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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 Global Fellows’ accomplishments in the fourth year of the Global fellow program (June 2018 - May 2019). Overall, SMART Africa Global Fellows contributed to the publication of over 60 peer-reviewed publications and made over 33 conference presentations. This is in addition to over 20 submitted extramural grant applications as PIs or Co-Is, thirteen of which have been funded (9 by NIH). Other accomplishments include taking up academic positions and achieving critical milestones in their respective fields.

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 third year and wishing each one of them even greater success in their fourth year of the fellowship.

SMART Africa Leadership Team
**Manuscripts published**


**Manuscripts under review**

Manuscripts in preparation
1. Dankyi, E., & Huang, K. Y. Factors associated with street children’s mental health in Ghana’s golden triangle cities.

Grants
Project title: Street Children and the Sustainable Development Goals
Source: Society for Research in Child Development
Role: Principal Investigator

Conference Presentations
Manuscripts published/in press

Manuscripts under review
1. Hailemariam, M., Felton, J. W., Key, K., Greer, D., Jefferson, B. L., Muhammad, J., ...Johnson, J. E. Intersectionality, special populations, needs and suggestions: The Flint Women’s Study. *BMC Women’s Health*.
2. Hailemariam, M., Key, K., Jefferson, B. L., Muhammad, J., & Johnson, J. E. Community-based participatory qualitative research for women: Lessons from the Flint Women’s Study. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships*.
**Grants**

**Funded**

**Project title:** Suicide Risk Reduction in the Year Following Jail Release: Treatment of and Relationships Between Suicide Behaviors, Substance Use, and Intentional and Non-Intentional Overdose  
**Source:** National Institute of Mental Health (U01MH106660-S1)  
**Role:** Co-Investigator

**Project title:** Peer Navigation for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness Leaving Jail  
**Source:** National Institute of Mental Health (R34MH118402)  
**Role:** Principal Investigator

**Project title:** Evaluation of Stepping up Efforts to Improve Mental Health Services and Justice Utilization  
**Source:** National Institute of Mental Health (R01MH118680)  
**Role:** Co-Investigator

**Grants under review**

**Project title:** Mothers' Advocates in the Community (MOSAiC) for Perinatal Women with Experience of Intimate Partner Violence (R34MH121489)  
**Source:** National Institute of Mental Health  
**Role:** Principal Investigator
Publications

Manuscripts published


Manuscripts under review

Other Accomplishments

- Appointed as a member of the SMART Africa Kenya team.
Grants

**Funded**

- **Project title**: Contributing to Efforts in Humanitarian Response to the Refugee Crisis as a Result of Conflict in South Sudan
- **Source**: Korea
- **Role**: Principal Investigator

Conference Presentations


Other Accomplishments

- Appointed Ag. Executive Director of the AfriChild Centre in March 2019.
- Served as Masters of Ceremony at the Adolescent HIV Prevention and Treatment Implementation Science Alliance (AHISA). Kampala, Uganda.
Hadiza Osuji, PhD

Adjunct Lecturer, Silver School of Social Work, New York University

Publications

**Manuscripts published**


Grants

**Funded**

**Project title:** Improving the Mental Health of African Immigrant Mothers and their Children’s Outcomes

**Source:** National Institute of Mental Health (Loan Repayment Program Award)

**Role:** Principal Investigator

Conference Presentations


Other Accomplishments

Manuscript reviewer:

- *Frontiers Journals Collaborative*
Manuscripts published


Manuscripts under review


Conference Presentations


Grants

**Pending**

**Project title:** Strategies for Engaging Fathers in an Early-Child Development Family-Based Preventive Intervention in Sierra Leone  
**Source:** The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (R01)  
**Role:** Co-Investigator

**Project title:** Longitudinal Secondary Data Analysis of the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study Focused on Fathers, Parental Transitions and Health Outcomes [working title]  
**Source:** National Institute of Mental Health (R03)  
**Role:** Co-Principal Investigator

**Project title:** Victoria S. Levin Award for Early Career Success in Young Children’s Mental Health Research  
**Source:** Society for Research in Child Development  
**Role:** Principal Investigator

Other Accomplishments

Manuscript Reviewer:

- *Journal of Adolescence*
- *Global Social Welfare Research, Policy, & Practice*
Manuscripts published


Manuscripts under review

Grants

**Funded**
Project title: Family Processes and Rural-urban Migration among Adolescents  
Source: The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (R21HD091534)  
Role: Principal Investigator

Project title: An innovative Combination Intervention to Improve Access to Pediatric Cancer Services and Treatment Adherence Among Children Living With HIV/AIDS in Uganda  
Source: The National Cancer Institute (R21CA236531)  
Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Project title: Kyaterekera Project: A Combination Intervention Addressing Sexual Risk-Taking Behaviors Among Vulnerable Women in Uganda  
Source: National Institute of Mental Health (R01MH116768)  
Role: Co-Investigator (Qualitative Lead)

Project title: African Regional Research Partnerships for Scaling up Child Mental Health EBPs  
Source: National Institute of Mental Health (U19MH110001)  
Role: Co-Investigator (Qualitative Lead)

Project title: Suubi4Her: A Combination Intervention Addressing HIV Risk Behaviors among Older Adolescent Girls Transitioning into Adulthood in Uganda (Administrative Supplement)  
Source: National Institute of Mental Health (R01MH113486-03S1)  
Role: Principal Investigator (Qualitative Lead)

Project title: ANZANSI Family Program: A Family-Based Program for Female Youth at Risk of Kaya Work and their Families in Northern Ghana  
Source: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development  
Role: Principal Investigator
Latoya Small, PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Social Welfare, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs

Publications

*Manuscripts published*


*Manuscripts under review*


Grants

*Funded*

**Project title:** Exploring Racial Differences In Relation To Health, Violence, And Employment Discrimination among Transgender Persons  
**Source:** UCLA Hellman Fellows Program  
**Role:** Principal Investigator

**Project title:** HIV Disclosure and Social Support among Black and Latina Women in Urban Los Angeles  
**Source:** UCLA Hellman Fellows Program  
**Role:** Principal Investigator
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