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**EDUCATION**

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| 2008 | PhD | George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis, MO<br>Dissertation: <i>The Impact of an Asset-Building Intervention on Rural Households in Sub-Saharan Africa</i> |
| 2002 | MSW | George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis, MO<br>Concentration: Social and Economic Development  |
| 1992 | BSW | University of Zambia, Lusaka, Zambia<br>Major Field: Social and Economic Development in Developing Countries   |

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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| 2022 – 2025    | Visiting Professor, University of Johannesburg, Faculty of Humanities   |
| 2020 - present | Professor, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill   |
| 2018 – present | Associate Dean for Global Engagement, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill                                       |
| 2016 – present | Founding Director, Global Social Development Innovations, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill                   |
| 2014 – 2019    | Associate Professor, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill                                 |
| 2014 - present | Faculty Director, Global Asset Building, Center for Social Development, Washington University in St Louis, St Louis, MO |
| 2012 – present | Senior Research Fellow, Center for Social Development Africa, University of Johannesburg, South Africa                  |
| 2008 – 2014    | Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill                                 |
| July–Dec. 2008 | Instructor, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  |
| 2006 – 2008    | Teaching Fellow, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis, MO                      |

2001 – 2008	Project Manager, AssetsAfrica Project, Center for Social Development, Washington University in St Louis, MO
1999 – 2000	Principal Consultant, Chowa Development Consultants, Gaborone, Botswana
1997 – 1999	Project Director, Pudulogong Rehabilitation and Development Trust, Mochudi, Botswana
1994 – 1996	Program Management Consultant. World Vision International, Gaborone, Botswana

### HONORS AND AWARDS

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2021	Leadership in Global Social Development Award, International Consortium of Social Development July 16, 2021
2020	Johnson-Howard-Adair Distinguished Professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work
2016	Wallace Kuralt Early Career Distinguished Professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work
2014	Ruth and Philip Hettleman Prize for Artistic and Scholarly Achievement, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chancellor's Award
2014	Excellence in Doctoral Students Mentoring Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work
2014, 2017	Dean's Recognition of Teaching Excellence Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work.
2011	Junior Faculty Development Award for Impacts of Enhanced Economic Capability on HIV Positive People in Zambia Project, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2010	Most Innovative HIV/AIDS Research, UNC Center for Aids Research, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2003 – 2008	William Beveridge Doctoral Fellow, George Warren Brown School of Social Work Washington University in St. Louis, MO
2000 – 2002	Leo Tolstoy Fellow for Most Promising Leader in International Social Development, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis, MO

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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(\*INDICATES PUBLICATIONS COAUTHORED WITH GRADUATE STUDENTS I MENTORED)

### **EDITED BOOK**

1. **Chowa, G.**, (forthcoming). *Global Social Work: Preparing globally competent social workers for a diverse and interconnected world*. New York: Springer Publishing Company

### **EDITED BOOK CHAPTER**

1. **Chowa, G.**, Fraga C., Thompson, A., Chapman, M., & Bentley, M. (forthcoming). Human dimension in the Galapagos islands. In Walsh S.J. & Mena C.F. Series Editors forthcoming 2023 *World Island Sustainability*. New York: Springer Nature.
2. Ansong, D., Okumu, M., Huang, J., Sun, S., Huseynli, A., Koomson, I., **Chowa, G.**, Ssewamala, F., Sherraden, M.S., & Sherraden, M. (Accepted). Financial capability and asset building: Innovations in social protection and development. In L. Patel, S. Plagerson, & I. Chinyoka (Ed.), *Handbook on social protection and social development in the global south*, Edward Elgar.
3. **Chowa, G.**, (2016). International social work and social welfare in Southern Africa. In *Encyclopedia of social work* online. New York: Oxford University Press.
4. **Chowa, G.**, \*Masa, R., Sherraden, M., & Weil, M. (2012). Confronting global poverty: Building economic opportunity and social inclusion. In M. Weil, M.S. Reisch, & M. L. Ohmer (Eds.), *The handbook of community practice* (2nd ed., pp. 607–632). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
5. Alzate, M., Andharia, J., **Chowa, G.**, Weil, M., & Doernberg, A. (2012). Women and leadership in development, planning, and organizing. In M. Weil, M.S. Reisch, & M. L. Ohmer (Eds.), *The handbook of community practice* (2nd ed., pp. 653–682). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

### **GUEST JOURNAL EDITOR OF A SPECIAL ISSUE**

1. **Chowa, G.**, (2019). Employing holistic interventions for global social development; impacts, challenges and gaps in knowledge. *Global Social Welfare*, 6 (1).

### **PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES PUBLISHED/ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION**

1. **Chowa, G.**, Masa, R., Bilotta, N., Zulu G., & Manzanares, M. (Accepted). A structural equation modelling approach to measure employability attributes and its association with job search behaviors in NEET youth. *Journal of African Psychology*
2. Chung S.K.G, Ansong, D. & **Chowa, G.**, (Accepted). Effect of parenting practices, goals, and parental warmth on Ghanaian youth financial behavior. *Children and Youth Services Review*
3. **Chowa, G.**, Masa, R., Manzanares, M., & Bilotta, N. (Accepted). A research review of Positive Youth Development programming for vulnerable and marginalized youth in low- and middle-income countries. *Children and Youth Services Review*
4. **Chowa, G.**, Masa, R., Bilotta, N., Zulu, G., & Manzanares, M. (in press). Can social networks improve job search behaviors among low-income youth in resource-limited settings? Evidence from South Africa. *Development Southern Africa*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0376835X.2022.2120457>

5. Masa, R. & **Chowa, G.** (2021). Household food insecurity and educational outcomes in school-going adolescents in Ghana. *Public Health Nutrition*, 24(6), 1349–1361. doi.org/10.1017/S1368980020001974
6. Patel, L., Graham, L., & **Chowa, G.** (2020) Evidence of non-economic indicators as markers of success for youth in youth employability program: Insights from a South Africa study. *Children and Youth Service Review*. doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105404
7. Masa, R., Bates, C., & **Chowa, G.** (2020). Direct and indirect associations of food insecurity, adolescent-parent relationship, and adolescent future orientation. *Journal of Family Issues*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0192513X20942807>
8. Masa, R., **Chowa, G.**, & Sherraden, M. (2020). An evaluation of a school-based savings program and its effect on sexual risk behaviors and victimization among young Ghanaians. *Youth & Society*, 52(7), 1083–1106. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0044118X18824730>
9. Masa, R., Khan, Z., & **Chowa, G.** (2020). Youth food insecurity in Ghana and South Africa: Prevalence, socioeconomic correlates, and moderation effect of gender. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 116. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105180>
10. **Chowa, G.**, (2019). The next frontier for social development: Deepening our understanding, discovering new solutions, and forging ahead. *Global Social Welfare*, 6 (1): 1- 3. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40609-019-00145-4>
11. **Chowa, G.**, & Masa, R. (2019). Asset ownership and academic achievement of youth in Ghana: Examining association based on asset type and academic subject. *The Educational Forum*, 83(2), 181–198. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00131725.2019.1570578>
12. Masa, R., & **Chowa, G.** (2019). Correlates of animal source food consumption and its association with psychosocial functioning of adults in rural Uganda. *Food Security*, 11(3), 665–667. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12571-019-00924-z>
13. Masa, R., Graham, L., Khan, Z., **Chowa, G.**, & Patel, L. (2019). Food insecurity, sexual risk taking, and sexual victimization in Ghanaian adolescents and young South African adults. *International Journal of Public Health*, 64(2), 153-163. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00038-018-1155-x>
14. Elliott, W., **Chowa G.**, Ellis, J., Chen, Z., & O'Brien, M. (2019). Combining children's savings account programs with scholarship programs: Effects on math and reading scores. *Children Youth and Services Review*, 102, 7 – 17. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2019.04.024>
15. Gichane, W.M.\*, Mutesa, M, & **Chowa, G.** (2019). Translating evidence into policy change: Advocacy for Community-Based distribution of injectable contraceptives in Zambia. *Global Social Welfare*, 6 (1): 41-47. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40609-018-0115-y>
16. Masa, R., & **Chowa, G.** (2019). The association of material hardship with perceived stress and medication adherence among people living with HIV in rural Zambia. *Global Social Welfare*, 6 (1): 17-28. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40609-018-0122-z>

17. Ansong, D., Eisensmith, S. R., Okumu, M., & **Chowa, G.** (2019). The importance of self-efficacy and educational aspirations for academic achievement in resource-limited countries: Evidence from Ghana. *Journal of Adolescence* 70, 13-23. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.adolescence.2018.11.003>
18. Ansong, D., **Chowa, G.**, Masa, R., Despard, M., Sherraden, M., Wu, S., & Osei-Akoto, I. (2019). Effects of youth savings accounts on school attendance and academic performance: Evidence from a youth savings experiment. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 40(2), 269-281. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10834-018-9604-5>
19. Wu, S., Fraser, M.V., Chapman, M.V., Gao, Q., Huang, J. & **Chowa, G.A.** (2018). Exploring the relationship between welfare participation in childhood and depression in adulthood in the United States. *Social Science Research*. 76,12-22
20. Ansong, D., **Chowa, G.**, Masa, R., Despard, M., Sherraden, M., Wu, S., & Osei-Akoto, I. (2019) Effects of Youth Savings Accounts on School Attendance and Academic Performance: Evidence from a Youth Savings Experiment. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10834-018-9604-5>
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22. Masa, R., & **Chowa, G.** (2018). Food security among people living with HIV: A review of programs and evidence in resource-limited settings. *HIV & AIDS Review. International Journal of HIV-Related Problems*, 17 (1): 1-7. <https://doi.org/10.5114/hivar.2018.73977>
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25. Ansong, D., Okumu, M., Hamilton, E. R., **Chowa, G. A.**, & Eisensmith, S. R. (2018). Perceived family economic hardship and student engagement among junior high schoolers in Ghana. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 85, 9-18. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2017.11.008>
26. Johnson, L., Lee, Y., Njenga, G., Kieyah, J., Osei-Akoto, I., Orgales, C. R., Sharma, S., **Chowa, G.**, Ansong, D., Ssewamala, F., Sherraden, M., Sherraden, M., & Zou, L. (2018). School banking as a strategy for strengthening youth economic participation in developing countries: Lessons from YouthSave. *Global Social Welfare*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40609-017-0109-1>
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29. Masa, R., **Chowa, G.**, & Nyirenda, V. (2017). Barriers and facilitators of antiretroviral therapy adherence in rural Eastern Province, Zambia: The role of household economic status. *African Journal of AIDS Research*, 16(2), 91-99. Doi: 10.2989/16085906.2017.1308386
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33. Cuddeback, G., Wilson, A., Despard, M., Tomar, N., & **Chowa, G.** (2016). Financial insecurity and risk experiences of justice involved persons with severe mental illness. *Social Work in Mental Health*. Doi: 10.1080/15332985.2016.1267069
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35. Ansong, D., **Chowa, G.**, & Masa, R. (2016). Cross-cultural adaptation and validation of the commitment-to-school scale using a sample of junior high school youth in Ghana. *Journal of Experimental Education*, 84, 621-638. Doi: 10.1080/00220973.2015.1123666
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37. Friedline, T., \*Despard, M. & **Chowa, G.** (2015). Children's savings as a preventive policy strategy for banking the unbanked: Savings accounts for teenagers? *Journal of Poverty*, 20, 1-33.
38. **Chowa, G.**, \*Masa, R., Ramos, Y., & Ansong, D. (2015). How do student and school characteristics influence academic performance in Ghana? A hierarchical linear modeling of Ghana YouthSave baseline data *International Journal of Educational Development* 11/2015; 45:129-140. doi:10.1016/j.ijedudev.2015.09.009
39. **Chowa, G.** & Masa, R. (2015). Asset ownership and future orientation of youth and their parents: Evidence from Ghana. *Children & Youth Services Review*, 36: 2, 173-200. doi:10.1080/0145935X.2015.1037046

40. Ansong, D., **Chowa, G.**, & Adjabeng, B. (2015). Spatial analysis of the distribution and determinants of bank branch presence in Ghana. *International Journal of Bank Marketing*, 33( 3), 201-222. doi:10.1108/IJBM-09-2013-0103
41. Ansong, D., **Chowa, A.**, & Sherraden, M. (2015) Household assets, academic expectations and academic performance among Ghanaian junior high school students: Investigating mediation. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 50, 101-110. Doi:10.1016/j.childyouth.2015.01.016
42. Friedline, T., \*Masa, R., & **Chowa, G.** (2015). Transforming wealth: Using the inverse hyperbolic sine (IHS) and splines to predict youth's math achievement. *Social Science Research*. 49, 264-287. doi:10.1016/j.ssresearch.2014.08.018
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44. **Chowa, G.**, Ansong, D., & \*Despard, M. (2014). Financial capability for rural households in Masindi, Uganda: An exploration of the impact of internal and external capabilities using multilevel modeling. *Social Work Research*, 38(1), 19-35. doi: 10.1093/swr/svu002.
45. \*Despard, M. R., & **Chowa, G.** (2014). Testing a measurement model of financial capability among youth in Ghana. *Journal of Consumer Affairs*, 48, 301-322. doi: 10.1111/joca.12031.
46. **Chowa, G.**, \*Masa, R. & Tucker, J. (2013). The effects of parental involvement on academic performance of Ghanaian youth: Testing measurement and relationship using structural equation modeling. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 35(12), 2020–2030. doi:10.1016/j.childyouth.2013.09.009
47. **Chowa, G.**, \*Masa, R., Wretman, C., & \*Ansong, D. (2013). The impact of household possessions on youth's academic achievement in the Ghana YouthSave experiment: A propensity score analysis. *Economics of Education Review*, 33, 69–81. doi:10.1016/j.econedurev.2012.08.005
48. \*Despard, M. R., & **Chowa, G.** (2013). Training social workers in personal finance: An exploratory study. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 49(4), 689–700. doi:10.1080/10437797.2013.812895
49. **Chowa, G.**, & \*Despard, M. (2013). The influence of parental financial socialization on youth's financial behavior: Evidence from Ghana. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 1–14. doi:10.1007/s10834-013-9377-9
50. \*Ansong, D, **Chowa, G.**, & Grinstein-Weiss, M. (2013). The role of future orientation in mediating the effects of assets on perceived household economic stability: A structural equation modeling approach. *Social Work Research*, 37(1) 147–158. doi:10.1093/swr/svt012
51. Lesorogol, C., **Chowa, G.**, & \*Ansong, D. (2013). The roles of livestock inheritance and formal education in intergenerational wealth transmission among pastoralists in Samburu District, Kenya. *Journal of Developing Societies*, 29(2), 213–232. doi:10.1177/0169796X13479710

52. **Chowa, G., \*Masa, R., & Sherraden, M.** (2012). Wealth effects of an asset-building intervention among rural households in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research, 3*, 329-345. doi:10.5243/jsswr.2012.20
53. **Chowa, G., \*Masa, R., & \*Ansong, D.** (2012). Determinants of savings among low-income individuals in rural Uganda. *Advances in Applied Sociology, 2*(4), 280-291. doi:10.4236/aasoci.2012.24037
54. \*Friedline, T., Elliott, W., & **Chowa, G.** (2012). Testing an asset-building approach for young people: Early access to saving predicts later savings. *Economics of Education Review.* doi:10.1016/j.econedurev.2012.08.005
55. Lesorogol, C., **Chowa, G., & \*Ansong, D.** (2011). Livestock inheritance and education: Attitudes and decision-making among Samburu pastoralists. *Nomadic Peoples, 15*(12), 82-103.
56. **Chowa, G., & Elliott, W.** (2011). An asset approach to increasing perceived household economic stability among families in Uganda. *Journal of Socio-Economics, 40*, 81-87. doi:10.1016/j.socec.2010.02.008
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#### REVISE AND RESUBMIT

#### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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71. Bilotta, N., Manzanares, M., **Chowa, G.**, & Masa, R. Culturally responsive “youth contribution” in positive youth development in low and middle-income countries. *International Journal of Community and Social Development*.
- Khan, Z., Patel, L., Graham, L., Burger, R., **Chowa, G.**, & Masa, R. Youth employability programmes in South Africa: Which features work best and for who? *Development Southern Africa*.
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73. **Chowa, G.**, & Masa, R., Manzanares, M., & Zulu, G. Youth program features' influence on youth employment outcomes: A longitudinal analysis of South African youth. *Evaluation and Planning*

#### MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

74. **Chowa, G.**, & Masa, R., & Manzanares, M. Does higher financial capability improve work seeking behaviors? The case of Siyakha Youth Assets Project.
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**NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

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9. **Chowa, G.**, & Masa, R. (2016). *Implications for youth livelihoods programming: Evidence from YouthSave Ghana*. (GSDI Research Brief). Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina, Global Social Development Innovations.
10. **Chowa, G.**, & Masa, R. (2016). *The outcomes of opening or depositing in a savings account for low-income youth in the Ghana YouthSave Experiment*. (GSDI Research Brief). Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina, Global Social Development Innovations.

11. **Chowa, G.**, Masa, R., Osei-Akoto, I., Ansong, D., Despard, M., Afranie, S., ... Sherraden, M. (2015). *Impacts of financial inclusion on youth development: Findings from the Ghana YouthSave experiment*. (CSD Research Report 15-35). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.
12. Johnson, L., Lee, Y., Ansong, D., Sherraden, M. S., **Chowa, A. N.**, Ssewamala, F., Zou, L., Sherraden, M., Njenga, M., Kieyah, J., Osei-Akoto, I., Sharma, S., Manandhar, J., Rodriguez, C., Merchán, F., & Saavedra, J. (2015). *Youth Savings Patterns and Performance in Colombia, Ghana, Kenya, and Nepal*. (YouthSave Research Report 15-01). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.
13. Lee, Y., Johnson, L. Sherraden, M., Ansong, D., Osei-Akoto, I., & **Chowa, G. A.** (2015). "Taking the bank to the youth:" *Impacts on saving and asset building from the Ghana YouthSave experiment*. (CSD Working Paper No. 15-43). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.
14. Johnson, L., Lee, Y., Ansong, D., **Chowa, G.**, Osei-Akoto, I., & Sherraden, M. (2015). *Youth Savings Patterns and Performance in Ghana: A Supplementary Report*. (YouthSave Research Report 15-27). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.
15. Johnson, L., Lee, Y., Ansong, D., Sherraden, M. S., **Chowa, G. A. N.**, Ssewamala, F., Zou, L., Sherraden, M., Njenga, M., Kieyah, J., Osei-Akoto, I., Sharma, S., Manandha, J., Rodriguez, C., Merchan., F., & Saavedra, J. (2015). *Youth Saving Patterns and Performance in Colombia, Ghana, Kenya, and Nepal: Key Findings*. (CSD Research Brief No. 15-55). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.
16. **Chowa, G.**, Ansong, D., Masa, R., Wu, S., Ramos, Y., & Kimathi, M. B. (2014). *Baseline survey of the third cohort: A supplemental report from the YouthSave Ghana Experiment*. (YouthSave Research Report 14-26). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.
17. Johnson, L., Lee, Y.S., Sherraden, M., **Chowa, G.**, Ansong, D., Ssewamala, F., ... Saavedra, J. (2013). *Savings patterns and performance in Colombia, Ghana, Kenya, and Nepal*. (YouthSave Research Report No. 13-18). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.
18. \*Ansong, D., & **Chowa, G.** (2013). *Visual demonstration of academic performance and parental involvement in Ghana* (YouthSave Research Brief 13-17). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.
19. **Chowa, G.**, \*Ansong, D., \*Masa, R., \*Despard, M., Osei-Akoto, I., Richmond, A.-A., Agyei-Holmes, A., & Sherraden, M. (2012). *Youth and saving in Ghana: A baseline report from the YouthSave Ghana Experiment*. St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.
20. **Chowa, G.**, \*Despard, M., \*Masa, R., \*Ansong, D., & Sneed, C. (2012). *Youth workforce development, financial assets, & psychological well-being: A report on the formative and market research in Kibera, Nairobi, Kenya*. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work.

21. Deshpande, R., & Zimmerman, J. (Eds.). [**Chowa, G.**, Contributing Author]. (2010). Youth savings in developing countries: Trends in practice, gaps in knowledge (A report of the YouthSave Consortium). Washington, DC: YouthSave Consortium.
22. **Chowa, G.**, \*Ansong, D., & Osei-Akoto, I. (2012). *Parental involvement and academic performance in Ghana* (YouthSave Research Brief 12-42). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.
23. **Chowa, G.**, \*Masa, R., & Osei-Akoto, I. (2012). *Youth and their health in Ghana* (YouthSave Research Brief 12-41). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.
24. **Chowa, G.**, \*Despard, M., & Osei-Akoto, I. (2012). *Financial knowledge and attitudes of youth in Ghana* (YouthSave Research Brief 12-37). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.
25. **Chowa, G.**, \*Despard, M., & Osei-Akoto, I. (2012). *Youth saving patterns and performance in Ghana* (YouthSave Research Brief 12-36). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.
26. **Chowa, G.**, \*Masa, R., & Osei-Akoto, I. (2012). *Youth in the Ghana Experiment: Characteristics and living conditions* (YouthSave Research Brief 12-35). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.
27. \*Masa, R., Zou, L., Sherraden, M., **Chowa, G.**, Ssewamala, F., Ansong, D., Johnson, L., Sherraden, M. (2010). *Youth savings: Initial insights from the demand side* (Research Brief, CSD No. 10-11). Washington University in St. Louis, Center for Social Development.

## PRESENTATIONS

### NATIONAL & GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZER

1. Chowa, G. (2017, October) Setting the agenda for the next frontier in global social development. Inaugural Global Social Development Innovations Center symposium, Chapel Hill, NC.
2. **Chowa, G.A.N.** (2014, November). Cross-sectoral strategies to promote youth development. Symposium presented at the 2014 Association of Public Policy and Management Fall Conference, Albuquerque, NM.
3. **Chowa, G.A.N.** (2013, January). Understanding individual, institutional, and environmental determinants of savings and asset accumulation globally: Examples from Uganda, United States, China, and Ghana. Symposium presented at the 17th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA.
4. **Chowa, G.A.N.** (2012, January). Interventions and policies to improve the economic well-being and stability of families around the world: Evidence from China, Kenya, Uganda, and the United States. Symposium presented at the 16th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
5. Grinstein-Weiss, M. & **Chowa, G.A.N.** (2010, January). Building assets for low-income children and youth: Emerging research and implications for social work policy and practice. Symposium presented

at the 14th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.

#### **PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Chowa, G.,** Masa, R., Bilotta, N., Zulu, G., & Manzanares, M. (July, 2021). Can social networks improve job search behaviors among low-income youth in resource-limited settings? Evidence from South Africa. Paper presented (virtually) at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Conference of the International Consortium of Social Development, University of Johannesburg, July 13-16, 2021.
2. **Chowa, G.,** Masa, R., Bilotta, N., Zulu, G., & Manzanares, M. (July, 2021). A structural equation modelling approach to measure employability attributes and its association with job search behaviors in NEET youth. Paper presented (virtually) at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Conference of the International Consortium of Social Development, University of Johannesburg, July 13-16, 2021.
3. **Chowa, G.,** & Masa, R., Graham L., Banks, A., Zulu, G., & Manzanares, M. (July, 2021). The mediating effects of self-efficacy on the relationship between employability attributes and job readiness: A longitudinal, Structural Equation Modelling Study. Paper presented (virtually) at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Conference of the International Consortium of Social Development, University of Johannesburg, July 13-16, 2021.
4. Masa, R., Tamta, M., Zimba, M., & **Chowa, G.,** (January 2021) The association of internalized and enacted HIV stigma with medication adherence, mental health, and adherence skills in young people living with HIV in Zambia. Paper presented (virtually) at 25th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, January 19–22, 2021.
5. Masa, R., Graham, L., Khan, Z., **Chowa, G.,** & Patel, L. (January, 2019). Food insecurity, sexual risk taking, and sexual victimization in Ghanaian adolescents and young South African adults. Paper presented at the 23rd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA, January 16-20.
6. Masa, R., & **Chowa, G.** (2018, January). Financial capability program and condom use among sexually-active youth in the Ghana Youthsave Project. Paper presented at the 22nd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC, January 10-14.
7. Masa, R., & **Chowa, G.** (2018, January). Correlates of individual dietary diversity and its association with psychosocial functioning of adults in rural Uganda. Paper presented at the 22nd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC, January 10-14.
8. Masa, R., **Chowa, G.,** & Nyirenda, V. (2018, January). Material hardship, perceived stress, and medication adherence among treatment-experienced people living with HIV in rural Zambia. Paper presented at the 22nd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC, January 10-14.
9. Ansong, D., Ampomah, A., & **Chowa, G.,** (2018, August 6). *Early access to financial inclusion opportunities and its implications for school attendance and academic performance at the JHS level in Ghana.* Presented at the Ghana Education Evidence Summit 2018 convened by Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) and the Ministry of Education, Accra, Ghana.
10. Masa, R., **Chowa, G.,** Osei-Akoto, I., & Ansong, D. (2017, December). Access to food and its

association with noncognitive skills of Ghanaian youth. Paper presented at the 3rd International Conference on Global Food Security, Cape Town, South Africa, December 3-6.

11. Masa, R., **Chowa, G.**, Graham, L., Patel, L., Osei-Akoto, I., Khan, Z., Williams, L., & Mthembu, S. (2017, December). Prevalence of food insecurity and its correlates among young people in Ghana and South Africa. Poster presented at the 3rd International Conference on Global Food Security, Cape Town, South Africa, December 3-6.
12. Rabiner, S., Ansong, D., **Chowa, G.**, & Ansong, E. (2017, January). The Influence of Academic Self-Efficacy Beliefs on Educational Aspirations Among Junior High School Students in Ghana. Poster presented at the 2017 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
13. Ansong, D., **Chowa, G.**, Masa, R., & Sherraden, M. (2016, November). Impacts of youth savings accounts on youth developmental outcomes: Findings from the Ghana YouthSave experiment. Paper presented at the 38th Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC, November 3-5.
14. Masa, R., & **Chowa, G.** (2016, November). Food insecurity and sexual risk taking among adolescent girls in Ghana. Poster presented at the 144th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, CO, October 29-November 2.
15. Masa, R., & **Chowa, G.** (2016, November). Food insecurity and parent-youth relationship in Ghana. Poster presented at the 144th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, CO, October 29-November 2.
16. Masa, R. & **Chowa, G.** (2016, January). Household food insecurity and future orientation of youth and their parents: evidence from Ghana. Forthcoming paper presentation at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington DC, DC, January 13-17.
17. Ansong, D., Wu, S., & **Chowa, G.** (2016 January). The role of child and parent savings in promoting expectations for university education among middle school students in Ghana: A propensity score analysis. Forthcoming paper presentation at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington DC, DC, January 13-17.
18. Ansong, D., Rabiner, S., Masa, R., & **Chowa, G.** (2016 January). Adaptation and validation of an academic self-efficacy scale for junior high school students in Ghana. Forthcoming paper presentation at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington DC, DC, January 13-17.
19. Wu, S., Despard, M., & **Chowa, G.** (2015, April). The influence of parents on youth's access to financial services in Ghana. Paper presented at A Convening on Financial Capability and Asset Building: Advancing Education, Research and Practice in Social Work. St. Louis, MO.
20. **Chowa, G.**, & \*Masa, R. (2015, January). Asset ownership and parent-youth relationship in Ghana: Determinants of positive health and wellbeing. Paper presented at the 19th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA, January 14-18.

21. **Chowa, G.**, \*Masa, R., & \*Wu, S. (2014, November). Impact of an asset-building program on self-perceived health of low-income individuals in rural Uganda. Paper presented at the 142nd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, New Orleans, LA, November 15-19.
22. \*Masa, R. & **Chowa, G.** (2014, November). Does asset ownership improve family-level health-related protective factors? Evidence from Ghana. Poster presented at the 142nd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, New Orleans, LA, November 15-19.
23. \*Masa, R., & **Chowa, G.** (2014, November). Self-perceived health and attitudes toward sex and HIV prevention among Ghanaian youth. Paper presented at the 142nd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, New Orleans, LA, November 15-19.
24. **Chowa G.** (2014, October). Implementing a large scale, nationwide, impact assessment for youth savings and development: An innovative model from the Ghana YouthSave experiment. Presented at the Annual Conference of the American Evaluation Association, Denver, CO, October 13-19.
25. **Chowa, G.**, & \*Masa, R. (2014, January). *Food insecurity and psychosocial well-being of individuals in rural Uganda*. Presented at the 18th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Antonio, TX, January 15-19.
26. \*Masa, R., & **Chowa, G.** (2014, January). *Food insecurity and sexual risk taking among young Filipinos*. Presented at the 18th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Antonio, TX, January 15-19.
27. \*Despard, M., & **Chowa, G.** (2014, January). *Earned income as a predictor of youth saving in Ghana*. Presented at the 18th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Antonio, TX, January 15-19.
28. **Chowa, G.**, & \*Masa, R. (2013, November). *Investigating the effects of a savings and asset-building program on health and well-being of low-income youth in Ghana*. Presented at the 141st Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.
29. \*Masa, R., & **Chowa, G.** (2013, November). *Social and economic determinants of youth health perception: Evidence from the Ghana YouthSave experiment*. Presented at the 141st Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA, November 2-6.
30. **Chowa, G.A.N.**, \*Masa, R., & Sherraden, M. (2013, January). *Wealth effects of an asset-building intervention among rural households in Masindi, Uganda*. Presented at the 17th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA.
31. **Chowa, G.A.N.**, & \*Masa, R. (2013, January). *Individual and school effects on academic performance of youth in the Ghana Youthsave experiment*. Presented at the 17th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA.
32. \*Despard, M., & **Chowa, G. A. N.** (2013, January). *Parents' influence on youth's money management in Ghana*. Presented at the 17th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA.

33. **Chowa, G.A.N.**, \*Masa, R., Osei-Akoto, I., Johnson, L., & Sherraden, M. (2012, November). *Determinants of youth savings in Ghana*. Presented at the 17th Association of Public Policy and Management Fall Conference, Washington, DC.
34. \*Despard, M., & **Chowa, G.** (2012, January). *Financial capability for youth in Ghana: Understanding the developmental and cultural validity of asset building inquiry in a developing country*. Presented at the 16th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
35. **Chowa G.**, \*Masa, R., & \*Ansong, D. (2012, January). *Individual and institutional determinants of saving and asset building in Masindi, Uganda: Evidence from AssetsAfrica*. Presented at the 16th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
36. \*Despard, M. R. & **Chowa, G. A. N.** (2011, September). *How to develop a financial capability project: Building evidence as you go*. Presented at the Global Youth Economic Opportunities Conference, Washington, DC.
37. **Chowa, G.**, & \*Ansong, D. (2011, January). *Impacts of an asset-building intervention on household well-being in rural Uganda*. Presented at the 15th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Tampa, FL.
38. **Chowa, G.**, & \*Ansong, D. (2011, January). *Understanding contextual factors that explain the savings trends of youth in rural communities in Masindi, Uganda*. Presented at the 15th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Tampa, FL.
39. Lesorogol, C., & **Chowa G.A.N.** (2010, October 12). *Livestock or the pen: Is education a route out of poverty for pastoralists?* Presented at the Overseas Development Institute Inheritance and the Intergenerational Transmission of Poverty Conference, London, England.
40. **Chowa, G.**, & \*Ansong, D. (2010, September 14-16). *Understanding the financial capability for the youth in AssetsAfrica: The case of Masindi, Uganda*. Presented at the Global Youth Enterprise and Livelihoods Development Conference, Washington, DC.
41. Grinstein-Weiss, M., Key, C. Yoo, J. P., **Chowa, G.**, & Taylor, A. (2010, January). *The effect of homeownership on children's positive behavior among low and moderate income household*. Presented at the 14th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
42. **Chowa, G.**, & \*Ansong, D. (2008, November). *Youth savings in AssetsAfrica*. Presented at the Child Development Accounts: Research and Policy Symposium, St Louis, MO.
43. **Chowa, G.**, \*Ansong, D., & \*Masa, R. (2008, November). *Assets and child well-being in developing countries: A research review*. Presented at the Child Development Accounts: Research and Policy Symposium, St Louis, MO.
44. **Chowa, G.** (2006, September). *Factors affecting asset ownership for rural households in Sub-Saharan Africa: The gendered perspective*. Presented at the International Association of Schools of Social Work Conference, Santiago, Chile.
45. **Chowa, G.** (2004, September). *AssetsAfrica – Testing an idea for social development in Africa*.



Presented at the Individual Development Accounts Learning Conference, Ontario, Canada.

**Invited Scholarly Presentations for Agencies, Universities, and Conferences**

1. **Chowa, G.**, (2022) The Human side of Sustainable Development Goals: The case of exploring social issues in the Galapagos. K – 12 Global Education Symposium: Reimagining Teaching and Learning in a Better World, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. October 13, 2022
2. **Chowa, G.**, (2022) Human dimension in the Galapagos islands. World Island Sustainability Summit, San Cristobal, Galapagos, Ecuador, June 26-30.
3. Masa, R., **Chowa, G.**, & Nyirenda, V. (2016, October). Effect of a livelihood intervention on food security of people living with HIV in rural Zambia. Poster presented at the 10th National Center for AIDS Research Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Network (SBSRN) Scientific Meeting Mentoring Day, Miami, FL, October 21.
4. Masa, R., **Chowa, G.**, & Nyirenda, V. (2016, February). Prevalence and correlates of food insecurity among people living with HIV in rural Zambia. Paper presented at the 5th International Conference on Spirituality and Social Work at the Center for Studies in Rural Development – Institute for Social Work and Research, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra, India.
5. **Chowa, G.** (2016, February). Keynote Address. *Building community resilience for sustainable development*. International Conference of Spirituality and Social Work, Center for Studies in Rural Development, Institute for Social Work and Research, University of Pune, Ahmednagar Maharashtra India.
6. **Chowa G.** (2015, October). *Findings from the Ghana YouthSave Experiment*. Invited Presentation to the Pathways to Development: Evidence from YouthSave Event, organized by Microlinks and USAID, Washington DC, DC.
7. **Chowa G.** (2015, April). *Rethinking Pathways for the Poor in Resource-Limited Countries: Testing Integrated Interventions*. Hettleman Lecture for the Ruth and Philip Hettleman Prize for Artistic and Scholarly Achievement Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
8. **Chowa, G.**, Masa, R., Lee, Y.S., Ansong, D., & Osei-Akoto, I. (2015, March). Impact results from the YouthSave Ghana Experiment. Presented at the Final YouthSave Research and Learning Conference, Toronto, Canada.
9. **Chowa G.** (2015, February). *Global social development and its impacts on livelihoods*. Invited Presentation at the fourth International Conference of Spirituality and Social Work: Social Justice and Empowerment: Addressing Local and Global Challenges Conference, University of Pune, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra, India.
10. **Chowa G.** (2013, September). *Youth asset development as a strategy for addressing youth employability: Lessons from Africa*. Building youth assets: strategies for enhancing youth employability, entrepreneurship and access to education Symposium. Center for Social Development in Africa, University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa.
11. **Chowa, G.**, Despard, M., Ansong, D., & Masa, R. (2012, January). *Closing the gap between evaluation*

*and practice in youth economic empowerment*. Paper presented at Making Cents International Brown Bag Session, Washington, DC.

12. **Chowa G.** (2010, November). *Conceptualizing financial capability for developing countries*. Invited presentation at the Savings and Conditional Cash Transfers: A Global Colloquium, sponsored by the Ford Foundation, New York, NY.
13. **Chowa, G.** (2010). *International social work practice*. Invited presentation at the School of Social Work Leadership Series, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
14. **Chowa, G.** (2010). *Preparing for the job search and obtaining an academic position after doctoral education*. Invited presentation at the Professional Seminar, Doctoral Course, School of Social Work Leadership Series, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
15. **Chowa, G.,** Ansong, D., & Masa, R. (2008, November). Assets and child well-being in developing countries: A research review. Paper presented at the Child Development Accounts: Research and Policy Symposium, St Louis, MO, November 12–14.
16. **Chowa, G.** (2002, April). Microenterprises as a poverty alleviation strategy: A comparative study of Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Bangladesh. Invited presentation at the International Social Development Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, MO.
17. **Chowa, G.** (2001, February). The effect of structural adjustment programs on developing countries: The case of Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Botswana. Invited presentation at the International Social Development Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, MO.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Spring 2018, 2019	<b>Asset Development, Practice, and Policy (SoWo 793)</b> Master's Level Course, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina
Spring 2017, 2018, 2019	<b>Project Design and Proposal Writing (SoWo 792)</b> Master's level course: School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Fall 2012 – 2022	<b>Development Theory and Practice in Global Settings (SoWo 881)</b> Master's level course: School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Spring 2011, 2010, 2009	<b>Integrated Practice (SoWo 517)</b> Master's level course, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Fall 2008, 2009	<b>Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities (Sowo 570)</b> Master's level course, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**MENTORING****Post-Doctoral Mentoring**

- 2022 – present Chair, Mentor Committee, Dr. Ankur Srivastava
- 2019 –present Member, Mentor Committee, Dr. Rachel Goode
- 2013 – present Member, Mentor Committee, Dr. David Ansong
- 2015 – 2017 Chair, Mentor Committee, Dr. Latoya Small
- 2015 – present Chair, Mentor Committee, Dr. Rainier Masa

**Doctoral Dissertation Committees**

- 2012 – 2016 Shiyou Wu: Examining the Relationship Between Wealth Disparities and Education Inequality in China, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (Committee Member)
- 2014-2015 Debra Daugird: Resilience and Faith in Black South African Women Parishioners in a Black South African Township. School of Education, North Carolina State University (Committee Member)
- 2010 - 2015 Mat Despard: Evidence-Based Practice in Non-Profit Human Service Organizations. School of Social Work, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. (Chair)
- 2010 - 2015 Rainier Masa: Food security and antiretroviral therapy adherence among people living with HIV in Lundazi District, Zambia: A pilot study. School of Social Work, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. (Chair)
- 2009 - 2013 David Ansong: The Relationship between Household Economic Resources and Youth Academic Performance in Ghana: A Multilevel Structural Equation Modeling. Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis (Committee Member)
- 2008-2012 Terri Friedline: Predicting savings from adolescence to young adulthood: Early savings leads to improved savings outcomes. School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh (Committee Member)

**Student Advising & Research Supervision*****Faculty Advising, Doctoral Student***

Joseph Frey, Shiyou Wu, Rainier Masa, Mat Despard, Joan Wanyama

***Faculty Advising, Master's Students (24)***

***Supervision, Doctoral Students Research Assistantship***

David Ansong, Rainier Masa, Mat Despard, Shiyou Wu, Graham Zulu, Joan Wanyama, Emmanuel Amoako

***Supervision, Master's Students Research Assistantship***

Clare Masson, Samuel Magu, David Ansong, Alex Collins, Yalitza Ramos, Meli Kimathi, Carolina Ahumada, Meinkeng Fonge, JB Hallan, Cindy Ngwalla, Kokou Nayo, Christy Kimball, Miranda Manzanares, Lucia Opara, Daniels Akpan, Lucy Kruger, Mohit Tahmta, Naana Ewool,

**CONFERENCE AND CENTER GRANTS**

2017	Inaugural research symposium panels, MasterCard Foundation, \$8,000
2017	Inaugural research symposium panels, RTI International, \$5,000
2017	Inaugural research symposium panels, Center for Social Development, \$10,000
2017	Inaugural research symposium panels, Carolina Asia Center, \$10,400
2018-2022	Center planning grant, Edelman Family Foundation, \$75,000
2019	Center grant for the Michael Sherraden Lecture, CSD, \$10,000

**RESEARCH GRANTS AND CONTRACTS****EXTRAMURAL**

December 2022 – March 2023	World Bank Groups CGAP Systematic Review of Financial Inclusion of Young Women in Low- and Middle-Income Countries contract \$49,800 <b>Role: Principal Investigator</b>
August 2020 – July 2025	Youth IDIQ EVAL ME11. USAID/Making Cents International. Overall grant \$650,000,000 (Ceiling). UNC sub-Contract grant TBD <b>Role: UNC Principal Investigator</b>
November 2022 - 2027	Inclusive Development Activity for Mission Support (IDAMS). USAID/Making Cents International. Overall grant \$19,000,000. UNC sub-contract grant \$1,000,000. <b>Role: UNC Principal Investigator</b>
June 2020 – May 2023	Youth Power 2 Learning and Evaluation. USAID/Making Cents International. Overall grant \$25,000,000. UNC sub-contract grant TBD <b>Role: UNC Principal Investigator</b>
July 2015 – May 2016	Management Grant: Impacts of Early Savings on Youth Economic Opportunities in Ghana: A Longitudinal Study MasterCard Foundation, \$250,000 <b>Role: Principal Investigator</b>
May 2016 – December 2016	Segmentation Analysis of Youth in Intervention Schools in the Ghana YouthSave Experiment MasterCard Foundation, \$26,000 <b>Role: Principal Investigator</b>

- Jan. 2014- Dec.2019 Pathways to Youth Assets and Employability  
Ford Foundation, \$350,000  
**Role: US Principal Investigator**
- April 2013- Feb. 2014 Youth Assets and Savings Planning Grant  
Ford Foundation, \$80,000  
**Role: UNC Principal Investigator**
- June 2010-May 2015 Testing Impacts of Youth Savings Accounts on Developmental Outcomes  
for Youth and Household Finances and Well-Being  
MasterCard Foundation, \$12,500,000  
**Roles: Principal Investigator for Ghana Experiment**
- June 2010-Dec. 2010 Asset Inheritance and the Intergenerational Transmission of Poverty.  
Livestock or the Pen: Is Education a Route out of Poverty for Pastoralists?  
Chronic Poverty Research Center London, UK, \$15,000  
**Role: Co-Principal Investigator**
- June 2009-May 2010 Planning Grant for Global Youth Savings Project  
MasterCard Foundation, \$500,000  
**Role: Co-Principal Investigator**
- June 2003-May 2008 AssetsAfrica, Impacts of Asset-Building Intervention for Households in  
Rural Uganda Ford Foundation, \$120,000  
**Role: Principal Investigator**

**INTRAMURAL RESEARCH GRANTS**

- Jan 2016 – Jan 2017 Impact Evaluation of the Adolescent Boys & Girls Program in Rural India  
Armfield-Reeves Innovative Fund, \$30,000  
**Role: Principal Investigator**
- Jan. 2012 – Dec 2012 Impacts of Enhanced Economic Capability on HIV  
Positive People in Zambia  
UNC Junior Faculty Development Award, \$7,500  
**Role: Principal Investigator**
- Jan. 2012 – Dec 2012 Impacts of Enhanced Economic Capability on HIV  
Positive People in Zambia  
University Research Council Research Award, \$4,500  
**Role: Principal Investigator**
- May 2012 – June 2013 Employment and Financial Inclusion Youth Project in Kibera.  
Armfield-Reeves Innovative Fund, \$18,000  
**Role: Principal Investigator**
- June 2010 – Aug 2011 Impacts of Enhanced Economic Capability on HIV Positive People in  
Zambia NIH Junior Investigator's Developmental Award, UNC Center for  
AIDS Research (P30 AI50410), \$30,000  
**Role: Principal Investigator**

**SERVICE****SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK****CURRICULAR & SEARCH COMMITTEES**

2020 – 2022	Member, Reconciliation Committee
2020-2022	Member, Anti-Racism Committee
2018 – present	Chair, Global Engagement Committee
2021 – present	Member, Promotion, Personnel and Tenure Committee
2021 - 2022	Member, Search Committee for Open Rank Tenure Faculty Members
2015 – 2018	Chair, Community, Management, Practice, and Policy Committee
2015- 2021	Faculty Sponsor for Student International Caucus
2014 - 2015	Chair, Assistant/Associate Professor Search Committee
2012 – 2014	Member, Curriculum Committee
2012 – 2014	Member, Policy Committee
2012 – 2015	Member, Doctoral Program Committee
2012 – 2015	School of Social Work Representative, UNC Certificate in International Development
2012 – 2015	School of Social Work Representative, Duke & UNC Certificate of International Peace and Conflict Resolution
2008 – 2015	Member, Management, Practice and Policy Committee
2009 – 2010	Member, Internal Institutional Review Board Committee
2009 – 2010	Member, Assistant/Associate Professors Search Committee
2009	Member, Search Committee for Emily Preyer Bicentennial Distinguished Professor for Strengthening Families
2013	Member, Search Committee for Assistant Manager, Business Office
2013 – 2015	Member, Committee to Recruit and Retain Diverse Faculty

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2022	Member, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute Five-Year Review
2021 – present	Member, UNC Galapagos Science Center Advisory Board
2019 – present	Member, The Institute of Global Health & Infectious Disease Leadership Team
2019 – present	Member, Center for African Studies Advisory Board
2019 – present	Member, Carolina Global Leadership Council
2018 - 2020	Member, Selection Committee for the Ruth and Philip Hettleman Prize for Artistic and Scholarly Achievement
2017	Member, Search Committee for Director of American Indian Center
2014 – 2015	Member, Poverty Task Force for University of North Carolina
2015 – 2016	Member, Search Committee for Dean of School of Social Work
2016	Chair, American Indian Center Review Committee

**GLOBAL SERVICE**

2020 - 2021	Member, Scientific Organising Committee ICSD 22 <sup>nd</sup> Biennial Conference.
2019	Expert Consultant, Partnership for Economic Inclusion, World Bank
2017-to date	Member, Women's Financial Inclusion, Data and Measurement Group, World Bank

2018	Consultant, Youth Empowerment Research Group, USAID
2014-to date	Research Group Member, Child & Youth Finance International
2017-2018	Research Consultant, Global Youth Economic Opportunities Summit, MC International

## **EDITORIAL SERVICE**

### **Editorial Review Board**

1. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*
2. *Social Work Research*

### **REVIEWER FOR**

1. *Children and Youth Service Review*
2. *Economics of Education Review*
3. *Frontiers in Public Health*
4. *International Journal of Educational Development*
5. *International Social Work*
6. *Journal of Children & Poverty*
7. *Journal of Community Practice*
8. *Journal of Experimental Education*
9. *Journal of Family Issues*
10. *Journal of HIV/AIDS & Social Services*
11. *Journal of Social Sciences*
12. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*
13. *Journal of the American Medical Association*
14. *Sociological Mind*
15. *World Development Journal*

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

1. Society for Social Work and Research
2. National Association of Social Workers
3. American Public Health Association
4. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management