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SUMMARY

- Research Associate - Population Council HIV and AIDS Program
- Postdoc, PhD, MPH - UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health; NIH Predoctoral Fellowship
- 15 years of experience in global public health; 5 years living and working in sub-Saharan Africa
- Advanced skills in quantitative and qualitative research design and analysis
- Research interests in design and evaluation of social and behavior change interventions; implementation science; HIV, sexual and reproductive health, intimate partner violence; gender transformative programs
- Proficiency in French and Spanish

EDUCATION

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health

Department of Health Behavior, *Chapel Hill, NC*

Ph.D., September 2014

NIH T32 Predoctoral Fellowship in STD/HIV training, 2011-2014; Merit Award, 2009-2010

Dissertation: *Gender norms, masculine gender-role strain, and HIV risk behaviors among men in rural South Africa*. Committee: Drs. Clare Barrington (Chair), Audrey Pettifor, Suzanne Maman, Heathe Luz McNaughton-Reyes, Catherine MacPhail

Distinguished Dissertation Award and Greenberg Dissertation Award nominee

M.P.H., Global Health Certificate, May 2009

Master's Thesis: *Interpersonal influences on women's decision-making about IUD use in Madagascar*

Brown University, Providence, RI

B.A. Visual Art, Honors Program, May 2002

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate I, Population Council, HIV and AIDS program

2016 - present

Washington, D.C.

- Principal Investigator on three implementation science studies for the DREAMS Partnership, related to male partners of adolescent girls and young women in Uganda, Eswatini and South Africa (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)
- Design, monitor, conduct analyses, write and disseminate results from HIV/AIDS operations research studies for Strengthening Operational AIDS Research (SOAR), a 5-year USAID/PEPFAR-funded project
- Oversee research on scale development (e.g., to measure Work satisfaction among Community Health Workers) for the Frontline Health Project (Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation)
- Write proposals for funding for HIV-related research to various donors (USAID, NIH, DFID, CDC)

Postdoctoral Research Associate, NIMH R01 trial on HIV Treatment as Prevention

2014 - 2015

UNC Department of Epidemiology & UCSF Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS)

Chapel Hill, NC and Mpumalanga, South Africa

- Adapted a novel Community Mobilization program model to improve uptake of HIV testing and linkage to care for NIMH R01 community RCT *Activating HIV treatment as prevention through community mobilization in South Africa* (PIs: Lippman, Pettifor)
- Oversaw development of program monitoring plans and staff training
- Collaborated on multiple data analyses and manuscript preparation
- Designed, implemented and compiled findings for formative qualitative research with HIV-negative and HIV-positive men engaged or not engaged in care; co-authored manuscript

Dissertation research**2011 - 2014****UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health** Chapel Hill, NC and Mpumalanga, South Africa

Study 1: Quantitative - Impact of inequitable gender norms and masculine gender-role strain on HIV risk behaviors (concurrent sexual partners, IPV perpetration, alcohol abuse) among men in Mpumalanga

- Conducted secondary analysis of survey data (n=581 men) including exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis and structural equation modeling in Mplus, regression analyses in SAS; prepared 2 manuscripts

Study 2: Qualitative follow-up - Exploration of masculine gender-role strain in Mpumalanga

- Oversaw qualitative data collection on-site (n=18 men); performed qualitative data analysis in Atlas.ti; integrated mixed methods findings; prepared manuscript

M&E Assistance for NIMH R01 community trial**2012 - present****UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health** Chapel Hill, NC and Mpumalanga, South Africa

- Led data analysis for main trial results manuscript for NIMH R01 *Effects of community mobilization for the prevention of HIV in young South African women* (PI: Pettifor)
- Led development of monitoring plan; trained 15 community mobilizers on M&E activities
- Assisted with baseline survey design, quantitative analysis (n=1,181) & protocol manuscript
- Assisted with developing Sonke Gender Justice's intervention manual; designed PhotoVoice activity; created three short "Transformation stories" films (example at <http://ddc-international.com/work/cct/1>)

Graduate Research Assistant, HIV prevention among Latinos**August 2009 - May 2010****UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health** Chapel Hill, NC

- Assisted Dr. Clare Barrington with several studies/manuscripts related to HIV prevention, e.g., among Batey communities in the Dominican Republic, and Latinos living with HIV/AIDS in North Carolina.

Consultant, Population Services International (PSI)- Madagascar**May - August 2008****Long-term contraceptive methods program** Antananarivo, Madagascar

- Provided technical support during startup phase of a 5-year program to expand use of long-term contraceptive methods (IUDs and implants), which after 5 years has resulted in over 100,000 women receiving IUDs
- Co-authored the marketing plan and prepared nationwide mass media and IPC plans
- Published a manuscript in *Contraception* about women's decision-making about IUD use

PROGRAM EXPERIENCE**Co-owner and Film Director, Digital Development Communications (DDC)****2004 - 2007**

Antananarivo, Madagascar

- Co-founded this communications company which produces development-related multimedia tools in the areas of public health, education and the environment
- Managed a team of 15 Malagasy directors, cameramen and editors
- Produced and directed 7 HIV prevention TV spots and consulted for communications campaigns for clients such as USAID, PSI, and the National AIDS Commission; aired on major TV stations in Madagascar

- Produced and directed 4 short films on water and gender, girls' education, community development, and childhood malnutrition programs for clients such as USAID, the EU, and the Packard Foundation

Manager, Red Card Campaign, USAID/AED/Malagasy National AIDS Commission **2006 - 2007**
Antananarivo, Madagascar

- Spearheaded the design and launch of this nationwide HIV prevention campaign that empowers young women to say 'no' in risky situations and to collectively reject exploitation, the first of its kind worldwide. The campaign has received support and acclaim from USAID, PSI and UNICEF

Outreach and Education Coordinator, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program **2002 - 2004**
Rhode Island Department of Health, *Providence, RI*

- Supervised all outreach and education efforts for childhood lead poisoning prevention statewide
- Co-authored the Implementation Plan for the state's breakthrough *Lead Hazard Mitigation Law*
- Trained hundreds of medical and housing professionals on childhood lead poisoning prevention
- Received award for Excellence in Public Health from the Rhode Island Department of Health

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant (5 courses) **2008 - 2011**
UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health *Chapel Hill, NC*

- Led recitation sessions, guest lectured, and graded assignments for five masters- and doctoral-level courses in applied research methods and theoretical foundations of behavioral and social science in the Department of Health Behavior (class sizes 40-60 students)

Guest lecturer (4 courses) **2010 - 2015**
UNC School of Medicine; School of Global Public Health *Chapel Hill, NC*

- Guest lectured on health behavior research in four courses for epidemiologists, MDs, and public health students and professionals over multiple years

JOURNAL REVIEWER

AIDS, JIAS, AIDS and Behavior, Journal of Adolescent Health, Prevention Science, Culture, Health & Sexuality

KEY PUBLICATIONS

Lippman, S.A., West, R., Gómez-Olivé, F.X., Leslie, H.H., Twine, R., **Gottert, A.** et al. Treatment as Prevention—Provider Knowledge and Counseling Lag Behind Global Campaigns. *Viewpoint in JAIDS*. 2020;83(2):e9-e12.

Gottert, A., Friedland, B., Geibel, S., Nyblade, L., Baral, S. et al et al. The People Living with HIV (PLHIV) Resilience Scale: development and validation in three countries in the context of the PLHIV Stigma Index. *AIDS and Behavior*. 2019;23(2):172-82.

Pulerwitz, J., **Gottert, A.**, Betron, M. & Shattuck, D. on behalf of the Male Engagement Task Force, USAID Inter-agency Gender Working Group (IGWG). 2019. "Do's and don'ts for engaging men & boys." Washington, D.C.: IGWG. Available at: <https://www.igwg.org/resources/dos-donts-for-engaging-men-boys/>

Pulerwitz, J., **Gottert, A.**, Kahn, K., Haberland, N., Julien, A. et al. Gender Norms and HIV Testing/Treatment Uptake: Evidence from a Large Population-Based Sample in South Africa. *AIDS and Behavior*. 2019:1-10.

Gottert, A., Pulerwitz, J., Siu, G., Katahoire, A., Okal, J., et al. Male partners of young women in Uganda: Un-

derstanding their relationships and use of HIV testing. *PLoS One*. 2018;13(8):e0200920.

Reynolds, Z., **Gottert, A.**, Luben, E., Mamba, B., Shabangu, P., et al. Who are the male partners of adolescent girls and young women in Swaziland? Analysis of survey data from community venues across 19 DREAMS districts. *PLoS One*. 2018;13(9):e0203208.

Friedland, B., Sprague, L., Nyblade, L., Baral, S., Pulerwitz, J., **Gottert, A.** et al. Measuring intersecting stigma among key populations living with HIV: implementing the people living with HIV Stigma Index 2.0. *Journal of the International AIDS Society (JIAS)*. 2018, 21(S5):e25131.

Gottert, A., Barrington, C., Pettifor, A., McNaughton-Reyes, L., et al. Gender norms, gender role conflict/stress, and men's HIV risk behaviors in rural South Africa. *AIDS & Behavior*. 2018;22(6):1858-69.

Pettifor, A., Maman, S., **Gottert, A.**, Selin, M., Suchindran, C. et al. Findings from a cluster randomized controlled trial of a community mobilization intervention to change harmful gender norms and reduce HIV risk in rural South Africa. *Journal of the International AIDS Society*. 2018;21(7):e25134.

Mooney, A., **Gottert, A.**, Khoza, N., Rebombo, D., Hove, J. et al. Men's perceptions of Treatment as Prevention in South Africa: Implications for engagement in HIV care and treatment. *AIDS Education and Prevention* 2017;29(3):274-287.

Hill, L., **Gottert, A.**, MacPhail, C., Rebombo, D., Twine, R. et al. Understanding men's networks and perceptions of leadership to promote HIV testing and treatment in Agincourt, South Africa. *Global Public Health*. 2018;13(9):1296-306.

Fleming, P., Barrington, C., Powell, W., **Gottert, A.**, Lerebours, L., et al. Men's sexual behaviors are associated with their concern about demonstrating masculine characteristics: Evidence from the Dominican Republic. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*. 2017. DOI 10.1007/s10508-016-0880-6.

Lippman, S.A., Pettifor, A., Rebombo, D., Julien Suárez, A., Wagner, R., Kang-Dufour, M., Kabudula, C., Neilands, T., Twine, R., **Gottert, A.** et al. Evaluation of the Tsimba community mobilization intervention to improve engagement in HIV testing and care in South Africa: study protocol for a cluster randomized trial. *Implementation Science* 2017;12(1):9.

Gottert, A., Pettifor, A., Barrington, C., Lippman, S., Maman, S., MacPhail C. et al. Measuring men's gender norms and gender role conflict/stress in a high HIV-prevalence South African setting. *AIDS & Behavior* 2016; 20(8): 1785-1795.

Pilgrim, N., Mathur, S., **Gottert, A.**, Rutenberg, N., Pulerwitz, J. *Building evidence to guide PrEP introduction for adolescent girls and young women*. 2016. Washington, DC: Population Council.

Pettifor, A., Lippman, S., Selin, M., Peacock, D., **Gottert A.**, et al. A cluster randomized controlled trial of a community mobilization intervention to change gender norms and reduce HIV risk in rural South Africa: Study design and intervention. *BMC Public Health* 2015; 15:752.

Gottert, A. (lead developer). Activating Treatment as Prevention through Community Mobilization in South Africa study group (R01 MH103198) & Sonke Gender Justice. Set of 3 booklets for the Tsimba intervention: *Community Mobilizer's Handbook, Community Mobilization Workshop Manual, and Community Mobilization Toolkit*. 2015.

Gottert, A., Jacquin, K., Ravaivondrafahitra, B., Moracco, K., & Maman, S. Influences on women's decision-making about intrauterine device use in Madagascar. *Contraception* 2015; 91(4): 289-294.

Bryant, A., Hamela, G., **Gottert, A.**, Stuart, G., Kamanga, G. Reasons for Intrauterine Device Use, Discontinuation and Non-Use in Malawi: A Qualitative Study of Women and their Partners. *African Journal of Reproductive Health* 2015; 19(4): 50-57.

Gottert A. Gender norms, masculine gender-role strain, and HIV risk behaviors among men in rural South Africa [Dissertation]: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; 2014.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Gottert, A., Pulerwitz, J., Heck, C.J., Cawood, C. & Mathur, S. Creating HIV risk profiles for men in South Africa: A latent class approach using cross-sectional survey data. Under review (as revise & resubmit) at *Journal of the International AIDS Society (JIAS)* as part of invited paper for special issue on Men & HIV.

Gottert, A., McClair, T., Friedland, B., Pulerwitz, J. et al. What shapes resilience among people living with HIV? A multi-country analysis of data from the PLHIV Stigma Index 2.0. Under review at *AIDS* as part of invited paper for special issue on stigma and discrimination.

Gottert, A., Pulerwitz, J., Haberland, N., Mathebula, R., Rebombo, D. et al. Gaining traction: Promising shifts in gender norms and intimate partner violence during an HIV prevention trial in South Africa. Under review at *AIDS and Behavior* as invited paper for special issue on results from Project SOAR.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Pulerwitz, J. & **Gottert, A.** Hearing from the Men: Their lives, relationships and HIV risk profiles. Presentation at Men & HIV Forum, International AIDS Society Conference, Mexico City, Mexico. 20 July, 2019.

Pulerwitz, J., **Gottert, A.**, Apicella, L., Lukhele, B., Shabangu, P. & Mathur, S. Exposure to sexual and physical violence linked to depression, alcohol abuse, relationship control, gender inequity, and perpetrating violence among men across Eswatini. Presentation at Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) Forum, Cape Town, South Africa, 21-25 Oct, 2019.

Gottert, A., Mathur, S., Cawood, C. & Pulerwitz, J. Male partners of adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) in Durban, South Africa: How high is their HIV risk and what groups are most at risk? Presentation at HIVR4P conference, Madrid, Spain, 21-25 Oct, 2018.

Gottert, A., Heck, C.J., Mathur, S. & Pulerwitz, J. Men's HIV Risk Profiles in South African DREAMS Sites: Using Latent Class Analysis for More Strategic, Context-Specific Programming and Evaluation. Late breaker presentation at International AIDS Conference, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 23-27 July 2018.

Reynolds, Z., **Gottert, A.**, Luben, E., Mamba, B. et al. Who are the male partners of adolescent girls and young women in Swaziland? Analysis of survey data from community venues across 19 DREAMS districts. Presentation. AIDS Impact Conference, Cape Town, South Africa, 13-15 November 2017.