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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor 2010-present
University of Michigan
Women's Studies Department

Postdoctoral Fellow 2007-2010
University of California, San Francisco
Center for AIDS Prevention Studies
NIH-funded fellowship at the leading academic center for AIDS prevention research

EDUCATION

University of California, San Francisco 2009
M.S. Global Health

University of Chicago 2007
Ph.D. Sociology
Special Field Examinations: Sexuality; Culture and Globalization

University of Chicago 1999
M.A. Sociology
Thesis: *Warriors of the South Side: Race and the Body in the Martial Arts of Black Chicago*

University of Michigan 1989
B.S. Cellular and Molecular Biology, Honors

DISSERTATION ABSTRACT

Bwaise Town: Masculinity in Urban Uganda in the Age of AIDS
Committee: Saskia Sassen (co-chair), Leslie Salzinger (co-chair), Jennifer Cole

This dissertation brings a sociological perspective to social change in sub-Saharan Africa with special attention paid to how gender relations are shifting in urban Africa within the context of the AIDS epidemic. Research consisted of twelve months of ethnographic fieldwork in a community called Bwaise in the Ugandan capital Kampala. I employ the lens of masculinity to examine gender relations and my central argument is that AIDS has altered conceptions of masculinity in urban Uganda but these effects are more circumscribed than expected. I find that AIDS has affected aspects of masculinity related to sexuality but that other dimensions of masculinity have been influenced by social forces distinct from the AIDS epidemic, leaving notions of manhood destabilized but not fundamentally transformed.

PUBLICATIONS

Wyrod, Robert. 2011. "Masculinity and the Persistence of AIDS Stigma." *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, Volume 13: 443-456.

Wyrod, Robert, Katherine Fritz, Willi McFarland et al. 2011. "Beyond Sugar Daddies: Intergenerational Sex and AIDS in Urban Zimbabwe." *AIDS and Behavior*, Volume 15: 1275-1282.

Fritz, Katherine, Willi McFarland, Robert Wyrod, et al. 2011. "Evaluation of a Peer-Network Based Sexual Risk Reduction Intervention for Men in Beer Halls in Zimbabwe: Results of a Randomized Controlled Trial." *AIDS and Behavior*.

Wyrod, Robert. 2008. "Between Women's Rights and Men's Authority: Masculinity and Shifting Discourses of Gender Difference in Urban Uganda." *Gender & Society*, Volume 22: 799-823.

Wyrod, Robert. 2008. Review of *Pillars of the Nation: Child Citizens and Ugandan National Development* by Kristian E. Cheney. *American Journal of Sociology*, Volume 114: 868-870.

Wyrod, Robert. 2006. "The Men of Bwaise." In Adam Jones, ed., *Men of the Global South: A Reader*, pp. 21-28. London: Zed Books.

Wyrod, Robert. 2000. "Warriors of the South Side: Race and the Body in the Martial Arts of Black Chicago." *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, Volume 44: 126-150.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Wyrod, Robert. "Dialectics of Gender and Health: The Case of HIV Serodiscordance."

Wyrod, Robert. "Gender and AIDS Stigma." In Pranee Liamputtong, ed., *Stigma, Discrimination and Living with HIV/AIDS: A Cross-Cultural Perspective*. London: Springer.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Wyrod, Robert. *Masculinity Reinscribed: Gender, Social Change, and Everyday Life in Urban Uganda*. Book manuscript in preparation.

Wyrod, Robert. "The Limits of Work in the Production of Masculinity: A View from Urban Africa."

PRESENTATIONS

"Work and the Production of Masculinity in an African Slum." University of Virginia, Department of Sociology. Charlottesville, VA. April 21, 2011.

"AIDS, Masculinity, and the Reconfiguration of Intimate Relationships: A View from Urban Uganda." International Center for Research on Women. Washington DC. June 11, 2010.

"Intimate Relationships, Power Dynamics, and AIDS Prevention in Uganda." American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA, December 3, 2009.

- “Providing in Poverty: Masculinity and Work in an African Slum.” American Sociological Association, SF, CA, August 8, 2009.
- “Masculinity, Intimate Relationships, and AIDS Prevention in Uganda.” Working Group on the Social and Political Aspects of AIDS, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, May 5, 2009.
- “From Denial to Assimilation: AIDS Stigma and the Contours of Masculinity in Urban Uganda.” American Anthropological Association, SF, CA, November 19, 2008.
- “Between Women’s Rights and Men’s Authority: Shifting Discourses of Gender Difference and Equality in Urban Uganda.” African Studies Association, NY, NY, October 18, 2007.
- “The Boundaries of Monogamy: Masculinity and Sexuality in Urban Uganda.” American Sociological Association, NY, NY, August 11, 2007.
- “Masculinity in Urban Uganda in the Age of AIDS.” American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 14, 2006.
- “Being a Man in Bwaise Town.” American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C., December 2, 2005.

TEACHING POSITIONS

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| University of Michigan | 2010-
present |
| <i>Approaches to Feminist Scholarship</i> – Graduate Seminar | |
| <i>The Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic</i> – Undergraduate Lecture | |
| <i>Gender, Health and Wellbeing in Africa</i> – Undergraduate Seminar | |
| <i>Feminist Thought</i> – Undergraduate Seminar | |
|
University of Chicago |
2005-06 |
| <i>Gender and Sexuality in the Developing World</i> – Undergraduate Seminar | |
| Robert E. Park Memorial Lectureship for Undergraduate Teaching, Dept. of Sociology | |
| <i>Sex, Love and Gender in Africa in the Age of AIDS</i> – Undergraduate Seminar | |
| Center for Gender Studies Prize Lectureship for Undergraduate Teaching | |
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Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda |
2004 |
| Department of Women and Gender Studies | |
| Designed and taught a graduate seminar on masculinity and ethnographic methods at the oldest Women’s Studies department in sub-Saharan Africa. | |

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender and Sexuality, Culture, Globalization, Ethnographic Methods, African Studies, Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS, Documentary Film and Video

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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| UCSF Global Health Sciences, International Research Fellowship | 2009 |
| National Institutes of Health, National Research Service Award Postdoctoral Fellowship | 2007-10 |
| Prize Lectureship, Center for Gender Studies, University of Chicago | 2006 |

Doolittle-Harrison Travel Fellowship, University of Chicago	2005
Robert E. Park Memorial Lectureship, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago	2005
National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant	2004
University of Chicago Overseas Dissertation Fellowship	2003
Honors, Sexuality Special Field Exam, University of Chicago	2002
Paul Robeson Fund for Independent Media	2002

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Research Associate, University of Chicago Survey Research Lab	2004-07
Collected and analyzed quantitative survey data and qualitative interview data.	

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Luganda - Intermediate

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Sociological Association, Session Organizer, Social Dimensions of AIDS	2011-12
<i>Qualitative Sociology</i> , Occasional Manuscript Reviewer	2010-present
<i>Gender & Society</i> , Occasional Manuscript Reviewer	2008-present
<i>American Journal of Sociology</i> , Occasional Manuscript Reviewer	2000-present
Co-Organizer, panel on African masculinities, American Anthropological Association	2005
<i>American Journal of Sociology</i> , Book Review Editorial Board	2001-02
Co-Organizer, Second Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference	2000

SELECTED FILM AND VIDEO

<i>South Side Warriors</i>	2003
Director, Camera, Editor	
This documentary examines how the Asian martial arts have been adapted by African-Americans on Chicago's South Side to cope with life in some of America's poorest communities. Broadcast nationally on Free Speech TV.	
<i>Maxwell Street Blues</i>	2000
Co-director, Camera, Editor	
This documentary chronicles the struggle to save Chicago's Maxwell Street community, the birthplace of the electric blues. Broadcast on Chicago Public Television (WTTW) and screened in several U.S. film festivals.	

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association – Culture, Sex and Gender sections
 Sociologists for Women in Society
 American Anthropological Association
 African Studies Association

REFERENCES

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