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Validating the Shame Questionnaire among Sexually Abused Girls in Zambia

**Lynn Michalopoulos**
Columbia School of Social Work

Measuring Adherence Among HIV+ Youth: Role of Family Economic Strengthening

**Gertrude Nakigozi**
Rakai Health Sciences Program

Chair: **Larissa Jennings**
Bloomberg School of Public Health,
Johns Hopkins University

11:50 am–12:00 pm Transition and BREAK

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**Concurrent Session I:** METHODS
Room C03

12:00–12:40 pm Minimizing Attrition in Longitudinal Studies with Adolescents: Traditional and Technology-Based Methods

**Traci Schwinn**
Columbia School of Social Work

Methodologies for Longitudinal Study Design

**Katherine Muldoon**
Ottawa Hospital Research Institute

Persistent Economic Scarcity Among Low-Income Adolescents and Young Adults: Implications for Improving Sexual and Reproductive Health Outcomes

**Larissa Jennings**
Bloomberg School of Public Health,
Johns Hopkins University

Chair: **William Byansi**
ICHAD, NYU Silver School of Social Work

**Concurrent Session II:** GLOBAL LESSONS FROM THE FIELD
Room C05

12:00–12:40 pm In-School Banking: YouthSave Experience from Ghana, Kenya, Nepal, and Colombia

**Lissa Johnson**
Center for Social Development, Washington University; YouthSave

Parents’ Attitudes on Migrant Child Labor in Ghana: What Can We Learn From Research in Turkey and Tajikistan?

**Ozge Bahar & Mashura Akilova**
NYU McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research; Columbia School of Social Work
Burkina Faso Study Findings on Economic Strengthening and Child Protection
Leyla Ismayilova & Jo Sanson
SSA University of Chicago; Trickle Up

Chair: Mashura Akilova
Columbia School of Social Work

Concurrent Session III: ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH WITH AIDS IMPACTED YOUTH
Room C06

12:00–12:40 pm Engaging Adolescents in Health Education Curriculum through Cartoons
Miriam Mukasa
ICHAD, Uganda

Promoting Income Generating Activities for Youth: Opportunities and Challenges
Abel Mwebembezi
Reach the Youth, Uganda

Issues Regarding Adherence to ART for Adolescents: Clinic-Level Perspectives
Davis Ssenabulya
Villa Maria Hospital, Uganda

Chair: Apollo Kivumbi
Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, ICHAD

FEATURED LUNCH PRESENTATION: Room C03
12:40–1:40 pm Working Lunch with Featured Presentation

1:00–1:30 pm FEATURED AFTERNOON SPEAKER Livestream Available
Investing in Early Childhood Development
Neil Boothby
CPC Learning Network; Columbia Mailman School of Public Health

Introduced by Fred Ssewamala
AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSIONS: Room C03

1:40–2:40 pm

US GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVES ON CHILD AND ADOLESCENT INTERVENTION RESEARCH

Evidence-based Social Protection Interventions in the DREAMS Initiative to Prevent New HIV Infections Among Adolescent Girls and Young Women

Jason Wolfe
USAID

An Overview of U.S. Department of Labor Efforts to Eliminate Child Labor, Forced Labor, and Human Trafficking

Charita Castro
US Department of Labor

NIH Funding for Research on Adolescents and How to Get It

Susan Newcomer
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

Special Discussant: Reflections on Obtaining Extramural Funding for Adolescent Health Research and Programming in Sub-Saharan Africa - A Researcher's Perspective

Barbara Mukasa
MildMay Uganda

Chair: Mark Canavera
CPC Network, Mailman School of Public Health

2:40–3:30 pm

STRUCTURING RANDOMIZED EXPERIMENTS, COST EFFECTIVENESS & QUALITATIVE STUDIES FOR YOUTH

Validating the Beck Hopelessness Scale: Findings from YouthSave Kenya

Njeri Kagortho
Ohio State University

Cost-Effectiveness of an Asset-Led Economic Empowerment Intervention: Lessons from Bridges to the Future

Julia Shu-Huah Wang
ICHAD, Columbia School of Social Work

Facilitators and Obstacles in Youth Saving: Perspectives from Ghana and Kenya

Li Zou
Center for Social Development, Washington University

Chair: Proscovia Nabunya
ICHAD, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago
3:30–3:40 pm  Social Networking and Coffee/Tea BREAK

3:40–4:20 pm  ENGAGING THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR TO IMPLEMENT AND SUSTAIN YOUTH ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING INTERVENTIONS

Addressing Economic Empowerment for Girls: The Centenary Bank Uganda Strategy

*Sylvia Nabakadde*
Centenary Rural Development Bank, Uganda

Sustainably banking low-income children and youth in Kenya, A Banker’s Perspective: Lessons from the Kenya Youthsave Impact Assessment Study

*David Gattawa*
Kenya Post Savings Bank, Nairobi, Kenya

FINANCIAL INCLUSION FOR LOW INCOME CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN KENYA: A RESEARCH PERSPECTIVE

*Moses Njenga*
Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA), Nairobi, Kenya

Chair: *Abel Mwembezi*
ICHAD & Reach the Youth, Uganda


*John Santelli*
Columbia Mailman School of Public Health

*Fred Ssewamala & Jane Waldfogel*
Columbia School of Social Work

4:50–5:10 pm  CLOSING REMARKS

Sr. Associate Dean *Allen Zweben*
Columbia School of Social Work

*Irv Garfinkel*
Columbia School of Social Work

Toasting Launch of the Lancet and ICHAD Website
Dr. Michael Sherraden is the George Warren Brown Distinguished University Professor, and founder and director of the Center for Social Development (CSD) at Washington University in St. Louis. Sherraden's research has received widespread recognition for testing innovations and impacts on public policy. He is a leading scholar in asset building, with books including Assets and the Poor (1991), Inclusion in the American Dream (2005), Can the Poor Save? (with Mark Schreiner, 2007), and Asset Building and Low-Income Families (edited with Signe-Mary McKernan, 2008). He is also engaged in research on civic service and engagement, with books including National Service (with Donald J. Eberly, 1982), The Moral Equivalent of War (with Donald J. Eberly, 1990), Productive Aging (with Nancy Morrow-Howell and James Hinterlong, 2001), and Civic Service Worldwide (with Amanda Moore-McBride, 2007). Sherraden has advised heads of state and policy leaders in the United States and many other countries. In 2010, Time Magazine named him among the 100 most influential people in the world. He earned his BA at Harvard University, and his MSW and PhD at University of Michigan.

Neil Boothby is the Allan Rosenfield Professor and Director of the Program on Forced Migration and Health at Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health. His research focuses on the long-term consequences of deprivation and danger on child development, and the comparative efficacy of interventions that aim to strengthen the capacities of families and communities to protect young children from harm. In 2012-2014 Dr. Boothby served as the US Government Special Adviser and Senior Coordinator to the USAID Administrator for Children in Adversity. During this time, he led the development of the USG Action Plan for Children in Adversity, which was launched at the White House to guide the government’s foreign assistance for vulnerable children in low- and middle-income countries. Boothby has held senior positions with UNHCR and Save the Children, working in low-income, disaster and conflict affected countries. He is also the founding director of the CPC Learning Network, which, through Columbia University, supports a range of research programs and training projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and the Columbia Group for Children in Adversity, a non-profit that provides technical support to local groups in Africa and Asia. He has published extensively on risk and resilience among war and disaster affected children, and is also the recipient of a number of awards for his field work, including the International Red Cross Humanitarian of the Year Award for his work on child soldiers; the Mickey Leland Award for his work with refugee children; the United Nation’s Golden Achievement Award for Excellence in the Social Sector; and the United States Agency for International Development Award for Outstanding Group Achievement for his intergovernmental leadership on the USG Action Plan for Children in Adversity.
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Dr. Fred Ssewamala is a Professor of Social Work and International Affairs at Columbia School of Social Work and the Founding Director of Columbia University International Center for Child Health and Asset Development (ICHAD). Dr. Ssewamala has received continuous NIH funding for the past 10 years, as a Principal Investigator on several grants including Suubi-Uganda (NIMH-funded R21), Suubi-Maka (NIMH-funded R34), Bridges to the Future (NICHD-funded R01, 2011-2016), and Suubi+ Adherence (NICHD-funded R01, 2012-2017), to test the efficacy, acceptability, and impact of innovative economic strengthening and asset-development interventions for HIV/AIDS-affected orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) and their caregiving families in sub-Saharan Africa. The results of this work have been published in American Journal of Public Health, Social Science and Medicine, Journal of Adolescent Health, Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health, Social Service Review, Children and Youth Services Review, and the International Journal of Social Welfare. Dr. Ssewamala organized the first Global Perspectives Conference on Economic Strengthening and Adolescent Health at the University of Chicago in 2014. Dr. Ssewamala holds a PhD and MSW with a concentration in Social and Economic Development Policy from Washington University in St. Louis.

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Dr. Mashura Akilova has been a lecturer at Columbia School of Social Work since 2010. She has practice experience both domestically and internationally, dealing with issues related to school dropout, child labor, and inclusive education. Dr. Akilova’s research interests include poverty alleviation, child-labor, microfinance and family well-being. Currently, she is working on a pilot study in Central Asia to understand the effect of migration of household heads on their wives and children’s mental, physical and economic well-being. Dr. Akilova has a PhD from Columbia University.

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Mark is the Associate Director of the CPC Learning Network. His current research focuses on effective means to strengthen the global social service workforce in low and middle income countries as well as efforts to strengthen national child protection systems through emergency response efforts. Mark has conducted humanitarian and development work in over 20 countries. He holds a Master’s degree in Peace Studies from Notre Dame and Public Policy from Harvard.

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Dr. Charita Castro is the Chief, Research & Policy Division, Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor & Human Trafficking, at the U.S Department of Labor. She has spent over fifteen years working on vulnerable populations, with a principal focus on eliminating child labor, forced labor, and human trafficking. She oversees the publication of the Department’s three flagship Congressionally mandated annual reports, and the funding of studies to institutions to increase the knowledge base on child and forced labor. Dr. Castro is also in charge of translating this research into action by monitoring the implementation of over $40 million in grants and contracts.

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David Chipanta is the Senior Advisor of Social Protection at UNAIDS, based in Geneva, Switzerland. He has over 20 years experience in HIV and AIDS programming and development. He leads UNAIDS work on developing and implementing new and innovative
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Irv Garfinkel is the Mitchell I. Ginsberg Professor of Contemporary Urban Problems and co-founding director of the Columbia Population Research Center (CPRC). Of the 37 population research centers funded by NICHD, only CPRC emanates from a School of Social Work. In 1996, Professor Garfinkel, in conjunction with his wife, Sara McLanahan, the William S. Tod Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs at Princeton University, initiated the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study. He has authored or co-authored over 200 publications on poverty, income transfers, program evaluation, single parent families and child support, and the welfare state. Professor Garfinkel received his PhD from the University of Michigan.

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Dr. Larissa Jennings is a reproductive health behavioral scientist with training in biostatistics, epidemiology, program evaluation and social anthropology. Her research has centered on perinatal health services research in developing countries. Recently, she has been pursuing a new line of research that focuses on the design and evaluation of small-scale economic strengthening activities to address sexual and reproductive health disparities among adolescents and young adults in both the U.S. and in developing countries. Dr. Jennings earned her PhD and MHS at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

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Njeri Kagotho's research is deeply influenced by her international practice, and explores the link between a family’s wealth holdings and the wellbeing of its members. Her research has focused on the impact of chronic illness on wealth creation and preservation, how wealth moderates health behaviors, and impacts of HIV and AIDS on the intergenerational transmission of human capital. Currently Dr. Kagotho is examining best practices in working with low-income HIV impacted households as they attempt to navigate socio-cultural and legal constraints to economic security. She earned her PhD in Social Work from Washington University.

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Maltin Grace Nanyanzi is a former participant in the Bridges to the Future Study, which evaluates the impact of an asset-led intervention on health, developmental and educational outcomes for youth in Uganda. She was recruited from St. Theresa Rwanda Primary School. Maltin received a matched child savings account (CDA) through the Bridges Study/ICHAD and used it to pay for secondary school. Now she is a successful student at St. Aloysius Rwanda Secondary School. Maltin is extremely bright and a gifted public speaker. When she grows up she wants to be a lawyer. Expect to see her in the Columbia Law School Class of 2024.

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