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Much of Yvonne's work is on grant funded projects. She serves many different roles ranging from PI and study coordinator to evaluator to trainer and curriculum developer. Dr. Kellar-Guenther has been conducting research for 20 years and program evaluation for approximately eight years. Yvonne has served as an internal and external evaluator on nine federal and state grants. She is currently the Lead Evaluator on two large grants and the Program Coordinator on one. Her evaluation role on the various grants has ranged from designing the evaluation and data collection tools to analyzing the data and dissemination of the findings. The evaluation designs have ranged from random assignment studies to focus groups with participants.

Yvonne also does teaching and training. She has consulted with various health initiatives in Colorado to help them write their messages at the 8th grade reading level or lower. She currently trains clinical trial coordinators and PIs on how to write informed consent materials at or below the 8th grade reading level. She also trains on collaboration, recruitment--including recruitment of special populations, what to think about when submitting to an IRB, and writing SMART objectives. Dr. Kellar-Guenther also teaches Research and Program Evaluation for the Colorado School of Public Health and Running Clinical Trials for UCD's Clinical Science program. She received the Outstanding Teaching Award in 2011 from the Clinical Sciences Program.