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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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2019 – Present	Associate Professor, School of International Service, American University Affiliate Associate Professor, Department of Health Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, American University
2011 - 2019	Assistant Professor, School of International Service, American University
2009 - 2011	Postdoctoral Fellow, Duke Global Health Institute, Duke University

## EDUCATION

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2009	Ph.D.	Health Behavior, Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) <i>Dissertation title:</i> “Geographic and Social Influences on HIV Risk Behavior among Urban Young Men in Tanzania” <i>Committee:</i> Suzanne Maman (chair), Sharon Weir, Irene Doherty, Jo Anne Earp, Susan Ennett, Michael Bowling
2004	MPH	Health Behavior and Health Education, Gillings School of Global Public Health, UNC <i>MA project:</i> “Participatory Assessment of Latino Community of Carrboro, NC”
1996	B.A.	Psychology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Highest Honors; <i>Honors’ thesis:</i> “Influence of Surgeons’ Attitudes on Patients’ Decisions for Breast Cancer Treatment”

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- Award for Excellence in Master’s Student Mentoring, American University (university-wide award) 2019
- Outstanding Contributions to Fostering Collaborative Scholarship, School of International Service, American University 2019
- Center on Health, Risk and Society Research Fellow, American University 2019
- Bridges to Collaboration teaching award, American University 2018
- Social Networks and Health Fellow, Duke University 2017
- Dean’s Summer Research Award, American University School of International Service 2015
- Research Proposal Competition Award, American University Faculty Retreat 2014
- Health Disparities Scholar, National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Program 2013-2014; 2010-2012
- American University International Travel Award for Faculty 2012-2013
- Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, U.S. DHHS (dissertation fellowship) 2007-2009
- Global Health Fellow, Duke University’s Sanford Institute of Public Policy Program on Global Policy and Governance in Geneva, Switzerland 2006
- Intern, World Health Organization, Department of Gender, Women & Health 2006
- Meritorious Student Paper Award, Society of Behavioral Medicine 2006
- Tinker Research Travel Award, UNC, Institute for Latin American Studies 2005
- Doctoral Merit Assistantship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 2004–2005
- Member, Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health 2004
- Lucy S. Morgan Fellowship Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, prize for outstanding leadership in Health Behavior and Health Education 2004

**PUBLISHED ARTICLES****\*denotes my student, mentee or research assistant**

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29. Martinez, O., Brady, K.A., Levine, E., Page, K.R, Zea, M.C., **Yamanis, T.J.**, Grieb, S., Shinefeld, J., Ortiz, K. Davis, W.W., Mattered, B., Martinez-Donate, A., ChavezBaray, S. & Moya, E.M. (2020). Using syndemics theory to examine HIV sexual risk among Latinx men who have sex with men in Philadelphia, PA: Findings from the National HIV Behavioral Surveillance. *Ehquidad*, 13, 217-236. doi: 10.15257/ehquidad.2020.0009. PMID: 32095789. PMCID: PMC7039620.
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27. Rosen JG, Malik M, Cooney EE, Wirtz A, **Yamanis T**, Lujan M\*, Cannon C, Hardy C, Poteat T (2019). Antiretroviral treatment interruptions among Black and Latina transgender women living with HIV: characterizing co-occurring, multilevel factors using the Gender Affirmation Framework. *AIDS and Behavior*, 23: 2588-2599. PMID: 31263998. PMCID: [PMC6768710](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PMC6768710/).
26. Poteat T, Wirtz A, Malik M, Cannon C, Hardy D, Arrington-Sanders R, Lujan M\* , **Yamanis T** (2019). The gap between willingness and uptake: findings from mixed methods research on HIV prevention among Black and Latina transgender women. *JAIDS*. PMID: 31180995. DOI: 10.1097/QAI.0000000000002112
25. Kajula L, Kilonzo M, Conserve D, Mwikoko G, Kajuna D, Balvanz P, **Yamanis T**, Mulawa M, Hill L, Mbwambo J, Maman S (2019). Engaging young men as community health leaders in an STI and intimate partner violence prevention trial in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. *Global Social Welfare*. Jan 04: 1-8. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40609-018-00134-z>
24. **Yamanis T**, Zea MC, Ramé Montiel AK\*, Barker S, Díaz-Ramirez MJ, Page KR, Martinez O, and Rathod J (2018). Immigration legal services as a structural HIV intervention for Latinx sexual and gender minorities. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*. 21(6): 1365-1372. PMID: 30465116. DOI: [10.1007/s10903-018-0838-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10903-018-0838-y)
23. Balvanz P, **Yamanis T**, Mulawa M, Mwikoko G, Kajuna D, Kilonzo M, Kajula L, Leatherman S, and Maman S (2018). Microfinance and health interventions: Factors influencing loan repayment success with young men in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. *Global Public Health*. Jul 20:1-17. PMID: 30025502

22. **Yamanis T**, Malik M, del Río González AM, Wirtz A, Cooney E, Lujan M\*, Corado R, Poteat T (2018). Legal immigration status is associated with depressive symptoms among Latina transgender women in Washington, DC. *International Journal of Environmental Research & Public Health*, 15(6): 1246. PMID: 29895781
21. Conserve D, Alemu D, **Yamanis T**, Maman S, Kajula L (2018). ‘He told me to check my health’: A qualitative exploration of social network influence on men’s HIV testing behavior and HIV self-testing willingness in Tanzania. *American Journal of Men’s Health*, 12(5):1185-1196. PMID: 29808781
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18. Page K, Martinez O, Nieves-Lugo K, Zea MC, Grieb S, **Yamanis T**, Spear K, Davis W (2017). Promoting Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis to Prevent HIV Infections Among Sexual and Gender Minority Hispanics/Latinxs. *AIDS Education and Prevention*, 29(5): Sept-Oct 2017. PMID: 29068715
17. **Yamanis T**, Dervisevic E\*, Mulawa M, Conserve D, Barrington C, Kajula L, Maman S (2017). Social network influence on HIV testing among urban men in Tanzania. *AIDS and Behavior*, 21(4): 1171-1182. PMID: 27506817
16. **Yamanis T**, Nolan E\*, Shepler S (2016). Fears and misperceptions of the Ebola response system during the 2014-2015 outbreak in Sierra Leone. *PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases*, 10(10): e0005077. PMID: 27755553
15. Mulawa M\*, **Yamanis T**, Balvanz P, Kajula L, Maman S (2016). Comparing perceptions with actual reports of close friend’s HIV testing behavior among urban Tanzanian men. *AIDS and Behavior*, 20: 2014-2022. PMID: 26880322
14. Mulawa M\*, **Yamanis T**, Hill L, Balvanz P, Kajula L, Maman S (2016). Evidence of social network influence on multiple HIV risk behaviors and normative beliefs among young Tanzanian men. *Social Science and Medicine*. Mar; 15: 35-43. PMID: 26874081
13. Kajula L, Balvanz P, Kilonzo M, Mwikoko G, **Yamanis T**, Mulawa M, Kajuna D, Hill L, Conserve D, McNaughton Reyes H, Maman S (2016). Vijana Vijiweni II: A cluster-randomized trial to evaluate the efficacy of a microfinance and peer health leadership intervention for HIV and intimate partner violence prevention among social networks of young men in Dar es Salaam. *BMC Public Health*, 16(1), 113. PMID: 26842360
12. Mulawa M\*, Kajula L, **Yamanis T**, Balvanz P, Kilonzo M, Maman S (2016). Perpetration and victimization of intimate partner violence among young men and women in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 0886260515625910. PMID: 26802044

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10. **Yamanis T**, Fisher J\*, Moody JW, and Kajula LJ (2016). Young men's social network characteristics and associations with sexual partnership concurrency in Tanzania. *AIDS and Behavior*, 20(6), 1244-1255. PMID: 26271813
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7. **Yamanis T**, Doherty I, Weir S, Bowling J, Kajula L, Mbwambo J, Maman S (2013). From coitus to concurrency: sexual partnership characteristics and risk behaviors of 15-19 year old men recruited from urban venues in Tanzania. *AIDS and Behavior*, 17(7), 2405-2415. PMID: 22990763.
6. **Yamanis T**, Maman S, Mbwambo J, Earp JA, Kajula L. (2010). Social venues that protect against and promote HIV risk for young men in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. *Social Science & Medicine*, 71 (9), 1601-1609. PMID: 20846768
5. Linnan L, Steckler A, Maman S, Ellenson M, French E, Blanchard L, Bowling J, **Yamanis N**, Succop S, Davenport A, Moracco B. (2010). Engaging key stakeholders to assess and improve the professional preparation of MPH health educators. *American Journal of Public Health*, 100 (10), 1993-1999. PMID: 20395575.
4. Kennedy L, Cohen T, Panter A, DeVellis B, **Yamanis T**, Jordan J, DeVellis R. (2010). Buffering against the emotional impact of pain: mood clarity reduces depressive symptoms in older adults. *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology*, 29 (9), 975-987.
3. Maman S, **Yamanis T**, Kouyoumdjian F, Watt M, Mbwambo J. (2009). Intimate partner violence and the association with HIV risk behaviors among young men in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 20 (10): 1-18. PMID: 19966247.
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1. Blalock S, Byrd J, Hansen H, **Yamanis T**, McMullin K, DeVellis B, DeVellis R, Panter A, Kawata A, Watson L, Jordan J. (2005). Factors associated with potentially inappropriate drug utilization in a sample of rural community-dwelling older adults. *American Journal of Geriatric Pharmacotherapy*, 3(3): 168-79. PMID: 16257819.

#### ARTICLES IN PREPARATION OR UNDER REVIEW

1. Carlitz R, **Yamanis T**, Mollel A. Local adaptation to COVID-19 containment: lessons from Tanzania (under review).

2. **Yamanis T**, Mulawa M, Kilonzo M, Maman S, and Kajula L. Using a social network strategy to identify adolescent girls and young women who are out-of-school and at high risk for HIV in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.
3. **Yamanis T**, Philpott-Jones S, Balvanz P, Kajula L, and Maman S. What does it take to engage young men in microfinance? Evidence from a microfinance and health trial in Tanzania.
4. **Yamanis T**, Aronson B, Mulawa M, Moody J, Kajula L, and Maman S. Social influence on men's HIV testing in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

### **BOOK CHAPTER**

1. **Yamanis T**, Carlitz C, Mollel H (2021). “Adapting COVID-19 containment in Africa: lessons from Tanzania”, Greer S, King EJ, Peralta-Santos A, and Massard de Foseca E (Eds.) *Coronavirus Politics: The Comparative Politics and Policy of COVID-19*, University of Michigan Press, Chapter 31. [https://www.press.umich.edu/11927713/coronavirus\\_politics](https://www.press.umich.edu/11927713/coronavirus_politics)

### **POLICY PUBLICATIONS**

3. Article, The Conversation (Online publication), April 19, 2020. Yamanis T. *Clear, consistent health messaging critical to stemming epidemics and limiting coronavirus deaths*. <https://theconversation.com/clear-consistent-health-messaging-critical-to-stemming-epidemics-and-limiting-coronavirus-deaths-134529>
2. Op-ed, The Prince of Petworth (Online publication in Washington, DC), May 16, 2019. Yamanis T, Morrissey T, Bochev L\*, and Little C\*. *The DC Health Care Alliance is a model public insurance program. But its burdensome requirements cause many eligible residents – and their health – to lose out*. [Link](#)
1. *HIV Testing at a Crossroads: Directions for the Future: A Review of Current and Critical Evidence* (with S. Maman and P. Nanda), Center for Health and Gender Equity, October 2005.

### **RESEARCH FUNDING**

#### **ONGOING**

2021 *Co-Principal Investigator*, **National Institutes of Health, Fogarty International Center’s Adolescent HIV Prevention and Treatment Implementation Science Alliance small grant (January - December 2021)**, “Using implementation science research to reach out-of-school, vulnerable AGYW in Tanzania with HIV prevention and livelihood training”. With collaborators at UNICEF and the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences in Tanzania, we will: 1) explore how the COVID-19 pandemic affects the livelihoods, health and HIV risk behaviors of out-of-school AGYW in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; 2) assess potential for scaling up HIV prevention and livelihood reach to out-of-school AGYW while maintaining safety precautions for COVID-19. (Total grant: \$34,997)

#### **COMPLETED**

2020 *Co-Principal Investigator*, **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation IRL Health Equity Grant (through December, 2020)**, “The disparate impact of COVID-19 on the Latinx immigrant community in Washington, DC and Prince George’s County (PGC), MD”. We will use qualitative research to explore the social, economic, and health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Latinx immigrant community, as well as the resources that have been supportive to the community. (Total grant: \$9,992)

2017-2020 *Co-Principal Investigator*, **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**, “Resilience and Health in Immigrant Communities: An Examination of a Community Health Action Approach in Washington, DC and Prince George’s County, MD”. This interdisciplinary research partnership proposes to understand how the

community action model of a Federally Qualified Health Center, La Clínica del Pueblo (LCDP), produces resilience and affects Latino immigrants' health within two distinct policy environments, Prince George's County, Maryland, and Washington, District of Columbia (DC). (Total grant: \$350,000)

- 2017-2020 *Principal Investigator*, **National Institute of Mental Health**, “A Pilot Social Network Intervention to Reduce HIV and IPV among Adolescent Girls”. (R21 MH114570) This project will reach out of school adolescent girls in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania through their social networks and develop a pilot network-based HIV and IPV intervention to reduce their risk. Reaching adolescent girls through their networks may prove strategic for implementing a variety of HIV prevention strategies. (Total grant: \$363,695)
- 2012-2018 *Co-Investigator*, **National Institute of Mental Health**, “A Multilevel Intervention to Reduce HIV Risk among Networks of Men in Tanzania” (R01 MH098690; Suzanne Maman, Principal Investigator, UNC) To determine whether men in camps randomized to receive a microfinance and health leadership intervention have a lower incidence of sexually transmitted infections and report perpetrating less physical or sexual violence against female sexual partners as compared to men in camps that were not randomized to receive the microfinance and health intervention. (Total grant: \$2,693,726)
- 2015-2017 *Principal Investigator*, **National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases/Emory University (PTE)**, “A Pilot Legal Intervention to Increase HIV Service Use among Immigrant Latino MSM” (P30AI050409). This study has two aims: 1) to examine fear of deportation among a population at high risk for HIV, Latino men who have sex with men; and 2) to pilot an innovative structural intervention combining immigration-related legal aid and peer navigation/social support for Latino immigrant sexual minorities to decrease fear of deportation and promote HIV service use. (Total grant: \$214,302)
- 2016-2017 *Consultant*, **Johns Hopkins University Center for AIDS Research**, “Reducing HIV Vulnerability Among Adolescent and Adult Transgender Women of Color” (CFAR Scholar Grant for Faculty Development in HIV Research; Tonia Poteat, Principal Investigator). To assess structural and social determinants associated with HIV risk among African-American and Latina transgender women in Baltimore and Washington, DC. (Total grant \$40,000)
- 2014-2016 *Principal Investigator*, Mentored Research Project, **Fordham University HIV and Drug Abuse Prevention Research Ethics Training Institute**, NIDA Training Grant 1R25DA031608-01. “Exploring the ethics of a social network intervention to reduce HIV risk among young, Tanzanian men”. This study examines the ethics of involving social networks in HIV prevention interventions. We explore the following concerns during an HIV prevention trial in Tanzania, including: voluntariness (leaders may influence members' decisions to participate); beneficence (network characteristics may change in harmful ways and members may experience stigma and mistrust). (Total grant: \$19,440)
- 2013-2016 *Principal Investigator*, **District of Columbia Developmental Center for AIDS Research**, “Exploratory Investigation of the Social and Geographic Context of Sexual Risk Behavior, Identity Development and Service Use among Adolescent Black MSM in DC”. This project gathers formative data regarding the social networks, service utilization and sexual risk behavior among adolescent black men who have sex with men (MSM). Our goal is to use the data gathered to inform the development of an intervention for this population, a high-risk group which has experienced the largest recent increase in HIV infections but for which there has been insufficient attention in intervention research. (Total grant: \$49,712)
- 2012-2013 *Principal Investigator*, **American University School of International Service Collaborative Research Awards**, “Identifying HIV Prevention Strategies for Latino Sexual Minority Young Men Living in DC”. To collect formative data from a population of highly vulnerable young Latino men who have sex with men in DC. The community collaborator on this project is *La Clínica del Pueblo*. (Total grant: \$22,392)

2010-2011 *Principal Investigator* (with James Moody, co-PI, Duke University Sociology), **Duke Center for AIDS Research** Grant, “Exploring Social Network Influences on Sexual Partnership Concurrency among Young Men in Tanzania”. (Total grant: \$39,976)

2010-2011 *Co-Investigator* (with Suzanne Maman, PI, Health Behavior and Health Education, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), **Gillings Innovation Laboratories, Gillings School of Global Public Health**. “Assessing Impact of Microfinance, Leadership Training on Young African Men”. (Total grant: \$80,000)

## INVITED LECTURES

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13. *Social Influence and Diffusion Effects on Men's HIV Testing During a Randomized Controlled Intervention Trial in Tanzania*, invited lecture for 2021 Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute, Data Science in the Social and Behavioral Sciences, January 12, 2021. <https://www.samsi.info/data-science-in-the-social-and-behavioral-sciences-virtual-opening-workshop/>
12. *U.S. Disparities in COVID-19*, invited lecture for health professionals at Central Michigan University and Indiana University, July 9, 2020.
11. *COVID-19 and the Gender Divide*, Global Insights Panel, Balsillie School of International Affairs, June 4, 2020: <https://www.balsillieschool.ca/global-insights/>
10. *The Lethal Inequities of the Coronavirus*, The Big World Podcast, American University School of International Service, April 23, 2020: <https://www.american.edu/sis/big-world/24-the-lethal-inequity-of-coronavirus.cfm>
9. *Engaging out-of-school AGYW in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania through their social networks*, Adolescent HIV Prevention and Treatment Implementation Science Alliance (AHISA) Annual Meeting, Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health, February 2020, Cape Town, South Africa
8. “*Hay que seguir en la lucha*”: *Shining a light on immigrants and health*”, Ignite talk at Interdisciplinary Research Leaders’ annual meeting, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, October 2019
7. “*Msichana Salama: A Pilot Social Network Intervention to Reduce HIV and IPV among Adolescent Girls (R21 MH114570)*”, presentation at National Institutes of Health grantee meeting for initiatives on HIV prevention and treatment with adolescent girls and young women in Sub-Saharan Africa, October 22, 2018, Madrid, Spain.
6. *Building community partnerships for research and intervention*, panelist, Society for Prevention Research annual meeting, May 2018
5. *Social influence effects on men's HIV testing during a randomized controlled intervention trial in Tanzania*, Social Networks and Health Workshop, Duke University, May 2018.
4. *Social and structural factors associated with HIV-related behavior among Black and Latino young MSM in DC*, District of Columbia Center for AIDS Research, Washington, DC, January 2017.
3. *NIMH funded trial of a combined health promotion/ microfinance intervention for young men in Tanzania*, Department of Prevention and Community Health, The George Washington University, March 2016.

2. *Understanding the effects of HIV stigma and discrimination in HIV prevention research*, HIV Research Ethics Summer Institute, supported by NIH Fogarty International Center, Advanced Certificate Program in Research Ethics in Central and Eastern Europe (R25 TW007085), July 2015.
1. *Confronting social, economic and HIV-related challenges for youth in Tanzania: A microfinance/health leadership intervention in Dar es Salaam*. Five College Program in Culture, Health, and Science (CHS), Amherst College, March 2014.

## **PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS (presenter highlighted in bold)**

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36. Carlitz R, Mollel A, **Yamanis T**. "Local adaptation to COVID-19 containment: lessons from Tanzania", part of panel "Coronavirus on the Continent: Government and Citizen Responses", **African Studies Association** virtual annual meeting, November, 2020.
35. **Yamanis T**, Mulawa M, Kilonzo M, Maman S, Singh B, and Kajula L. "Identifying high-risk social networks of adolescent girls and young women in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania", poster presentation at the 20<sup>th</sup> annual **International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa**, Kigali, Rwanda, December 6, 2019 (first author).
34. **Aronson B**, Yamanis T, Mulawa M, Moody J, and Maman M. "Social influence and diffusion effects on men's HIV testing during a randomized controlled intervention trial in Tanzania", oral presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **North American Social Networks** conference, Washington, DC, November 30, 2018 (co-first author)
33. Rosen JG, Malik M, Cooney E, Wirtz A, Yamanis T, Hardy D, Corado R, **Poteat T**. "Correlates of antiretroviral treatment interruptions among urban Black and Latina transgender women living with HIV: A sub-analysis using the Gender Affirmation Framework", oral presentation, transgender pre-conference at the **International AIDS Conference**, Amsterdam, July 24, 2018 (co-author)
32. **Yamanis T**. "Legal immigration services as a structural HIV intervention for Latinx sexual and gender minorities", oral presentation at the 4<sup>th</sup> **International Association for the Social Sciences and Humanities in HIV (ASSHH) Conference**, Amsterdam, Netherlands, July 23, 2018 (first author)
31. "Results from a cluster-randomized trial to evaluate a microfinance and peer health leadership intervention for HIV and intimate partner violence prevention among social networks of young Tanzanian men", oral presentation at the **International AIDS Conference**, Amsterdam, Netherlands, July 24, 2018 (co-author)
30. **Poteat T**, Cooney E, Malik M, Yamanis T, Lujan M, Wirtz A, Hardy D, Corado R. "Predictors of willingness to take PrEP among Black and Latina transgender women", poster, **Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI)**, Boston, March 2018 (co-author)
29. "A qualitative explanation of social network influence on men's HIV testing behavior in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: implications for increasing HIV testing and promoting HIV self-testing among men", poster at the **International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA)**, December 2017 (co-author)
28. "Longitudinal assessment of factors that can promote couples' HIV testing and counseling among men in Tanzania", poster presentation, **International Conference on AIDS and STIs in Africa**, December 2017 (co-author)
27. "HIV prevalence and acceptability of biomedical prevention interventions among transgender women of color (TWOC) in Baltimore, MD and Washington, DC", oral presentation, **American Public Health Association** meeting, Atlanta, November 2017 (co-author)

26. “Are young urban men in Tanzania viable targets for microfinance loans?”, oral presentation, **American Public Health Association** meeting, Atlanta, November 2017 (co-author)
25. “The STROBE study: Health impacts of resilience and gender identity pride among transgender women of color (TWOC)”, oral presentation at the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association Conference, Philadelphia, September 2017 (co-author).
24. “Engaging transgender women of color in HIV prevention: findings from mixed methods community-based research”, oral poster at the **International AIDS Society** meeting, Paris, July 2017 (co-author).
23. “Structural network position and performance of popular opinion health leaders within an HIV prevention trial in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania”, oral presentation at the **Sunbelt conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis**, Beijing, June 2017 (co-author).
22. “Fear of deportation as a risk factor for HIV among young Latino MSM immigrants to the United States”, poster presentation at the **International AIDS Society** meeting satellite session on “Emerging International Leaders in Global HIV/AIDS research”, Paris, July 2017 (first author).
21. “Fear of deportation and its effects on health service use among Latino immigrant men who have sex with men”, poster at **Society of Behavioral Medicine** annual meeting, San Diego, March 2017 (first author).
20. “Experiences of undocumented Latino sexual minorities applying for legal relief: challenges and opportunities for enhancing access to immigration legal services and health care”, oral presentation, **Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, UCLA**, Los Angeles, California, February 2016. (first author)
19. “Evidence of social network influence on multiple HIV risk behaviors and normative beliefs among young Tanzanian men”, poster presented at the **Ending Gender Inequalities** conference, Durham, North Carolina, January 2016 (co-author)
18. “Comparing perceptions with actual reports of close friend’s HIV testing behavior among urban Tanzanian men”, poster presented at the **Ending Gender Inequalities** conference, Durham, North Carolina, January 2016 (co-author)
17. “Social networks influence on HIV testing among young men in Tanzania”, oral presentation given at the **American Public Health Association** annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois, October 2015. (first author)
16. “Using systematic monitoring to respond to implementation challenges during a microfinance and health intervention with young men in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania”, oral presentation given at the **American Public Health Association** annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois, October 2015. (co-author)
15. “Implementation of a microfinance program for networks of young men in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania”, oral presentation, **American Public Health Association** meeting in Chicago, Illinois, October 2015. (co-author)
14. “Feasibility of recruiting peer health leaders for an HIV and gender-based violence prevention intervention with networks of young men in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania”, poster presented at the **American Public Health Association** annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois, October 2015. (co-author)
13. “Sociocentric networks of urban Tanzanian youth enrolled in an HIV prevention trial”, poster presented at **International AIDS Society** annual meeting in Vancouver, Canada, July 2015. (co-author)

12. “The impact of social networks on gender norms”, presentation given at the **Population Association of America** meeting, May 2015. (co-author with AU Economics doctoral student Ervin Dervisevic\*)
11. “A cluster-randomized trial to evaluate the efficacy of a combined microfinance & peer leadership training intervention for HIV prevention with networks of young men in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania”, poster presented at **International AIDS Conference** in Melbourne, Australia, July 2014 (co-author)
10. “Leveraging existing networks and venues to reach men at high risk for HIV with HIV prevention programs in Dar es Salaam”, poster presented at **International AIDS Conference** in Melbourne, Australia, July 2014 (co-author)
9. “The social context of HIV risk behavior among immigrant gay and transgender Latinos living in Washington, DC”, poster presented at **International AIDS Conference** in Melbourne, Australia, July 2014 (first author)
8. “Exploratory investigation of the social and geographic context of sexual risk behavior among adolescent Black MSM in Washington D.C.”, presentation given at the **NIH Center for AIDS Research Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Network** (SBSRN), October 2013 (first author)
7. “Sexual partnership concurrency and associated risk factors among 15-19 year old men recruited from venues in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania”, poster presented at the **International AIDS Conference**, Washington, DC, July 2012. (first author)
6. “Social network factors associated with concurrency among young men (aged 15-33) in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania”, poster at the **Population Association of America** Annual Meeting, May 2012. (first author)
5. “HIV Risk Behaviors among Young Male Injecting Drug Users in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania”, poster presented at the **International AIDS Conference**, Vienna, Austria, July 2010. (first author)
4. “Social Venues as Risk and Protective Landscapes for HIV among Networks of Young Men in Tanzania”, paper presented at the **International Network for Social Network Analysis** Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, March 2009. (first author)
3. “Neighborhood Poverty and Lifetime Depression among Older, Rural Adults”, paper, **Society of Behavioral Medicine** Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, March 2006. (first author)
2. “A Latent Growth Curve Analysis of Osteoarthritis and Depressive Symptoms among Older Adults”, paper presented at **Society of Behavioral Medicine** Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, March 2006.
1. “Moderators of the Relationship between Rumination and Depressive Symptoms among Older, Rural Women: Perceived mastery and Valued Activities”, poster presented at **Society of Behavioral Medicine** Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, March 2004.

## TEACHING

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**Global Health Interventions (formerly called Health in Developing Countries)** (Advanced undergraduate seminar, SISU-349). Exposes students to the contemporary issues and controversies in global health through an interdisciplinary perspective. Students examine the major determinants of global health problems using a social justice, public health and human rights lens; explore solutions to these problems through interventions; and learn how to identify core program components through a logic model.

**Enrollment:** 2012 spring (n=11); 2013 spring (n=19); 2014 spring (n=23); 2015 fall (n=25); 2017 fall (n=26); 2018 fall (n=24); 2019 fall (n=25); 2020 fall (n=25).

**Environmental Sustainability and Global Health** (Gateway seminar course for undergraduate students, SISU-250). This course provides an introduction to the challenges of environmental sustainability and global health. It aims to equip students with analytical, theoretical, empirical, and normative tools to understand the scale and quality of contemporary threats to global well-being and to develop meaningful forms of response. **Enrollment:** 2020 fall (two half-courses with n=25 in each half-course).

**Program Planning in Global Health** (Graduate seminar, SIS 635.) Students write a plan for a health promotion intervention in a developing country setting, including a theoretical framework, intervention strategies, and an evaluation plan. **Enrollment:** 2011 fall (n=14); 2013 fall (n=22); 2014 fall (n=11); 2016 spring (n=14); 2018 spring independent study (n=1); 2019 spring (n=13)

**Master's Level Practicum Courses** (Graduate capstone course, SIS 696). **Community-Based Action Research and Policy Practicum in Immigrant Health.** Students explore Latino immigrant health in the Washington, DC area, while gaining job-ready skills in community-based action research and policy analysis. Students created the following deliverables for a community-based client: 1) qualitative research on Latino immigrants' resilience and health; 2) a policy analysis of the lack of Spanish-speaking primary care providers in a high-density Latino immigrant county. **Enrollment:** 2019 spring (n = 11); 2021 spring (n=10).

**COVID-19 Response in the Latinx Community** (SIS 793-007). Students are exploring how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected Latinx immigrants in the Washington, DC area, while gaining job-ready skills in qualitative research and policy analysis. Students created the following deliverables for a community-based client: 1) qualitative interviews and data analysis on the affects of the pandemic on Latinx immigrants' lives, across social, economic and health domains; 2) a policy analysis of the how COVID-19 has affected Latinx immigrants in Washington, DC and Prince George's County and what community health workers can do to reach the community. **Enrollment:** 2020 summer (n=10).

**Participatory program evaluation of a girls' health and livelihood intervention in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania:** Students in this course will evaluate an ongoing health promotion and livelihood training program for adolescent girls and young women living in informal settlements in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Students will travel to Tanzania and will learn and practice the Most Significant Change technique promoted by USAID. **Enrollment:** 2020 spring (Cancelled due to COVID-19); 2021 summer.

**Global and Local HIV Epidemics** (First-year seminar, SISU-106). Students consider the social and structural dimensions of the HIV epidemic, with a specific focus on populations living in sub-Saharan Africa and the United States. The course discusses current debates related to HIV prevention policies and the funding of HIV treatment. **Enrollment:** 2017 fall (n=19)

**Applied Qualitative Research Methods.** Trained and supervised 6 bilingual MA students to conduct and transcribe 25 in-depth interviews in Spanish with gay and transgender Latinx immigrants in DC. 2012-13.

**Micropolitics of Development** (Instructor, graduate seminar, SIS 636). Exposes students to the key social categories (e.g. gender, class, elites, etc.) that affect development at the local, micro or project level. Students learn practical tools to assess micropolitics during the planning and implementation stages of development projects, including qualitative research methods. **Enrollment:** 2012 spring (n=24)

## **MENTORING**

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### **Doctoral dissertation committee**

- Ervin Dervisevic, Economics Ph.D. (October 2016): “Three Essays on Spatial Econometrics and Social Networks Theory”, American University
- Stephanie (Adwoa) Stines, African Studies and Research Ph.D. (September 2013): “Meaningful Involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Tanzania’s Structural Approaches to HIV/AIDS Prevention”, Howard University

### **Master’s student research papers**

- Natalia Cañas, 2019-2020: “Queremos salir adelante”: Understanding the challenges and resilience of Venezuelan migrants in Colombia through field research
- True Claycombe and Meley Gebremedhin, Spring 2015: La Clínica Del Pueblo - Applied Research Paper
- Amy Mendoza, Summer 2014: “Diabetes Control among Mapuche Women in the Chol-chol Rural Habitat”
- Kara Ingraham, Spring 2014: “Addressing Intimate Partner Violence in the Caribbean: A Policy Analysis
- Drew Cameron, Fall 2012: “A Mixed Methods Study of the Relationship between Rural Transportation Infrastructure and Enteric Disease in Northwest Ecuador”, 2012
- Elizabeth Cross (now employed at IFPRI), Spring 2012: “Livestock Ownership and Consumption of Animal Source Foods in Rural Uganda”

### **Master’s students I’ve mentored and placed**

- Esther Spindler (MS, Development Management, 2015), Research Officer, Institute for Reproductive Health, Georgetown University, **PhD student** at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, winner of PEO Scholars Award (doctoral dissertation award)
- Ana Karen Ramé Montiel (MA, International Peace and Conflict Resolution, 2017), **PhD student** in Anthropology, University of Calgary
- Drew Cameron (MA, International Development, 2012), **PhD in Health Policy**, UC Berkeley; **Assistant Professor** at Yale University
- Maren Lujan (MA, International Development, 2017), Fulbright Student Program, Sierra Leone 2018-2020.
- Arturo Cortes (MA, SIS, 2017), Deputy Director of Research, Center of Migration Studies, Secretary of the Interior, Mexico
- Molly Maguire-Marshall (MA, International Development, 2014), U.S. Asylum Officer, Boren Fellow in India
- Kristen Rankin (MA, International Development, 2014), research associate at 3ie
- AJ Doty (MA, SIS, 2013), Monitoring and Evaluation Senior Fellow for Village Enterprise, Uganda
- Javier Morla (MA, SIS, 2013), FHI (Family Health International) 360, RTI International
- Daniel Finlay (MA, International Development, 2016), Fellow, Fulbright-Hays 2015
- Sara Lacy (MA, International Development, 2015), CDC Public Health Associate Program (PHAP) Fellow

### **Undergraduate students I’ve mentored and placed**

- Sarah Soliman (BA, SIS, 2020) International Business & Technical Consultants, Inc. (IBTCI)
- Danielle Dumais (BA, SIS/Public Health, 2020) International Business & Technical Consultants, Inc. (IBTCI)
- Christopher Norton (BA, SIS, 2019) Peace Corps in Paraguay
- Cody Ragonese (BA, SIS, 2014) Peace Corps in Swaziland, MPH at Boston University School of Public Health, now at PACT International.
- Lizzy Menstell (BA, SIS, 2014) Institute for Reproductive Health, MPH at Emory University

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- Kate Peters (BA, SIS, 2013), Asia Associate for the FP 2020 Initiative at the UN Foundation
- Matt Masiello (BA, International Studies, 2016), Research Assistant, National Academy of Sciences
- Karly Brinkman (BA, Public Health, 2016), MPH, Epidemiology at The George Washington University
- Emily Yox (BA, SIS, 2013), now in an MPH program at The George Washington University
- Lina Han (BA, University of Ottawa, 2019), scholarship winner, Korean Canadian Scholarship Foundation
- Laura Burckett-Picker (BA, SIS, 2013), now in an MPH program at Eastern Virginia Medical School

### **Mentoring of winners of the Matthew C. Shlonsky Memorial Award, an award that supports students working with faculty on collaborative research or community projects that confront challenges facing the city of Washington, DC**

- 2019 winner Natalia Cañas (ID MA, 2020) for her project entitled *Health Care Access and Legal Status Experience of TPS, DACA, and Undocumented Latinx in Washington, DC*.
- 2018 winners Lisa Bochey (ID MA, 2019) and Cristiana Little (ID MA, 2019) for their project entitled *DC Alliance Insurance: Helping or Harming Undocumented Immigrants?*

**Public health case competition** Mentored 3 Master's students (Kara Ingraham, Kristen Rankin and Nicolette Davis) who won second place in public health case competition among DC-based universities in Fall, 2013.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- 2010 – 2011 **Consultant**, *Multi-country Study on Women's Health and Domestic Violence against Women*, World Health Organization (WHO), Department of Gender, Women and Health
- Analyze data and prepare manuscript on relationship between HIV testing disclosure, financial autonomy, and violence against women in Tanzania for WHO multi-country study

## **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

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- 1999 - 2001 **Social Worker**, Child Protective Services, Orange County, North Carolina
- 1998 - 1999 **Victim's Advocate**, Orange County Sheriff's Office, North Carolina

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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### **EXTERNAL SERVICE**

- 2021-2024 **Associate Director**, DC Center for AIDS Research Social and Behavioral Sciences Core
- 2019-2022 **Member**, Adolescent HIV Prevention and Treatment Implementation Science Alliance (AHISA), Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health
- 2020 **Grant Reviewer**, Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER), the National Academies of Sciences and USAID
- 2019 **Grant Reviewer**, Grand Challenges Canada
- 2018 **Chair**, Transgender Women's Health Research Symposium, DC Center for AIDS Research
- 2017, 2018 **Grant Reviewer**, National Institutes of Health, Fogarty International Center
- 2017, 2019 **Grant Reviewer**, National Center for AIDS Research/NIH Adelante Program
- 2016 **Grant Reviewer**, National Institutes of Health, Division of AIDS, Behavioral and Social Consequences of HIV/AIDS Scientific Review Group
- 2017 - present **Grant Reviewer**, DC Center for AIDS Research pilot awards
- 2013 – 2016 **Early Career Reviewer**, Center for Scientific Review (CSR), National Institutes of Health
- 2017 – present **Member**, Mid-Atlantic CFAR (Center for AIDS Research) Consortium for Latinx and HIV
- 2015 – present **Member**, Community Advisory Board, ¡Empodérate! Center, *La Clínica del Pueblo*
- 2012 – present **Member**, DC Concerned Providers Coalition (HIV/AIDS risk among youth in Washington, DC)

## Thespina J. Yamanis

2011 - present **Member**, District of Columbia Developmental Center for AIDS Research and Men Who Have Sex with Men/Sexual and Gender Minorities Scientific Working Group

### INTERNAL SERVICE

2020-2021 **Member**, Health and Safety Advisory Group to the Vice President of Campus Life, American University  
2020 **Presentation** to American University People of Color Staff Affinity Group. We got us: Expertise & sharing to navigate COVID-19 together (with Andrew El-Kadi), June 11, 2020.  
2018-2019 **Member**, Graduate Studies Committee  
2017 **Member**, Search Committee, Social Networks Assistant Professor, American University  
2016-2017 **Member**, Graduate Studies Committee  
2015-2016 **Faculty Vice President**, School of International Service, American University  
2015 **Member**, Search Committee, Conflict & Development Assistant Professor, American University  
2014 **Member**, Search Committee, Global Health Assistant Professor, American University  
2013-2014 **Member**, Faculty Actions Committee, School of International Service, American University  
2013-2014 **Member**, Ad Hoc Mentoring Committee, School of International Service, American University  
2012 – 2013 **Member**, Search Committee, International Development Program, American University  
2011 - present **Member**, Center on Health, Risk and Society, American University  
2011 – 2012 **Member**, Search Committee, International Development Program, American University

### REVIEWER FOR SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

<i>AIDS Care</i>	<i>Social Science and Medicine</i>
<i>Journal of Social Structure</i>	<i>Journal of the International AIDS Society</i>
<i>Health &amp; Place</i>	<i>BMC Public Health</i>
<i>International Journal of Behavioral Medicine</i>	<i>International Journal of STD &amp; AIDS</i>
<i>Journal of Urban Health</i>	<i>BMC Health Services Research</i>
<i>PLoS ONE</i>	<i>AIDS and Behavior</i>
<i>Prevention Science</i>	<i>JAIDS</i>
<i>PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases</i>	<i>Journal of Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity</i>
<i>International Journal of Epidemiology</i>	<i>Sexuality Research and Social Policy</i>
<i>Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health</i>	<i>Annals of Epidemiology</i>
<i>Journal of Homosexuality</i>	<i>Pilot and Feasibility Studies</i>

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Population Association of America	International AIDS Society
American Public Health Association	Society of Behavioral Medicine
International Network for Social Network Analysis	Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health

### MEDIA APPEARANCES

- March 12, 2020: Toronto's Globe and Mail. President Trump criticized over 'incompetent' response to coronavirus pandemic. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/world/us-politics/article-president-trump-criticized-over-incompetent-response-to-coronavirus/>
- March 13, 2020: Toronto's Globe and Mail. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/world/us-politics/article-trump-declares-national-emergency-after-weeks-of-playing-down-outbreak/>
- March 13, 2020: Swiss TV: <https://www.rsi.ch/play/tv/telegiornale/video/lemergenza-americana?id=12841126> "La emergenza americana"

- March 24, 2020 Toronto's Globe and Mail. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/world/us-politics/article-as-new-york-becomes-the-new-coronavirus-epicentre-trump-wants-to-ease/>
- April 6, 2020, interview with American University media: How COVID-19 Affects Undocumented Workers. <https://www.american.edu/sis/news/20200406-how-covid-19-affects-undocumented-workers.cfm>
- April 14, 2020: American University Alumni Association. Faculty Q&A on the Novel Coronavirus with a Public Health Expert. <https://www.american.edu/alumni/news/q-a-with-public-health-expert.cfm>
- April 19, 2020: China Global TV. <https://newsus.cgtn.com/news/2020-04-19/How-social-media-helps-fight-COVID-19-misinformation-PO7JwkBVGo/index.html>
- April 22, 2020: Star-Telegram in Texas. Millions in U.S. denied coronavirus stimulus checks because they married an immigrant: <https://www.star-telegram.com/news/politics-government/article242102521.html>
- April 24, 2020: FP Fact Check Friday: <https://factcheck.afp.com/trumps-idea-treat-covid-19-disinfectant-could-cause-deaths>
- May 20, 2020: Frederick News Post: Undocumented immigrants hoping to return to work remain unprotected. [https://www.fredericknewspost.com/news/continuing\\_coverage/coronavirus/undocumented-immigrants-hoping-to-return-to-work-remain-unprotected/article\\_b4487083-979a-5a4c-aa24-d4a60e60517a.html](https://www.fredericknewspost.com/news/continuing_coverage/coronavirus/undocumented-immigrants-hoping-to-return-to-work-remain-unprotected/article_b4487083-979a-5a4c-aa24-d4a60e60517a.html)
- November 1, 2020: Channel News Asia: US election: Healthcare a hot-button issue as millions go uninsured. <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/world/us-election-healthcare-a-hot-button-issue-as-millions-go-13430940>
- December 4, 2020: Washington Post: D.C. sets ambitious new goals for curbing HIV epidemic over next decade. [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/dc-politics/dc-aids-hiv-goals/2020/12/04/925ce4de-3661-11eb-b59c-adb7153d10c2\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/dc-politics/dc-aids-hiv-goals/2020/12/04/925ce4de-3661-11eb-b59c-adb7153d10c2_story.html)
- January 22, 2021: The Globe and Mail: Biden wastes no time charting a new course for the U.S. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/world/us-politics/article-biden-wastes-no-time-charting-a-new-course-for-the-us/>

## SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

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**Programming and Data Analysis:** Programming using SAS, STATA, Mplus and SPSS using categorical data analysis, multi-level models, logistic and linear regression, GEE, and structural equations models. Qualitative data analysis using Atlas-ti and Dedoose. Experience with R., UCINET and Stata for social network analysis.

**Languages:** Modern Greek (Advanced); Spanish (Intermediate); Kiswahili (Intermediate); French (Basic).