impact of Immigration Enforcement and Location Displacement (Proyecto HIELO, PI: Baker)

HIV Research Program Coordinator

2017-2019

University of California, San Diego

Division of Infectious Disease and Global Public Health, School of Medicine

Proyecto Escudo (NIH R01DA039073; PI:Strathdee)

| HIV Research Program Manager University of California, San Diego Antiviral Research Center | 2015-2017 |
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| Primary Infection Research Consortium (NIAID Al106039, PI: Little) Ebola Surveillance Manager Ebola Response Consortium International Rescue Committee Freetown, Sierra Leone | 2014-2015 |
| Disease Control Officer at Westchester County Department of Health Westchester County Department of Health Bureau of Communicable Diseases New Rochelle, New York | 2012-2014 |
| Research & Development Chemist I INOVA Diagnostics, Inc San Diego, California | 2010-2012 |
| Research Fellowships, Grants and Awards | |
| T32 Postdoctoral Fellowship Award– National Institute of Health HIV Epidemiology and Prevention Sciences Training Program (John Hopkins University) \$54,000 in research and salary support (NIDA T32 Al102623, PI: Beyrer/Mehta) | 2021-2023 |
| T32 Predoctoral Fellowship – National Institute of Health HIV & Substance Use Training Program (University of California, San Diego) \$25,000 in research and salary support (NIDAT32 DA023356, PI:Strathdee) | 2020-2021 |
| International AIDS Society (IAS) - Injection Drug Use Research Prize \$1,000 in funds presentated at 10 th IAS conference on HIV Science (Mexico City | , |
| SDSU Graduate Student Travel Award \$1,000 in travel funds to present original research at APHA (Philadelphia 2019) Tinker Foundation – International Research Grant (US/Mexico) | 2019 2018 |
| \$1,000 in research funds for pilot study UC Berkeley – Human Rights Fellowship | 2018 |
| \$6,000 in research, participant stipends, and travel funds | |
| Teaching Experience | |
| Courses Taught as Instructor of Record Infectious Disease Epidemiology (EPID749, USC) Instructor for Epidemiology & Infectious Disease (Johns Hopkins CTY). *Received award for "Most Active Instructor" at Johns Hopkins CTY 2022 | 23 - Present 2022-2023 |
| Adjunct Faculty for Biotechnology and Society (PLNU) Adjunct Faculty for Infectious Diseases Epidemiology (PLNU, Graduate Program) Adjunct Faculty for Chemistry for Pre-Health Sciences (PLNU) | 2020-2023 2020 2019 |
| Co-Instructor for Public Health Research Methods (SDSU) | 2019-2020 |
| Courses as Teaching Assistant Public Health Research Methods (SDSU) Health Policy (UCSD) Public Health and Primary Care (UCSD) | 2019 2018 2017-2018 |
| Systems and Methods for Public Health (Columbia) Teaching and Lab Assistant for Microbiology of Infectious Disease (PLNU) | 2013-2016 2013-2014 2009-2010 |

| Guest Lectu | ıres |
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| EPID730 Public Health Surveillance Systems (USC) | 2023 |
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| EPID800 Advanced Methodological Theory in Epidemiology (USC) | 2023 |
| Theoretical Approaches to Substance Use (SDSU) | 2022 |
| Public Health and Drug Policy (Brown University) | 2021 |
| HIV and Substance Use (UCSD) | 2020 |
| Introduction to Microbiology (PLNU) | 2015-2016 |
| Microbiology of Infectious Diseases (PLNU) | 2015-2016 |

Mentoring Experience

Student Mentees in Research

| Sultan Alsallum (Graduate Research Assistant. USC) | 2023-Present |
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| Amirhossein Fakhre Yaseri (Volunteer Research Assistant, USC) | 2023-Present |
| Ashley Weitensteiner (Volunteer Research Assistant, SDSU) | 2023-Present |
| Catalina Rodriguez (Volunteer Research Assistant, JHU) | 2022-Present |
| Emma Falluji (Volunteer Research Assistant, SDSU) | 2022-Present |

Student Academic Advisees

| Madeline Mikes (USC, MPH Student Advisee | 2022-2023 |
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| Theresa Boyer (JHU, PhD Student Advisees) | 2023-Present |

Departmental Service

| M | IPH. | Admissions (| Committee | 2023-2024 |
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Professional Service

| Ad Hoc Grant Reviewer, DOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance | 2023-Present |
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| Peer Reviewer, Sexuality Research & Social Policy | 2023 |
| Peer Reviewer, Drug & Alcohol Dependence | 2023 |
| Peer Reviewer, Harm Reduction Journal | 2022 |
| Peer Reviewer, Global Public Health | 2021 |
| Peer Reviewer, International Journal of Drug Policy | 2020-Present |
| Abstract Rever, APHA General Meeting | 2020 |
| Peer Reviewer, American Journal of Public Health | 2019-Present |
| Peer Reviewer, Journal of Urban Health | 2019 |
| Peer Reviewer, BMC Global Health | 2018 |

Professional Affiliations (Past & Current)

| International AIDS Society (IAS) | 2019- |
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| American Public Health Association (APHA) | 2018- |
| College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) | 2017- |
| American Society for Microbiology (ASM) | 2011- |

Publications

- **Baker P**, Cepeda J, Schluth C, Astemborski J, Feder K, Rudolph J, Kirk G, Mehta S, Genberg B. Time-to-completion of COVID-19 vaccination primary series varies by HIV viral load status among people who inject drugs in Baltimore, Maryland. Preventive Medicine Reports (36), 2023.
- Marotta P, del Pozo B, **Baker P**, Abramovitz D, Artamonova I, Arredondo J, McCreedy K, Strathdee SA, Beletsky L. Unlocking deflection: The role of supervisor support in police officer willingness to refer people who inject drugs to harm reduction service. International Journal of Drug Policy (121), 2023.
- **Baker P**, Genberg B, Astemborski J, Mehta S, Kirk G, Cepeda J. Relationship between the Patient Activation Measure and Utilization of Healthcare and Harm Reduction Services among People who Inject Drugs in Baltimore, Maryland. Drug and Alcohol Dependence (Under Review)
- Feder KA Sun J, Rudolph JE, Cepeda J, Astemborski J, **Baker P**... Mortality by Cause of Death during Year 1 of the COVID-19 Pandemic in a Cohort of Older Adults from Baltimore Maryland who Have Injected Drugs. International Journal of Drug Policy, volume 109, 2022
- **Baker P**, Beletsky L, Garfein R, Pitpitan E, Oren E, Strathdee SA, Cepeda JA. Impact of SHIELD Police Training on Knowledge of Syringe Possession Laws and Related Arrests in Tijuana, Mexico. American journal of public health. 2022;112(6):860-4. doi: 10.2105/ajph.2021.306702. PubMed PMID: 35446602.
- **Baker, P.,** Arredondo, J., Borquez, A., Clairgue, E., Mittal, M. L., Morales, M., ... & Cepeda, J. A. (2021). Municipal police support for harm reduction services in officer-led referrals of people who inject drugs in Tijuana, Mexico. Harm reduction journal, 18(1), 1-10.
- Beletsky, L, Abramovitz, D, **Baker, P**, Arredondo, J, Rangel, G, Artamonova, I, ... & Strathdee, S. A. (2021). Reducing police occupational needle stick injury risk following an interactive training: the SHIELD cohort study in Mexico. BMJ open, 11(4), e041629.
- **Baker P**, Beletsky L, Avalos L, Venegas C, Rivera C, Strathdee SA, Cepeda J. Policing Practices and Risk of HIV Infection Among People Who Inject Drugs, Epidemiologic Reviews, Volume 42, Issue 1, 2020, Pages 27–40
- Olgin GK, Bórquez A, **Baker P**, Clairgue E, Morales M, Bañuelos A, Arredondo J, Harvey-Vera A, Strathdee S, Beletsky L, Cepeda JA. Preferences and acceptability of law enforcement initiated referrals for people who inject drugs: a mixed methods analysis. Subst Abuse Treat Prev Policy. 2020 Oct 2;15(1):75.
- Morales, M., Rafful, C., **Baker, P**., Arredondo, J., Kang, S., Mittal, M. L., Rocha-Jiménez, T., Strathdee, S. A., & Beletsky, L. (2020). "Pick up anything that moves": a qualitative analysis of a police crackdown against people who use drugs in Tijuana, Mexico. Health & justice, 8(1), 9.
- Beletsky, L., Abramovitz, D., Arredondo, J., **Baker, P.,** Artamonova, I., Marotta, P., Mittal, M. L., Rocha-Jimenez, T., Cepeda, J. A., Morales, M., Clairgue, E., Patterson, T. A., & Strathdee, S. A. (2020). Addressing Police Occupational Safety During an Opioid Crisis: The Syringe Threat and Injury Correlates (STIC) Score. Journal of occupational and environmental medicine, 62(1), 46–51.

Rocha-Jiménez, T., Mittal, M. L., Artamonova, I., **Baker, P**., Cepeda, J., Morales, M., Abramovitz, D., Clairgue, E., Bañuelos, A., Patterson, T., Strathdee, S., & Beletsky, L. (2019). The Role of Gender in the Health and Human Rights Practices of Police: The SHIELD Study in Tijuana, Mexico. Health and human rights, 21(1), 227–238.

Oral abstracts of the 10th IAS Conference on HIV Science, 21-24 July 2019, Mexico City, Mexico. J Int AIDS Soc. 2019;22 Suppl 5(Suppl Suppl 5):e25327. doi:10.1002/jia2.25327.

Arredondo, J., Beletsky, L., **Baker, P.**, Abramovitz, D., Artamonova, I., Clairgue, E., Morales, M., Mittal, M. L., Rocha-Jimenez, T., Kerr, T., Banuelos, A., Strathdee, S. A., & Cepeda, J. (2019). Interactive Versus Video-Based Training of Police to Communicate Syringe Legality to People Who Inject Drugs: The SHIELD Study, Mexico, 2015-2016. American journal of public health, 109(6), 921–926.

Mittal, M. L., Artamonova, I., **Baker, P**., Strathdee, S. A., Cepeda, J., Bañuelos, A., Morales, M., Arredondo, J., Rocha-Jimenez, T., Clairgue, E., Bustamante, E., Patiño, E., Gaines, T., & Beletsky, L. (2018). Improving police conceptual knowledge of Mexico's law on cannabis possession: Findings from an assessment of a police education program. The American journal on addictions, 27(8), 608–611.

Beletsky, L., **Baker, P**., Arredondo, J., Emuka, A., Goodman-Meza, D., Medina-Mora, M. E., Werb, D., Davidson, P., Amon, J. J., Strathdee, S., & Magis-Rodriguez, C. (2018). The global health and equity imperative for safe consumption facilities. Lancet (London, England), 392(10147), 553–554.

Morales, M., Rafful, C., Gaines, T. L., Cepeda, J. A., Abramovitz, D., Artamonova, I., **Baker, P.,** Clairgue, E., Mittal, M. L., Rocha-Jimenez, T., Arredondo, J., Kerr, T., Bañuelos, A., Strathdee, S. A., & Beletsky, L. (2018). Factors associated with extrajudicial arrest for syringe possession: results of a department-wide survey of municipal police in Tijuana, Mexico. BMC international health and human rights, 18(1), 36.

Crowe, S., Hertz, D., Maenner, M., Ratnayake, R., **Baker, P.**, Lash, R. R., Klena, J., Lee-Kwan, S. H., Williams, C., Jonnie, G. T., Gorina, Y., Anderson, A., Saffa, G., Carr, D., Tuma, J., Miller, L., Turay, A., Belay, E., & Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (2015). A plan for community event-based surveillance to reduce Ebola transmission - Sierra Leone, 2014-2015. MMWR. Morbidity and mortality weekly report, 64(3), 70–73.

Cummings, D. E., Archer, K. F., Arriola, D. J., **Baker, P**. A., Faucett, K. G., Laroya, J. B., Pfeil, K. L., Ryan, C. R., Ryan, K. R., & Zuill, D. E. (2011). Broad dissemination of plasmid-mediated quinolone resistance genes in sediments of two urban coastal wetlands. Environmental science & technology, 45(2), 447–454.

Scientific Conference Presentations

Pieter Baker. 2023. HIV Viral Load and Time-to-COVID-19 Vaccinations among People Who Inject Drugs. Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections. Seattle, Washington.

Pieter Baker. 2020. Modifying police behavior to prevent needle stick injuries and reduce community HIV risk: Dual public health benefits of SHIELD police training in Tijuana, Mexico. AIDS 2020. Virtual.

Pieter Baker. 2019. Access to healthcare and medical care experiences among asylum seekers detained in U.S. immigrant detention centers. APHA Annual Meeting and Expo Nov 2, 2019. Philadelphia, PN.

Pieter Baker. 2019. Mental health experiences and resilience among asylum seekers detained in U.S. immigrant detention centers. APHA Annual Meeting and Expo Nov 2, 2019. Philadelphia, PN.

Pieter Baker. 2019. Policing Practices and HIV Risk among People who Inject Drugs – a Systematic Literature Review. International AIDS Society Annual Meeting. Mexico City, Mexico. [Winner: Outstanding Research in Injection Drug Use Award (\$2,000)]

Pieter Baker. 2018. Police Attitudes towards people who use drugs as a structural determinant of enforcement practices that drive HIV risk in Tijuana, Mexico. APHA Annual Meeting and Expo (Spirit of 1848 Caucus) Nov 12, 2018. San Diego, CA.

Pieter Baker. June 12, 2018. Policing Practices and HIV Risk among People who Inject Drugs – preliminary findings. College on Problems of Drug Dependence Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA.

Pieter Baker. Adopting community event-based surveillance for Ebola in Kono. Dec. 23, 2014. District Ebola Response Center (DERC) Meeting. Kono, Sierra Leone.

Pieter Baker. 2013. Outbreak investigation of *Campylobacter jejuni* at a high profile event in Westchester County. Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. Department of Epidemiology, New York, NY.

Pieter Baker. 2010. Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria Pollution in San Diego's Coastal Wetlands: A Survey of Plasmid-Mediated Quinolone Resistance Genes in Local Sediments. PLNU Honor's Scholar Thesis Defense. San Diego, CA.

Professional References

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