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Dr. Butler is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences at the Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Butler holds a doctorate in Public Health from the Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Butler seeks to integrate research, teaching and public health practice in his work. His research interests include community-based interventions (e.g., smoking cessation) to address health disparities in the African American community; ensuring participation by minorities in research; and adolescent health-compromising behaviors – physical inactivity and improper nutrition. He is currently the Project Director of the University of Pittsburgh’s Research Center of Excellence on Minority Health Disparities (RCEMHD), a 5 year, \$7 million grant from the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, NIH. He is also the Project Director of The Healthy Class of 2010, a health education campaign to promote physical activity and good nutrition practices among high school students. He teaches in the Graduate Certificates in Community-based Participatory Research and Practice and Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Dr. Butler has published in numerous professional journals including, but not limited to Health Promotion Practice, Public Health Reports, Substance Abuse, the Social Work in Public Health, Ethnicity and Disease, and Obesity Research. He serves as a reviewer for the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, *Health Promotion Practice*, *Family Medicine*, and the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*.