THE INTERN DIARIES: FROM CUBICALS TO CLINICALS

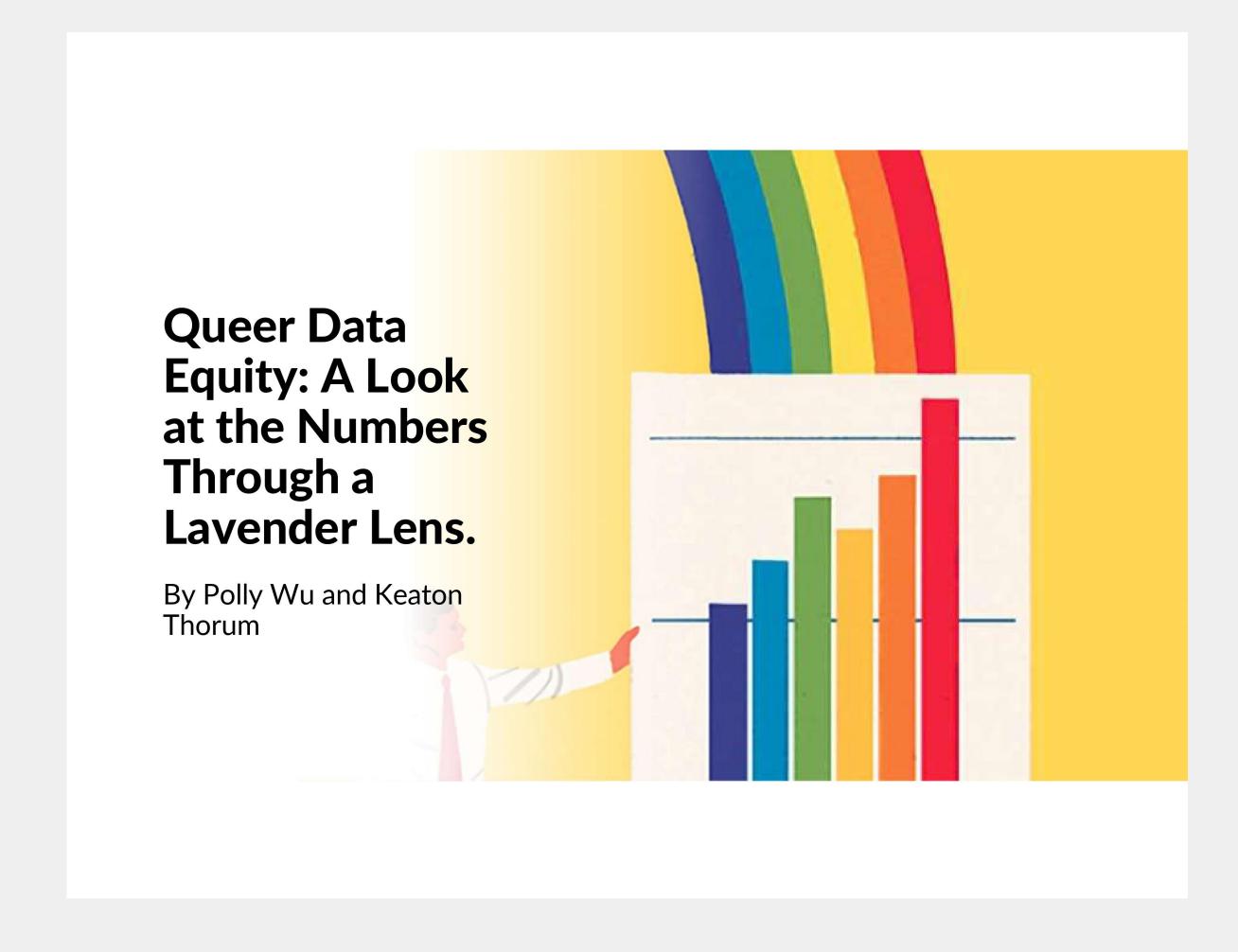


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Clinical Experience

During my clinical experience, I gained an extensive understanding of the basis of TB clinical work, including the disease state of active versus latent TB and how it requires continual exposure. Additionally, I learned how to treat STIs such as Syphilis, Chlamydia, and HIV, as well as how to expand access to care through programs such as NACCHO and PrEP. Furthermore, I obtained clinical experience in immunization, learning the difference between state and federally funded grants, and the various contradictions that exist within immunization. This experience also allowed me to be a medical interpretor for vaccination events in RPS schools, community centers, and places of residential care.





Data Collection

During my experience in data collection, I worked on various projects that helped me gain valuable insights. I started with the Opioid Heat Map, where I collected data based on EMS calls relating to opioid OD deaths and calls. Furthermore, I worked on the Naloxone Revive Training Results sample collection project, where I was responsible for gathering data on the number of new trainees recruited through local RVA businesses/restaurants. Additionally, I assisted with the Queer Health Data Equity project where I did a smaller literature review of federal/state government data relating to demographic/health information for queer populations in the US. I also worked with NACCHO data collection where I measured the effectiveness of expedited pharmacy care for STI prevention/treatment with cultural competency training. Lastly, I worked on the Signage Project, where I standardized signage within all RHHD clinic spaces to ensure that it is consistent and recognizable to patients.

Grant Work

My experience in grant work allowed me to work on some impactful projects. One of them was the NACCHO Grant, where I worked on cultural Competency Training for participating pharmacies to allow for equitable expedited STI treatment. Additionally, I worked on the Ryan-White Grant, where I assisted with translation work of necessary intake documentation for federally funded HIV care. Another project I worked on was the Resource center grants, where I helped operate community health workers and resource centers within low-income neighborhoods. These grant projects not only taught me valuable skills in community outreach, but they also gave me the opportunity to contribute to some meaningful endeavors in healthcare.

