

## **Reflections on Winning the 2025 Outstanding Graduate Thesis Award**

The email communication that I received about this Award came as a pleasant surprise; even more so, because it's been almost three years since I completed my master's program at the National Taiwan University. For this, I am incredibly grateful to the organizers of this ceremony for privileging me with this thoughtful prize for academic excellence.

During my studies (2020-2022) at the College of Public Health (CPH), I received great mentorship and support from my professors, staff, and my classmates as well as colleagues in the Global Health Program (GHP). My MSc thesis, titled “**The psychosocial health of young people living with HIV/AIDS in Enugu State—Southeast Nigeria: A qualitative study**” was later published in two prestigious journals: [AIDS Care](#) and [Qualitative Health Research](#). Safe to say, therefore, that the “*Outstanding*” part of this Award bears to the excellent mentorship I received from Prof. Po-Han Lee, who was my thesis advisor. It's therefore as much *his* award as mine.

The GHP continues to set the pace for global health excellence, and this is very much the product of its administrators: faculty, staff, and students. I would therefore, like to thank its administrators: Deans Shou-Hsia Cheng, Kun-Hsien Tsai (present Director of the GHP), Po-Hsiu Kuo (my good friend), Hsien-Ho Lin, and my wonderful professors in the GHP—I am the product of your generous labor. Now more than ever during my doctoral studies in medical anthropology here in the States, your teachings remind me that hard work pays. I would continue to represent both the *compassion, integrity, teamwork, and equality* that you have trained me with.

Finally, to Tom and Jing-Ruei, the two great pillars (this is my personal opinion) of the GHP; to my buddy, Zoe, and his colleagues at CPH Security, the cohorts that came after me, and the incredibly hard-working people at the NTU, as well as my lovely family, 谢谢大家對我的支持和慷慨.