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Laura Lee is a professional research and programming consultant focussed on strengthening global child, adolescent and youth health programming, protection and services. Specializing in community-based participatory programming and research methodologies, child and youth health, protection and participation, monitoring and evaluation, and social justice and health equity, she has designed, implemented and analyzed research projects and programs with children and youth in Canada, East and Southern Africa, South America and the Middle East. Laura is an Adjunct Faculty at the University of British Columbia (Faculty of Medicine) and an Associate with the International Institute for Child Rights and Development.

Education

- 2009 – 2015 **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Candidate in Interdisciplinary Studies**,
The University of British Columbia (UBC), Vancouver, Canada (May 2015)
Dissertation: Sexual health and social suffering of youth-headed households in Nakuru County, Kenya (Available at: <http://hdl.handle.net/2429/52730>); Committee: Dr. Pilar Riaño-Alcalá & Dr. Erin Baines (Supervisors); Dr. Jeannie Shoveller & Dr. Kate Shannon
- 2005 – 2006 **Master of Science (M.Sc.) in International Health with Distinction**,
Institute for International Health and Development, Queen Margaret University (QMU), Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom
Dissertation: Strengthening the psychosocial and socioeconomic well-being of children living in child-headed households: community-based support for children in Rwanda; Supervision: Dr. Carola Eyber
- 2000 – 2004 **Bachelor of Medical Sciences (B.MSc.) in Honors Physiology with Distinction**, The University of Western Ontario (UWO), London, Ontario, Canada

Languages and Countries

- Countries** (where I have professional and/or research experience): Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania, Angola, India, Bolivia, Lebanon, Jordan, Canada, Uganda, United Kingdom.
- Languages:** English (first language)
French (fluently speak, write and understand)
Swahili (fluently speak, write and understand)

Research and Teaching Interests

Global health; Child and Youth Health; Gender and health inequities; Social suffering; Youth sexual health and HIV/AIDS; Psychosocial wellbeing of children; Community-based and participatory action research methodologies; Participatory Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation

Research and Program Experience

- 2017 **Program Support and Evaluation Manager, 4 The Generation: Cultural Care Program for Youth In and Out of Care in BC**, *International Institute of Child Rights and Development (IICRD, Victoria BC)*,
Funded by: the Vancouver Foundation (June –April 2017)
- 2016-2017 **Sport and Protection for Forcibly Displaced Youth Research Consultancy**
Consultant and Associate of International Institute of Child Rights and Development (IICRD, Victoria BC), (November 2016 –November 2017)
Funded by: The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), International Olympic Committee (IOC), Terre des homes (Tdh)
- Research on the use of sports to achieve health and protection outcomes for forcibly displaced youth in four countries
- 2016-2017 **Adolescents and Young Adults (AYAZAZI) Focus Group Discussion Analysis Lead**
Simon Fraser University with PHRU and Perinatal HIV Research Unit (Durban), Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital (Soweto) (September 2016 – February 2017)
Study: Investigating Patterns of Behavioural and Biomedical Risk for HIV Acquisition and Vaccine Trial Preparedness Among Adolescents and Young Adults in a Priority Setting (Soweto and Durban, South Africa),
Funded by: The Canadian HIV Vaccine Initiative (CHVI), in collaboration with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).
- 2016 **Establishing the contribution of faith communities in strengthening child protection. Channels of Hope Child Protection Global Impact Study: Senegal -Literature Review**
Queen Margaret University – with World Vision Senegal (March-April)
- 2016 **Consultancy: Literature review on the social impacts of resource development in British Columbia**
British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) Observatory on Population and Public Health (January – May)

- 2011 - 2013 **Fieldwork and Dissemination:** *The University of British Columbia with Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium, Nairobi, and Family AIDS Initiative Response Project, Nakuru, Kenya;*
- Fieldwork (2011 – 2012): Coordinated community based-research project with partners
 - Dissemination (2012 – 2013): ‘Research to Action: Quality of Care and Access to Sexual Health and HIV Services among Youth-headed Households in Kenya,’ funded by Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Dissemination Events); Designed ground-up policy process; Coordinated proposal development and implementation with partners
- 2010 **Research Consultancy; Children of Hope Program Review (Rwanda),** *The Sharing Way (CBM) with the Association of Baptist Churches of Rwanda (June – July)*
- Designed and carried out participatory program assessment, provided recommendations for improved programming
- 2010 **Collaborative Research Project, Evaluating the effectiveness of theatre methods with young women in conflict (RWANDA, UGANDA),** funded by Liu Institute for Global Issues (May-August), The University of British Columbia, Project Leader: Prof. Erin Baines (Gender Studies)
- 2009 - 2010 **Research Assistant,** Justice and Reconciliation Project (Northern Uganda), Liu Institute for Global Issues, The University of British Columbia
- 2008 - 2009 **Strategic Programs Officer, The Sharing Way, CBM – (Nairobi, Kenya),** *Countries of operation: Kenya, Rwanda, Angola, India, Bolivia, Canada*
- Health promotion, HIV/AIDS and children’s programming: Planning and conducting assessments, provision of recommendations, monitoring: Child Labour Rehabilitation in India; Street and Prison Children’s projects in Bolivia; Child-headed households initiative in Rwanda; HIV/AIDS project in Kenya and Rwanda
 - Field research and writing for social justice initiatives department
 - Training of partner staff and community leaders: participatory techniques (community assessments, program design); planning, monitoring and evaluation; psychosocial wellbeing and holistic programming
 - Networking and coordination of relief efforts during post-election violence, Kenya (January to March 2008)
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- 2007 - 2008 **Health Programs Officer, Africa Team, The Sharing Way, CBM – (Nairobi, Kenya),** *Countries of operation: Kenya, Rwanda, Angola*
- Assessment and recommendations to national partners for strengthening health promotion, HIV/AIDS, and children’s programs
 - Initiation of child-headed households project, Rwanda: programmatic consultation, developing and implementing participatory monitoring and evaluation tools
 - Work with local partners to design community-based projects, develop proposals, implement, monitor and evaluate programs

- 2006 **Research Consultancy; Baseline Survey: Community-based support for children in child-headed households (Rwanda), *The Sharing Way (CBM) with the Association of Baptist Churches of Rwanda (November – December)***
- Designed and carried out baseline survey to build on MSc research: quantitative and qualitative participatory research with children and youth in eight communities; Designed program for child-headed households
- 2004 - 2005 **Community Development Worker - Primary Health Care (Iringa, Tanzania), *Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) Internship with Emmanuel International Canada and Anglican Diocese of Ruaha, Iringa, Tanzania (2004 - 2005)***
- Lived and worked in Uhambingeto Village; Initiated HIV/AIDS assessment and program, including education and home-based care training; Developed preventative health program in Primary School; Worked with local clinic to strengthen maternal child health program.
- 2005 **Research Resources Assistant, *Technology Transfer and Business Enterprises, The University of Ottawa. (April – August)***
- 2003 **Community Health and Surgical Assistant (Lubango, Angola), *SIM (Serving In Mission) Canada (April – June)***
- Vaccinated and provided contextual community health services to five villages; Assisted with medical consultations and surgery in urban government clinic and rural hospitals.
 - Gained understanding of communicable and non-communicable diseases and social and economic factors that shape the health and well-being of populations in resource-poor contexts.
- 2002 - 2004 **Research Administrative Assistant, Human Research Ethics Board, Medical Trainee Data Coordinator (2002-2003), *The University of Ottawa Heart Institute***
- 2001 **Administrative Assistant, Congenital Heart Clinic, *The University of Ottawa Heart Institute***

Teaching Experience

- 2017 **Program Planning and Evaluation, SPPH 540, Branch for International Surgical Care, Faculty of Medicine, Department of Surgery, The University of British Columbia, Winter Term: Design and delivery of course curriculum online to surgical care students**
- 2016, 2017 **Program Planning and Evaluation, Faculty of Health Sciences HSCI 826, Simon Fraser University, Fall Term: Design and delivery of course curriculum to Master of Public Health students**

Course Development and Teaching Assistance

- 2017 New Course Development: **Global and Indigenous Health** SPHA 581 B MHA Graduate Program Assistant, Faculty of Medicine, School of Population and Public Health, The University of British Columbia, Design of course and all content for Masters of Health Administration students (*I will also teach this course in Winter 2018*)
- 2017 New Course Development (Online): **Program Planning and Evaluation in Surgical Care**, SURG 516, Branch for International Surgical Care, Faculty of Medicine, Department of Surgery, The University of British Columbia: Design of Course and all content for a new online course for surgical care students
- 2010 **Socio-Economic Determinants of Global Health** (School of Population and Public Health 521) - Curriculum development, Course Planning, Teaching Assistance, Conducting Lectures, The University of British Columbia
- 2010 **Social/Community Development and Community Based Research** (School of Social Work 440C): Course Development and Evaluation, The University of British Columbia

Invited Teaching (Classes)

- 2014 *Participatory research process and analysis: the case of youth sexual health research in Kenya*. Qualitative methods in social work research Course SOWK 554C 003. March 27, 2014, The University of British Columbia
- 2013 *Youth Sexual Health Policy in Kenya: A participant action approach*. Political Science Course 461A 001: Studies in Peace and Conflict. March 8, The University of British Columbia
- 2013 *Assessment and mapping methods in community work: International Perspectives*, School of Social Work Course 529a: Communities and Social Development: Debates, Approaches and Fields of Practice, UBC. February 13, The University of British Columbia
- 2012 *Research in Practice: Working with marginalized groups: Ethics, challenges and opportunities on the field*, School of Population and Public Health Course 507: Research in Progress, The University of British Columbia, February 1, The University of British Columbia

Honours and Awards

- Institute Community Support (ICS) Travel Award (2013: \$1,000), Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Government of Canada
- Dissemination Events: Priority Announcement – Infection and Immunity, (2012: \$24,964), Institute of Infection and Immunity, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Government of Canada (Collaborator; P.I.: Dr. Jeannie Shoveller, School of Population and Public Health, UBC)
- Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, (2011, \$150,000), Canadian Institutes of Health

Research, Government of Canada

- Bottom Billion Fieldwork Fund, (2011, \$3000), Liu Institute for Global Issues, The University of British Columbia
- Africa Initiative Graduate Research Grant (2011, \$10,000), Centre for International Governance Innovation
- SWAAC Graduate Student Award of Merit (2010, \$2500), Senior Women's Academic Administrators of Canada: *Outstanding leadership in the university and general community, high academic records.*
- Liu Scholar Research Grant (2010, \$6000), Liu Institute for Global Issues, The University of British Columbia
- Student Initiatives Fund (2010, \$500), Alma Mater Society, The University of British Columbia
- Four Year Doctoral Fellowship, 4YF Program, (2009-2013, \$20,000/year), The University of British Columbia
- Young Leader Award, National Leading Women Awards (2007): *Distinctive achievement in community engagement and leadership*
- Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Scholarship, Queen Margaret University College (2006, £700)
- Postgraduate Scholarship (2005, £1000), Queen Margaret University College
- Henry Wu Memorial Scholarship (2004, \$2500), The University of Western Ontario: *Varsity Athlete, high academic achievement, leadership qualities*
- Faculty of Science Students Council Award (2003, \$500), The University of Western Ontario: *Leadership in university and general community*
- Canada Inter-University Sport (CIS) Academic All Canadian (2000-2001, 2002-2003), The University of Western Ontario : *Varsity Athlete, High academic achievement*
- Dean's Honour List (2000-2004), The University of Western Ontario
- Local Excellence Award (2000, \$4000), Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation: *Academic achievement, community involvement, leadership ability, interest in innovation.*
- Scholarship of Excellence (2000, \$2000), The University of Western Ontario
- French Language Bilingual Certificate (2000), Bell High School
- Academic Award (average over 90%, 2000), Bell High School
- W.R. McGillivray Award, BHS (2000): *Highest standing in Ontario Academic Credit (OAC) English and OAC Immersion French Language Arts*
- Bouris Family Recognition Award, BHS (2000): *High academic achievement, French Immersion Certificate, community involvement, 3 team sports.*

Publications

Peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters

Laura M. Lee. 2015. "Left to stand alone? Youth engagement, solidarity and meaningful exchange." pp 153-174. In *Youth at the margins: experiences from engaging youth in research worldwide*, Edited by Bastien, S. & Holmarsdottir, H. Sense Publishers: Rotterdam.

Laura M. Lee. 2013. "Socio-economic Structures and Sexual Health of Marginalized Youth: Policy Implications in Kenya." Pp. 197 – 222. In *Africa Rising: A Continent Through the Eyes of Emerging Scholars*, Edited by Shaw, E. and Mackinnon, H., Africa Initiative: The Centre for International Governance Innovation, Waterloo.

Laura M. Lee. 2012. "Youths navigating social networks and social support systems in settings of chronic crisis: the case of youth-headed households in Rwanda." *African Journal of AIDS Research*, Special Issue: Resilience and coping strategies of HIV-affected children in sub-Saharan Africa. Volume 11. Issue 3, pp. 165 – 175.

Laura M. Lee. 2012. "Reducing HIV Infection Rates Among Young Kenyan Women." Backgrounder No. 40, September 21, 2012. Africa Portal. Centre for International Governance Innovation, Waterloo. Available at www.africaportal.org.

Laura M. Lee. 2012. "Strategies to Support Youth-headed Households in Kenya and Rwanda." Backgrounder No. 43, October 25, 2012. Africa Portal. Centre for International Governance Innovation, Waterloo. Available at www.africaportal.org.

Laura M. Lee. 2012. "The Impact of HIV on the Sexual Health of Kenya's Young Generation." Backgrounder No. 28, May 9, 2012. Africa Portal. Centre for International Governance Innovation, Waterloo. Available at www.africaportal.org.

Laura M. Ward and Carola Eyber. 2009. "Resiliency of children in child-headed households in Rwanda: implications for community-based psychosocial interventions." *Intervention: The International Journal of Mental Health, Psychosocial Work and Counselling in Areas of Armed Conflict*, Volume 7, Number 1 (March), pp. 17-33.

Reports

Laura M. Lee, Philip Cook (IICRD) 2017. Sport and Protection for Forcibly Displaced Youth Research For: Terre des homes (Tdh), The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), International Olympic Committee (IOC)

Laura M. Lee. 2016. Establishing the contribution of faith communities in strengthening child protection. Channels of Hope Child Protection Global Impact Study: Senegal - Literature Review, Queen Margaret University with World Vision Senegal

Laura M. Lee. 2016. Literature review on the social impacts of resource development in British Columbia British Columbia, Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) Observatory on Population and Public Health

2013. Policy Brief - A Call for Youth Friendly Services in Kenya: Research and recommendations from youth-headed households and communities in Rift Valley Kenya. Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium, Nairobi, Kenya, October.

2013. Policy Brief - A Call for Tailored Gender Based Violence policies in Kenya : Research and recommendations from Youth-headed Households and Communities in Rift Valley Kenya. Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium, Nairobi, Kenya, October.

Laura M. Lee, Charity Wachira. 2013. Research Summary: Sexual health of youth-headed households in the Rift Valley Kenya. Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium, Nairobi, Kenya, October.

Laura M. Lee. 2010. *Children of Hope Program Review, Rwanda*, Association des Eglises Baptistes au Rwanda and The Sharing Way CBM. Kigali, Rwanda, July.

Laura M. Lee. 2010. *As Long As You Live You Will Survive: The Omot Massacre*, Field Note XI, Justice and Reconciliation Project, Gulu District NGO Forum, February.

Laura M. Ward. 2009. *Assessment of Children's Programming in Bolivia: Report and Recommendations*. JIREH (for Working Children) and CASA de la Amistad (for Prison Children), The Sharing Way CBM, Cochibamba, Bolivia, June.

Laura M. Ward. 2009. *HIV/AIDS Project Assessment and Tuni Child Labour Rehabilitation School (Tuni and Payakarayopet India): Project Monitoring Report*, Samatha Community Development, The Sharing Way CBM, Andhra Pradesh, India, March.

Laura M. Ward. 2009. *Children of Hope (Orphans and Vulnerable Children Program) Rwanda: Program Outline and Monitoring and Evaluation Toolkit*, Association des Eglises Baptistes au Rwanda and The Sharing Way CBM. Kigali, Rwanda, May.

Laura M. Ward. 2007. *Tuni Child Labour Rehabilitation School (Tuni and Payakarayopet India): Project Assessment Report*, Samatha Community Development, The Sharing Way CBM, Andhra Pradesh, India, November.

Laura M. Ward and Faith Mutisya. 2006. *Baseline Survey and Program Design Report on Orphans and Vulnerable Children and Children/Youth Headed Households in Rwanda*, Association des Eglises Baptistes au Rwanda and The Sharing Way CBM. Kigali, Rwanda, December.

Published in popular media

Peter Dauvergne, Laura M. Lee, Miro Cernetig. 2010. *Developing nation's pandemic: The car, A person living in a poor country is twice as likely to die on the roads as one in a rich country*. The Vancouver Sun. January 9, 2010

Manuscripts in Process

"The Impact of South African adolescents and young adults social relationships on their participation in HIV prevention and vaccine research studies" – Target journal: AIDS Care (First Author)

"A Relational Framework for studying the intersections of violence, suffering and global health: Sexual health and the case of youth who head households in Nakuru County, Kenya" - Target Journal: Social Science and Medicine

"Engaging marginalized youth in policy development and community action: A community-based approach to researching sexual health of youth-headed households in Nakuru County, Kenya" - Target Journal: Qualitative Health Research

"Embodiment of social injustices as sexual inequality: The lived experience of youth who head households in Nakuru County, Kenya" – Target Journal: Journal of Culture, Health and Sexuality

Conferences and Presentations

Peer-reviewed

Philip Cook, Laura M. Lee. 2017. *Assessing children's developmental outcomes resulting from play and sport based interventions supporting children displaced by conflict and war*. International Play Association, Calgary, September (Oral Presentation)

Laura M Lee, Philip Cook, 2017. *Best practices for evaluating sport and play-based interventions with displaced youth*, Canadian Evaluation Society Conference, May 1, Vancouver (Oral Presentation)

Laura M. Lee. Navjot Gill. 2017. *Participatory Approaches to Working in Partnership with Communities*. British Columbia Council for International Cooperation, April 12 (Invited Facilitator)

L. Lee, J. Dietrich, L. Greener, L. Makhale, P. Smith, S. Hornschuh, T. Mathenjwa, J. Smit, M. Brockman, G.Gray, M. Beksinska, A. Kaida. *Gender and power dynamics of social relationships shape willingness to participate in biomedical HIV prevention research among South African adolescents and young adults*. International Aids Society Conference, Paris, 2017, July (First Author, Oral Presentation)

Angela Kaida, Janan Dietrich, Letitia Greener, Patricia Smith, Stefanie Hornschuh, Thulile Mathenjwa, Lerato Makhale, Laura Lee, Mags Beksinska, Thumbi Ndung'u, Mark Brockman, Glenda Gray, Jenni Smit. 2017. *Facilitators and barriers to participating in PrEP trials among adolescent girls and young women enrolled in a youth-centred HIV prevention study in South Africa*. 26th Annual Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research (CAHR 2017), held April 6-9, 2017 at the Hôtel Bonaventure in Montreal, Quebec. (Accepted)

Laura M Lee, Philip Cook, 2017. *Best practices for evaluating sport and play-based interventions with displaced youth*, Canadian Evaluation Society Conference, May 1, Vancouver (Oral Presentation)

Laura M. Lee, 2015. *Relationality and the impact of shifting caregiving structures on youth's experience of suffering: The case of youth who head households in Kenya*. 8th Annual Society for the History of Children and Youth Conference (Panel - Youth and Social Change: belonging, being, and becoming in East Africa). University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, June 25, (Oral Presentation)

Laura M. Lee, 2015. *Improving the sexual health of young women who head households in Nakuru County, Kenya: Suffering and social support*, Connecting the Conversations: an Interdisciplinary Approach to the Social Dimensions of Health. University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada, April 23 (Oral Presentation)

Laura M. Lee, Dorcas W. Karanja, 2014. *Embodiment of suffering of youth-headed households in Kenya*, Out of the Box Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, March 21 (Oral Presentation).

Laura M. Lee, Dorcas W. Karanja, Charity Wachira. Catherine Wangui, 2013. *'Nimekula shida miaka mingi' (I have eaten my problems for many years): Embodiment of suffering of youth-headed households - Social abandonment and support of youth affected by HIV*, 17th International Conference on AIDS and STI's in Africa, Cape Town, South Africa, December 7 - 11 (Oral Presentation).

Laura M. Lee, 2013. *Engaging marginalized groups in policy development and community action : A community-based approach to sexual health of youth-headed households research in Kenya*. Out of the Box, Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies Program Conference, Vancouver, March 22, 2013 (Oral Presentation)

Laura M. Lee, 2012. *Research to Action: Improving the Quality of Care and Access to Sexual Health and HIV Services Among Youth-Headed Households in Kenya*. Advancing Excellence in Gender, Sex and Health Research, Institute of Gender and Health,

Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Montréal, Canada, October 29-31, 2012 (Oral Presentation).

Laura M. Lee, Dorcas W. Karanja, 2011. *Socio-economic structures, young women's behaviour and HIV: "I am not proud of it, I hate it but what else can I do?"* 16th International Conference on AIDS and STI's in Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, December 4 – 8 (Poster Presentation).

Laura M. Lee, Michel Nsengiyumva, 2011. *Strengthening communities affected by HIV in Rwanda*. 16th International Conference on AIDS and STI's in Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, December 4 – 8 (Poster Presentation).

Laura M. Lee. 2010, Beth Stewart, Lara Rosenhoff, Erin Baines. *Theatre Works: Young Women Challenging Narratives of Conflict in Rwanda and northern Uganda*. Children and War: Past Present and Future, Salzburg, Austria, September 30 - October 2 (Presenter).

Laura M Lee. 2010. *Youth facing structural violence: a resource to be tapped*, Global Health and War. 8th Annual Western Regional International Health Conference, Seattle, Washington, USA, April 23-25 (Invited Presenter).

Laura M. Lee, Lara Rosenhoff, Beth Stewart. 2010. *Theatre Works: Young Women Challenging Narratives of Conflict*. Networking Justice: The Local and Global in Transition, Liu Institute for Global Issues. Vancouver, British Columbia. May 5 (Presenter).

Laura M. Ward. 2007. *Psychosocial Health of Child-Headed Households in Rwanda*, Canadian Conference on International Health, Global Change and Health: Who are the Vulnerable? Ottawa, Canada, November (Sponsored Speaker).

Laura M. Ward. 2006. *Evaluating participatory, community-based sexual health interventions*, Workshop report, Medical Research Council and QMUC, Edinburgh, United Kingdom (Workshop Documentation).

Invited Presentations

Laura M. Lee. 2014. *Community-Based Research: Researching sexual health, suffering and resilience of youth who head households in Kenya*. Interdisciplinary Graduate Studies Program Lecture Series, December 3.

Laura M. Lee. 2013. *Community-based research with marginalized youth: Navigating social dynamics on the field*. Fieldwork Workshop, Liu Scholars Program, Liu Institute for Global Issues, UBC, February 25.

Laura M. Lee. 2012. *Youth Peace-building in Kenya and Rwanda*. PeaceTalks, PeaceGeeks, Vancouver, Canada. September 5.

Laura M. Lee, Theresa McElroy. 2011. *Exploring factors that hinder and promote children's well-being after war*. Keys to Children's Mental Health: Assessing Children's Social and Emotional Well Being, 9th Annual Assessment workshop, UBC Faculty of Education, May 12.

Laura M. Lee. 2010. *Arts and the social and emotional world of children*, Institute for Resources, Environment & Sustainability/ Liu Institute for Global Issues, UBC, Vancouver, Canada, March 15

Laura M. Ward. 2008. *Setting up and Managing Child Friendly Spaces: Psychosocial Care and Protection of Children affected by the Post Election Crisis Initiative*, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Nakuru, Kenya, April.

Laura M. Ward. 2007. *Participatory Methods for Sustainable Community Development*, Association des Eglises Baptistes au Rwanda, Kigali, Rwanda, July 21.

Workshop Organization and Facilitation

2017. *Participatory Approaches to Working in Partnership with Communities*. British Columbia Council for International Cooperation, April 12 (Invited Facilitator)

2012-2013. *Innovative Methodologies in Bridging Theory and Practice/Policy on Community-based Research*. Lecture series and workshop, the Liu Institute for Global Issues, Interdisciplinary Studies (UBC) and the BC Centre for HIV/AIDS (Organizer).

2011. *Health Determinants in International Development*. International Development Research Conference, International Development Research Network (UBC). May 10-11. (Design and co-facilitation, full-day workshop)

2011. *Exploring Factors that hinder and promote children's wellbeing after war*. UBC 9th Annual Assessment Workshop, May 12.

2010. *Networking Justice: The Local and Global in Transition*, Tri-University Workshop, The Transitional Justice Network, Liu Institute for Global Issues, The University of British Columbia, May 5 (Organizer).

2009. *A Participatory Approach to Program Planning and Evaluation*, Global Field Staff Conference, The Sharing Way / CBM, New Delhi, India, April. (Design and facilitation)

2008. *Conducting Community Assessments: A Participatory Approach*, Workshop for Community Health and Development Workers, The Sharing Way, Lukenya, Kenya, May. (Design and facilitation)

2007. *Baseline Surveys: Community Assessment from the Ground Up*, Workshop for Community Health and Development Workers, The Sharing Way, Nairobi, Kenya, June. (Design and facilitation)

Invited Workshop Participation

2008. *Orphans and Vulnerable Children's Programming, Mid-Project Evaluation Report and Planning*. Association de Eglises Baptistes au Rwanda, Kigali, Rwanda, April.

2008. *Peace-building and Reconciliation Workshop*. Mennonite Central Committee. Nairobi, Kenya, March.

Other Conferences

Global Health in the Shifting World Economy, 2012. Ottawa, Canada. Canadian Conference on Global Health, Canadian Society for International Health. Oct 21-23.

CIDA International Cooperation Days. 2006. Ottawa, Canada, Canadian International development Agency, November.

International Health Conference, 2003. Ottawa, Canada. Student University Network for Social and International Health (SUNSIH).

Special Circumstances

I took a formal maternity leave from my doctoral studies from May to October of 2013 after the birth of my first son. I also took a leave after the birth of my second son from July 2015 to January 2016.

Leadership and Scholarly Activities

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| 2016 - present | Individual Member, Global Health Council |
| 2016 - present | Individual Member, British Columbia Council for International Cooperation (BCCIC) |
| 2016 | Reviewer, Journal of Culture, Health and Sexuality |
| 2016 | Associate, International Institute of Child Rights and Development (IICRD, Victoria BC) |
| 2012 – present | Board Member, Young Women’s Entrepreneurship Kenya (NGO), Nakuru, Kenya |
| 2012 – present | Reviewer, African Journal of AIDS Research (2 articles) |
| 2012 | Speaker and Panelist, Leader's Dialogue Series: On Making a Difference for Good (October 16, 2012), Office of the Dean, University of British Columbia |
| 2011 | Member, International Network for Caregiving Children (INCC) |
| 2010 | Conference Organizer, Networking Justice: The Local and Global in Transition, University of British Columbia (UBC) |
| 2010 | Presenting Student, Presidents Annual Blue and Gold Revue: Annual celebration of UBC excellence, UBC |
| 2009 – 2015 | Liu Scholar, Liu Institute for Global Issues, UBC |
| 2009 – 2015 | Global Health Network, student leader, Liu Institute for Global Issues, UBC |
| 2009 – 2015 | Transitional Justice Network, Co-founder and coordinator (2009 – 2011), active member (2012 – 2015), Liu Institute for Global Issues, UNC |

- 2009 – 2010 Faculty Council, Student Representative, Liu Institute for Global Issues, UBC
- 2009 – 2011 Volunteer, Kitsilano Showers Program for homeless people, Kitsilano Community Center, Vancouver, Canada
- 2001 – 2004 Community Events Leader, Athletes in Action, University of Western Ontario with Boys' and Girls' Club of London and Samaritan's Purse
- 2000 – 2004 Volunteer, Ark Aid Street Mission, London, Ontario, Canada
- 2000 – 2003 Varsity Athlete, UWO Mustangs. University of Western Ontario: Women's Rugby Team (2000-2003), Women's Track and Field (2002-2003)