

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. 2018 to 2023

Michigan State University

Human Development and Family Studies, with a specialization in Couple and Family Therapy

Dissertation: *Validation of the Alabama Parenting Questionnaire among Ugandan Caregivers; A Sequential Exploratory Mixed-Methods Study*

Major Professor: Adrian J. Blow, Ph.D., LMFT

M.S.

Marriage & Family Therapy
2016 to 2018

Oklahoma Baptist University

Clinical Capstone Project: Personal Epistemology and Theory of Therapeutic Change

Advisor: Camille Lafleur, Ph.D., LMFT

B.A.

Community Psychology
2009 to 2013

Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda

Dissertation: *Peer pressure, Sex knowledge, and Adolescent Risky Sexual Behavior*

Supervisor: Mr. Patrick Mwase, M.S.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Intersections of Trauma, Parenting, and Culture
- Child/Youth Mental health
- Culturally responsive Systemic Interventions for Couples and Families
- Measurement and scale development
- Underserved and culturally diverse communities.
- Family Therapy in Africa

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

August 2023 to present	Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Couple and Family Therapy Program, Department of Family Social Science, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
2018 to 2022	Graduate Teaching Assistant , Department of Human Development & Family Studies, Michigan State University
2022 to 2023	Research Assistant , Department of Human Development & Family Studies, Michigan State University

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Limited Ed. License in Marriage and Family Therapy (LLMFT). State of Michigan. <i>License #:</i> 4151000133		October 2019- Present
Certified DiSC Facilitator		January 2021- Present
Certified PREPARE/ENRICH Facilitator		November 2016- Present
Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT)-Trained		March 2019- Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate from the International Center for Excellence in Emotionally Focused Therapy (ICEEFT) 		
Parent Management Training-Oregon (PMTO) Model-Trained		2020- Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services 		
Attachment-Based Family Therapy (ABFT)-Trained		May 2021- Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family-Based Youth Suicide Prevention Workshop (7 contact hours), from ABFT Program-Drexel University 		
Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Children		May 2016-Present

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

A). Funded Research Experiences

Graduate Research Assistant

December 2022- MAY 2023

- College of Arts and Letters (The Writing Center), Michigan State University; East Lansing, MI
- Project: *Towards a Research-led University: Strengthening Makerere University's Research, Grant Writing and Publication Capacity.*
- Project summary: project aims to enhance capacity for research, grant writing, and publication among early career researchers at Makerere University (Uganda) through the establishment of a Writing Center based on US models such as the one at Michigan State University (MSU).
- My responsibilities: contribute to a team conducting a needs assessment and landscape analysis at Makerere University (MAK), collaborate with MAK Research Assistants to support data transcription, data entry, data analysis, and report writing.
- Funder: The US Embassy

Process Evaluator

September-December 2022

- Michigan State University College of Nursing, East Lansing, MI.
- Project: *Guys/Girls Opt for Activities for Life (GOAL) Intervention Trial.* This is a 16-week school- and home-based program to help fight childhood obesity epidemic among children 5th -8th graders in four schools around the state of Michigan, USA.
- PI: Lorraine B. Robbins, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, FAAN
- Funder: The NIH/National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)
- My responsibilities: monitor progress of project activities, use empirically validated fidelity measures to evaluate various project activities e.g., student club activities (healthy eating and physical activities), report findings to data collector, and intervention coordinator

Graduate Research Assistant/Co-PI

September 2021- Present

- Project: *A Strategic Partnership to Strengthen Mental Healthcare Capacity and Clinical Training in Primary Care in Uganda.*
- PIs: Dr. Lekie Dwanyen, Dr. Adrian Blow from Michigan State University and Dr. Rosco Kasujja from Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda
- Funder: Alliance for African Partnerships (AAP) and Michigan State University
- My responsibilities: Participate in research and writing meetings that developed the proposal for this grant, participated in developing study materials (e.g., consent forms, interview guides etc..). Participated in data collection, analysis, writing, and presentation of study findings

Program Facilitator

March 2021-July 2021

- School of Public Health, University of Maryland, College Park, MD
- Project Title: *Giving Relationships A Chance to Excel (GRACE)*; A Phase 1 feasibility trial of Cognitive Behavioral Couple Therapy (CBCT) to treat intimate partner violence, substance use, and promoting sexual health among African American heterosexual couples.
- Funder: National Institute of Health (NIH), grant # 5R03DA044866.
- Project PI: Mona Mittal, PhD.,

- Roles: Facilitated 8-sessions of CBCT with 4 couples via zoom, participated in project planning meetings

ii) *Non-funded Research Experiences*

- **Research Assistant (Summer 2017)**, Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN) Health Services, Department of Mental Health in Shawnee, Oklahoma.
- **Principal Investigator (2012):** *Peer Pressure, Sex Knowledge, and Adolescent Risky Sexual Behaviors*, Undergraduate research dissertation, Makerere University school of psychology, Kampala, Uganda

AWARDS & HONORS

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1. **New Writers Fellowship (2023)**. The Family Process Institute (FPI). Fellows participate in a *Craft of Scholarly Writing in Family Therapy workshop* taught by Dr. Evan Imber-Black in Evanston, Illinois. The workshop includes free tuition, 2 nights' hotel, and a \$300 stipend toward travel
 2. **Family Process Institute (FPI) Dissertation Grant Award (2022)**. Award amount: \$4,340
 3. **Dissertation Completion Fellowship Award (Summer 2023)**. College of Social Sciences, Michigan State University. Award amount: \$7500
 4. **Excellence in Graduate Teaching Citation (2021-2022)**, from the Office of the Provost for Faculty and Academic Staff Development, Michigan State University. Award amount: \$1,000
 - a. **Featured in MSU today;** <https://msutoday.msu.edu/news/2022/excellence-in-teaching-citations>
 5. **Research Scholars Award** from the College of Social Sciences, Michigan State University. (Spring 2022). Amount; \$1,600
 6. **Nnamdi Azikiwe International African Student Fellowship (November 2021)**. An award from the African Studies Center (ASC), Michigan State University. Award amount: \$2,000
 7. **Professional Development Award** from the Council of Graduate Students (COGS), Michigan State University (Spring 2022). Award amount; \$500
 8. **Third Place Team Award (2021)**, National Student Ethics Competition of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT)
 9. **Wampler Scholarship Award (2021)**, Couple and Family Therapy Program, Michigan State University. Amount: \$500
 10. **Leadership Fellowship Grant (2020-21)**, Michigan State University's Graduate School Leadership Institute. Amount: \$10,000
 11. **National Certificate of Leadership Recipient (2020-2021)**, the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT). **Link to Portfolio;** <http://ronscholarlyhub.com/>

12. **Miriam J. Kelly African Scholarship Grant Program Award** (summer 2019), Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS), Michigan state university, amount: \$1,000
13. **Mary Lewis Scholarship summer research award** (2020), Department of Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS), amount: \$1,000
14. **Alice Cutler Thorpe research enhancement award** (2019-2020), from HDFS, Michigan State University, amount: \$2,000
15. **Doctors Robert E. Lee and Patricia A. Ball research enhancement award** (2019-2020), Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Michigan State University, amount: \$1,000
16. **The Paolucci Memorial Scholarship** (2019-2020), Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Michigan State University, amount: \$2,000
17. **Mansfield Endowed Scholarship Award** (2019), Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Michigan state university, amount: \$1,000
18. **Research Enhancement Award (2018-2019)**, the Graduate School & the Department of Human Development & Family Studies, Michigan State University, amount: \$700.
 - **Certificate of Participation** (lawn tennis), The Uganda National University Sports Federation of Uganda.
 - **Leadership training award** (December 2013), Kenya Fellowship of Christian Unions (FOCUS), Nairobi, Kenya.

AWARDS NOMINATIONS (Not Received)

- **Excellence in Graduate Teaching Citation (2020-2021)**, office of the Provost for Faculty and Academic Staff Development, Michigan State University.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Published

Casaburo, G., **Asiimwe, R.**, Yzaguirre, M. M., Fang, M., & Holtrop, K. (2023). Identifying Beneficial Training Elements: Clinician Perceptions of Learning the Evidence-Based GenerationPMTO Intervention. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 1-16.

Huerta, P., Edwards, C., **Asiimwe, R.**, PettyJohn, M., White, J., Morgan, P., & Wittenborn, A. K. (2022). Exploratory analysis of pursue-withdraw patterns, attachment, and gender among couples in Emotionally Focused Therapy. *The American Journal of Family Therapy*.

Asiimwe, R., Dwanyen, L., Subramanian, S. M., Kasujja, R., & Blow, A. J. (2022). Therapist training and cultural adaptation procedures: A systematic review of culturally adapted evidence-based parenting programs in Africa. *Family Process*.

Asiimwe, R., Lesch, E., Karume, M. W., & Blow, A. J., (2021). Expanding our international reach: Trends in the development of systemic family therapy training and implementation in Africa. *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*, 47, 815-830.

<https://doi.org/10.1111/jmft.12514>

Video abstract; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b1ABeDfKpKg>

Asiimwe, R., Tseng, C., Murray, S., Ojuka, J.C., Arima, E.G., & Familia-Lopez, I. (2022). Association of Pregnancy-related Stigma, Intimate Partner Violence with Psychological Distress among Teenagers in Rural Uganda. the *Journal of Adolescence*.

<https://doi.org/10.1002/jad.12008>

Yzaguirre, M. M., PettyJohn, M. E., Tseng, C.F., **Asiimwe, R.**, Fang, M. & Blow, A. J. (2022). Marriage and family therapy masters' students' diversity course experiences. *Journal of Feminist Family Therapy*. <http://doi.org/10.1080/08952833.2022.2052534>

INVITED SPECIAL ISSUES

Asiimwe, R., Nuwagaba-K, R. D., Dwanyen, L., & Kasujja, R. (2023). Sociocultural considerations of mental health care and help-seeking in Uganda. *SSM-Mental Health*, 100232.

Manuscripts Under Journal Review

Asiimwe, R., & Lesch, E. (in progress). On the Horizons; Barriers and Trends in the Development of Systemic Family Therapy in Africa. An American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) magazine publication in *Family Therapy* magazine, issue....

Manuscripts under Preparation

Asiimwe, R., Lesch, E., Kasujja, R., Galukande, P., Maxwell, M., & de Bruin, K. (Data collection phase). Couple therapy in Africa; Examining Training Experiences of Ugandan Mental Health Professionals Learning Emotionally Focused Therapy

Asiimwe, R., Galukande, P., Kasujja, R., Lesch, E., Maxwell, M., (data collection). Exploring experiences of US EFT-trained therapists facilitating an EFT externship in a diverse cultural setting

Asiimwe, R., Galukande, P., Kasujja, R., Lesch, E., Maxwell, M., & de Bruin, K. (Data collection phase). Couple therapy in Sub-Saharan Africa; Exploring the initial feasibility and acceptability of an emotionally focused therapy group psychoeducational program among couples in Uganda.

Asiimwe, R., Is attachment theory relevant in African settings? Exploring experiences of Ugandan parents receiving training in a parenting program based in attachment theory.

Asiimwe, R., Karume, M., Lesch, E., Kasujja, R., Galukande, P., & Blow, A. J. (Writing phase). Promoting Social Justice in the Training, Research, and the Practice of Family Therapy in Africa. Target Journal: *Family Process*

Asiimwe, R., Blow, A. J., Tumuhairwe, J. B., (data analysis stage). Expert Feedback and Cognitive Interviews in Establishing the Validity of Survey Items Measuring Parenting Practices in a Ugandan Context; a Qualitative Study

Dwanyen, L., Kasujja, R., **Asiimwe, R.,** Luberenga, I., & Blow, A. J. (data analysis phase). Mental Health in Uganda: An Ethnographic Assessment of the Mental Health System and Opportunities for Systemic Interventions.

López-Zerón, G., Farero, A., & **Asiimwe, R.** (in preparation). Decolonizing research methods: A holistic framework for conducting cross-cultural systemic research

BOOK CHAPTERS

- **Asiimwe, R.**, Karume, M., & Kasujja, R., (*under editorial review*). Family therapy in Africa. In Hertlein, K., (Ed.), *International Handbook of Couple and Family Therapy*. Taylor and Francis.

RESEARCH REPORTS

- Holtrop, K., Casaburo, G., M., Yzaguirre, M., **Asiimwe, R.**, & Fang, M. (June 2020). Data-Based Insights on PMTO Hybrid Training: Initial Report submitted to Luann Gray, Michigan GenPMTO State Coordinator

RESEARCH BRIEFS PUBLICATIONS

Asiimwe, R., & Belous, C. K. (October 2019). Evidence-based practice? What is it? Is it necessary? Brief summaries of current research on EBP published online through the *Couples and Intimate Relationships Topical Interest Network (CIRTIN)* of AAMFT. October 2019

Asiimwe, R., & Belous, C. K. (December 2019). The latest in Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT) outcome research for depression. Research briefs published online through the *Couples and Intimate Relationships Topical Interest Network (CIRTIN)* of AAMFT

Asiimwe, R., & Belous, C. K. (February 2020). Let's Talk Sex; Tools for Assessing Sexual Difficulties and/or Dysfunctions in Couple Therapy. Research briefs published online through the *CIRTIN* of AAMFT

SCHOLARLY CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2023 presentations

Asiimwe, A., de Bruin, K., & Galukande, P. (2023, January 4). *Introduction to emotionally focused therapy (EFT)*. A 5-hour workshop with Ugandan mental health professionals and members of the Uganda Counseling Association. Kampala, Uganda

Asiimwe, A., & Galukande, P. (2023, March 18). *Couple therapy in Uganda: Trends in the Training and Implimentation of Emotionally Focused Therapy in Uganda*. A 2-hour presentation at the Wiscosnin Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (WIAMFT). Online Webinar.

Invited 2023 Presentations (not yet presented)

Asiimwe, A. (2023, November 3rd, **KeyNote Speaker**). *Addressing Power Imbalances in the Therapeutic Context*. A 6-hour presentation at the annual Oklahoma Association of Marriage and Therapy Students and New Professionals Fall state conference. University of Central Oklahoma, *Edmund, Oklahoma*.

Galukande, P., **Asiimwe, A.**, Lesch, E., de Bruin, K. (2023 September 21). *Assessing the initial feasibility and acceptability of emotionally focused therapy's Hold Me Tight couples workshop on a group of middle-class Ugandan couples?* A poster presentation at the Intervention Research in Systemic Family Therapy Annual Conference of the AAMFT, Salt Lake City, UT, United States.

Asiimwe, R. (2023 November 8th). *Expert Feedback and Cognitive Interviews in Establishing the Validity of Survey Items Measuring Parenting Practices in a Ugandan Context; a Qualitative Study.* A poster presentation in the Family Therapy Section of the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) Conference. Orlando, FL

2022 presentations

Dwanyen, L., Kasujja, R., **Asiimwe, R.**, Luberega, I., & Blow, A. J. (2022, October 7). *Mental Health in Uganda: An Ethnographic Assessment of the Mental Health System and Opportunities for Systemic Interventions.* A 15-minute presentation at the Intervention Research in Systemic Family Therapy Annual Conference, East Lansing, MI, United States.

Asiimwe, R., Mugumya, F., Siu, G., & Bangirana, C. (2022, October 7). *The state of Ugandan fathers: A scoping review.* A presentation at the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy: Intervention Research in Systemic Family Therapy Annual Conference, East Lansing, MI, United States.

Asiimwe, R., Tseng, C., & Familiar-Lopez, I. (2022, November). *Teenage pregnancy and its Impacts on Adolescent Mental health in Uganda; Opportunities for systemic-based interventions.* A virtual presentation at the Annual American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) Systemic Family Therapy Conference.

Miller, D. L., **Asiimwe, R.**, Casaburo, G., Yzaguirre, M., Bayardo, J., Gray, L., & Holtrop, K. (2022, October 7). *Advancing intervention reach through academic-community partner research strategies.* A 2-hour workshop presentation at American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy: Intervention Research in Systemic Family Therapy Annual Conference, East Lansing, MI, United States.

Yzaguirre, M. M., Tseng, C. F., PettyJohn, M. E., Blow, A. J., Fang, M., & **Asiimwe, R.** (2022, October 7). *Marriage and family therapy masters' students' diversity course experiences.* A 15-min presentation at American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy: Intervention Research in Systemic Family Therapy Annual Conference, East Lansing, MI, United States.

2021 Presentations

Asiimwe, R., & Edwards, C., (2021, September; *Keynote state presentation*). *The importance of, and guidelines for Discussing Intersectionality between the Therapist/Client Identities*

in the Therapy Room. Leveraging Two Models. A 2 hour, 15 minutes Keynote presentation at the 2021 Wisconsin Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (WAMFT) state conference. *Platform: Virtual.*

Asiimwe, R., Dwanyen, L., & Blow, A. J. (2021, November, *national*). *Barriers to Mental Health Treatment in Africa; Moving towards the Implementation of Systemic Family Therapy Practices.* A one-hour presentation at the Systemic Family Therapy conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT).

Asiimwe, R., Muhwati, P., & Lesch, E. (2021, July, *international*). *Feeling Promotes Healing; Attachment and emotionally focused couples therapy (EFT) in African contexts.* Synchronous zoom presentation and round table discussion on the application of attachment-based therapies in African contexts. Date: July 7, 2021

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Asiimwe, R., & Blow, A. J. (2021, August 6). *Measuring parental involvement in Uganda: A Rasch Analysis of the Alabama Parenting Questionnaire.* A synchronous research poster presented at the Intervention Research in Systemic Family Therapy conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT)

Asiimwe, R., Dwanyen, L., & Blow, A. J. (2021, August 6). *A systematic review of culturally adapted parenting programs in Africa.* An synchronous research poster presented via zoom at the Intervention Research in Systemic Family Therapy conference of the AAMFT.

Asiimwe, R., & Blow, A. (2021, August 6). *Mental health challenges of adolescent pregnancy in Uganda; opportunities for intervention.* A research poster presented online at the Intervention Research in Systemic Family Therapy conference of the AAMFT.

2019 Presentations

Camille, L., **Asiimwe, R.,** Simonini, C., & Monge, A (2019, August, National). *Experiences of Foreign-born US-trained Couple/Marriage and Family Therapists Practicing Internationally.* An in-person research poster presented at the annual American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) conference. Austin, Texas. August 31, 2019.

PettyJohn, M., Tseng, C., T., Blow, A., **Asiimwe, R.,** Fang, M., & Yzaguirre, M (2019, August, National). *Intersectionality of Therapist/Client Identities in Treatment.* A 1 hour- forum presentation at the annual AAMFT conference. Austin, Texas August 31, 2019.

PANEL APPEARANCES

- *The context of mental health and culture in Uganda and Africa* (**Panel facilitator**). This panel featured three mental health professionals from Uganda and one from Zimbabwe, Africa. The panel discussed key issues related to the practice of couple and family therapy in Uganda and Zimbabwe. Platform: Zoom. April 28th, 2023

PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOP INVITED PRESENTATIONS

1. **Asiimwe, R.** (2023, July). Self-of-the-therapist in the practice of emotionally focused therapy (EFT). A presentation at the EFT externship training from July 4th to 7th 2023, Kampala, Uganda
2. **Asiimwe, R.** (2022, November 10). *Building stronger communities through relationship transformation in Uganda*. A 15-min presentation at the EFT supervisors collaborative
3. **Asiimwe, R.** (Panelist, March 4th to 5th 2022). *I Carry my Culture Wherever I GO, Reflections from Early Days of My Career as a Foreign-born Therapist in America*. A discussion at the International Conference on Cultural Lens in Therapy, organized by Raha Foundation. Other panelists were, Dalia Sileem (Egypt), Simon Herb (Romania), and Mona Cheragi (India)
4. **Asiimwe, R., & Miller, D.** (Co-presenter, March 25, 2022). *Building a Trauma-Informed Teaching Culture; Mental Health First Aid in the Classroom*. A presentation during the Graduate Student and Faculty Teaching & Learning workshops. Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
5. **Asiimwe, R.** (January 2021). *The adverse effects of unresolved trauma*. A 2-hour virtual talk given to 250 participants from the Young People Mental Health Trust (YOPETALTH) organization. East Lansing, MI
6. **Asiimwe, R.** (January 2021). *The Four Diamonds Model of Inclusive Leadership*. A zoom presentation given at Michigan State University Leadership Spring Academy. East Lansing, MI
7. **Asiimwe, R.** (November 2020). *Examining our leadership potentials using the 5 levels of leadership paradigm by John Maxwell*. A 1 and half hour talk given during the monthly meetings with MSU graduate student fellows in the graduate leadership program. East Lansing, MI
8. **Asiimwe, R.** (February 2019). *Uganda the Pearl of Africa; an overview of the current and past economic and sociopolitical environment in Uganda*. Invited by the Africa Study Center, Michigan State University.
9. **Asiimwe, R.** (July 2018). *Family Systems Therapy; Re-thinking Traditional Psychotherapy approaches in the Ugandan Healthcare Systems*. Invited by the Baylor College of Medicine Children's Foundation (BCMCF)-Uganda.
10. **Asiimwe, R.** (Panelist, October 2018). *Career Choice & Making Professional Connections*; A Discussion with Undergraduate Students at Michigan State University, Department of Human Development & Family Students
11. **Asiimwe, R.** (presenter, August 2017). *Creating awareness of mental health issues among international students and available mental health services*; A Presentation given at the 2017 International Students' Orientation. Invited by the Office of International Students of Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU), Shawnee, OK

12. **Asiimwe, R.** & White, A. (co-presenter, February 2018). Understanding and Coping with Anxiety: Correcting the myths around mental health issues of students. Invited by Oklahoma Baptist University Recreation and Wellness Center (RAWC), Shawnee, OK.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University, Department of Human Development and Family Studies

Lead Instruction

- HDFS 414- Parenting (Online, summer 2020)
- HDFS 414- Parenting (Online, Fall 2020)
- HDFS 414- Parenting (Hybrid, Spring 2021)
- HDFS 414- Parenting (In-person, Fall 2022)
- HDFS 414- Parenting (Hybrid, Spring 2022)

Teaching Assistant

- HDFS 225- Lifespan Human Development in the Family (In-person, Fall 2018)
- HDFS 212-Children, Youth, & family (In-person, spring 2019)
- HDFS 238- Introduction to Personal Finance (Online, summer 2019)
- HDFS-414- Parenting (In-person, Fall 2019)
- HDFS 414-Parenting (Hybrid, Spring 2020)

ACADEMIC AND CLINICAL GUEST LECTURES

Graduate Level Lectures

1. *Attachment-Based Family Therapy for suicidal adolescents (Fall 2020 & Fall 2022)*. In group supervision for Couple and Family Therapy (HDFS 993). Michigan State University.
2. *Religion, spirituality, and help-seeking behaviors in Uganda (2022, October 31)*. A one-hour guest lecture in **HDFS 888**-Diverse Families and Communities. Michigan State University
3. *Introduction to family systems theory and therapy (May 2021)*. online guest lecture AT Makerere university school of psychology Clinical Psychology program, Kampala, Uganda.
4. *Intersectionality of Therapist/Client Identities in Treatment (2021, April 16)*. In HDFS 995- Supervision of Couple & Family Therapy
5. *Narrative therapy in action (2020, November 17)*. In Couple and Family Therapy (CFT) group supervision (HDFS 993). Michigan State University.
6. *Self-of-the-therapist work; Balancing between therapist restraints and resources (2020, October 27)*. In group CFT supervision (HDFS 993.) Michigan State University.

7. *Cross-cultural experiences of living in America as an international MFT student (2020, October 2020).* In **MFT 5143-Developmental Context Graduate Class** at Oklahoma Baptist University.
8. *Introduction to Attachment Focused Family Therapy (AFFT) (2019, October 28).* In HDFS 993 supervision group focused on the principles and process of the AFFT model.
9. *Introduction to Narrative Therapy (2019, October 24).* A 1-hour online lecture in HDFS 830-Survey of Couple & Family Therapy Models

Undergraduate Level Lectures

1. *Parenting for positive outcomes. The evidence-based Parent Management Training Oregon (GenPMTO) model (2022, October 12).* A guest lecture in HDFS 414-Parenting class. Michigan State University.
2. *Supporting children's growth and development using evidence-based parenting programs (2021, October 6).* A one-hour in-person guest lecture on the Parent Management Training Oregon (PMTO) model in HDFS 414-Parenting class, Michigan State University.
3. *Relationship Violence: Identifying the characteristics and signs of an abusive relationship and how to respond (2019, November 6).* Course: HDFS 145- Individuals, Couples, and Families.
4. *Introduction to Families & the Family Life Cycle.* Course: HDFS 211-Child Growth & Development.
5. *Cultural Influences in Parenting.* Course: Parenting-HDFS 414- Fall 2019 and Spring 2020.
6. *Ethnicity and Intersectionality.* Course: HDFS 442, Ethnic Families in America.

CLINICAL & SUPERVISION EXPERIENCES

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1. **September 2021- Present** AAMFT Clinical supervisor candidate, Couple and Family Therapy Clinic, Michigan State University.

Responsibilities: provide individual and group supervision for new therapists, create, and teach EFT scaffolding training sessions new therapists, and professional development seminars. Support supervisor for the main AAMFT supervisor

Student Therapists Supervised

Michael M. Yeomans, Master's Student, Rehab. Counseling (Fall 2020- Summer 2021)

Clinical Internship Experiences

1. **August 2018- May 2020**, Couple & Family Therapy Clinic, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.
 - Responsibilities: Provide therapy services to individuals, couples, and families services in East Lansing and surrounding areas.
2. **May 2017- May 2018** , Bison Family Therapy Institute Shawnee, Oklahoma.
 - Responsibilities: provided counseling services to individuals, couples, and families in Shawnee, OK and neighboring communities. Collaborated with Department of Human Services (DHS) and child welfare department to promote child safety.
3. **January 2017- May 2018**, Oklahoma Baptist University MFT Clinic
 - Responsibilities: Provided therapy services to individuals, couples, and families at Oklahoma Baptist University & surrounding communities.
4. **October 2017- May 2018**, Center for Christian Counseling, Shawnee, OK.
 - Provided couples therapy to couples dealing with infidelity.

SPECIALIZED CLINICAL TRAININGS & EXPERIENCES

- **Attachment-Based Family Therapy/Family-Based Youth Suicide Prevention.** A two-day workshop on using the ABFT model to treat suicidal youths.
Trainer: Dr. Guy Diamond, ABFT co-founder, Drexel University
Date: May 11 and 12, 2021
Skills learned: Risk assessment, family engagement and safety planning when working with suicidal adolescents. Learned and practiced (over zoom) how to do these tasks.
- **Cognitive Behavioral Couple Therapy (CBCT)**
Trainer: Dr. Norman Epstein (CBCT developer) and Dr. Mona Mittal, Associate Prof. school of Public Health University of Maryland

 Delivered eight sessions of CBCT to 6 couples from 6 states in the US between March-July 2021
- **Core Skills Training in Emotionally Focused Couples Therapy (EFT).** *June 2019-January 2020*

 Trained by Debi Scimeca-Diaz, LMFT, International Center for Excellence in Emotionally Focused Therapy (ICEEFT) in conjunction with the EFT Center of New Jersey AND Michigan State University
- Facilitated couple therapy sessions using EFT at the MSU CFT Clinic.

Externship training in Emotionally Focused Therapy, March 2019

- Training provided by the International Center for Excellence in Emotionally Focused Therapy in conjunction with the EFT Center of New Jersey

Parent Management Training-Oregon (PMTO) Model Trained in Michigan *February 2020*

- Received training in the evidence-based parenting model, the PMTO model and the process of PMTO

- Gained experience conducting PMTO sessions with families of children with behavioral and conduct problems at the Couple and Family Therapy Clinic, Michigan State University
- Gained experience from supervision by a PMTO expert and coaching from PMTO Michigan state coach.

Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Children, *Fall 2016*

- Received online training in TF-CBT for children and teenagers.
- Gained experience integrating TF-CBT into trauma treatment for children at the Bison Family Therapy Institute in Shawnee, OK.

Certified PREPARE/ENRICH Facilitator , *November 2016*

- Trained at Oklahoma Baptist University by Dr. Canaan Crane.
- Provided pre-marital therapy services using the PREPARE/ENRICH curriculum at Oklahoma Baptist University Marriage & Family Therapy Clinic.

Training in Family Systems Trauma (FST) Model, *November 2017*

- Trained at the Parenting with Love and Limits (PLL) center in Kansas City, MO by Dr. Scott Sells
- Provided therapy services to families at Bison Family Therapy using the FST model

OTHER CERTIFICATIONS

January 2021- Present Certificate of Training and Qualification to Administer, Debrief, and Run Everything DiSC Workshops

Trained virtually by SWAN Consulting Group DiSC Trainers

July 2014- Present Certified Educator and Trainer, Accelerated Christian Education (ACE), training & certification awarded by ACE South Africa.

September 2017- Present Licensed United States Soccer Federation (USSF) & Michigan Highschool Athletic Association (MHSAA) licensed Soccer Referee. Grade level: #08, Official #: 101156. Previous worked as a soccer referee in the state of Oklahoma between 2016-2018.

July 2014- Present Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) trained supervisor, certificate awarded by ACE South Africa.

SERVICE, EDITORIAL, AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

a). Michigan State University

I). **Co-coordinator, the Graduate School Leadership Institute** August 2020 August 2021

- Responsibilities: a) created a one-day leadership summit, b) mentored the leadership fellows at the institute including, i) *planning and running weekly retreats for the fellows* and ii) *providing one-to-one mentorship to the fellows*, and c) conducted programming for the leadership academy, an 8-week cohort style intensive leadership training

II). **Committee member, Vice President Chief Diversity Officer (CDO) Search Committee,** Michigan State University February- October 2020

- Responsibilities: Worked collaboratively with office of the president, Dr. Stanley and Isaacson Miller search firm to search, screen, recruit, and appoint a Chief Diversity Officer (CDO) for the university. Committee finally recruited Dr. Jabbar Bennett to serve in this role

III). **International Graduate Students (IGS) committee** March 2020-October 2021

- Responsibilities: reviewed existing university policies regarding English testing for international teaching assistants (TAs), created data matrix to collect data on experiences of international graduate students at MSU, and met with various key stakeholders (e.g., Office of employee relations) to make recommendations on best practices for supporting international graduate students.

b). The Profession of Marriage & Family Therapy (MFT)

I) **Nominee** for a position on AAMFT Board of Directors and Elections Council 2023-2024

II) **Slated Nominee** for the AAMFT 2022 Elections Council position

III) **Expert Reviewer**, Journal of Marital and Family Therapy (JMFT). Contributing to journal manuscript reviews as requested by the Editor. *From October 2020 to date*

IV) **Research Briefs Director**, Couples & Intimate Relationships-Tropical Interest Network (CIRTIN) of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT). *July 2019- September 2020*

- Responsibilities: Wrote and published bi-monthly research summaries on specific interest topics to clinicians, students, academicians, and research professionals of the AAMFT. Coordinated with Network Leadership on decisions related to members of the network.

V) **Doctoral Apprentice Reviewer**, Journal of Marital & Family Therapy (JMFT). *September 2018- October 2020*

- Responsibilities: Reviewed manuscripts assigned to me by the editor and made recommendations regarding publication

VI) **Student Volunteer**, Oklahoma Association of Marriage and Family Therapy (OKAMFT) conference-*September 23rd, 2016, in Edmund, Oklahoma*

VII) **Student Volunteer**, at the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) national conference in *Atlanta, Georgia, October 4-8th, 2017.*

c). The Department of Human Development Family Studies, Michigan State University

I). Position: **HDFS Thematic Area for Marginalized Youth Search Committee**, CFT Student Member, January 2021- 2022

- *Committee responsibilities:* To search, screen, interview, and hire a tenure system faculty at the advanced Assistant or Associate professor level in HDFS department.
- I) **Student Representative**, Couple & Family Therapy Program, *August 2018 to August 2019*. Participated in faculty-student planning meetings.
- II) **Undergraduate Student Mentor**, the Next STEP Program, *Fall 2019*.
Activities: Mentored undergraduate students in the program, led GradTalks for students wishing to go to graduate school, and participated in program planning meetings.
- III) **Volunteer**, during the interview days for in-coming doctoral and masters students, February 11-12th 2019. Gave campus tours of the CFT clinic to potential in-coming doctoral students

d) **Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda--College of Humanities and Social Sciences**

- **General Secretary**, Makerere University Psychology Student Association-MUPSA *Date: May 2011-June 2012*. Planned and organized student conferences and retreats on mental health, wrote minutes and agendas for meetings, represented psychology students at the college level.

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (Past & Current)

1. **Student 1- Member**, National Council on Family Relations (NCFR). January 2022- To date
2. **Student member**, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT). Membership period: *December 2016- Present*.
3. **Student member**, Intervention Research in Systemic Family Therapy Tropical Interest Network of the AAMFT. Membership period: *March 2021- Present*.
4. **Lifetime Member, International Center for Excellence in Emotionally Focused Therapy- ICEEFT** since January 2020. Membership Period: Lifetime

OTHER MEMBERSHIPS

1. United States Tennis Association (USTA) member. Since August 2020
 2. Michigan High Schools Athletic Associations (MHSAA). Since October 2018
 3. United States Soccer Federation Member since July 2017.
 4. Greater Lansing Area Soccer Referees' Association (GLASRA). Since 2018
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