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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor	American University , School of International Service	2013-present
Assistant Professor	American University , School of International Service	2007-2013
Affiliate Professor	American University , Department of Sociology	2010-present

EDUCATION

PhD	University of California, Berkeley • Sociology and Demography 2007
MA	University of California, Berkeley • Sociology 2003
MA	University of California, Berkeley • Demography 2002
BA	Swarthmore College • Sociology and Anthropology 1999

BOOKS

Robinson, Rachel Sullivan. 2017. *Intimate Interventions in Global Health: Family Planning and HIV Prevention in Sub-Saharan Africa*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Angotti, Nicole, Tara McKay, and **Rachel Sullivan Robinson**. Forthcoming. "Lgbt Visibility and Anti-Gay Backlash: Unintended Consequences of Responses to HIV/AIDS in Malawi and Senegal." *Sociology of Development*.

Kunnuji, Michael ON, Jeremy Shiffman, **Rachel Sullivan Robinson**, and Yusra Shawar. Forthcoming. "Variable implementation of Family Life and HIV Education across states in Nigeria: The Kano, Lagos and Niger examples." *Studies in Family Planning*.

Robinson, Rachel Sullivan. 2016. "Population Policy Adoption in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Interplay of Global and Local Forces." *Population Horizons* 13(1): 1-9.

Robinson, Rachel Sullivan. 2015. "Population Policy in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Case of both Normative and Coercive Ties to the World Polity." *Population Research and Policy Review* 34(2): 201-221.

Robinson, Rachel Sullivan, Ann Meier, Jenny Trinitapoli, and Joseph Svec. 2014. "Integrating the Demographic and Health Surveys, IPUMS-I, and TerraPopulus to Explore Mortality and Health Outcomes at the District Level in Ghana, Malawi, and Tanzania." *African Population Studies* 28(2): 917-26.

Robinson, Rachel Sullivan. 2012. "Negotiating Development Prescriptions: The Case of Population Policy in Nigeria." *Population Research and Policy Review* 31(2):267-96.

Robinson, Rachel Sullivan. 2011. "From Population to HIV: The Organizational and Structural Determinants of HIV Outcomes in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Journal of the International AIDS Society* 14(Suppl 2): S6.

Robinson, Rachel Sullivan. 2009. "The Positive Impact of Population Policy on Human Rights in Africa." Pp. 157-171 in *Between Life and Death – Governing Populations in the Era of Human Rights*, edited by Sabine Berking and Magdalena Zolkos. Frankfurt: Peter Lang.

Robinson, Rachel Sullivan, Karen L. Kramer, and Ronald D. Lee. 2008. "Counting Women's Labour: A Reanalysis of Children's Net Production Using Cain's Data from a Bangladeshi Village." *Population Studies* 62(1): 25-38.

Sullivan, Rachel. 2005. "The Age Pattern of First-Birth Rates among US Women: The Bimodal 1990s." *Demography* 42(2): 259-73.

EXTERNAL GRANTS

- MacArthur Foundation, "Managing the Politics of Adolescent Sexuality Education in Nigeria and Mississippi," co-PI with Jeremy Shiffman (\$300,000) 2013-17
- Council of American Overseas Research Centers (\$9,000) 2009-10
- National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship 2003-06
- National Inst. for Child Health and Human Development, Grad. Training Grant 2001-03

WORK IN PREPARATION

Robinson, Rachel Sullivan, Michael ON Kunnuji, Yusra Shawar, and Jeremy Shiffman. "Prioritizing Sexuality Education in Nigeria and Mississippi: The Importance of Local Actors, Political Opportunity, and Creative Strategy."

Jeremy Shiffman, Michael ON Kunnuji, **Rachel Sullivan Robinson**, and Yusra Shawar. "International Norms and the Politics of Sexuality Education in Nigeria."

Brass, Jennifer N., Wesley Longhofer, **Rachel Sullivan Robinson**, and Allison Schnable. "What Have We Studied and Found? A Systematic Review of the NGO Literature, 1980-2014."

Robinson, Rachel Sullivan. "The Incidence and Prevalence of Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs) in Sub-Saharan Africa: Towards a Sociology of NGOs."

Robinson, Rachel Sullivan. "The Impact of Local Nongovernmental Organizations on HIV Services and Contraceptive Prevalence in Sub-Saharan Africa."

Katherine Tennis (student) and **Rachel Sullivan Robinson**. "Unpacking Policy Diffusion: A Textual Analysis of Refugee and Population Policies across African Countries."

Robinson, Rachel Sullivan and Sara Lacy (student). "Transnational Knowledge Transfers: An Analysis of Local NGO Participation at the 2012 International AIDS Conference."

SOLICITED CONTRIBUTIONS

Robinson, Rachel Sullivan. 2014. Review of *Population Policy and Reproduction in Singapore: Making Future Citizens* (by Shirley Hsiao-Li Sun). *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* 43(1):121-22.

- Robinson, Rachel Sullivan. 2013. Review of *The World Health Organization between North and South* (by Nitsan Chorev). *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 54(5-6):492-94.
- Robinson, Rachel Sullivan. 2012. Review of *Governing the Poor: Exercises of Poverty Reduction, Practices of Global Aid* (by Suzan Ilcan & Anita Lacey. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* 41(2):217-18.
- Robinson, Rachel Sullivan. 2011. "USAID Fight For Reproductive Rights Should Focus On Contraception." *Conscience* 32(2): 4-5.
- Robinson, Rachel Sullivan. 2010. "The United Nations Population Fund in Context: An Institutional History." Center for Global Development, Washington, DC.
<http://www.cgdev.org/doc/UNFPA-in-Context.pdf>.

INTERNAL GRANTS AND OTHER AWARDS

- Dean's Summer Research Award, SIS, American University (\$4,100) 2017
- Best Article Award (Honorable Mention), ASA Sociology of Development Section, "Negotiating Development Prescriptions: The Case of Population Policy in Nigeria." *Population Research and Policy Review* 31(2):267-96. 2014
- F. Gunther Eyck Award for Dedication to Teaching and Students, SIS, American University (\$2,500) 2013
- Dean's Summer Research Award, SIS, American University (\$7,952) 2012
- Faculty Research Award, American University (\$9,003) 2010-11
- Junior Faculty Teaching Release, American University 2010
- Faculty Research Award, American University (\$10,000) 2009-10
- Curriculum Development Award, w. Susan Shepler, American University (\$2,455) 2009-10
- Poster Award, Population Association of America 2009
- Faculty Research Award, American University (\$8,115) 2008-09
- Poster Award, Population Association of America 2008
- Finalist, Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Research Program 2007
- Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley 2006-07
- Institute for Business and Economic Research, UC Berkeley, Mini-Grant (\$1,000) 2006
- Rocca Scholarship in Advanced African Studies, UC Berkeley (\$4,510) 2005-06
- Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley 2004
- Worth Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Swarthmore College 1995-99

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2017

- Mathematica Policy Research, Washington, DC. "Politicized Homophobia in Sub-Saharan Africa & Intimate Interventions in Global Health."
- USAID, Washington, DC. "Politicized Homophobia, Health, and Rights in Sub-Saharan Africa."

2016

- Johns Hopkins University, School of Public Health. "HIV Interventions and Homophobic Backlashes in Sub-Saharan Africa."
- Cornell University, Department of Development Sociology. "Intimate Interventions: Preventing Pregnancy and Preventing HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa, Cornell University."

2015

- University of Washington, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology. “Intimate Interventions: Preventing Pregnancy and Preventing HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa”
2013
- USAID, Washington, DC. “Perspectives on HIV in Nigeria.”
2012
- University of California, Los Angeles. “Intimate Interventions: Preventing Pregnancy and Preventing HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa.”
2011
- University of California, Irvine. “Intimate Interventions: Talking Sex in Response to Population Growth and HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa.”
2009
- University of Utah. “World Polity Meets Global Inequality: The Case of Population Policy in Sub-Saharan Africa.”

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2017
 - “What Have We Studied and Found? A Systematic Review of the NGO Literature, 1980-2014.” American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada. (W. Jennifer N. Brass, Wesley Longhofer, and Allison Schnable.)
 - “HIV Interventions, LGBT Visibility, and Anti-Gay Backlash in Malawi and Senegal.” American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada. (W. Nicole Angotti and Tara McKay.)
 - “School District-Level Choice of Sexuality Education Curriculum in Mississippi.” Population Association of America, Chicago, IL. (W. Michael Kunnuji, Jeremy Shiffman, and Yusra Shawar.) Poster
- 2016
 - “NGOs in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Systematic Review of Academic Literature 1980-2014.” African Studies Association, Washington, DC. (W. Jennifer N. Brass, Wesley Longhofer, and Allison Schnable.)
 - “Creating Community Based Organizations in India.” American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA. (W. Kim Blankenship)
 - “What Have We Studied and Learned about NGOs? A Systematic Review of Academic Literature 1980-2014.” World Society Mini-Conference, Seattle, WA. (W. Jennifer N. Brass, Wesley Longhofer, and Allison Schnable.)
 - “Health Interventions, Anti-Western Sentiment, and Homophobia in Sub-Saharan Africa.” Comparative and Historical Sociology Mini-Conference, Seattle, WA. (W. Nicole Angotti and Tara McKay.)
- 2015
 - “From the Global North to the Global South Sexuality Education in Mississippi and Nigeria.” Population Association of America, San Diego, CA. (W. Michael Kunnuji, Jeremy Shiffman, and Yusra Shawar.) Poster
- 2014

- “Transnational Knowledge Transfers: An Analysis of Local NGO Participation at the 2012 International AIDS Conference.” American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA. (W. Sara Lacy.)
- “The Challenges of Integrating Family Planning and HIV Services: An Analysis of Programmer and Policymaker Opinions in Malawi, Nigeria, and Senegal.” Population Association of America, Boston, MA.

2013

- “Unpacking Policy Diffusion: A Textual Analysis of Refugee and Population Policies across African Countries.” American Sociological Association, New York, NY. (W. Kate Tennis.)
- “Transnational Knowledge Transfers: An Analysis of Local NGO Participation at the 2012 International AIDS Conference.” Center for AIDS Research Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Network National Scientific Meeting, Washington, DC. (W. Sara Lacy.) Poster
- “The Challenges of Integrating Family Planning and HIV Services: An Analysis of Programmer and Policymaker Opinions in Senegal, Nigeria, and Malawi.” African Studies Association, Baltimore, MD.

2012

- “Local/National NGOs (Sub-Saharan Africa).” Mapping the Humanitarian World, George Washington University, Washington, DC.
- “The Persistence of Global-Global and Global-National Linkages: Responses to High Fertility and HIV/AIDS.” American Sociological Association, Denver, CO.
- “Explaining Mortality and Health Outcomes at the District Level in Ghana, Malawi, and Tanzania.” Population Association of America, San Francisco, CA. (W. Ann Meier and Jenny Trinitapoli.)

2011

- “The Politics of Sex in Nigeria.” African Studies Association, Washington, DC.
- “Intimate Interventions: Preventing Pregnancy and Preventing HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa.” American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- “Intimate Interventions: Talking Sex in Response to Population Growth and HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa.” Population Association of America, Washington, DC. (Poster)

2010

- “From Family Planning to HIV: Untangling Sex-Related Interventions in Senegal, Nigeria, and Malawi.” African Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.
- “Social Resources and Health Disparities: The Impact of NGOs on HIV Prevalence and Treatment in Sub-Saharan Africa.” American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.
- “Using Population Policies and Non-Governmental Organizations to Explain HIV/AIDS Outcomes in Sub-Saharan Africa.” Population Association of America, Dallas, TX.

2009

- “The Impact of HIV/AIDS on NGOs and Population Policies in Sub-Saharan Africa.” International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Marrakech, Morocco. (Poster)
- “Explaining Sub-Saharan African Countries’ Differential Success in Combating HIV/AIDS.” American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

- “The Distribution and Impact of HIV/AIDS NGOs in Sub-Saharan Africa.” Sociologists’ AIDS Network, San Francisco, CA.
- “The Impact of Policies and NGOs on Fertility and HIV Prevalence in Sub-Saharan Africa.” Population Association of America, Detroit, MI. (Poster)
- “The Distribution and Impact of HIV/AIDS NGOs in Sub-Saharan Africa.” Aids2031 workshop “Mobilizing Social Capital in a World with AIDS,” Salzburg, Austria.

2008

- “The Impact of Institutional Histories on HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa.” African Studies Association, Chicago, IL.
- “Are NGOs in Sub-Saharan Africa the Same as Non-Profits Everywhere?” American Sociological Association, Boston, MA.
- “Opting-Out Occupationally? US Women’s Post-Birth Occupational Behavior.” Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA. (Poster)

2007

- “The Organizational and Political Components of Resilience to HIV/AIDS in Africa.” American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- “Girded Loins: An Analysis of (Near) Virgins at Marriage, US Birth Cohorts 1940-1977.” American Sociological Association, New York, NY. (W. Sarah Walchuk Thayer and Kristin Luker.)

2006

- “Population Policy in Senegal and Nigeria: Framing the Future through Health and Progress.” African Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.
- “The Politics of Population Policy Adoption in Sub-Saharan Africa: Global Intersections with Demographic Localities.” American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.
- “Competing Pressures: Predicting Population Policy Adoption in Sub-Saharan Africa.” International Sociological Association, Durban, South Africa.
- “Counting Women’s Labor: A Reanalysis of Children’s Net Production in Mead Cain’s Bangladeshi Village.” Population Association of America, Los Angeles, CA. (With Ronald D. Lee, and Karen L. Kramer.)

2005

- “Predicting Births in the Senegalese Population of Reproductive Health Care Organizations.” International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Tours, France.
- “A Demographic Analysis of the Senegalese Population of Reproductive Health Care Organizations.” Population Association of America, Philadelphia, PA.

2004

- “Conceptualizing Fertility Ideals in America: Theory, Literature, and Preliminary Data Analysis.” American Sociological Association, Population Section, San Francisco, CA.

2003

- “The Relationship between Globalization and Reproductive Regimes in Sub-Saharan Africa.” New Approaches to the Study of African Fertility, INED, Paris, France.

- “The Distribution of the Age at First Birth among US Women 1984-1993: Analysis of a Bimodal Pattern.” Population Association of America, Minneapolis, MN.

TEACHING AND MENTORING • AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Courses Taught

- Quantitative Methods in International Relations (PhD Level), 2016, 2017
- Population & Development (MA Level), 2017
- Practicum in Global Health (MA Level), 2017
- International Development Gateway (BA Level), 2016, 2017
- The Politics of Population (BA Level), 2011-2013, 2016
- NGOs in International Affairs (MA Level), 2016
- Quantitative Analysis in International Affairs (MA Level), 2007-13 (each semester)
- Organizations, Governance, and Global Health (MA Level), 2012, 2014
- AIDS Crisis in Africa (BA Level, honors), 2009, 2011
- Introduction to International Relations Research (BA Level), 2008-2009

PhD Committee Memberships

- Cathy Bampoky (SPA) *Performance-Based Financing in the Senegalese Health Sector*
- Sharon Rogers (SIS, Chair) *Gender Equality Norms, State Policy, and Institutional Change*
- Cherie Saulter (SIS, Chair) *Ethnicity, Contact, and Social Capital in Nairobi*
- Katy Quissell (SPA) *The Impact of Stigma and Policy Target Group Characteristics on Policy Aggressiveness for HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis* (PhD 2017)
- Katherine Tennis (SIS) *International Cooperation and Migration Management* (PhD 2017)
- Sonja Kelly (SIS) *State-Sponsored Financial Inclusion and Its Determinants* (PhD 2016)
- Yusra Shawar (SPA), *Health Intervention Politics and Agenda Setting: The Case of Surgical Care* (PhD 2016)
- Matthew Thomann (Anthro) *The Price of Inclusion: Sexual Subjectivity, Violence, and the Nonprofit Industrial Complex in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire* (PhD 2014)
- Josh Jones (SIS) *Protecting the Mission: The Case of the U.S. Army* (PhD 2013)
- Barbra Lukunka (Anthro) *Overcoming Invisibility: The Meaning and Process of Returnee Reintegration* (PhD 2013)
- Bea Reaud (SIS) *Decentralization and Performance in Mozambique since 1998* (PhD 2011)

MA and BA Students Advised

- 2016: Christine Heggie, Cullen Moran
- 2014: Sara Lacy
- 2013: Joe Clapper, Rachel Howard, Adam Jadhav, Jessica Pealer, Lauren Speer
- 2012: Zhikica Pagovski, Alyssa Parker, Elinor Shetter
- 2011: Elizabeth Bayer, Amber Jolla, Maciej Krzyzewski, Sarah Lindsay, Megan Maclean, Sara Pappa, Sara Shanley
- 2009: Jaclyn Boyle, Dorothy Fort, Kofi Gwira, Madison Iannone, Ravenna Motil-McGuire, Afua Owusu-Baafi, Melodi Sampson, Gelila Tsegaye, Ben Wielgosz
- 2008: Laura Feldman, Muhawu Lumeya, Kristin Rayhack, Maggie Skinner, Stephanie Squires

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Field Research

- Abuja and Minna, Nigeria (2 weeks) 2017
- Abuja and Minna, Nigeria (2 weeks) 2014
- Jackson, MS (1 week) 2014
- Abuja, Nigeria and Dakar, Senegal (7 weeks) 2010
- Lilongwe and Blantyre, Malawi (5 weeks) 2009
- Abuja, Nigeria and Dakar, Senegal (7 weeks) 2006
- Dakar, Senegal (3 weeks) 2004
- Windhoek, Namibia (6 weeks) 2003

Research Assistant

- IBM (contract with US Bureau of the Census), Washington, DC 2001 – 2002
- Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., Princeton, NJ and Washington, DC 1999 – 2001
- US Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 1998

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Member, Faculty Actions Committee, SIS 2016-
- Chair, Global Health Faculty Cluster, SIS 2016-
- PhD Committee, SIS, American University 2016-2013-2014
- Member, Executive Committee for the Center on Health, Risk, and Society 2015 -
- Member, Task Force for MA Education, SIS 2015 - 2016
- Member, Department of Sociology, American University, Health Faculty Search 2015
- Chair, SIS, Global Health Faculty Search 2014
- Council, Sociology of Development Section, American Sociological Association 2012 - 2014
- Reviewer, SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship 2011, 2014
- Coordinator, MA-level research methods, SIS, American University 2007 - 2013
- Committee member, SIS, Quantitative Methods Faculty Search 2013
- PhD Task Force, SIS, American University 2012-2013
- Fulbright Interviewer/Reviewer, American University 2007, 2010-12
- Conference co-organizer, “Health Politics in an Interconnected World,” Irmgard Coninx Foundation, Berlin 2010
- Advisory board member, Berlin Roundtables on Transnationality, Irmgard Coninx Foundation 2007 - 2011
- Graduate Studies Committee member, SIS, American University 2009 - 2010
- Poster Session Judge, Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2009
- Vice President of the Faculty Council, SIS, American University 2008 - 2009
- Committee member, Department of Sociology Strategic Planning Committee 2008
- Committee member, SIS, Africa faculty search 2008

REVIEWER

- *BMC Infectious Disease*
- *BMC Health Services Research*
- *Cambridge University Press*
- *Demographic Research*
- *Demography*
- *Global Health Action*
- *Global Public Health*
- *Health Policy & Planning*
- *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*
- *International Migration*
- *Journal of the International AIDS Society*
- *Political Power and Social Theory*
- *Population Research and Policy Review*
- *Social Biology*

- *Social Forces*
- *Social Science & Medicine*

- *Sociology of Development*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- African Studies Association
- American Sociological Association
 - Sections: Development, Comparative & Historical, Global & Transnational, Population
- Washington DC Sociological Society
- International Union for the Scientific Study of Population
- Population Association of America
- Sociologists' AIDS Network
- West African Research Association

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Advanced French
- Basic German