**Biography**

I study scientific evidence standards, research design and systematic review methodology, evidence-informed health care, and complex patients and complex interventions. As Co-Director of the [Minnesota Evidence-based Practice Center](http://www.mnepc.org/), I oversee AHRQ review programs on a wide range of topics, specializing in complex patients and complex interventions.

Prior to joining SPH, I worked as an investment professional for a financial services firm. I managed a $45 million portfolio, managed multiple teams to meet financial and investment objectives, and created portfolio benchmarks to track performance

**Expertise**

Health services research, outcomes research, health behaviors in alternative health

**Titles & Organizations**

Assistant Professor

Division of Health Policy and Management

Co-Director

Minnesota Evidence-based Practice Center

**Education & Certifications**

**Doctoral Degree**

PhD, Health Services Research, Policy and Administration, University of Minnesota, 2007

**Master’s Degree**

MBA, Investment Finance, University of Minnesota, 1991

**Bachelor’s Degree**

BS, Economics/Finance/Computer Science; University of Minnesota, 1987

**Professional Memberships/Affiliations**

(Anything?)

**Social Media**

(Anything?)

**CV/Resume/Bio**

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Mary Butler, PhD

Dr. Butler trained in health services research, with special emphasis on outcomes research and health behaviors in alternative medicine. Her areas of interest include scientific evidence standards, research design and systematic review methodology, evidence-based or evidence-informed healthcare, and complex patients and complex interventions.

Dr. Butler is Co-Director of the Minnesota Evidence-based Practice Center (EPC) and has led or overseen over 20 AHRQ review projects on a wide range of topics, specializing in complex patients and complex interventions. Select topics include:

* Values of Older Adults related to Primary and Secondary Prevention,
* Treatment of Common Hip Fractures,
* Treatments for Bipolar Disorder,
* Early Diagnosis, Prevention, and Treatment of *C. Difficile* Infection
* Quality Improvement Outcome Measurement for People with Disabilities,
* Decisional Dilemmas in Discontinuing Prolonged Disease-Modifying Treatment for Multiple Sclerosis
* Interventions to Improve Cultural Competence
* Interventions to Prevent Age-Related Cognitive Decline, MCI, and Clinical Alzheimer’s-Type Dementia

Prior to her academic career, Dr. Butler worked as an investment professional for a financial services firm, managing a $45 million portfolio. She brought to the University corporate experience managing multiple organizationally diverse collaborative teams tasked to meet financial and investment objectives, and created portfolio benchmarks to track performance.

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Professional Experience

* Associate Editor, AHRQ EPC program 2014-present
* Associate Editor, Journal of the American Geriatrics Society. 2016-present
* Graduate Faculty, Center on Aging, Gerontology Minor, University of Minnesota 2016-present
* NECSI Certificate: Complex Physical, Biological, and Social Systems, June 2012
* NECSI Certificate: Complex Systems Modeling and Networks, Jan 2013