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Introduction:

Global Child Behavioral Health Fellowship Program

It is critical to support, mentor, and help cultivate a group of talented emerging scholars – particularly those whose interest is in working in Africa, the poorest and youngest continent, with over half the population between ages 5-24 years. With these socio-demographic trends, the focus should be on supporting emerging committed scholars with the potential to become leaders in child and adolescent behavioral health research in the region. Hence, the SMART Africa Center is dedicated to providing leadership opportunities for a cadre of young scientists (doctoral and postdoctoral candidates and assistant professors) committed to social and behavioral research in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA). The Global Child Health Fellowship Program (hereafter *Global Fellows Program*), established by the SMART Africa Center, ensures that the most dedicated and talented new investigators are able to benefit from mentoring relationships with renowned researchers who have an established research portfolio in SSA.

Scholars are identified based on their potential to lead the next generation of child and adolescent behavioral health research in the region, and they are mentored through both formal and informal mechanisms by a network of committed and active senior mentors. Currently, the program has nine global fellows, representing eight countries, five of which are in SSA (Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, and Uganda). Other countries represented include: Turkey and United States.

The goals of Global Fellows Program are to: 1) Provide training and support to selected global fellows through connection to senior investigators working on child and adolescent behavioral health research in SSA; 2) Establish a research and training pipeline that fosters long-term collaborations (including those focused on research, practice and policy); 3) Facilitate and enhance multidisciplinary learning opportunities; and 4) Provide administrative and technical assistance to selected global fellows.

Relatedly, as part of the Global Fellows program, the selected fellows and senior mentors co-author presentations and papers as well as collaborate on research and grant writing opportunities. Overall, this approach bolsters contextually and culturally congruent, theory-driven child and adolescent behavioral health intervention research in SSA. Moreover, in addition to the benefits to the child and adolescent behavioral health field, the approach brings interest, authenticity, and long-term commitment to the child and behavioral field through a strategic mentorship approach.

This report provides highlights from the second year of the Global Fellows program (May 2017 - May 2018). Overall, SMART Africa Global Fellows contributed to the publication of over 30 peer-reviewed publications and made over 25 conference presentations. This is in addition to the several submitted extramural grant applications as PIs or Co-Is. Other accomplishments include taking up academic positions and achieving critical milestones in their respective training programs (PhD/Post-Doctoral).

We invite you to visit our website at <https://sites.wustl.edu/smartafrica/global-child-health-fellowship-program/> to learn more about the fellowship program and access the full CVs of our Global Fellows. Please join the SMART Africa leadership team in congratulating them and their mentors on such a productive second year and wishing each one of them even greater success in their third year of the fellowship.

SMART Africa Leadership Team



Global Fellows' meeting with Dr. Ishmael Amarreh from NIMH during the Second Annual Conference, July 2017



Laura Gauer Bermudez

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Consultant at Fiduciam LLC

Publications

Manuscripts published

1. **Bermudez, L.G.**, Sensoy Bahar, O., Dako-Gyeke, M., Boateng, A., Ibrahim, A., Ssewamala, F.M., & McKay, M. (in press). Understanding female migrant child labor within a cumulative risk framework: The case for combined interventions in sub-Saharan Africa. *International Social Work*.
2. **Bermudez, L.G.**, Stark, L., & Williamson, K. (in press). Global research priorities for child protection in humanitarian contexts: Results from an adapted CHNRI exercise. *PLoS One*.
3. Wang, J.S.H., Ssewamala, F.M., Neilands, T., **Bermudez, L.G.**, Garfinkel, I., Waldfogel, J., Brooks-Gunn, J., & Jing, Y. (in press). The effect of child savings accounts on family material hardship: Findings from a randomized trial in Uganda. *Journal of Policy Analysis & Management*.
4. Ssewamala, F.M., **Bermudez, L.G.**, Neilands, T., Mellins, C.A., McKay, M., Sensoy Bahar, O., Nakigozi, G., Mukasa, M., Stark, L., Damulira, C., Nattabi, J., & Kivumbi, A. (2018). Suubi4Her: A study protocol to examine the impact and cost associated with a combination intervention to prevent HIV risk behavior among adolescent girls in Uganda. *BMC Public Health*, 18(1), 693.
5. **Bermudez, L.G.**, Ssewamala, F., Neilands, T., Lu, L., Jennings, L., Nakigozi, G., Mellins, C., McKay, M., & Mukasa, M. (2018, online first). Does economic strengthening improve viral suppression among adolescents living with HIV?: Results from a cluster randomized trial in Uganda. *AIDS & Behavior*, 1-10.
6. **Bermudez, L. G.**, Yu, G., Lu, L., Falb, K., Eoomkham, J., Abdella, G., & Stark, L. (2018). HIV Risk Among Displaced Adolescent Girls in Ethiopia: the Role of Gender Attitudes and Self-Esteem. *Prevention Science*
7. **Bermudez, L.G.**, Parks, L., Meyer, S., Stark, L. (2018). Safety, trust, & disclosure: A transgenerational examination of violence against children in Kiziba Camp, Rwanda. *Social Science & Medicine*, 200, 83-91.
8. Ssewamala, F.M., **Bermudez, L.G.**, & Santelli, J. (2018). The power of financial inclusion: Reporting on the efficacy of economic strengthening interventions in sub-Saharan Africa. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 62(1), S3-S5.
9. Ssewamala, F.M., Wang, J.S.H., Neilands, T.B., **Bermudez, L.G.**, Garfinkel, I., Waldfogel, J., Brooks-Gunn, J., & Kirkbride, G. (2018). Cost-effectiveness of a savings-led economic empowerment intervention for AIDS-affected adolescents in Uganda: Implications for scale-up in low-resource communities. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 62(1), S29-S36.
10. **Bermudez, L.G.**, Grilo, S.A., Santelli, J., & Ssewamala, F. (2017). Informing health choices in low-resource settings. *The Lancet*, 390 (10092), 336-338.

Manuscripts under review

1. Karimli, L., Ssewamala, F., **Bermudez, L.G.**, & Wells, C. Child poverty, children's work, and mental health outcomes among AIDS orphaned children in Uganda: parallel multiple moderated mediation in longitudinal experimental study. *Journal of American Medical Association*.

Manuscripts under review (cont'd)

2. **Bermudez, L.G.**, Rubenstein, B., Williams, M., & Stark, L. Convergent drivers of intimate partner violence and violence against children: Lessons from qualitative research in Coteaux, Haiti. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.

Conference Presentations

1. **Bermudez, L.G.** (2018). Symposium Presenter. *Engaging refugee youth through client-centered research: A Photovoice pilot in Lancaster, Pennsylvania*. International Congress on Qualitative Inquiry. Urbana Champaign, IL.
2. **Bermudez, L.G.** (2018). *HIV risk among displaced adolescent girls in Ethiopia: The role of gender norms and self-esteem*. Society for Social Work and Research Conference. Washington, DC.
3. **Bermudez, L.G.** (2017). *Does economic strengthening improve adherence to ART among adolescents? Results from a randomized trial in Uganda*. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Chicago, IL.
4. **Bermudez, L.G.** (2017). *International social development practice: Approaches to development*. Columbia University. New York, NY.
5. **Bermudez, L.G.** (2017). *The effects of child savings accounts on family material hardship: Findings from a randomized trial in Uganda*. Society for Social Work and Research Conference. New Orleans, LA.



Ernestina Korleki Dankyi, PhD

Research Fellow, Centre for Social Policy Studies, University of Ghana

Publications

Huang, K.Y., Bornheimer, L., **Dankyi, E.**, de-Graft Aikins, A. (2018). Parental wellbeing, parenting and child development in Ghanaian families with young children. *Child Psychiatry & Human Development*, 1-9.

Grants

Funded

Project title: Mental health experiences of children and adolescents living and working on the streets, June 2017-May 2018.

Source: Andrew Carnegie Corporation of New York under the Building a New Generation of Academics in Africa (BANGA-Africa)

Role: Principal Investigator

Project title: Street children in Ghana and the Sustainable Development Goals, May 2018-April 2019.

Source: Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)

Role: Principal Investigator

Conference Presentations

1. **Dankyi, E.** (2018). *Empowering street children through social investments: Implications for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals*. 2nd International Research Conference: The Centre for Social Policy Studies, University of Ghana.
2. **Dankyi, E.** (2018). *Those who stay: Voices of parents, spouses and caregivers of migrants' children*. 6th UGC Conference: Max Plank Institute for Social Anthropology. Halle, Germany.
3. **Dankyi, E.** (2018). *A review of methods in studying children who migrate: The Ghanaian situation*. World Universities Network (WUN) research team working on the health experiences of children who migrate. Sheffield, United Kingdom

Other Accomplishments

Guest Speaker, "Career Guidance: Working as a Social Worker" on television program, Association of African Universities (AAU). May 2018.

Postdoctoral Fellow at the Department of Sociology, University of South Florida, Tampa, Aug- Dec 2017.



Maji Hailemariam, PhD

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Publications

Manuscripts published

1. **Hailemariam, M.**, Stein, M., Anderson, B., Schonburn, Y.C., Moore, K., Kurth, M., Richie, F. & Johnson, J. (in press). Correlates of Alcoholics Anonymous affiliation among justice-involved women, *BMC Women's Health*.
2. **Hailemariam, M.**, Drahota, A., & Hanlon, C. (2018). Ethical challenges of involving people with severe mental disorders in health services research: Evidence from a low-income country setting. *SAGE Research Methods*.
3. **Hailemariam, M.**, Fekadu, A., Prince, M., & Hanlon, C. (2017). Engaging and staying engaged: A phenomenological study of barriers to equitable access to mental healthcare for people with severe mental disorders in a rural African setting. *International Journal for Equity in Health*, 16(1), 156.

Manuscripts under review

1. **Hailemariam, M.**, Fekadu, A., Prince, M. & Hanlon, C. Access to integrated mental healthcare in primary care for people with severe mental disorders in rural Ethiopia: A community-based cross-sectional study. *International Journal for Equity in Health*.
2. Ghebrehwet, S., Baul, T., Restivo, J., Shibire T., Gelaye, B., Hanlon, C., Fekadu, A., **Hailemariam, M.**, Girma, E., Teferra, S., Henderson, D. & Borba, C. A qualitative analysis of the influence of sociocultural factors on gender-specific consequences of schizophrenia in rural Ethiopia. *PLoS One*.
3. Drahota, A., **Hailemariam, M.**, Evans, L., & Johnson, J. The Flint Center for Health Equity Solutions' dissemination and implementation science core: Study protocol. *Implementation Science*.
4. Fekadu, A., Medhin, G., Lund, C., Selamu, M., Asher, L., Berhane, R., DeSilva, M., Patel, V., **Hailemariam, M.**, Shibire, T., Thornicroft, G., Prince, M., & Hanlon, C. The mental health treatment gap and its consequences in rural Ethiopia: Conceptual framework and description of magnitude. *The Lancet Psychiatry*.

Grants

Scored to be resubmitted

Project title: Peer navigation for individuals with serious mental illness leaving jail

Source: National Institute of Mental Health (R34)

Role: Principal Investigator

In preparation

Project title: MOSAIC (**MO**thers' **A**dvocates **I**n the **C**ommunity) for perinatal women with experience of interpersonal violence.

Other Accomplishments

Ad hoc Reviewer, International Journal for Equity in Health (2018-present)



Teresia Mutavi, PhD

Tutorial Fellow, School of Psychiatry and Social Work, University of Nairobi
Supervisor, Tangaza University College

Publications

Manuscripts published

1. Ng'ang'a, P., Mathai, M., Obondo, A., **Mutavi, T.**, & Kumar, M. (2018). Undetected psychiatric morbidity among HIV/AIDS patients attending comprehensive care clinic (CCC) in Nairobi, Kenya: Towards an integrated mental health care. *Annals of General Psychiatry*, 17, 11.
2. Otieno, E., Okatta, T., Muhingi, W., **Mutavi, T.**, Okuku, M., Odero, V., & Mwendwa D. (2018). The emerging social work techniques in youth empowerment programs: A case study of youth empowerment in Nairobi County. *International Journal of Scientific Research and Management*, 6(2), 77-86.
3. **Mutavi, T.**, Mathai, M., Obondo, A., Kokonya, D., & Dako-Gyeke, M. (2018). Incidence of self-esteem among children exposed to sexual abuse in Kenya. *Journal of Global Social Welfare: Policy, Research and Practice*, 5(1), 39-47.
4. Okatta, T., Muhingi, W., Muthomi, S., Ochieng, D., **Mutavi, T.**, & Simiyu, V. (2017). Unhooking tentacles of financial dependency: Challenges and opportunities of public benefit organization in Nairobi County's informal settlement, Kenya. *International Journal of Development and Sustainability*, 6(11), 1905-1918.
5. Okatta, T., Otieno, E., Muhingi, W., **Mutavi, T.**, Okuku, M., Odero, V., & Mwendwa D. (2017) Promoting a bi-partisan approach to the contemporary socio-economic challenges in Kenya. *International Journal of Scientific Research and Management*, 5(12), 7652-7660.
6. Anyango, D., Muhingi, W., Okuku, M., **Mutavi, T.**, & Mwalw'a, S. (2017). Socio-economic effects of cattle-rustling in Borabu Sub-county, Nyamira County, Kenya. *Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*, 22(10), 70-90.
7. **Mutavi, T.**, Mathai, M., & Obondo, A. (2017). Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in sexually abused children and educational status in Kenya: A longitudinal study. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Behavior*, 5(5), 357. doi:10.4172/2375-4494.1000357
8. Okatta, T., Muhingi, W., Odero, V., **Mutavi, T.**, Obondo, A., Namulanda, V., & Ondieki, D. (2017). Civil society and development: Involving stakeholders to enhance financial sustainability of public benefit organizations in informal settlement in Kenya. *International Journal of Science & Research*, 6(6), 2594-2602. doi:10.21275/24061706

Conference Presentations

1. **Mutavi, T.** (2018). *The state of mental health in Kenya: Milestones, challenges and opportunities*. 5th International Social Work Conference. Kigali, Rwanda.
2. **Mutavi, T.** (2017). *Mentorship experiences as a SMART Africa global fellow*. 2nd Annual Conference on Child Behavioral Health in Sub-Saharan Africa. Kampala, Uganda.

Other Accomplishments

Online epidemiology training, Washington University in St. Louis.



Timothy Opobo

Child Protection Manager, ChildFund International

Grants

Funded

Project title: Empowering Communities to Protect Children Project (ECPPCP)

Source: Korea for Child Protection Project

Role: Project Coordinator

Conference Presentations

1. **Opobo, T.** (2017). *Efforts to address violence against children in Uganda*. The African Union Committee of Experts on the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. Mauritius, Port Louis.
2. **Opobo, T.** (2017). *Catalyzing care reform systems in Uganda: An integrated approach*. ISPCAN EUROPEAN REGIONAL MEETING. Hague Netherlands.
3. **Opobo, T.** (2018). *Uganda country advocacy efforts to addressing SDG 16.2*. Global Summit. Capitol Hill, Washington, DC.
4. **Opobo, T.** (2018). *Government and civil society collaboration in addressing violence against children in Uganda*. 5thAnnual Social Service Workforce Strengthening Symposium. Washington, D.C.

Other Accomplishments

MASHAV Scholarship in Development of Children. Haifa University, Israel, April 2017



Hadiza Osuji, PhD

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Publications

Manuscripts published

1. **Osuji, H.**, Nabunya, P., Byansi, W., Parchment, T., Ssewemala, F.M., McKay, M., & Huang, K. (2018, online first). Social support and school outcomes of adolescents orphaned and made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS living in South Western Uganda. *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies*. doi: 10.1080/17450128.2018.1439211
2. Alleyne-Green, B., Kulick, A., **Osuji, H.**, Beharie, N., & Sealy, Y. (in press). The impact of shelter environment, parental communication and supervision on depression outcomes among an urban sample of adolescent first time shelter users in New York City. *Journal of Family Issues*.

Manuscripts under review

Alleyne-Green, B., Kulick, A., **Osuji, H.**, Trevino, A.L., & Betancourt, T.S. Sexual health outcomes among war affected youth and former child soldiers: A view from post-conflict Sierra Leone. *Journal of Adolescent Health*.

Grants

Scored to be resubmitted

Project title: Feasibility, acceptability, and preliminary impact of a tailored multilevel intervention to improve the mental health outcomes of African immigrant mothers and their children.

Source: National Institute of Mental Health (K01)

Role: Principal Investigator

Other Accomplishments

Manuscript Reviewer, Health Promotion Practice (HPP), 2017-present

Abstract Reviewer, American Public Health Association (APHA), 2017-present



Tyrone Parchment

PhD Candidate, Silver School of Social Work, New York University

Assistant Professor at Boston College School of Social Work (effective September 1st, 2018)

Publications

Manuscripts published

1. Bornheimer, L.A., Acri, M., **Parchment, T.**, & McKay, M.M. (2018, online first). Provider attitudes, organizational readiness for change, and uptake of research supported treatment. *Research on Social Work Practice*.
2. Osuji, H., Nabunya, P., Byansi, W., **Parchment, T.M.**, Ssewamala, F.M., McKay, M.M., & Huang, K. Y. (in press). Social support and school outcomes of adolescents orphaned and made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS living in South Western Uganda. *Vulnerable Children & Youth Studies*.

Manuscripts under review

Alleyne-Green, B., Lipton, A., Hartman, A. & **Parchment, T.M.** Parenting satisfaction, intimate partner violence, and mental illness among a national sample of young adult women with a history of childhood maltreatment. *Journal of Family Issues*.

Conference Presentations

1. Bornheimer, L., Acri, M., **Parchment, T.M.** & McKay, M. (2018, November). *Provider attitudes, organizational factors, and uptake of evidence-based practices*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Orlando, FL.
2. **Parchment, T.M.**, Bornheimer, L.A., Hamovitch, E., & Acri, M. (2018, April). *Who is accessing family mental health programs? Demographic shifts in recipients of services across the last decade*. National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Social Work in the City: New Opportunities in Changing Times Conference, New York, NY.
3. Small, L., **Parchment, T.M.**, McKay, M., Bhana, A., & Sensoy Bahar, O. (2018, January). *South African adult caregivers as protective shields: Serving as a buffer between precarious neighborhood conditions, food insecurity, and youth risk behaviors*. Society for Social Work and Research Conference. Washington, DC.



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Publications

Manuscripts published

1. Bermudez, L.G., **Sensoy Bahar, O.**, Dako-Gyeke, M., Boateng, A., Ibrahim, A., Ssewamala, F., & McKay, M. (in press). Understanding migrant child labor within a cumulative risk framework: The case for understanding female migrant child labor within a cumulative risk framework. *International Social Work*.
2. Ssewamala, F.M., **Sensoy Bahar, O.**, McKay, M., Huang, K.Y., Hoagwood, K. & Pringle, B. (in press). African regional research partnerships for scaling up child mental health evidence-based practices: Uganda study protocol. *BMC Trials*.
3. Sheridan-Sperber, E., **Sensoy Bahar, O.**, & Ssewamala, F.M. (in press). Implications of race, institutionalized inequity, and concentrated poverty for asset development in the urban U.S.: Evidence from Harlem and the Bronx, N.Y. *Journal of Race and Policy*.
4. Lukasiewicz, K., **Sensoy Bahar, O.**, Gopalan, P., Parker, G., Hawkins, R. McKay, M., & Walker, R. (in press). Getting by in New York City: Bonding, bridging and linking capital in poverty-impacted neighborhoods. *City & Community*.
5. Maya, E.T., Babanawo, F., Ibrahim, A., Adomah-Afari, A., & **Sensoy Bahar, O.** (in press). Assessment of knowledge and usage of HIV post exposure prophylaxis among healthcare workers in a regional hospital in Ghana. *Journal of Global Health Reports*.
6. Ali, S., **Sensoy Bahar, O.**, Gopalan, P., Lukasiewicz, K., McKay, M., & Parker, G. (2018, online first). "Feeling less than a second class citizen": Exploring shame in the context of poverty in New York City. *Journal of Family Issues*.
7. Ssewamala, F.M., Bermudez, L.G., Neilands, T., Mellins, C.A., McKay, M., **Sensoy Bahar, O.**, Nakigozi, G., Mukasa, M., Stark, L. Damulira, C., Nattabi, J., & Kivumbi, A. (2018). Suubi4Her: A study protocol to examine the impact and cost associated with a combination intervention to prevent HIV risk behavior among adolescent girls in Uganda. *BMC Public Health*, 18(1), 693.

Manuscripts under review

1. Kivumbi, A., Byansi, W., Damulira, C., Mugisha, J., Namatovu, P., **Sensoy Bahar, O.**, McKay, M., Hoagwood, K., & Ssewamala, F.M. Prevalence of behavioral disorders among school going children in Southwestern Uganda. *BMC Psychiatry*.
2. Chen, B., **Sensoy Bahar, O.**, Dvalishvili, D., Nabunya, P., & Ssewamala, F. M. The role of family factors in antiretroviral therapy adherence self-efficacy among perinatally HIV-infected adolescents in Southern Uganda. *Journal of Adolescent Health*.

Grants

Funded

Project title: Family processes and rural-urban migration among adolescents

Source: Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (R21)

Role: Principal Investigator

Project title: African regional research partnerships for scaling up child mental health EBPs (SMART Africa Center; MPIs: Ssewamala, McKay, Hoagwood)

Source: National Institute of Mental Health (U19)

Role: Co-Investigator

Project title: African regional research partnerships for scaling up child mental health EBPs (SMART Africa Center; MPIs: Ssewamala, McKay, Hoagwood)

Source: National Institute of Mental Health (Administrative Supplement)

Role: Co-Investigator

Pending

Project title: Kyaterekera Project: A combination intervention addressing sexual risk-taking behaviors among vulnerable women in Uganda (MPIs: Ssewamala, Witte)

Source: National Institute of Mental Health (U19)

Role: Co-Investigator

Project title: Suubi4Cancer: An innovative combination intervention to improve access to pediatric cancer services and treatment adherence among children living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda (MPIs: Ssewamala, Sensoy Bahar, Johnson)

Source: National Cancer Institute (R21)

Role: Multiple Principal Investigator

Project title: Strengthening child health research capacity in resource constrained settings (MPIs: McKay, Ssewamala, Joe)

Source: Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (R25)

Role: Co-Investigator

Conference presentations

1. **Sensoy Bahar, O.**, Kivumbi, A., Byansi, W., & Nattabi, J. (2018, July). *From 4Rs and 2Ss to "Amaka Amasanyufu" (Happy Families): Adapting a U.S. based evidence intervention protocol to the Uganda context*. Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development. Dublin, IRELAND.
2. Small, L., Parchment, T., McKay, M., Bhana, A., & **Sensoy Bahar, O.** (2018, January). *South African adult caregivers as protective shields: Serving as a buffer between precarious neighborhood conditions, food insecurity, and youth risk behaviors*. Society for Social Work and Research Conference. Washington, DC.
3. Huang, K.Y., Kwon, S., Kumar, M., Cheng, S., McKay, M., **Sensoy Bahar, O.**, Ssewamala, F., Petersen, I., Hoagwood, K. (2017, December). *Unpacking interdisciplinary collaboration in global mental health*
4. *Implementation research: Theoretical frameworks, pragmatic strategies, and lessons learned*. Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Health, Arlington, VA.
5. Meyer, S., **Sensoy Bahar, O.**, Diaz, M., Namowonge, F. & Ssewamala, F. (2017, January). *Evaluating an economic empowerment intervention on medication adherence for HIV positive youth in Uganda: Longitudinal data collection challenges reported from the field*. Society for Social Work and Research Conference. New Orleans, LA.
6. **Sensoy Bahar, O.** & Akilova, M. (2017, January). *Parents' and children's attitudes on child labor: Insights from research in Turkey and Tajikistan?* Society for Social Work and Research Conference. New Orleans, LA.



Latoya Small, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Social Welfare,
UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs

Publications

Manuscripts published

Shelton, J., Wagaman, M.A., **Small, L.**, & Abramovich. A. (2017). "I'm more driven now": Resilience and resistance among transgender and gender expansive youth and young adults experiencing homelessness. *International Journal of Transgenderism*, 1-14.

Grants

Funded

Project title: HIV positive African American women in urban communities: Compounding mental health challenges related to adherence within the context of poverty

Source: Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services (CHIPTS) Mentored Pilot Grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Project title: Organizing women centered approaches to trauma related, HIV/STI and reproductive health risk for women of color

Source: California Wellness Foundation Grant

Role: Investigator

Project title: VUKA Ekhasya: A take-home family intervention to improve adherence and reduce behavioral risk among perinatally HIV-infected youth

Source: International AIDS Society (IAS), Collaborative Initiative for Paediatric HIV Education and Research (CIPHER) Grant Programme

Role: Principal Investigator

Under review

Project title: Exploring employment discrimination in relation to health and sexual risk behaviors among transgender young adults

Source: UCLA Academic Senate Council on Research: Faculty Research Grant

Role: Principal Investigator

Project title: Exploring racial differences in relation to health and violence, and employment discrimination among transgender persons.

Source: UCLA Equity, Diversity and Inclusion: Faculty Career Development Award

Role: Principal Investigator

Conference Presentations

1. **Small, L.**, Parchment, T., Sensoy Bahar, O., McKay, M., & Bhana, A. (2018, January). *South African adult caregivers as "Protective Shields": Serving as a buffer between stressful neighborhood conditions, food security, and youth risk behaviors*. Society for Social Work and Research Conference. Washington, DC.
2. Shelton, J., Wagaman, A., & **Small, L.** (2018, January). *I'm more driven now: Resilience and resistance among transgender and gender expansive youth experiencing homelessness*. Society for Social Work and Research Conference. Washington, DC.
3. **Small, L.** (2017, June). *Positive youth development and the VUKA family program*. International Center for Research on Women (ICWR): Positive Youth Development in Low-and Middle-Income Countries
4. Parchment, T. M., **Small, L.**, Bornheimer, L., McKay, M., & Bhana, A. (2017, January). *The effectiveness of evidence-informed interventions using community-based participatory research with vulnerable populations in the US and abroad*. Society for Social Work and Research Conference. New Orleans, LA.

