

# MATTHEW B.H. ONG, MPH

PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONAL - HEALTH POLICY | EPIDEMIOLOGY | STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS  
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Researcher, consultant, and communicator with >10 years of award-winning impact on cancer policy in collaboration with government, academia, industry, patients, and advocacy groups. Highly skilled at policy analysis, data interpretation, systems thinking, and stakeholder engagement to identify unmet needs and catalyze change.

## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

**Professional skills** Policy Research | Quantitative Analysis | Government Relations | Health Economics | Policy Development | Healthcare Consulting | Program Development/Evaluation | Health Communication/Promotion | Scientific Writing | Project Design/Management | Public Affairs

**Technical skills** Stata | R | Asana | Adobe Creative Suite | Microsoft Office | Mac | Windows

## EDUCATION

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY**, Boston, MA **06/2022 – 05/2024**  
**Master of Public Health, Epidemiology** (GPA 3.97): Advanced quantitative methods

**MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY**, Milwaukee, WI **01/2010 – 12/2012**  
**Bachelor of Arts, Triple Majors in Journalism, Psychology, Women's & Gender Studies**

## WORK EXPERIENCE & FELLOWSHIPS

**Senior Editor & Senior Writer**, The Cancer Letter **01/2019 – present**

**Assistant Managing Editor & Reporter**, The Cancer Letter **03/2013 – 12/2018**

- Spearheaded investigations in collaboration with >250 stakeholders, driving lifesaving changes in cancer policy and catalyzing systems-level progress in public health, clinical practice, biomedical research, and regulatory policy
- Acknowledged as a thought leader and expert by >25 journalism awards, 6 fellowships, and >15 organizations
- Publications cited by The White House, leading medical journals, and mainstream legacy news publications, as well as featured in books, documentaries, on podcasts and public radio programs, including NPR

**Program Evaluation Consultant**, CDC & Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health **01/2024 – present**

- Designed a community-based evaluation plan for the LA County Department of Public Health with quantitative data and qualitative interviews to inform creation of a logic model, measurable endpoints, and a statistical analysis plan

**NIH Research Scholar, NIH All of Us Research Program**, NIH **2022 – 2023**

- Mentored to study diverse populations to understand disease, reduce disparities, and enable precision health

**Fellow, Health Care Performance**, The Commonwealth Fund **2021 – 2022**

- Developed solutions-based coverage on cancer disparities and health inequities in the pandemic era ([profile feature](#))

**Fellow, Leadership Academy for Diversity in Digital Media**, Washington Post & Poynter Institute **2020 – 2021**

- Mentored by industry leaders in emerging technologies, effective management, and digital culture

**Fellow, Comparative Effectiveness Research**, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) **2017**

- Trained to evaluate healthcare interventions and medical decisions, from clinical evidence generation to the market

**Fellow, National Cancer Reporting**, NCI **2016**

- Trained in cancer epidemiology, statistics, guidelines, clinical trials, immunotherapy, and public databases

POLICY IMPACT	AWARDS	SPEAKING/TEACHING
Food and Drug Administration	National Press Club	National Cancer Institute
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention	National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation	PCORI
National Institutes of Health	Society of Professional Journalists	Howard University
National Cancer Institute	Association of Health Care Journalists	University of Maryland
Federal Bureau of Investigation	The Poynter Institute	Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Government Accountability Office	American Association of University Professors	Association of American Cancer Institutes
Congress   House E&C Committee		AHCJ Health Journalism Conference
Subcommittee on Oversight/Investigations		Washington Media Institute