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EDUCATION

- 2013 Ph.D., Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health (PFRH)
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD
Academic Tracks: Women's Health; Demographic Methods
Certificates: Public Mental Health Research; Demographic Methods
Teaching Assistantship: Introduction to Demographic Methods
Dissertation: Gender differences in depressive symptoms in Kumasi, Ghana.
- 2008 Master of Science, Population and International Health
Concentration in Women, Gender and Health
Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA
Thesis: Development and validation of a measure of women's empowerment related to HIV risk
using Zimbabwe Demographic and Health Survey data
- 2002 Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, *cum laude*
Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, Washington, D.C.
Major: International Politics (honors)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2013– Associate. Poverty, Gender and Youth Program. Population Council, New York, NY
Lead the Council's research and program portfolio on girls' education.
- 2012-2013 Project Director. Gender Department, Family Health International (FHI) 360. Washington, DC
Senior staff member overseeing girls' education programs and gender integration across FHI
360's portfolio.
- 2011-2012 Research Assistant. Advance Family Planning Project, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public
Health. Baltimore, MD
- 2008-2011 Research Associate. Division of International Epidemiology and Population Studies,
Fogarty International Center, National Institutes of Health (NIH). Bethesda, MD
- 2010 Temporary Data Manager/Research Assistant (June-August). Fertility and Empowerment
Project, International Center for Research on Women (ICRW). Washington, DC
- 2007-2008 Research Assistant (October-May). Haiti Zanmi Lasante Program, Partners in Health (PIH) &
Harvard Medical School. Boston, MA
- 2007 Qualitative Researcher (June-August). AIDS Prevention Research Project, Harvard Center for
Population and Development Studies. Durban, South Africa
- 2007 Student Researcher (January). Healthcare Provision in Southern India, Harvard School of Public
Health. Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Delhi, India
- 2002-2006 Program Officer, Ambassadors' Girls' Scholarship Program, Center for Gender Equity, Academy
for Educational Development. Washington, DC

HONORS AND AWARDS

2014-	Member, Delta Omega Public Health National Honor Society, Alpha Chapter
2012-2013	Recipient, Global Health Field Research Award (GHFRA), Johns Hopkins Center for Global Health
2012-2013	Recipient, Edward J. Dehne Award in Population Dynamics
2012-2013	Recipient, Dr. Michael Koenig Memorial Fund
2011-2012	Recipient, Family Planning Fellowship, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
2010	Recipient, NIH Fogarty International Center Director's Merit Award (team) for MAL-ED Study
2009-2011	Recipient, National Institute of Child Health and Development Population Training Grant

PUBLICATIONS

Erica Soler-Hampejsek, Barbara S. Mensch, **Stephanie R. Psaki**, Monica J. Grant, Christine A. Kelly, and Paul C. Hewett. "Gender differences in the loss of reading and numeracy skills in Malawi." *In Review*.

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Stephanie Psaki and Funmilola OlaOlorun. "More than mothers: Aligning indicators with women's lives." *The Lancet*. 2012 Aug 25; 380 (9843): 711 - 713, Available at: [http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(11\)60757-5/fulltext#article_upsell](http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(11)60757-5/fulltext#article_upsell).

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Kays, Lisa, Michele Akpo, Aissatou Balde, Jenny Barker, Judy Benjamin, Andrea Bertone, Boubacar Cisse, Melissa Crutchfield, Ahlam Ghadry, Cory Heyman, Melissa Hunter, Renu Jain, Eugene Katzin, Bridget Lombardo, **Stephanie Psaki**, Barbara Reese, and Alexandra Zekas. *Girls' Success 1: Mentoring Guide for Life Skills*. Academy for Educational Development, 2009. Available at: <http://gendercenter.fhi360.org/Publications/upload/LifeSkills.pdf>.

Baingana, Florence, Arlan Fuller, Anya Levy Guyer, Susan R. Holman, Jim Yong Kim, Michelle Li, James McKeever, Lydia Mungherera, **Stephanie Psaki**, Barbara Sematimba, David Serukka, Mary C. Smith Fawzi, Sandra Zaeh. *The Implementation Gap in Services for Children Affected by HIV/AIDS: Supporting families and communities in caring for and protecting vulnerable children*. September 2008. Joint Learning Initiative on Children and AIDS (JLICA).

Rihani, May, **Stephanie R. Psaki**, and Lisa Kays. *Keeping the Promise: Five Benefits of Girls' Secondary Education*, The Academy for Educational Development: January 2007.

Rihani, May, and **Stephanie R. Psaki**. "Girl's education and the multi-sectoral approach: A winning battle." *The Zontian*. January 2004. Academy for Educational Development.

PRESENTATIONS

Stephanie R. Psaki, Erica Soler-Hampejsek & Barbara S. Mensch. 2015. "The effects of school-related gender-based violence on education and health outcomes in rural Malawi: A longitudinal analysis." Paper presented at the 59th Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society. Washington, DC, 10 March.

Stephanie Psaki, Margaret Greene, Ruti Levto, and Erin Kennedy. 2015. *Examining the effects of gender-based violence in school*. Congressional briefing hosted by Representative Joe Kennedy III and Representative Betty McCollum. Washington, DC, 9 March.

Stephanie Psaki. 2014. "Sexual and Reproductive Health and Girls' Education: Lessons and caveats from the Malawi Schooling and Adolescent Study," *More than Birds and Bees: Examining the Links between Sexual and Reproductive Health and Girls' Education*. Presentation at the Brookings Institution. Washington, DC, 11 December.

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Helena Minchew, **Stephanie Psaki**, Erin Kennedy, and Ann Warner. *Leading for Girls: What We Can Do So Girls Can Thrive*. Congressional briefing hosted by Representative Betty McCollum. Washington, DC, 9 October 2014.

Mensch, Barbara S., and **Stephanie R. Psaki**. 2014. "Girls education in Malawi: Evidence from the Malawi Schooling and Adolescent study (MSAS)," *Presentation to the Office of the UN Special Envoy for Global Education*. New York, 3 June.

Psaki, Stephanie R., Barbara S. Mensch, Naomi Rutenberg. 2014. "Opportunities to make a difference in girls' education." *Presentation to the Office of Global Women's Issues, U.S. Department of State*. Washington, DC, 9 May.

Psaki, Stephanie R., Erica Soler-Hampejsek, Barbara S. Mensch, Christine A. Kelly, Monica J. Grant, and Paul C. Hewett. 2014. "The effect of gender-related aspects of school quality on schoolgirl pregnancy in rural Malawi." Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America*. Boston, 3 May.

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Erna Grasz, **Stephanie Psaki**, Annie Fields, and Raina Singh. 2014. "Innovations in education: Quality, scale and equality" Panel presentation at the *58th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women*. New York, 15 March.

Soler-Hampejsek, E., Karen Austrian, Jere R. Behrman, Paul C. Hewett, and **Stephanie R. Psaki**. (2014) "Using grade for age as a measure of vulnerability." Paper presented at 58th Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES). Toronto, 11 March.

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Psaki, Stephanie R., and William Checkley. 2011. "Measuring socioeconomic status in cross-country studies: Comparison of four methods using data from the MAL-ED Network." Oral presentation to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and MAL-ED Study Consortium, 3rd Annual MAL-ED Consortium Meeting, Seattle WA, 3 May.

Psaki, Stephanie, Zulfiqar Bhutta; Tahmeed Ahmed; A.M. Shamsir Ahmed; Pascal Bessong; Munirul Islam; Sushil John; Margaret Kosek; Cebisa Nesamvuni; Prakash Shrestha; Erling Svensen; Stephanie Richard; Jessica Seidman; Laura Caulfield; Aldo A Lima; Mark Miller; William Checkley; MALED Network Investigators. 2011. "Household food insecurity and nutritional status in children: Results from an eight-country study." Paper presented at the *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America* Washington, DC, 2 April.

Psaki, Stephanie R., Jessica Seidman, Mark Miller, Michael Gottlieb, Zulfiqar A Bhutta, Tahmeed Ahmed, AM Shamsir Ahmed, Pascal Bessong, Sushil M John, Gagandeep Kang, Margaret Kosek, Aldo Lima, Prakash Shrestha, Erling Svensen, William Checkley; MAL-ED Network Investigators. "*Four Approaches to Measuring Socioeconomic Status in a Multi-country Study*," Poster presentation at the Global Health Metrics and Evaluation (GHME) Conference, March 15th 2011, Seattle, WA.

L.C. Ivers, M.C. Smith Fawzi, F. Leandre, **S. Psaki**, V. Hester, M. Raymonville, J. Mukherjee. "*Very low rate of transmission of HIV infection from mother-to-child in rural Haiti: the Zanmi Lasante experience.*" *AIDS 2008 - XVII International AIDS Conference abstract no. MOPE0515*.

INTERNATIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Niger, Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda