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### Education:

Ph.D. Student	August 2016-present	August 2021 (expected), Washington University in St. Louis, MO. <i>Social Work.</i>
MSW	May 2016	University of California, Berkeley, CA. <i>Social Welfare (management and planning concentration).</i>
MA	May 2008	Midlands State University, Zimbabwe. <i>Development Studies.</i>
BA	May 2008	Midlands State University, Zimbabwe. <i>Honors in History and Development Studies.</i>

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### Research Interests

Health disparities (global, economic and racial/ ethnic).  
Supportive social networks and resilience in mental wellbeing, HIV prevention, and treatment outcomes.  
Intervention research, dissemination, and implementation science, survey methodology and qualitative methods.  
Populations: adolescents, migrants, refugees, female sex workers and rural communities.

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### Fellowships, Awards, & Scholarships:

2019	Selected and funded by Brown School PhD Program to participate in CSWE's Inaugural symposium on Reimagining Social Work Research: Innovation and impact in the next generation of scholars, (competitive) University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work, CO (\$1,000).
2019	SSWR 2019 Doctoral Student Travel Award, San Francisco, CA (\$500).
2016-2020	Four Year Doctoral Fellowship, Brown School, (competitive) Washington University in St. Louis, MO (\$25,000/year).
2015	USAID Research and Innovation Fellowship (competitive), University of California, Berkeley Global Development Fellowship Program, CA (\$10,000).
2014-2016	Mastercard Foundation Masters Scholarship (competitive), MSW in Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley, CA (approximately \$60,000/year).
2009-2010	Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Award, (competitive), Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, MN (approximately \$30,000).

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**Research Experience:**

- 2019–ongoing     Research Assistant: Assessing readiness and need for Telemedicine in Infectious Diseases Consultation at Rural Hospitals. A PA-17-232 AHRQ Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development (K08) grant funded by AHRQ, Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO. Principal Investigator: Jason P. Burnham, MD.
- 2019                 Researcher: Assessing the effectiveness of interventions that seek to reduce racial health disparities in the U.S. Conducted at BJC HealthCare, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO. Supervisor: Richard Liekweg, CEO.
- 2017-2019         Research Assistant: Conducting literature reviews and review summaries on HIV, food security, and mental health among children and adolescents sub-Saharan Africa, International Center for Child Health and Asset Development (ICHAD) & SMART Africa Center, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO. Supervisor: Mary McKay, PhD.
- 2017-2018         Research Assistant: (Ethnographic study) Commercial sex work in HIV hotspots: Sexual geographies, risk, and gendered engagement with care in Eastern Uganda, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO. Principal Investigator: Shanti Parikh, MD
- 2014-2016         Research and Evaluation Assistant: (Mixed Methods) Collecting, analyzing data and compiling management program and policy reports. Alameda County Social Services, Research, and Evaluation Unit, Oakland, CA.
- 2015                 Research Fellow: (Qualitative research) Mobilizing for gender, health, and rights: A case study of Sonke Gender Justice’s work with migrant communities in South Africa. Conducted at Sonke Gender Justice, Cape Town, and Johannesburg, South Africa. Advisor: Althea Anderson, PhD.
- 2015-2016         MSW Research Project: (Qualitative research) Assessing interventions and strategies that seek to change harmful gender norms globally. Conducted at Global Fund for Women (GFW), San Francisco, CA. Best MSW student research project award for 2016 (\$200). Advisor: Julian Chow, PhD.

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**Teaching Experience:**

- Spring 2018, 2020     Teaching Assistant, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, MO. Masters level course; Health Behaviour and Health Promotion, (Instructor, Dr. Auslander).
- Fall 2018, 2019         Teaching Assistant, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, MO. Masters level course; Research Methods with Statistical Applications, (Instructor, Dr. Auslander).
- Fall 2018                 Teaching Assistant, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, MO. Masters level course; Evidence-Based Practice Skills for BSW Graduates (Instructor, Dr. Dvalishvili).
- Fall, 2017                 Teaching Assistant, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, MO. Doctoral-level course; Seminar in Social Work Theory and Knowledge (Instructor, Dr. Sherraden).

Spring, 2016	Teaching Assistant, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, MO. Masters level course; Program Implementation and Evaluation (Instructor, Dr. Jean-François Trani).
Fall, 2011-2012	Part-time Lecturer, Masters level course, Management of Development Institutions and Programs. National University of Science and Technology, Zimbabwe,
Fall, 2011-2012	Lecturer, Undergraduate level course, Land and Agrarian Studies in Africa, Lupane State University, Zimbabwe.
Fall, 2011-2012	Lecturer, Undergraduate level course, Land and Agrarian Studies in Africa. Lupane State University, Zimbabwe.

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#### Publications:

**Nyoni, T.** & Okumu M. (in-press). COVID-19-Compliant Strategies for Supporting Treatment Adherence among People Living with HIV in sub-Saharan Africa. *AIDS and Behavior*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10461-020-02888-0>

**Nyoni, T.**, Sallah Y., Okumu M., Byansi, W., Lipsey, K. & Small E. (2020). The effectiveness of treatment supporter interventions in antiretroviral treatment adherence in sub-Saharan Africa: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *AIDS Care*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/09540121.2020.1742870>

Sensoy Bahar, O., Byansi, W., Kivumbi, A., Namatovi P., Kiyangi J., Ssewamala, F.M., McKay M.M., & **Nyoni, T.**, (2020). From 4Rs and 2Ss to "Amaka Amasanyufu" (Happy Families): Adapting a U.S. based evidence-based intervention protocol to the Uganda context. *Family Process*, <https://doi.org/10.1111/famp.12525>

**Nyoni, T.**, Nabunya P., & Ssewamala, F.M.(2019). Perceived social support and psychological wellbeing of children orphaned by HIV/AIDS in southwestern Uganda. *Vulnerable Children & Youth Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/17450128.2019.1634855>

#### Manuscripts under review:

Parikh, S. & **Nyoni, T.** (Under review). How can you rape a person, yet sex workers are available? Meanings, values, and the moral economy of commercial sex in HIV hotspots in Uganda. *Global Public Health*.

#### Manuscripts in preparation:

**Nyoni, T.**, Auslander, W., Gerke, D., & Fowler, S. Interventions supporting antiretroviral treatment among adolescents and young adults with HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa: A systematic review.

Orwenyo, E., Okumu, M., Mengo, C., & **Nyoni T.** Socio-economic inequalities and women's vulnerability to severe intimate partner violence in Uganda.

Small E., Nikolova, T., Zhou Y., **Nyoni, T.**, & Okumu M. Are HIV prevention and treatment Interventions among youths in sub-Saharan Africa, effectively reducing HIV stigma?

#### Book Chapter (peer-reviewed):

**Nyoni, T.**, Ahmed, R., Dvalishvili, D. (Under review). Is poverty linked to children and adolescent's poor mental, emotional, and behavioral health outcomes in sub-Saharan Africa? In F. Ssewamala, O. Sensoy Bahar & M. McKay (Eds.), *Child Behavioral Health in Sub-Saharan Africa: Towards Evidence Generation and Policy Development*.

**Peer Reviewed Presentations:**

- Nyoni, T.,** Auslander, W., Gerke, D., Fowler, S. (2020). ART Adherence Support Interventions Targeting Adolescents and Young Adults Living with HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA): A Systematic Review. A virtual poster to be exhibited at the 23<sup>rd</sup> International AIDS Conference: Virtual Conference, July 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> 2020.
- Parikh, S. & **Nyoni, T.** (2020). Would you rape when sex workers are available?: Examining the Meanings and Value Female Sex Workers (FSW) and their male customers attached to sex work in eastern Uganda. A virtual poster to be exhibited at the 23<sup>rd</sup> International AIDS Conference: Virtual Conference, July 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> 2020.
- Nyoni, T.,** Okumu M., Small E. & Lipsey, K. (2020). Synthesizing community-based treatment supporter interventions that promote antiretroviral treatment adherence among HIV positive adults in East and Southern Africa: A systematic review. Oral presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington DC.
- Orwenyo, E., Okumu, M., Mengo, C., & **Nyoni T.** (2020). Socio-Economic Inequalities and Women's Vulnerability to Severe Intimate Partner Violence in Uganda. Oral presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington DC.
- Nyoni, T.,** Okumu M., Byansi, W., Small E., Lipsey, K. & Sallah, Y. (2019). How effective are treatment supporter interventions in promoting antiretroviral treatment adherence outcomes among adults in Sub-Saharan Africa? A meta-analysis. Oral presentation at the 14<sup>th</sup> AIDS Impact Conference, London United Kingdom.
- Nyoni, T.,** Nabunya, P., & Ssewamala, F. (2019). Examining the relationship between perceived social support, family cohesion and psychological wellbeing of children orphaned by HIV/AIDS in Southwestern Uganda". Poster presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), San Francisco, CA.
- Nyoni, T.** (2015). Mobilizing for gender, health, and rights: A case study of Sonke Gender Justice's work with migrant communities in South Africa. Oral presentation at an International Conference on Community Mobilization for Health, Human Rights & Gender Justice, Johannesburg, South Africa.
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**Professional Experience:**

- 2011-2014      ***Executive Director, Bulawayo Agenda Trust, Zimbabwe***
- Presided over a one-year organizational change and stabilization process that included reviving the damaged institutional image to the funding partners and the media, programmatic visibility, and organizational restructuring.
  - Provided strategic leadership through fundraising, networking, and coalition building for effective campaigns, media liaison, and public engagement for public education and agenda-setting.
  - Provided leadership and direction in developing and implementing the overall strategic planning, revenue generation, financial management, organizational development, staff management, and program operations.
- 2010-2011      ***Programs Coordinator, Zimbabwe Christian Alliance (ZCA), Zimbabwe***
- Designed and implement ZCA policy advocacy projects which also involved setting up vibrant local level Christian advocacy teams called hub structures.
  - Conducted policy advocacy training workshops for church leaders and Christian leaders.
  - Coordinated national constitutional awareness outreach programs.
  - Coordinated policy research and advocacy, strategic networking, programs design,
  - Developed grant proposals and drafted monthly reports and managed record keeping and provide programs support.

2006-2009

**Programs Officer, Bulawayo Agenda Trust, Zimbabwe**

- Planned and implemented monthly program activities for the Victoria Falls chapter.
- Organized and facilitated monthly chapter committee meetings.
- Drafted and submitted monthly activity reports to the Programs Coordinator.
- Conducted voter education and voter registration for the upcoming elections.
- Assisted with writing monthly reports to funding partner.
- Assisted with the development of grant proposals.

2005-2006

**Registration Processing Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs, Registrar General Department, Zimbabwe**

- Advised members of the public on requirements for acquiring national registration documents.
- Provided voter education and voter registration outreach.
- Assisted in processing national registration documents and registering voters.

2002-2003

**Student Intern, Deseret International, Bulawayo field office, Zimbabwe**

- Organized training workshops with universities and businesses.
- Facilitated HIV/AIDS behavior change training workshops.
- Produced activity reports.
- Conducted research on HIV/AIDS to support training workshops.

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**Professional Development & Continuing Education:**

- 2019 Addressing diversity and inclusion in job market materials. A workshop facilitated by Teaching Center, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2019 Developing effective summative course assessments. A workshop facilitated by Teaching Center, Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2019 Facilitating engaging classroom discussions. A workshop facilitated by Teaching Center, Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2019 Incorporating active learning in lectures. A workshop facilitated by Teaching Center, Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2018 Creating a teaching portfolio. A workshop facilitated by Teaching Center, Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2010 How to effectively use media for peace-building. Presented by U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington DC.
- 2009 Political Communications and Marketing. Facilitated by the National Association of Non-Government Organization (NANGO), Johannesburg, South Africa.

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**Professional Memberships:**

- 2017-present Society for Social Work and Research

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**Community, Professional & Academic Service:**

- 2017-present Journal Manuscript for Global Social Welfare.
- 2017-present Ph.D. Pro-Seminar Committee, Ph.D. Program in Social Work, Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis, MO.

- 2017-2019 Co-Chair, Brown School African Students Association (BSASA), Washington University in St. Louis, MO (elected position).
- 2011-2013 National and Regional Spokesperson, Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition, Harare Zimbabwe (elected position).
- 2011-2014 Board member, Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN), Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe (elected position).

## References

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