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EDUCATION & TRAINING

- 2009 Ph.D. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health
Health Behavior and Health Education
- Dissertation title: Geographic and social influences on HIV risk behavior among urban young men in Tanzania
- Dissertation committee: Suzanne Maman, Ph.D. (chair), Sharon Weir, Ph.D.; Irene Doherty, Ph.D.; Jo Anne Earp, Sc. D.; Susan Ennett, Ph.D.; Michael Bowling, Ph.D.
- 2004 MPH University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health
Health Behavior and Health Education
- Master's paper title: Moderators of the relationship between rumination and depressive symptoms among older, rural women
- Action-oriented community diagnosis: A participatory assessment of the Latino community of Carrboro, North Carolina
- 1996 B.A. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
Highest Honors in Psychology, Certificate in Women's Studies
- Honors thesis title: Surgeons' attitudes towards breast cancer treatment and how they affect patient decisions for treatment

CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Postdoctoral Fellow, Duke Global Health Institute

RESEARCH FUNDING

STD/HIV Training Grant, National Institutes of Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Center for Infectious Diseases (July 2007 – June 2009). Tuition and stipend to support completion of dissertation.

Principal Investigator. A Feasibility Study of Mobile HIV Testing in High Risk Venues Frequented by Young Men in Dar es Salaam (May 2007 – April 2008). Proposal funded by the GlaxoSmithKline Global Health UNC/Duke Collaboration, Student Research Grant (\$5,000).

C.V. Starr International Scholarship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (May 2006 – May 2007). Proposal funded for dissertation research in Tanzania (\$7,500).

Doctoral Research Travel Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Center for International Studies' (May 2006). Stipend to travel to Tanzania for dissertation research.

Tinker Field Research Travel Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Center for International Studies (May – December 2005). Award to conduct research in Mexico.

Undergraduate Research Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill College of Arts and Sciences (August 1995 – May 1996). Proposal funded for undergraduate honors thesis research.

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES PUBLISHED OR IN PRESS

Gonzalez T, Bonilla P, Jauregui B, **Yamanis TJ**, and Salgado de Snyder NS (2007). Well-being and family support among elderly rural Mexicans in the context of migration to the United States. *Journal of Aging and Health*, 19 (2): 334-355.

Blalock SJ, Byrd JE, Hansen RA, **Yamanis TJ**, McMullin K, DeVellis BM, DeVellis RF, Panter AT, Kawata AK, Watson LC, and Jordan JM (2005). Factors associated with potentially inappropriate drug utilization in a sample of rural community-dwelling older adults. *American Journal of Geriatric Pharmacotherapy*, 3(3): 168-79.

Maman S, **Yamanis TJ**, Kouyoumdjian F, Watt MR, and Mbwambo J (in press). Intimate partner violence and the association with HIV risk behaviors among young men in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

ARTICLES IN PREPARATION

Yamanis TJ, Kajula L, Mbwambo JK, Earp JE, and Maman S. Social venues as therapeutic and risk landscapes for HIV transmission: a case study of camps frequented by young men in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Yamanis TJ, Doherty IA, Ennett S, Kajula LJ, Maman S, Weir SS, and Mbwambo, JK. High prevalence of sexual partnership concurrency among sexually active young men recruited from venues in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

COMMISSIONED REPORT

Yamanis TJ, Maman S, Nanda P. (October 2005). HIV Testing at a Crossroads: Directions for the Future: A Review of Current and Critical Evidence. Report written for the Center for Health and Gender Equity.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Yamanis TJ, Kajula L, Mbwambo JK, Earp JE, and Maman S (March 2009). *Social venues as risk and protective landscapes for HIV among networks of young men in Tanzania*. Paper presented at International Network for Social Network Analysis (Sunbelt) Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.

Yamanis TJ, Panter AT, DeVellis BM, DeVellis RF, Jordan JM, and Armstrong B. (March 2006). *Neighborhood poverty and lifetime depression among older, rural adults*. Paper presented and selected as a **meritorious student paper** at Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Yamanis TJ, Kawata AK, DeVellis BM, DeVellis RF, Jordan JM, and Panter AT. (March 2006). *A latent growth curve analysis of osteoarthritis and depressive symptoms among older adults*. Paper presented at Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Yamanis TJ, Kawata AK, McMullin KL, DeVellis BM, DeVellis RF, and Jordan JM (March 2004). *Moderators of the relationship between rumination and depressive symptoms among older, rural women: perceived mastery and valued activities*. Poster presented at Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Foreign Language Area Studies Summer Fellowship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Center for International Studies (May 2006). Stipend for study of advanced Modern Greek.

Global Health Fellow, Duke University Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy Program on Global Policy, Geneva, Switzerland (May – August 2006). Fellowship to support and train future leaders in global health policy. Internship at the World Health Organization.

Meritorious Student Paper Award, Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California (March 2006). Prize for best student paper.

Doctoral Merit Assistantship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (August 2004 – May 2005). Full tuition and stipend for first year of doctoral program.

Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health, Member (May 2004)

Lucy S. Morgan Fellowship Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Public Health (April 2004). Prize for outstanding leadership in health behavior and health education.

Phi Beta Kappa Honorary Society, Member (May 1995)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

July 2009 - Present **Consultant/Network Analyst**, *Formative Assessment and Social Network Study of Transactional Sex in Cote d'Ivoire and Zambia* Academy for Educational Development and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Develop and integrate network (social, sexual and environmental) and Geographic Information System (GIS) components into study protocol, including development of study instruments
- Develop and maintain study database; analyze study data

September 2008 - August 2009 **Consultant**, *Identifying Venues and Strategies to Prevent Violence and HIV* (NIMH R21) University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Public Health, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education; Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, Department of Psychiatry

- Analyze data regarding young men's HIV risk behavior in high transmission venues in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- Collaborate with research team to design, implement and evaluate pilot HIV prevention intervention

May 2006 - June 2008 **Project Coordinator**, *PLACE (Priorities for Local AIDS Control Efforts) Assessment in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania* University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Center for AIDS Research; Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, Department of Psychiatry

- Coordinated and supervised field research activities, including hiring, training, monitoring and evaluating 14 local staff members, for a study of HIV risk behavior in high transmission venues of Dar es Salaam
- Prepared applications for approval from Institutional Review Boards
- Supervised development of database and reporting system
- Analyzed baseline and endline data of a community-based intervention
- Wrote proposals for funding to support research

- June 2006 – August 2006 **Intern, *Multi-country Study on Women’s Health and Domestic Violence against Women***, World Health Organization, Department of Gender, Women and Health, Geneva, Switzerland
- Analyzed quantitative data on types of intimate partner violence (physical, sexual, and emotional) experienced by women from 15 countries using factor analysis, principal components analysis, and structural equations modeling.
 - Collaborated in ongoing data analysis and prepared report on findings
- November 2001 – September 2006 **Project Director, *Psychiatric and Medical Comorbidity in a Rural Community*** (NIMH R01) University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Public Health, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education
- Coordinated data collection for a longitudinal cohort study on the comorbidity of anxiety and depression with osteoarthritis
 - Collaborated with programmer to develop computer-assisted interview
 - Supervised and trained 4 interviewers in administration of the Composite International Diagnostic Survey to assess psychiatric disorders
 - Analyzed quantitative data using longitudinal and multi-level models
- July 2004 – December 2005 **Research Assistant**, National Institute of Public Health, Department of Community Health and Social Well-being, Cuernavaca, Mexico
- Analyzed quantitative surveys for study on the effects of cross-national migration for work on the health of rural Mexicans

TEACHING

- October 2007; November 2006; November 2005 **Guest Lecturer, *Social Determinants of Health*** (HBHE 802/EPID 825) University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Public Health Department of Health Behavior and Health Education
- Independently developed and delivered 2 lectures: “*Globalization and health: Determinants and consequences, theoretical frameworks, and the way forward*”; “*Social Capital: Measurement and application*”
- August 2006 – December 2006 **Teaching Assistant, *Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Global Health*** (PUBH 510) University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Public Health
- Developed and coordinated discussion section component of course with enrollment of 130 graduate and undergraduate students.
 - Independently evaluated written assignments and course participation.
 - Delivered lecture: “*Globalization and health: Health as a right vs. a commodity*”.

- November 2006; November 2005 **Guest Lecturer, *Foundations of Health Behavior/Health Education*** (HBHE 130)
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Public Health
 Department of Health Behavior and Health Education
- Independently developed and delivered 2 lectures: “*Culture and health behavior theory*”; “*Social Capital: Intervention and application*”
- January 2005– May 2005 **Teaching Assistant, *Social & Behavioral Sciences in Public Health*** (HBHE 600)
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Public Health
 Department of Health Behavior and Health Education
- Independently facilitated discussion section and graded all written assignments of 13 graduate students.
- June 2004 - December 2004 **Teaching Assistant, *Social Determinants of Health*** (HBHE 802/EPID 825)
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Public Health
 Department of Health Behavior and Health Education
- Jointly developed course syllabus with course instructor.
 - Evaluated written assignments of students.
 - Independently developed and delivered 2 lectures: “*Place and health: an introduction to theory and method*”; “*Feminist theory and health*”

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- September 2006 - April 2007 **Student Representative**, Master’s Program Review Committee, Department of Health Behavior & Health Education, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- January 2004 - April 2006 **Service Committee Chair**, Student Global Health Committee, School of Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- August 1999 - April 2001 **Social Worker**, Child Protective Services, Department of Social Services, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
- August 1998 - August 1999 **Victim’s Advocate**, Orange County Sheriff’s Office, Hillsborough, North Carolina

LANGUAGES

Fluent: Modern Greek. Intermediate fluency: Swahili, Spanish. Basic fluency: French.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International AIDS Society	Society of Behavioral Medicine
American Public Health Association	Global Health Council
International Network for Social Network Analysis	