

Curriculum Vitae  
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## **I. CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## **II. EDUCATION**

- Ph.D., International Health and Development, Tulane University, 2006.
- M.P.H., International Health Track, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, 2001.
- B.A., Child Psychology, Community Development, University of Kansas, 1997.

## **III. ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

- Research Associate Professor, School of Social Work, Tulane University, November 2011-Present
- Research Assistant Professor, School of Public Health, Tulane University, August 2006-October 2011

## **IV. PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **a. Ad Hoc Reviewer**

- Review for the following journals: Lancet Global Health, Journal of AIDS, AIDS Care, AIDS and Behavior, Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies, Children and Youth Services Review.

### **b. Consultation**

- Save the Children Hurricane Relief programs in New Orleans, State of Louisiana, Evaluation Specialist, Jan 2006-March 2007.

- CARE, Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) & People living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) support programs in Rwanda, Evaluation Specialist, May to July 2006.
- Measure Evaluation, OVC evaluations in Kenya and Tanzania, Research Advisor, April 2006 - June 2006.
- Measure Evaluation, sexual violence and HIV risk research activities in Lesotho, Research Advisor, Jan 2006 – May 2006.
- Centers for Disease Control, Priorities for Local AIDS Control (PLACE) study in Malawi, Field Coordinator Sept 2004 – May 2005.
- USAID Regional HIV-AIDS Project, research and capacity-building in Lesotho, Swaziland and South Africa, Evaluation Coordinator, Dec 2002 – May 2003.
- Christian Children’s Fund, psychosocial programs training guide, U.S.A., Training Advisor, Aug 2001 – Dec 2002.

**c. Appointed Positions**

- Director, Highly Vulnerable Children Research Center, Tulane School of Social Work, 2011-Present. <http://hvc-tulane.org>
- Country Director, Tulane International LLC South Africa, 2010 – Present

**d. International Work**

- South Africa:
  - Compiling an Evidence base for Highly Vulnerable Children (HVC) Programming, South Africa, Principal Investigator, 11/1/2011 – Current.
  - HIV/AIDS Orphans and Vulnerable Children Public Health Evaluation, South Africa, Principal Investigator, 10/20/2010 – 11/01/2014.
  - Enhancing Strategic Information for OVC Programming, South Africa, Principal Investigator, 6/01/2008 – 10/01/2011.
- Kenya and Tanzania:
  - Measure Evaluation, Kenya and Tanzania, Orphans and Vulnerable Children Advisor & Activity Lead, 8/30/2003 – 8/29/2008.
- Albania and India:
  - World Vision International Children in Crisis Initiative, Albania & India. Co-Principal Investigator, 3/30/2007 – 3/30/2008.
- Rwanda:
  - Tulane University OVC Mentorship program, Rwanda, Project Coordinator, 2001-2006.
- Lesotho:
  - Measure Evaluation, sexual violence and HIV risk research activities in Lesotho, Research Advisor, Jan 2006 – May 2006.
- Malawi:
  - Centers for Disease Control, Priorities for Local AIDS Control (PLACE) study in Malawi, Field Coordinator Sept 2004 – May 2005.
- Lesotho, Swaziland and South Africa:

- USAID Regional HIV-AIDS Project, research and capacity-building in Lesotho, Swaziland and South Africa, Evaluation Coordinator, Dec 2002 – May 2003.

## VII. PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

### 1) Publications

#### a. Refereed Journal Articles

1. **Thurman T. R.**, Taylor T. M., Nice J. K., Luckett B., Taylor M. & Kvalsvig D. (2018). Factors associated with retention intentions among Isibindi child and youth care workers in South Africa: results from a national survey. *Human Resources for Health*, 16(1).
2. **Thurman, T.R.**, Nice, J., Luckett, B., Visser, M. (2018). Can family-centered programming mitigate HIV risk factors among orphaned and vulnerable adolescents? Resulting from a pilot study in South Africa. *AIDS Care*, 30:9, 1135-43. doi: 10.1080/09540121.2018.1455957
3. Spyrelis, A., **Thurman, T. R.**, Luckett, B. & Taylor, T.M. (2018). What can social work do to mitigate caregiver-perpetrated physical aggression? A study among caregivers of orphaned and vulnerable female adolescents in South Africa. *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies*, 13(3), 259-65. doi: 10.1080/17450128.2018.1446111
4. **Thurman, T.R.**, Taylor, T.M., Luckett, B., Spyrelis, A., Nice, J. (2018). Complicated grief and caregiver correlates among bereaved adolescent girls in South Africa. *Journal of Adolescence*. 62, 82-86
5. Visser, M., **Thurman, T. R.**, Spyrelis, A., Taylor, T. M., Nice, J.K., Finestone, M. (2018) Development and formative evaluation of a family-centred adolescent HIV prevention programme in South Africa. *Evaluation and Program Planning*, 68, 124-34
6. **Thurman, T.R.**, Nice, J., Taylor, T.M., Luckett, B. (2017) Mitigating depression among orphaned and vulnerable adolescents: a randomized controlled trial of interpersonal psychotherapy for groups in South Africa. *Child and Adolescent Mental Health*. 22(4), 224-231
7. **Thurman, T.R.**, Luckett, B.G, Nice, J.K, Spyrelis, A, & Taylor, T.M. (2017). Impact of a bereavement support group on female adolescents' psychological health: A randomized controlled trial in South Africa. *Lancet Global Health*, 5(6), e604-14.
8. Taylor, T.M., **Thurman, T.R.** & Nogela, L (2016). Every time that month comes, I remember”: using cognitive interviews to adapt grief measures for use with bereaved adolescents in South Africa. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Mental Health*, 28(2),163-174,
9. **Thurman, T. R.**, Luckett, B., Taylor, T.M, & Carnay, M. (2016). Promoting uptake of child HIV testing: An evaluation of the role of a home visiting program for orphans and vulnerable children in South Africa. *AIDS Care*, 28 (sup2), 7-13.

10. **Thurman, T. R.**, Kidman, R., Carton, T.W., & Chiroro, P. (2016). Psychological and behavioral interventions to reduce HIV risk: evidence from a randomized control trial among orphaned and vulnerable adolescents in South Africa. *AIDS Care*, 28(Suppl 1), 1-8.
11. **Thurman, T. R.**, Kidman, R. & Taylor, T.M. (2015). Bridging the gap: the impact of home visiting programs on social grant uptake among HIV-affected households in South Africa. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 48, 111-116.
12. **Thurman, T. R.**, Kidman, R., Nice, J., & Ikamari, L. (2014). Family functioning and child behavioral problems in households affected by HIV and AIDS in Kenya. *AIDS and Behavior*, 19(8), 1408-14.
13. Kidman, R., Nice, J., Taylor, T. & **Thurman, T. R.** (2014). Home visiting programs for HIV-affected families: a comparison of service quality between volunteer-driven and paraprofessional models. *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies*, 9(4), 305-317.
14. **Thurman, T. R.**, Kidman, R. & Taylor, T.M. (2014). Does investment in home visitors lead to better psychological health for HIV-affected families? Results from a quasi-experimental evaluation in South Africa. *AIDS Care*, 26(Suppl 1), 2-10.
15. Kidman, R. & **Thurman, T. R.** (2014). Caregiver burden among adults caring for orphaned children in rural South Africa. *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies*, 9(3), 234-246.
16. **Thurman, T. R.**, Jarabi, B., & Rice, J. (2012). Caring for the caregiver: Evaluation of support groups for guardians of orphans and vulnerable children in Kenya. *AIDS Care*, 24(7), 811-819.
17. Nyberg, B. J., Yates, D., Lovich, R., Coulibaly-Traore, D., Sherr, L., **Thurman, T. R.**, Sampson, A., & Howard, B. (2012). Saving lives for a lifetime: Supporting orphans and vulnerable children impacted by HIV/AIDS. *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*, 60, S127-S135.
18. Johnston, L., **Thurman, T. R.**, Mock, N., Nano, L. & Carcani, V. (2010). Respondent-driven sampling: A new method for studying street children with findings from Albania. *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies*, 5(1), 1-11.
19. **Thurman, T. R.**, Haas, L.J., Dushimimana, A., Lavin, B., & Mock, N. (2010). Evaluation of a case management program for HIV clients in Rwanda. *AIDS Care*, 22(6), 759-765.
20. Brown, L., **Thurman, T. R.**, Rice, J., Boris, N. W., Ntaganira, J., et al., (2009). Impact of a mentoring program on psychosocial wellbeing of youth in Rwanda: Results of a quasi-experimental study. *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies*, 4(4), 288-299.
21. Boris, N. W., Brown, L. A., **Thurman, T. R.**, Rice, J. A., Snider, L. M., Ntaganira, J., et al. (2009). Depressive symptoms among youth heads-of-household in Rwanda: Correlates and implications for intervention. *Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine*, 161(9), 836-843.

22. **Thurman, T.R.**, Snider, L., Boris, N., Kalisa, E., Nyirazinoye, L., & Brown, L. (2008). Barriers to the community support of orphans and vulnerable youth in Rwanda. *Social Sciences and Medicine*, 66(7), 1557-1567.
23. **Thurman, T. R.**, Snider, L., Boris, N., Kalisa, E., Muguria, E., Ntaginira, J., & Brown, L. (2006). Psychosocial support and marginalization of youth-headed households in Rwanda. *AIDS Care*, 18(3), 220-229.
24. **Thurman, T.R.**, Brown, L., Richter, L., Maharaj, P., & Magnani, R. (2006). Sexual risk behavior among adolescents in South Africa: is orphan status a factor? *AIDS & Behavior*, 10(6), 627-635.
25. Brown, L. A., **Thurman, T. R.**, Bloem, J., & Kendall, C. (2006). Magnitude of sexual violence in Lesotho. *Studies in Family Planning*, 37(4), 269-280.
26. Boris, N.W., **Thurman, T.R.**, Snider, L., Spencer, E., & Brown, L. (2006). Infants and young children living in youth headed households in Rwanda: Implications of emerging data. *International Mental Health Journal*, 27(6), 584-602.

## 2. Book chapter (peer reviewed)

1. **Thurman, T.R.**, Lockett, B.G, Nice, J.K, Taylor, T.M, Carnay, M.R, & Spyrelis, A. (2017) Best practices for evaluating care and support programs for HIV-affected families: Lessons learned from South Africa. In Henrickson et al. (Ed.), *Getting to zero: Global social work responds to HIV*. Geneva: UNAIDS and IASSW.

## 3. Articles Submitted for Publication

1. **Thurman, T.R.**, Nice, J., Visser, M, & Luckeet, B.G. Factors promoting sexual health communication between South African adolescent girls and their female caregivers participating in an HIV prevention intervention. Submitted to *Social Science & Medicine*.

## 4. Articles in Preparation

1. **Thurman, T.R.** et al. When everyone's at risk: Universal HIV testing for orphaned and vulnerable children in South Africa
2. **Thurman, T.R.** et al. Life stressors as moderators of the impact of a randomized psychological intervention for bereaved adolescent females in South Africa.
3. **Thurman, T.R.** et al. Home visiting for HIV-affected families in South Africa: Results of a randomized controlled trial.

## 5. Non-Refereed Publications – Professional Reports

1. **Thurman, T. R.**, Kidman, R. & Taylor, T. (2013). *The impact of paraprofessional versus volunteer-driven home visiting programs on the well-being of orphans and vulnerable children in South Africa: Results from a longitudinal evaluation in Kwa-Zulu Natal South Africa*. New Orleans, LA: Tulane University School of Social Work, Highly Vulnerable Children Research Center.
2. **Thurman, T. R.**, Taylor, T., Kidman, R. & Chiroro, P. (2013). *Isibindi: A longitudinal evaluation of selected sites in Kwa-Zulu Natal*. New Orleans, LA: Tulane University School of Social Work, Highly Vulnerable Children Research Center.
3. Neudorf, K., Mokgatle-Nthabu, M., Taylor, T. M., **Thurman, T. R.** (2012). *A Case Study: World Vision South Africa's Interpersonal Psychotherapy for Groups of Adolescents*. New Orleans, LA: Tulane University.
4. **Thurman, T. R.**, Kidman, R., & Taylor, T. M. (2011). *Assessing the Impact of Interventions to Meet the Needs of Orphans and Vulnerable Children in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa; Study Overview and Baseline Demographics*. New Orleans, LA: Tulane University.
5. **Thurman, T. R.** & Kidman, R. (2011). *Child maltreatment at home: Prevalence among orphans and vulnerable children in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*. New Orleans, LA: Tulane University.
6. Kidman, R. & **Thurman, T. R.** (2011). *Chronic Illness in the Home: Implications for Children in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*. New Orleans, LA: Tulane University.
7. **Thurman, T. R.** & Kidman, R. (2011). *HIV and AIDS Knowledge among Orphans and Vulnerable Children in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*. New Orleans, LA: Tulane University.
8. Taylor, T. M., Kidman, R., & **Thurman, T. R.** (2011). *Household Resources and Access to Social Grants among Orphans and Vulnerable Children in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*. New Orleans, LA: Tulane University.
9. Neudorf, K., **Thurman, T. R.**, & Taylor, T. M. (2011). *A Case Study: Interventions Promoting Early Childhood Development in South Africa*. New Orleans, LA: Tulane University.
10. Neudorf, K., Taylor, T. M., & **Thurman, T. R.** (2011). *A Case Study: The Greater Rape Intervention Program (GRIP)*. New Orleans, LA: Tulane University.
11. Neudorf, K., Taylor, T.M., & **Thurman, T.R.** (2010). *Tswelopele: Partnerships for Reaching Orphans and Vulnerable Children in South Africa with the Heartbeat Model of Care*. New Orleans, LA: Tulane University.
12. **Thurman, T. R.**, DeMarco, K. P., Lavin, B., Littrell, M., Yu, S., & Taylor, T. M. (2009). *A Resource Guide: Developing a Case Study of*

- Programs Serving Orphans and Vulnerable Children. Resource 1: Case Study Contents.* New Orleans, LA: Tulane University.
13. **Thurman, T. R.**, DeMarco, K. P., Lavin, B., Littrell, M., Yu, S., & Taylor, T. M. (2009). *A Resource Guide: Developing a Case Study of Programs Serving Orphans and Vulnerable Children. Resource 2: Case Study Fieldwork.* New Orleans, LA: Tulane University.
  14. **Thurman, T. R.**, DeMarco, K. P., Lavin, B., Littrell, M., Yu, S., & Taylor, T. M. (2009). *A Resource Guide: Developing a Case Study of Programs Serving Orphans and Vulnerable Children. Resource 3: Tools for Case Study Development.* New Orleans, LA: Tulane University.
  15. **Thurman, T. R.**, Yu, S., & Taylor, T. M. (2009). *A Case Study: Care for Caregivers. A Psychosocial Support Model for Child and Youth Care Workers Serving Orphans and Vulnerable Children in South Africa: A Program Implemented by the National Association of Child Care Workers.* New Orleans, LA: Tulane University.
  16. **Thurman, T. R.**, Hutchinson, P., Lavin, B., Ikamari, L., & Nyangara, F. (2009). *Promoting HIV prevention and testing: Evaluation of the Integrated AIDS Program – Thika in Kenya.* Chapel Hill, NC: MEASURE Evaluation.
  17. Yu, S., Taylor, T. M., & **Thurman, T. R.** (2009). *A Case Study: Childline Mpumalanga. A Community Development Program for Orphans and Vulnerable Children and Psychosocial Support Program for All Children: Mpumalanga Province, South Africa.* New Orleans, LA: Tulane University.
  18. Hutchinson, P. & **Thurman, T. R.** (2009). *Analyzing the Cost-Effectiveness of Interventions to Benefit Orphans and Vulnerable Children: Evidence from Kenya and Tanzania.* Chapel Hill, NC: MEASURE Evaluation.
  19. Nyangara, F., **Thurman, T. R.**, Hutchinson, P., & Obiero, W. (2009). *Effects of Programs Supporting Orphans and Vulnerable Children: Key Findings, Emerging Issues and Future Directions from Evaluations of Four Projects in Kenya and Tanzania.* Chapel Hill, NC: MEASURE Evaluation.
  20. **Thurman, T.R.**, Hutchinson, P., Ikamari, L., Gichuhi, W., Murungaru, K., & Nyangara, F. (2009). *Community Education and Sensitization as an OVC Care and Support Strategy: Evaluation of the Integrated AIDS Program - Thika in Kenya.* Chapel Hill, NC: MEASURE Evaluation.
  21. **Thurman, T. R.**, Rice, J., Ikamari, L., Jarabi, B., Mutuku, A., & Nyangara, F. (2009). *The Difference Interventions for Guardians Can Make: Evaluation of the Kilifi Orphans and Vulnerable Children Project in Kenya.* Chapel Hill, NC: MEASURE Evaluation.
  22. Nyangara, F., Obiero, W., Kalungwa, Z., & **Thurman, T.R.** (2009). *Community-based psychosocial intervention for HIV-affected children and their caregivers: Evaluation of the Salvation Army's Mama Mkubwa Program in Tanzania.* Chapel Hill, NC: MEASURE Evaluation.

23. Nyangara, F., Kalungwa, Z., Obiero, W., **Thurman, T.R.**, & Chapman, J. (2009). *Promoting a home-based program model for supporting children affected by HIV/AIDS: Evaluation of Tumaini Project in Iringa region, Tanzania*. Chapel Hill, NC: MEASURE Evaluation.
24. Nyangara, F., Obiero, W., Kalungwa, Z., & **Thurman, T.R.** (2009). *Community-based psychosocial intervention for HIV-affected children and their caregivers: Evaluation of the Salvation Army's Mama Mkubwa Program in Tanzania*. Chapel Hill, NC: MEASURE Evaluation.
25. **Thurman, T. R.** & Neudorf, K. (2008). *A Case Study: Integrated AIDS Program - Thika, Kenya*. Chapel Hill, NC: MEASURE Evaluation.
26. Brown, L, **Thurman, T. R.**, Kalisa, E., Rice, J., Bizimana, J., Boris, N., Snider, L., & Ntaganira, J. (2007). *Supporting volunteer mentors: Insights from a mentorship program for youth-headed households in Rwanda*. Horizons Research Summary. Washington DC: Population Council.
27. Brown, L., Rice, J., Boris, N., **Thurman, T. R.**, Snider, L., Ntaganira, J., Nyirazinyoye, L., Kalisa, E., & Nshizirungu, E. (2007). *Psychosocial benefits of a mentoring program for youth-headed households in Rwanda*. Horizons Research Summary. Washington, DC: Population Council.
28. **Thurman, T. R.**, Hoffman, A., Chatterji, M. & Brown, L. (2007). *A Case Study: Community- based HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Support Program*. Chapel Hill, NC: MEASURE Evaluation.
29. **Thurman, T. R.**, Hoffman, A., Chatterji, M. & Brown, L. (2007). *A Case Study: Kilifi Orphans and Vulnerable Children Project*. Chapel Hill, NC: MEASURE Evaluation.
30. Littrell, M., **Thurman, T. R.**, Chatterji, M., & Brown, L. (2007). *A Case Study: Mama Mkubwa Psychosocial Support Program*. Chapel Hill, NC: MEASURE Evaluation.
31. Littrell, M., **Thurman, T. R.**, Chatterji, M., & Brown, L. (2007). *A Case Study: The Tumaini Home-Based Care Program*. Chapel Hill, NC: MEASURE Evaluation
32. Brown, L., **Thurman, T. R.**, & Snider, L. (2005). *Strengthening the Psychosocial Well-being of Youth-headed Households in Rwanda: Baseline Findings from an Intervention Trial*. Horizons Research Update. Washington, DC: Population Council.
33. **Thurman, T. R.**, Littrell, M., Tuneberg, S., & Snider, L. (2005). *Measurement Approaches for Children Affected by Conflict and HIV/AIDS*. The Netherlands: Bernard Van Leer Foundation.

## 2) Presentations

### a. Oral Conference Presentations (first author)

1. *Let's Talk about sex: Results from a pilot study of a family-centred HIV prevention program in South Africa*. Presented at the AIDS Impact 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference Cape Town, South Africa, November 2017.

2. *Home visiting increases HIV testing among at-risk families: Results from a randomized controlled trial in urban townships of South Africa.* Presented at the AIDS Impact 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference Cape Town, South Africa, November 2017.
3. *Structured peer support groups reduce symptoms of problematic grief and depression among bereaved female adolescents in South Africa: Results from a randomized controlled trial.* Presented at the World Psychiatric Association International Congress Cape Town, South Africa. November 2016
4. *Pilot study shows increased communication with caregivers & preparedness for healthy sexual decision-making among adolescent girls in the Let's Talk program."* Presented at the Best Practices & Innovations in Reaching & Linking Adolescent Girls and Young Women, Pretoria, South Africa. October 2016
5. *Caregivers' physical abuse of orphaned and vulnerable children: Correlates and recommendations from study in the Free State.* South Africa National Violence Conference 2016, Johannesburg August 2016
6. *Grief among Parentally Bereaved Adolescent Girls in South Africa: Adversity and Resilience.* REPSSI Psychosocial Forum, Zimbabwe, September 2015.
7. *Psychological and Behavioral Interventions to Reduce HIV Risk: Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial among Orphans and Vulnerable Adolescents in South Africa.* International AIDS Impact Conference, Amsterdam, July 2015.
8. *Mitigating Sexual Risk Behavior in Orphaned and Vulnerable Adolescents: Results from a Randomized Control Trial in the Eastern Cape.* 7th Annual SA AIDS Conference, Durban, June 2015.
9. *Do home visiting programs improve wellbeing among orphans and vulnerable children? Evidence from a longitudinal evaluation of two programmatic approaches in South Africa.* XI International AIDS Impact Conference, Barcelona, Sep 2013
10. *A longitudinal evaluation of psychosocial distress among AIDS-affected families enrolled in home visiting programs in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.* South African AIDS Conference, Durban, June 2013
11. *Preliminary results from a trial of two interventions designed to reduce psychological and sexual vulnerability among HIV-affected adolescents.* South Africa Department of Social Development OVCY Conference 'Changing Children and Young People's Lives', Durban, May 2013
12. *HIV Knowledge and Sexual Risk among Vulnerable Adolescents in Eastern Cape, South Africa.* OVC Conference, Johannesburg, South Africa, October 2012.
13. *Chronic Illness in the Home: Implications for the Mental Health and Protection of Children.* 30th International Congress of Psychology. Cape Town, South Africa. July 2012.

14. *Physical and Verbal Abuse among Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa*. International Federation of Educative Communities Conference (FICE), Stellenbosch, South Africa, December 2010.
15. *Making a Difference in the Lives of Volunteers: Results from a Longitudinal Evaluation in Rwanda*. PEPFAR Conference. Kampala, Uganda. June 2008.
16. *Impact of Mentoring on the Psychosocial Wellbeing of Vulnerable Youth: Results from a Longitudinal Evaluation in Rwanda*. PEPFAR Conference. Kampala, Uganda. June 2008.
17. *Community Health Workers for OVC Guardians: Evaluating the Impact on Guardians and Children*. PEPFAR Conference. Kampala, Uganda. June 2008.
18. *Program Innovations and Challenges: Lessons Learned from Four OVC Programs*. PEPFAR Conference. Kigali, Rwanda. June 2007.
19. *Community Support of Vulnerable Youth in Rwanda*. American Public Health Association. Philadelphia, PA. November 2006.
20. *Research and Care of Orphan-Headed Households in Rwanda*. AIDS Impact Conference. Cape Town, South Africa. July 2005.

#### **b. Recent Invited Lectures**

- *Presentation to representatives from USAID South Africa, USAID Washington DC and US government DREAMS initiative to guide the next five-year country operational plans. OVC Programming: What have we learned & where do we go from here?* Pretoria, South Africa. November 2016
- *Presentation to South African University and NGO stakeholders as part of the Community Care Study & Family Research Dissemination Day. Home Visiting: Lets' get focused.* University of Stellenbosch, South Africa. November 2016.
- *Presentations to the South African Department of Social Development as part of the National Action Planning Think Tank: OVC Programming evidence base and lessons learned; Basket of services for OVC: A review of the literature to guide service selection.* November 2016. Pretoria, South Africa.
- *Three Presentations at the Annual two-day PEPFAR OVCY Technical Meeting: Home Visiting: Let's Get Focused; Caregiver Burden and Risk of Child Abuse; Let's Talk: Intervention Overview and Pilot Test Results.* September 2016, Pretoria, South Africa.
- *Presentation to representatives from USAID South Africa, USAID Washington DC and US government DREAMS initiative. Contributions to the evidence base: Orphans and vulnerable children assessments in South Africa.* Pretoria, South Africa. August 2015.

- Western Cape Department of Health and PEPFAR partner meeting. *Let's Talk: Strengthening relationships and resilience together*. Cape Town, South Africa. October 2015.
- Presentation to the South African National AIDS Committee for Children Affected by AIDS (NACCA): *OVC Evaluations in South Africa: Key Findings from a Systematic Literature Review*. Pretoria, South Africa. August 2014
- Presentation to Khululeka (<http://www.khululeka.org/>) Board of Directors and attendees of the Annual General Meeting: *Mitigating Psychological distress among orphans and vulnerable children: What have we learned?* Cape Town, South Africa. August 2014.
- Presentation to the South African National AIDS Committee for Children Affected by AIDS (NACCA): *Strategic Steps for Establishing National Research Priorities*, Pretoria, South Africa. February 2014.

## VIII. GRANT PROPOSALS

- **Funded Proposals**

Dates	Title and Role	Funding Source	Award Amount
1/1/2018-12/31/2020	Principal Investigator. Compiling an Evidence base for Highly Vulnerable Children (HVC) Programming – Project extension	USAID/PEPFAR Southern Africa mission Cooperative Agreement	\$2,000,000
10/01/2016-12/31/2017	Principal Investigator. Compiling an Evidence base for Highly Vulnerable Children (HVC) Programming – Request for no cost extension	USAID/PEPFAR Southern Africa mission Cooperative Agreement	No cost extension
11/1/2014 – 9/30/2016	Principal Investigator. Compiling an Evidence base for Highly Vulnerable Children (HVC) Programming – Project Expansion and Extension	USAID/PEPFAR Southern Africa mission Cooperative Agreement	Additional Funds: \$2,014,158
11/1/2011 – 11/01/2014	Principal Investigator, Compiling an Evidence base for HVC Programming	USAID/PEPFAR Southern Africa mission	Grant Total: \$4,481,390
10/20/2010 – 11/01/2014	Principal Investigator & Chief of Party, HIV/AIDS OVC Public Health Evaluation	USAID/PEPFAR (This project was competitively selected for support by the USAID OVC Working Group in Washington DC.)	Grant Total: \$3,182,154

6/01/2008 – 10/01/2011	Principal Investigator, Enhancing Strategic Information (ESI) for OVC Programming	USAID/PEPFAR South Africa	Grant Total: \$4,000,000
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- **Unfunded Proposals**

- December 2017, Co-Investigator, Performance Evaluation of Programming for Orphans and Vulnerable Children Activities. USAID Uganda.
- December 2016, Principal Investigator, Can a caregiver-inclusive approach encourage adolescent girls to take preventive action? A randomized controlled trial in South Africa R01-RFA-MH-17-550. National Institute of Mental Health
- December 2010, Principal Investigator, *Evaluation of psychosocial interventions for orphans and vulnerable children in South Africa*, R01-RFA-HB-10-017, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NIH/NICHD). Application was scored a 29, and was ranked within the top 30<sup>th</sup> percentile. (Scores range from the strongest possible score of 10 to the weakest score of 90).

## IX. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

### a. Research Interests

- Program design, evaluation methodologies, operations research and capacity building pertaining to initiatives for highly vulnerable children and their families

### b. Teaching Interests

- Monitoring and evaluation in social service delivery; Advanced research methods; Evidence based programming for vulnerable children and families in developing countries; HIV and AIDS global impact and care and support strategies

## X. RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE

### a. School

- Development of the Highly Vulnerable Children Research Center

- Devised the mission, objectives, a logo, summary brochure, stand-up 6-foot poster, and an associated website to increase visibility of activities and resources: <http://hvc-tulane.org/>
- Official launch of the Center in South Africa in May 2013 where promotional materials and reports were made available at a special HVC-RC tent at the Department of Social Development OVCY Conference. Plans for a similar launch in USA are under development.
- Facilitating professional opportunities for students
  - Employment of four TSSW students as research assistants
  - Facilitated a host site in South Africa for Global Social Work professional internships which is now in its second year of successfully supporting students
  - Created work opportunities and covered some travel costs for two students to conduct professional internships associated with my project in South Africa
  - Hiring a TSSW graduate as Staff
- Member of the Research Task Force, 2011 – 2012
  - Contributing to the strategic direction of the School's increased emphasis on research and scholarship

## **b. International**

- Led the development of a family centered intervention for caregivers and adolescents—*Let's Talk*— designed to reduce mental health problems and HIV risk among adolescents. Resources developed include content of 26 separate structured sessions, participant workbooks, and related facilitator training manuals, DVDs and other trainer of trainer materials. The intervention was piloted in 2015 and selected for scale-up in 2016 by USAID South Africa and USAID Washington as part of the DREAMS initiative (a \$385 million dollar initiative focused on reducing HIV among adolescent girls and young women). Trainer 61 Master Trainers from 18 different organizations to train community-based facilitators to implement the program to an estimated 18,000 families in South Africa in 2017.
- Member of the National Action Committee for Children Affected by HIV and AIDS, South Africa since 2011
  - Supporting evidence-based decision making for key national policy and programs
- Member of the OVC Research Working Group, South Africa since 2010
  - Supporting enhanced monitoring systems for national service delivery and the development of national research priorities