

2ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

# GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES ON ADOLESCENT HEALTH AND ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

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Research  
Findings  
and Defining  
a Path  
Forward



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# SCHEDULE

## MORNING PLENARY SESSION: ROOM C03

- 8:30–9:00 am Registration and Breakfast
- 9:00–9:05 am Conference Opening  
**Fred Ssewamala**  
*ICHAD, Columbia School of Social Work*
- 9:05–9:10 am Opening Remarks  
**Jane Waldfogel**  
*Columbia School of Social Work*
- 9:10–9:15 am Welcome to CSSW  
**Dean Jeanette Takamura**  
*Columbia School of Social Work*
- 9:15–10:00 am **KEYNOTE ADDRESS** *Livestream Available*  
PROGRESS ON ASSET BUILDING FOR CHILDREN, AND THE  
POTENTIAL FOR GLOBAL POLICY  
**Michael Sherraden**  
*Center for Social Development,  
Washington University*
- 10:00–10:10 am **SPECIAL PRESENTATION** *Livestream Available*  
Former *Bridges to the Future* Study Participant Shares Her  
Perspective on her Experience Participating in an Asset-  
Building Opportunity
- 10:10–11:00 am Engaging Funders for Global Economic Strengthening  
Research for Children & Youth  
**Silvia Paruzzolo**  
*Save the Children, Washington DC, USA*  
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**David Myhre**  
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Chair: **Laura Gauer-Bermudez**  
*ICHAD, Columbia School of Social Work*
- 11:00–11:10 am Coffee/Tea BREAK
- 11:10–11:50 am ISSUES OF MEASUREMENT IN CHILD-HEALTH FOCUSED  
RESEARCH  
Measuring Social Support Systems for Children in Institutional  
Care  
**Lindsay Stark**  
*Columbia Mailman School of Public Health*

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,*

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**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 Kagotho**

*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*
- 4:20–4:50 pm Launch of the Lancet Commission Report on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing  
**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

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



### **MICHAEL SHERRADEN**

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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.

## LUNCH TIME FEATURED SPEAKER



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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 Ro1, 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. 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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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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Leyla Ismayilova specializes in the development and adaptation of preventive family-based interventions for international contexts and has worked on international research projects in sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, and the former Soviet Union. Her research focuses on developing culturally congruent interventions to improve mental health functioning, reduce exposure to violence and prevent risk behaviors among at-risk children and youth. She received her PhD from Columbia School of Social Work.



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Maltin Grace Nyanzi 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 Bwanda 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 Bwanda 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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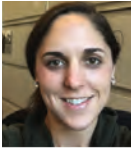
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