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In this section, we report on progress made by SMART Africa Center towards fulfilling its commitment to provide leadership opportunities to a cadre of young scientists (Doctoral students, Postdoctoral researchers, and Assistant Professors) committed to social and behavioral research in Sub-Saharan Africa. The Global Child Health Fellowship program, established by the SMART Africa Center, ensures that the most dedicated and talented new investigators benefit from mentoring relationships with renowned researchers. 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 monitored through both formal and informal mechanisms. The goals of Global Child Health Fellowship Program are to: (1) Directly or indirectly (through connections to senior investigators) provide training and support to upcoming scholars, (2) Establish an infrastructure/pipeline that fosters long-term research collaborations, (3) Create and facilitate multidisciplinary learning opportunities, and (4) Provide administrative and technical assistance. The table below provides a detailed summary of the goals and activities of the Global Child Health Fellowship Program.

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| Supports and trains, either directly or through connections to senior investigators | • Content focused on child adolescent behavioral health  
• Intervention research methods, including assessment of feasibility and acceptability of interventions  
• Research methods accounting for sub-Saharan geo-political and cultural contexts. |
| Establishes an infrastructure/pipeline that fosters long-term research collaborations | • Collaborations between young scholars and senior researchers across the global north and south |
| Creates and facilitates multidisciplinary learning opportunities      | • Conferences (similar to the ones organized by SMART Africa)  
• Collaborations with fellows on publications and presentations  
• Provides funding to attend the Annual Conference on Child Behavioral Health in Sub-Saharan Africa |
| Provides administrative and technical assistance                      | • Review and feedback on the design and implementation of pilot studies by senior SMART Africa researchers and affiliates  
• Review, feedback, and co-I/consultant roles – when applicable – on grant applications by senior SMART Africa researchers and affiliates  
  • National Institutes of Health  
  • government and international institutions |
Currently, SMART Africa Center sponsors nine promising junior scientists from the U.S. and Sub-Saharan African institutions with a network of committed and active senior mentors. This report highlights the accomplishments of the Global fellows since the start of their fellowship in June 2016 until November 2017. Global fellows contributed to and took the lead in over 35 peer-reviewed publications (published or in press), made over 30 conference presentations and submitted at least five extramural grant applications. Other accomplishments include taking up academic positions and achieving critical milestones in respective Ph.D. programs. Below is a detailed summary of the accomplishments of each Global Fellow since the start of their fellowship.
Manuscripts published/in press


Manuscripts under review


3. Bermudez, L.G., Jennings, L., Ssewamala, F., Nakigozi, G. Does economic strengthening improve adherence to ART among adolescents? Results from a randomized controlled trial in Uganda. Manuscript under review at *AIDS and Behavior*


**Manuscripts in preparation**

1. **Bermudez, L.G.,** Stark, L., & Williamson, K. Global research priorities for child protection in humanitarian contexts: Results from an adapted CHNRI exercise.


**Conference Presentations**

- Number of presentations in 2018=1
- Number of presentations in 2017=3
- Number of presentations in 2016=5

**Other Accomplishments**

**Technical Reports/Briefs in Press:**


4. **Bermudez, L.G.** *Understanding the Effects of Cash Transfers on Vulnerable Children in Sub-Saharan Africa.* FHI 360/SEEP Network.


6. **Bermudez, L.G.** *Youth Entrepreneurship in Sub-Saharan Africa.* FHI 360/SEEP Network.
Guidance Notes & Policy Briefs


**Grant Panel Reviewer**

Ernestina Korleki Dankyi, Phd

CURRENT POSITION

- Research Fellow, Center for Social Policy Studies, University of Ghana, Lagon
- Visiting Scholar at the Department of Sociology, University of South Florida, Tampa (August - December 2017).

Publications

Manuscripts published/in press


Manuscripts under review

3. Dankyi, E. Psychological distress and coping strategies among homeless children in the ‘golden triangle’ cities of Ghana. Manuscript under review at *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies*

Grants Funded

1. **Forgiveness in intergenerational relationships and its implication for care for the aged in Ghana** (2017)
   The John Templeton Foundation:
   Role: Principal Investigator
   Role: Principal Investigator
Number of presentations in 2017 = 1
Number of presentations in 2016 = 1
**Manuscripts published/in press**


**Manuscripts under review**


Conference Presentations

Number of presentations in 2016=2

Other Accomplishments

- 2017- Postdoctoral Researcher at Flint Center for Health Equity Solutions, Dissemination and Implementation Science Core (DISC), Division of Public Health, College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University.
- 2016- Mandela Washington Fellowship Reciprocal Exchange Program: Building capacities of Ethiopian mental health service providers.
Teresia Mutavi

CURRENT POSITION

- Tutorial Fellow in Psychiatric Social Work - University of Nairobi
  (Submitted Ph.D thesis in July 2017 awaiting defense)

Publications

Manuscripts published/in press

Manuscripts under review


Manuscripts in preparation

**Mutavi, T., Okech, V., Makanyengo, M., Kinyua, G., & Mathai, M.** Barriers to successful treatment completion among survivors of child sexual abuse at Kenyatta National Hospital. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*
** grants funded **

1. German government: Child protection work in Acholi and Lango sub-region.
   ** October 2016:** Euros 300,000.

** other accomplishments **

** fellowships and scholarships **

- ** March 2017:** Recipient of the MASHAV scholarship to undertake course MASHAV scholarship in Development of Children: Social Emotional Support and Well-being, Haifa University, Israel.

** workshops and training **

- ** April 2017:** Certificate in Development of Children: Social Emotional support and wellbeing.
- ** September 2016:** Key participant in regional consultation on ending violence against children in Africa held on September 29th and 30th, 2016 in Addis Ababa-Ethiopia.
Hadiza Osuji, PhD

CURRENT POSITION

❖ Research Assistant Professor-Silver School of Social Work-NYU

Publications

Manuscripts published/in press


Manuscripts under review

2. Osuji, H., Mercado, M., Gensemer, A., Parchment, T.M., & McKay, M. CHAMPIONS: Trained community members delivering effective results. Manuscript under review at *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action*

Manuscripts in preparation


Grants Funded

Funded

Role: Principal Investigator
1. **Feasibility, Acceptability, and Preliminary Impact of a Tailored Multilevel Intervention to Improve the Mental Health Outcomes of African Immigrant Mothers and their Children**, National Institute of Mental Health (K99/R00). 
   Role: Principal Investigator

2. **Improving Immigrant Family Mental Health and Social Service Use, Functioning and Child Behavioral Health Outcomes.** National Institute of Minority Health & Disparities, Loan Repayment Program. 
   Role: Principal Investigator

**Conference Presentations**

Number of presentations in 2016=1
**CURRENT POSITION**

- Ph.D. Candidate Doctor of Philosophy (Spring 2018), New York University Silver School of Social Work. Dissertation: *Adult Caregivers Influence on Child Mental Health and Risk Behavior in South Africa: A Study Utilizing Secondary Data from the Collaborative HIV Adolescent Mental Health Program in South Africa*

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**Publications**

**Manuscripts published/in press**


**Manuscripts under review**

3. Small, L., Parchment, T.M., Sensoy Bahar, O., Osuji, H., Chimpanzee, A., McKay, M., & Bhana, A. South African adult caregivers as “protective shields”: Serving as a buffer between stressful neighborhood conditions, food security, and youth risk behaviors. Manuscript under review at *Journal of Adolescence*
4. 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. Manuscript under review at *Journal of Family Issues*
5. Osuji, H., Mercado, M., Gensemer, A., Parchment, T.M., & McKay, M. CHAMPIONS: Trained community members delivering effective results. Manuscript under review at *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action*

**Manuscripts in preparation**


**Conference Presentations**

Number of presentations in 2018=1
Number of presentations in 2017=2
Number of presentations in 2016=4
Manuscripts published/in press


Manuscripts under review


Number of manuscripts in preparation


3. Karimli, L., Sensoy Bahar, O., & Ismayilova, L. Impact of mothers' economic empowerment on child labor outcomes among ultra-poor household in Burkino Faso


Grants Funded

Current grants

1. **SMART Africa Center: African Regional Research Partnerships for Scaling Up Child Mental Health EBPs** (McKay, Hoagwood; MPIs; U19 MH110001), *National Institute of Mental Health*. Role: Co-investigator

2. **Suubi4Her: A combination Intervention Addressing HIV Risk Behaviors Among Older Adolescent Girls Transitioning into Adulthood in Uganda** (Ssewamala, PI; R01 MH113486), *National Institute of Mental Health*. Role: Co-investigator
Pending

1. **Family processes influencing youth’s rural-urban migration for child labor: An exploratory study of parental perspectives in poverty-impacted Northern Ghana** (Sensoy Bahar, PI; R21HD091534).
   *Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child and Human Development*
   *Impact score: 10; Percentile: 2:*
   *Role: Co-Investigator*

2. **“Strengthening Child Health Research Capacity in Resource Constrained Settings” (Researcher Resilience Training)** (McKay, Ssewamala, Joe; MPIs). *Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child and Human Development* (R25)
   *Impact score: 18*
   *Role: Co-Investigator*

Under review

1. **Child Mental Health in HIV-impacted Low-resource settings in Developing countries: Global Research Fellowship** (Ssewamala, PI). *Fogarty International Center (D43), National Institutes of Health.* Role: Co-Investigator

2. **“Suubi-Lya-Byaalo” Project: A collaborative, community-based combination intervention to facilitate re-integration of institutionalized children in family contexts in Uganda** (Ssewamala, PI). *Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child and Human Development* (R21). Role: Co-Investigator

3. **Obuumu (Together): Families Addressing AIDS-Associated Stigma Among Adolescents** (Ssewamala, PI). *National Institute of Mental Health (R21).* Role: Co-Investigator

In preparation

1. **ANZANSI Family Program: A family-based economic empowerment program for female youth at risk of child labor and their families in Northern Ghana** (Sensoy Bahar, PI). *Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child and Human Development (K01)*

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**Conference Presentations**

Number of presentations in 2018=1
Number of presentations in 2017=2
Number of presentations in 2016=7

**Other Accomplishments**

*Invited Speaker,* Treatment Targets, Target Engagement, and Target Populations in Mental Health Services Research to Improve Public Health: Examples from the Field. Webinar organized by National Institute of Mental Health, August 2017.
Manuscripts published/in press

1. Munson, M., Stanhope, V., Small, L., & Atterbury, K. (in press). At times I kinda felt like I was in an institution”: Supportive housing for transition age youth and young adults. *Children and Youth Services Review*.


Manuscripts under review

Small, L., Parchment, T., Sensoy Bahar, O., Osuji, H., Chomanczuk, A., McKay, M., & Bhana, A. It’s all about context: Mental health influences of community, poverty, and caregiver support for South African youth. Manuscript under review at *Journal of Adolescence*

Manuscripts in preparation

1. Small, L., Mellins, C. A., & McKay, M. Healthcare use and adherence among low-Income mothers living with HIV.

2. Small, L. The North Carolina "bathroom bill": Mental health and employment implications of House
Number of presentations in 2017=2
Number of presentations in 2016=4