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GLOBAL CHILD HEALTH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM REPORT
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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
Manuscripts published


Manuscripts under review

Manuscripts under review (cont’d)


Conference Presentations


**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**


**Other Accomplishments**


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

Research Associate, Michigan State University
Adjunct Faculty, School of Medicine, Addis Ababa University

Publications

**Manuscripts published**

**Manuscripts under review**

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 (MOtherS’ Advocates In the Community) for perinatal women with experience of interpersonal violence.

Other Accomplishments

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


Conference Presentations


Other Accomplishments

**Online epidemiology training**, Washington University in St. Louis.
Project title: Empowering Communities to Protect Children Project (ECPSCP)
Source: Korea for Child Protection Project
Role: Project Coordinator

Grants

Funded

Conference Presentations


Other Accomplishments

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

Research Assistant Professor, McSilver Institute of Poverty, Policy and Research, New York University
Adjunct Lecturer, Silver School of Social Work, New York University

Publications

**Manuscripts published**


**Manuscripts under review**


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**

**Manuscripts under review**

**Conference Presentations**
Manuscripts published

Manuscripts under review

Ozge Sensoy Bahar, PhD
Research Assistant Professor, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis
Faculty Scholar, Institute for Public Health, Washington University in St. Louis
Faculty Affiliate, Department of Population Health, New York University School of Medicine
### 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  

**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

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

Publications

**Manuscripts published**

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 Ekha: 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


