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EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D., Public Health, Ben Gurion University, Beersheva, Israel
Dissertation: “Reproductive Health Effects of the ‘Safe Space, Financial Education, and Savings’ Intervention for Vulnerable Adolescent Girls in Uganda”
- 2007 Masters in Public Health, Reproductive and Adolescent Health, Columbia University, New York, NY
- 2002 B.A., Women’s and Gender Studies, minor in psychology, Columbia University, New York, NY

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – Senior Associate, Population Council, Poverty, Gender & Youth Program, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2015 – 2017 Associate II, Population Council, Poverty, Gender & Youth Program, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2011 – 2014 Associate I, Population Council, Poverty, Gender & Youth Program, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2007 – 2010 Staff Associate, Population Council, Poverty, Gender & Youth Program, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2004 – 2005 CARE Coordinator, Women’s Prison Association, Brooklyn, NY
- 2002 – 2004 Co-Founder and Director, Binti Pamoja (Daughters United) Center, Nairobi, Kenya

GRANTS (Principal Investigator)

- 2016 – 2020 Addressing and Evaluating Male Engagement Accountable to Vulnerable Adolescent Girls in Kenya, Novo Foundation
- 2016 – 2019 Impact Evaluation of Listen Up: Amplifying Girls Voices through Sanitary Pads and Health Information, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (via ZanaAfrica Group)
- 2013 – 2019 Adolescent Girls Initiative–Kenya, UK Department for International Development
- 2014 – 2015 Reaching the Girls Left Behind: Building Capacity, Advocacy and Evidence in Sub-Saharan Africa, Anonymous Donor
- 2012 – 2015 Expanding and Understanding the Effect of Social and Economic Assets for Vulnerable Adolescent Girls in Kenya, NoVo Foundation
- 2012 – 2013 Reaching the Girls Left Behind: Building Capacity, Advocacy and Mobilizing Resources in Sub-Saharan Africa, Anonymous Donor
- 2011 – 2018 Adolescent Girls Empowerment Programme, UK Department for International Development

- 2010 – 2012 Reaching the Girls Left Behind: Building Capacity, Advocacy and Mobilizing Resources in Sub-Saharan Africa, Anonymous Donor
- 2008 – 2012 Safe and Smart Savings Products for Vulnerable Adolescent Girls in Kenya and Uganda, Nike Foundation
- 2007 – 2011 A Brain Trust of Practitioners: Kenya Adolescent Learning Center, Nike Foundation

PUBLICATIONS

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- Austrian, K.** J. Bruce and M. C. Maternowska. 2016. “Early Empowerment: The Evolution and Practice of Girls’ ‘Boot Camps’ in Kenya and Haiti”. In: *Women's Empowerment and Global Health: A Twenty-First-Century Agenda*, edited by Shari Dworkin, Monica Gandhi, and Paige Passano. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.
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- Mierzwa, S., Souidi, S., **Austrian, K.**, Hewett, P., Isaac, A., Maimbolwa, M., and Wu, C. 2015. "Transitioning customized ACASI Windows.NET solution to Android Java on lower-priced devices and technical lessons learned." *The Electronic Journal of Information Systems in Developing Countries*. 66(2): 1-11.
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PRESENTATIONS

- Austrian, K.**, Soler-Hampejsek, E., DUBY, Z., and Hewett, P.C. 2017. “When he asks you for sex you will never refuse because you will think of his money you have spent: A mixed methods exploration of transactional sex as a driver of pregnancy among adolescent girls in Zambia.” Paper presented at the 28th International Population Conference, Cape Town, South Africa, October.
- Hewett, P.C., Digitale, J., Willig, A., Soler-Hampejsek, E., Behrman, J., Ngo, T., **Austrian, K.** 2017. “Randomized evaluation of an educational nutrition curriculum within a safe-spaces model of programming among young girls and their children in Zambia.” Paper presented at the 28th International Population Conference, Cape Town, South Africa, October.
- Muthengi, E. and **Austrian, K.** 2017. “Economic Constraints and Capabilities of Very Young Adolescent Girls in an Urban Nairobi Slum: Understanding their Expectations of Achieving Education and Work Aspirations.” Paper presented at the 28th International Population Conference, Cape Town, South Africa, October.
- Maluccio, J., Nubler, L., Hussein, M., Muthengi, E., **Austrian, K.** 2017. “Cognitive development and educational attainment in a drought prone region: Evidence from Wajir, Kenya.” Paper presented at the 28th International Population Conference, Cape Town, South Africa, October.
- Austrian, K.**, Muthengi, E., Mumah, J., Soler-Hampejsek, E., Kabiru, C., Abuya, B., and Maluccio, J. 2016. “The Adolescent Girls Initiative – Kenya: A Randomized Controlled Trial Testing Multi-Sector Interventions for Young Adolescent Girls in Kenya.” Paper presented at the Adolescence, Youth and Gender Conference, Oxford, September.
- Austrian, K.**, Hewett, P.C., Soler-Hampejsek, E., Digitale, J., Jackson-Hachonda, N. 2016. “The Adolescent Girls Empowerment Program: A Longitudinal Randomized Controlled Trial of Vulnerable Adolescent Girls in Zambia.” Paper presented at the Adolescence, Youth and Gender Conference, Oxford, September.
- Austrian, K.** 2016. A Case Study on What Works, What Does Not Work and What’s Next for Girls in Zambia: The Adolescent Girls Empowerment Program. Paper presented at the Adolescence, Youth and Gender Conference, Oxford, September.
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- Austrian, K.**, Muthengi, E., Muluve, E. 2016. Using technology for program quality and accountability in the Adolescent Girls Initiative – Kenya: A longitudinal, randomized trial to evaluate the health impact of multi-sectoral programs for very young adolescent girls. Paper presented at the *American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition*. Denver, 29 October – 2 November.
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- Austrian, K.**, Muthengi, E., Riley, T., Mumah, J., Kabiru, C., & Abuya, B. 2015. “Adolescent Girls Initiative – Kenya: Baseline Survey Report.” Paper presented at the 7th Annual African Population Conference, Pretoria, South Africa, December.

- Austrian, K.** and Hewett P.C. 2015. “Do Girls Need a Savings Account to Save? Preliminary Results from the Adolescent Girls Empowerment Program.” Paper presented at the *Global Youth Economic Opportunities Summit*. Washington, D.C. 8 October.
- Muthengi EN, Gitau, T., and **Austrian, K.** 2015. “Is Working Risky or Protective for Married Adolescent Girls in Urban Slums in Kenya? An Exploration of the Relationship Between Work, Savings and Physical Violence.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America*. San Diego, 30 April.
- Austrian, K.**, E. Muthengi, and I. Shoham-Vardi. 2014. “Reproductive Health Effects of a Safe Spaces, Financial Education, and Savings Program for Vulnerable Adolescent Girls in Uganda.” Paper presented at the *American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition*. New Orleans, 15-19 November.
- Austrian, K.** 2014. “Money, Sex and Violence: Findings from a Girls Savings Program in East Africa.” Paper presented at the *Global Youth Economic Opportunities Summit*. Washington, DC, 6 October.
- Austrian, K.** and E. Muthengi, E. 2014. “Can Economic Assets Increase Girls’ Risk of Sexual Harassment? Evaluation Results from a Social, Health and Economic Asset-Building Intervention for Vulnerable Adolescent Girls in Uganda.” Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America*. Boston, 3 May.
- Soler-Hampejsek, E., **K. Austrian**, J.R. Behrman, P.C. Hewett, and S.R. Psaki. 2014. “Using grade for age as a measure of vulnerability.” Paper presented at the *58th Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES)*. Toronto, 11 March.
- Austrian, K.** 2012. “Building Social, Financial and Economic Assets for Girls – Pilot to Rollout to Replication.” Presentation given at the *Global Youth Economic Opportunities Conference*. Washington, DC. 12 September.
- Austrian, K.** 2011. “Safe and Smart Savings Products for Vulnerable Adolescent Girls in Kenya and Uganda: Results from the Uganda Pilot Evaluation.” Presentation given at the *Global Youth Economic Opportunities Conference*. Washington, DC. 9 September.
- Austrian, K.** 2010. “Financial Education and Savings for Vulnerable Adolescent Girls in Kenya and Uganda.” Presentation given at the *World Bank Technical Meeting on the Adolescent Girls Initiative*. Washington, DC. July.
- Austrian, K.**, Ngurukie, C. and Sakwa C. 2009. “Integrating Financial Education and Savings Opportunities into Health Interventions for Adolescent Girls in the Kibera Slum of Nairobi, Kenya.” Paper presented at the *International Conference on Urban Health: Meeting Urban Health Needs through Innovative Research, Policies and Interventions*. Nairobi. 18–23 October. Available: http://www.popcouncil.org/uploads/pdfs/2009PGY_KenyaUgandaSavingsICUH.pdf
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- Austrian, K.** 2009. “Savings Products for Vulnerable Adolescent Girls in Kenya and Uganda.” Presentation given at *Making Cents’ Youth Financial Services Course.* Washington, DC. March.
- Austrian, K.** 2009. “Addressing Vulnerabilities of Adolescent Girls: Where Does Financial Literacy Fit?” Presentation given at *Microfinance Opportunities’ Training of Trainers on Financial Education for Adolescent Girls.* Nairobi. January.

Austrian, K and C. Sakwa. 2008. “The Binti Pamoja Center: Expanding Safe and Supportive Spaces for Adolescent Girls.” Paper given at the *Investing in Young People’s Health and Development: Research that Improves Policies and Programs Conference*. Abuja. April.

Austrian, K. 2007. “Lessons from the Field: Designing and Implementing a Financial Literacy Curriculum in a Safe and Supportive Space for Adolescent Girls in the Kibera slum of Nairobi, Kenya.” Presentation given to the *Financial Sector Deepening-Kenya Annual Meeting*. Nairobi. October.

Austrian, K. 2006. “Lessons from the Field: Implementing a Financial Literacy Curriculum in a Safe and Supportive Space for Adolescent Girls in the Kibera slum of Nairobi, Kenya.” Paper presented at the *Global Microcredit Summit*, Halifax, Canada. November.

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

Novo Foundation Austrian (PI) 11/1/2016 – 10/31/2020
Addressing and Evaluating Male Engagement Accountable to Vulnerable Adolescent Girls in Kenya
This study will test the hypothesis that working with boys and young men, in addition to adolescent girls, will have additional benefits for girls on sexual and gender based violence as compared to only working with girls. The study will be conducted in two sites in Kenya and will have communities randomized to receive girl-only interventions and some to receive girl and boy interventions running in parallel.

1140962 Austrian/Muthengi (PI) 1/1/2016 – 12/31/2019
Gates Foundation (via ZanaAfrica Group)
Evaluation of “ListenUp: Amplifying girls voices through sanitary pads and health information”
This is a randomized, controlled trial that tests the individual and combined effects of group-based face to face comprehensive sexuality education, health education via written materials and the distribution of sanitary towels to adolescent girls in class seven and eight in rural western Kenya. Currently serving as Co-Investigator.

PO 6171 Austrian (PI) 12/12/13–11/11/19
U.K. Department for International Development (DfID)
Adolescent Girls Initiative — Kenya
This is a randomized, controlled trial that tests combinations of initiatives—in health, violence prevention, wealth creation, and education—to see which improve girls’ lives most. The beneficiary group is girls 10-14 years old in urban slums in Nairobi and Northeastern Kenya.

202344-102 Austrian (PI) 11/1/11-10/31/18
U.K. Department for International Development (DfID)
Adolescent Girls Empowerment Programme (AGEP)
This project includes a large intervention component, as well as a rigorous cohort study with HIV and HSV-2 testing. The intervention will reach 12,000 girls in both rural and urban Zambia over four years with a three-part program. Overall, the program is meant to build girls’ social, health, and economic assets, leading to increased educational attainment, delayed sexual debut, reduced STI and HIV infection, improved nutrition, reduced early marriage and reduced unwanted pregnancy. The Council is implementing a four-year cohort study that will follow girls in the intervention and control. Behavioral surveys will measure indicators such as self-esteem, social networks, gender norms, work activity, savings activity, sexual and reproductive health knowledge and attitudes, and sexual behavior.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/MEMBERSHIPS

Member International Union for the Scientific Study of Population
Member Population Association of America
Member American Public Health Association
Reviewer Journal of Women and Social Work; Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies; Global Public Health; Trials; Children and Youth Services Review; Obesity; Journal of Adolescent Health; International Journal of Adolescent Medicine and Health; Sex Education

OTHER SKILLS

Computer: SPSS, STATA, Atlas.ti, Salesforce, ODK, Excel, Word, PowerPoint
Languages: English (native); Hebrew (highly proficient); Swahili (conversational)

INTERNATIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Tanzania, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria