

CURRICULUM VITAE

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IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Academic Rank: Assistant Professor; Department of Family Social Science
Graduate Faculty Status
Core Faculty member, Couple and Family Therapy Program

Education

Ph.D., Michigan State University	Human Development and Family Studies, with a specialization in Couple and Family Studies-	2023
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Dissertation: Validation of the Alabama Parenting
Questionnaire among Ugandan Caregivers; A Sequential
Exploratory Mixed-Methods Study

Major Professor: Dr. Adrian J. Blow, LMFT

M.S. Marriage and Family Therapy	Oklahoma Baptist University-	2018
B.A. Community Psychology	Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda-	2013

Professional Experience

2023- Present	Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track) Core Faculty, Couple and Family Therapy Program Department of Family Social Science University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
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Responsibilities: Teach undergraduate courses in Family Social Science.
Mentor and advise graduate students on research projects. Build a
program of research that promotes the mental and relational health of
families nationally and internationally.

2023- Present	<p>Director Conexa East Africa</p> <p><i>Responsibilities.</i> Train and mentor mental health professionals in Kenya and Uganda in trauma-informed family therapy interventions. Build cross-cultural relationships between professionals in East Africa and North America. Develop capacity building programs and resources to sustain Conexa projects in East African. Develop a data base for research on family relationships in East Africa</p>
2018-2023	<p>Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant Department of Human Development and Family Studies Michigan State University</p> <p><i>Responsibilities:</i> lead instruction of undergraduate courses in Human Development and Family Studies. Participated in research lab activities such as conducting literature reviews and data coding and analysis. Contributed to scholarly writing e.g., articles and grant proposals.</p>
2018-2021	<p>MFT Clinical Intern Couple and Family Therapy Clinic, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI</p> <p><i>Responsibilities:</i> providing psychotherapy services to individuals, couples, and families Provided supervision of supervision to new therapists per AAMFT approved supervisor in training requirements.</p>
2017-2018	<p>MFT Clinical Intern MFT Clinic, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, OK. Master's degree placement 1</p> <p><i>Responsibilities:</i> provided psychotherapy to students, faculty, and staff, plus community members.</p>
2017-2018	<p>MFT Clinical Intern Center for Christian Counseling Shawnee, OK. Master's degree placement 2</p> <p><i>Responsibilities:</i> couple therapy for couples recovering from affairs</p>
2017-2018	<p>MFT Clinical Intern Bison Family Therapy, Shawnee, OK. Master's degree placement 3</p> <p><i>Responsibilities:</i> providing psychotherapy services to individuals, couples, and families</p>
December 2022- May 2023	<p>Research Assistant</p>

College of Arts and Letters, Michigan State University

Project: *Towards a Research-led University: Strengthening Makerere University's Research, Grant Writing and Publication Capacity.*

Project summary: The project was funded by the US Embassy and was aimed at enhancing 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: contributed to a team conducting a needs assessment and landscape analysis at Makerere University (MAK), collaborated with MAK Research Assistants to support data transcription, data entry, data analysis, and report writing.

July-December 2022

Process Evaluator

Michigan State University College of Nursing, East Lansing, MI.

Project: *Guys/Girls Opt for Activities for Life (GOAL) Intervention Trial.* This was 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.

Funder: The NIH/National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)
Responsibilities: Used empirically validated fidelity measures to evaluate various project activities e.g., student club activities (healthy eating and physical activities), report findings to data collectors, and intervention coordinators

Summer 2021

Program Facilitator

School of Public Health, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Project: *Giving Relationships A Chance to Excel (GRACE)* was a feasibility trial of Cognitive Behavioral Couple Therapy (CBCT) to treat intimate partner violence, substance use, and promoting sexual health among African American heterosexual couples. The project was funded by the NIH grant # 5R03DA044866.

PI: Mona Mittal, PhD.

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

Summer 2017

Research Assistant

Citizen Pottawatomi Nation, Shawnee, OK

Responsibilities: reviewed and summarized literature for a mental health project to address implicit bias in the provision of mental health services for Indigenous communities in the State

2013-2014

Leadership Training Coordinator

Fellowship of Christian Unions (FOCUS) Uganda

Responsibilities: Trained and mentored leaders on college campuses in Uganda; planned national leadership conferences
Wrote proposals for funding.

2014-2015

Teaching Staff

Legacy Academy, Iringa, Tanzania

Responsibilities: Classroom instructor.
led co-curricular activities such as sports events for students.
Led parent-teacher conferences.
Offered psychosocial support to students with behavioral and emotional problems. Worked as interim principle for one year (2015)

Clinical Certifications

2016- Present	PREPARE/ENRICH Facilitator
2019- Present	Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT)
2020- Present	Parent Management Training-Oregon (PMTO) Model
2021- Present	Attachment-Based Family Therapy (ABFT)

Current Membership in Professional Organizations

2022- Present	Professional Member-1	National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)
2016- Present	Professional member	American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
2021- Present	Member	Intervention Research in Systemic Family Therapy Topical Interest Network of the AAMFT
2020-Present	Member	International Center for Excellence in Emotionally Focused Therapy- ICEEFT)

Research Awards Received

1. Validation of the Alabama Parenting Questionnaire among Ugandan Caregivers; A Sequential Exploratory Mixed-Methods Study

Role	Requested Amount	Amount Funded	Funding Agency	Award No.	Project Timeline	Status
PI	\$5,000	\$4,340	Family Process Institute (FPI)	IP00655814	12/18/2022 - 07/01/2024	Completed

2. A Strategic Partnership to Strengthen Mental Healthcare Capacity and Clinical Training in Primary Care in Uganda.

Role	Requested Amount	Amount Funded	Funding Agency	Project Timeline	Status
Research team member	\$20,000	\$20,000	Alliance for African Partnership (AAP)	May 2022 – July 2024	Ongoing

Research Awards Submitted in 2024

1. Insights into Parenting Changes and Child Mental Health in Minnesota's African-Immigrant Families Post-George Floyd: A Participatory Action Research Approach

Role	Requested Amount	Funding agency	Date of Submission	Status
PI	\$40,467.00	Grant-in-Aid-University of Minnesota	Submitted 2/1/2024	Pending

2. Voices from the Field: a Positive Deviance Approach to Understanding Stakeholder's Perspectives on Addressing Intimate Partner Violence in Uganda

Role	Requested Amount	Funding agency	Date of Submission	Status
PI	\$9,970	CEHD-Global Signature Grant (University of Minnesota)	Submitted 3/10/2024	Pending

3. Increasing Family Engagement Skills to Enhance Mental Health System Capacity: Global Mental Health Collaboration Efforts in Uganda and Kenya

Role	Requested Amount	Funding agency	Date of Submission	Status
Consultant	\$75,000	Spencer Foundation Vision Grant	Submitted 3/07/2024	

4. Transformational experiences of Ugandan mental health professionals learning the evidence-based emotionally focused couple therapy approach

Role	Requested Amount	Funding agency	Date of Submission	Status
PI	\$1,500	GPS International Travel Grant Fund-Univ of Minnesota	Submitted 3/11/2024	Pending

Publications

Total Publications (all types):	21
• Published Peer-Reviewed Articles	7
• Ongoing Research Journal Articles	6
• Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters	3
• Other Non-Peer-Reviewed Articles	5

Published Journal Articles (n= 7)

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7. **Asiimwe, R.,** Nuwagaba-K, R. D., Dwanyen, L., & Kasujja, R. (2023). Sociocultural considerations of mental health care and help-seeking in Uganda. *Invited special issue, SSM-Mental Health*, 100232, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmmh.2023.100232>
 6. 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, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10826-023-02600-5>
 5. 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* <https://doi.org/10.1080/01926187.2022.2129521>
 4. **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*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/famp.12780>
 3. **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>
 2. **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>
 1. 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>

Research Articles Under Journal Review (n= 3)

Asiimwe, R., Mugumya, F., Birungi, M., & John Bosco. (March 2024). Culturally Informed Parenting Assessment: The Adaptation of the Alabama Parenting Questionnaire with Input from Ugandan Experts and Parents. *Family Process Journal*

Asiimwe, R., Welch, T., Bowles, R., Kasujja, R., & Mukisa, J. (March 2024). Measuring Parenting Practices: A Psychometric Analysis of the Adapted Alabama Parenting Questionnaire among Caregivers in a Uganda Cultural Context. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*

Dwanyen, L., Luberenga, I., **Asiimwe, R.,** Galukande, P., Blow, A., & Kasujja, R. (submitted March 15, 2024). Voices from the Ground: Ethnographic Perspectives on Strengthening the Ugandan National Mental Health System: An Ethnographic Needs Assessment. *International Journal of Mental Health Systems*

Ongoing Research Articles (n= 3)

Asiimwe, R. (started March 2024). Decolonizing Parenting Outcomes: Reimagining Assessment Measures through a Culturally Responsive Framework

Asiimwe, R., Mussa, K., & Mugumya (Started March 2024). The Impact of Father's Active Involvement in Parenting on Child Mental Health: Insights from a Survey of Ugandan Households

Asiimwe, R., Lesch, E., Galukande, P., & Kasujja, K. (Started January 2024). Relatability and transferability of Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy in Uganda/East Africa context: Mental Health workers' personal and professional experiences and views.

Book Chapters (Completed)

1. **Asiimwe, R.,** Karume, M., & Kasujja, R (2023). Systemic Family Therapy in Africa: Past, Present, and Future Trends. In *The Routledge International Handbook of Couple and Family Therapy* (pp. 155-187). Routledge.

Book Chapters Edited (Ongoing)

1. **Asiimwe, R.** The Influence of Culture on Relationships. In *Intimate Relationships: Where have We been? Where are We Going?* (Mendenhall et al., 2026)
2. **Asiimwe, R.** Religion and Spirituality in Intimate Relationships. In *Intimate Relationships: Where have We been? Where are We Going?* (Mendenhall et al., 2026)

Other Non-Peer-Reviewed Articles (n= 5)

1. **Asiimwe, R.,** & Lesch, E. (2023). On the Horizons; Barriers and Trends in the Development of Systemic Family Therapy in Africa. An online publication in the *Family Therapy* magazine, Vol 22, No. 5; <https://ftm.aamft.org/on-the-horizons-barriers-and-trends-in-the-development-of-systemic-family-therapy-in-africa/>
2. 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
3. **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
4. **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
5. **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

Professional Presentations

Total Presentations (all types):	41
Research conference presentations (peer-reviewed), posters included	14
Invited presentations (internal):	3
Invited presentations (external):	24

Research Conference Presentations (n= 9)

1. Dwanyen, L., Blow, A., Luberenga, I., **Asiimwe, R.,** & Kasujja, K. (2023, November 1st). *Perspectives on Traumatic Stress: An Ethnographic Assessment of National Mental Health Efforts in Uganda*. A Paper Presentation at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS). Los Angeles, California, USA.
2. Dwanyen, L., Kasujja, R., **Asiimwe, R.,** Luberenga, 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 presentation at the Intervention Research in Systemic Family Therapy Annual Conference, East Lansing, MI, United States.
3. **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.
4. **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.

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. **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).
8. 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.
9. 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.

Posters or Exhibitions (n= 6)

1. **Asiimwe, R.**, & Mussa, K. (2024 March 21st). *Exploring the Impact of Father's Engagement in Parenting on Child Mental Health: Insights from a Survey of Ugandan Households*. A poster presented at the CEHD Research & Innovation Day. Minneapolis, MN
2. **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**
3. 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.
4. **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)

5. **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.
6. **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.

Invited Presentations (Internal) (n= 3)

Asterics () denotes presentations as Keynote Speaker (n= 1)*

1. ***Asiimwe, R.** (April 6, 2024). Positioning Ourselves to Engage in Cutting-Edge Research in International Settings; A Global Scholar's Perspective. A keynote presentation at the Colloquium on the World's Education Systems hosted by CEHD International students community (CISC). Minneapolis, MN.
2. **Asiimwe, R.,** Mak, C., & Mehus, C (March 27th, 2024). Innovative and culturally responsive approaches to research in parenting and parenting interventions. A presentation at the Department of Family Social Science Research Colloquium, University of Minnesota
3. **Asiimwe, R.** (September 26th 2023). Culturally responsive CMFT; Positioning ourselves to remain relevant in a constantly evolving research, clinical, and practice world. A presentation at the CFT Forum, Family Social Science, University of Minnesota.

Invited Presentations (External) (n= 24)

Asterics () denotes presentations as Keynote Speaker (n= 2)*

1. **Asiimwe, R.,** Galukande, P., & Maxwell, M. (March 16, 2024). Preparing a Multicultural Team of Systemic Therapists to Engage in Therapy Work with Professionals from Culturally Diverse African Settings. *A 1-hour presentation at the 2024 AAMFT leadership Symposium*. Pheonix, Arizona
2. ***Asiimwe, A.** (2023, November 3rd). 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.
3. **Asiimwe, R.** (July 7th 2023). The Self-of-the-therapist in the practice of emotionally focused therapy (EFT). *A presentation at the EFT externship training in Kampala, Uganda*
4. **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
5. **Asiimwe, A.,** de Bruin, K., & Galukande, P. (January 4, 2023). Introduction to emotionally focused therapy (EFT). A 5-hour workshop with Ugandan mental health professionals and members of the Uganda Counseling Association. Kampala, Uganda

6. **Asiimwe, R.**, Galukande, P. Kasujja, K., and Wamala, K (April 28th, 2023). The context of couple and family therapy practice in Uganda, Africa. A presentation on cultural considerations for practicing CFT in Uganda and African settings.
7. Guillory, P., Rheem, K., **Asiimwe, R.**, Galukande, P., Maxwell, M., & Wamala, K. (October 7th, 2023.). **TANGO Across Cultures**. A 2-hour presentation on the EFT process and cultural matters, featuring a multicultural team of EFT experts from Africa and the US.
8. **Asiimwe, R.**, (March, 2022). .I Carry my Culture Wherever I GO, Reflections from Early Career Days as a Foreign-born Therapist in America. A discussion at the International Conference on Cultural Lens in Therapy, organized by Raha Foundation.
9. **Asiimwe, R.** (November 10, 2022). Building stronger communities through relationship transformation in Uganda. A 15-min presentation at the EFT supervisors collaborative
10. **Asiimwe, R.**, & Miller, D. (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
11. **Asiimwe, R.** (August 2022). Introduction to Attachment-Based Family Therapy (ABFT) for suicidal adolescents. In group supervision for Couple and Family Therapy (HDFS 993). Michigan State University.
12. **Asiimwe, R.** (2020, October). Religion, spirituality, and help-seeking behaviors in Uganda. A one-hour guest lecture in HDFS 888-Diverse Families and Communities. Michigan State University
13. **Asiimwe, R.** (October 2020). Self-of-the-therapist work; Balancing between therapist restraints and resources. In group CFT supervision (HDFS 993.) Michigan State University.
14. **Asiimwe, R.** (October 2019). Introduction to Narrative Therapy A 1-hour online lecture in HDFS 830-Survey of Couple & Family Therapy Models
15. ***Asiimwe, R.**, & Edwards, C., (2021, September). 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 presentation at the 2021 Wisconsin Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (WAMFT) state conference. Platform: Virtual.
16. **Asiimwe, R.**, Muhwati, P., & Lesch, E. (July 7th 2021). 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.
17. **Asiimwe, R.** (January 7th, 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
18. **Asiimwe, R.** (January 5th, 2021). The Four Diamonds Model of Inclusive Leadership. A zoom presentation given at Michigan State University Leadership Spring Academy. East Lansing, MI

19. **Asiimwe, R.** (November 2nd, 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
20. **Asiimwe, R.** (February 19th, 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.
21. **Asiimwe, R.,** (March 2019). Career Choice & Making Professional Connections; A Discussion with Undergraduate Students at Michigan State University, Department of Human Development & Family Students
22. **Asiimwe, R.** (July 3rd, 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.
23. **Asiimwe, R.** (August 6th, 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
24. **Asiimwe, R. & White, A.** (February 4th, 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.

Honors and Awards

University of Minnesota

2023- Present

NA

Michigan State University

2018-2023

1. Dissertation Completion Fellowship Award. College of Social Sciences, Michigan State University. Award amount: \$7500 2023
2. Excellence in Graduate Teaching award, Office of the Provost for Faculty and Academic Staff Development, Michigan State University; <https://msutoday.msu.edu/news/2022/excellence-in-teaching-citations> . Award amount: \$1,000 2022
3. Research Scholars Award from the College of Social Sciences, Michigan State University. Amount; \$1,600 2022
4. Nnamdi Azikiwe International African Student Fellowship. An award from the African Studies Center (ASC), Michigan State University. Award amount: \$2,000 2021
5. Professional Development Award from the Council of Graduate Students (COGS), Michigan State University. Award amount; \$500 2021

6. Wampler Scholarship Award, Couple and Family Therapy Program, Michigan State University.
Amount: \$500 2021
7. Leadership Fellowship Grant, Michigan State University's Graduate School Leadership Institute.
Amount: \$10,000 2020
8. Miriam J. Kelly African Scholarship Grant Program Award, Office of International Students and
Scholars (OISS), Michigan state university, amount: \$1,000 2019
9. Mary Lewis Scholarship summer research award, Department of Human Development and
Family Studies (HDFS), amount: \$1,000 2020
10. Alice Cutler Thorpe research enhancement award, Michigan State University, amount: \$2,000
2019
11. Doctors Robert E. Lee and Patricia A. Ball research award, Department of Human Development
and Family Studies, Michigan State University, amount: \$1,000 2019
12. The Paolucci Memorial Scholarship, Department of Human Development and Family Studies,
Michigan State University, amount: \$2,000 2019
13. Mansfield Endowed Scholarship Award, Department of Human Development and Family
Studies, Michigan state university, amount: \$1,000 2019
14. Research Enhancement Award, the Graduate School & the Department of Human Development
& Family Studies, Michigan State University, amount: \$700. 2018

Awards from Professional Organizations

15. **The John Douglas Award.** An annual award given to an International Center for Excellence in
Emotionally Focused Therapy (ICEEFT) member who has made a significant contribution to the
growth of EFT internationally. I received this award because of leading campaigns to formalize
EFT training and implementation in East Africa, 2023
 16. **New Writers Fellowship.** 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
2023
 17. **Dissertation Grant Award.** Family Process Institute (FPI) Award amount: \$4,340 2022
 18. **Certificate in Leadership Development,** the American Association for Marriage and Family
Therapy (AAMFT) 2020
 19. Third Place Team Award, National Student Ethics Competition of the American Association for
Marriage and Family Therapy 2021
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Media (TV, Radio, etc.) Appearances

1. *Common challenging couples face.* A 29- minute interview on “The Mary Hansen Show” featured on the Saint Paul Neighborhood Network (SPNN)- MCN6, Cable Channel 6. Link; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6CUz7T0JVLc> Taped September 25th, 2023.

University Teaching Experience

University of Minnesota, Department of Family Social Science

2023- Present

Course ID	Course Title	Level	Role	Semester and Format
FSoS 4111	Introduction to Family Therapy	Undergraduate	Instructor	Fall 2023 (n=42), in-person
FSoS 4155	Parent-Child Interactions	Undergraduate	Instructor	Fall 2023 (n=45), Online

Michigan State University, Department of Human Development and Family Studies: 2018-2023

Course ID	Course Title	Level	Role	Semester and Format
HDFS 414	Parenting	Undergraduate	Instructor of Record	N= 90: In-person (once, Fall 2022), Hybrid (Twice, Spring 2021 & 2022), Online (Twice, Summer & Fall 2020)
HDFS 414	Parenting	Undergraduate	Teaching Assistant	Twice (In-person, Fall 2019 & Hybrid, Spring 2020)
HDFS 238	Introduction to Personal Finance	Undergraduate	Teaching Assistant	Online, summer 2019
HDFS 212	Children, Youth, & Family	Undergraduate	Teaching Assistant	In-person, Spring 2019
HDFS 225	Lifespan Human Development in the Family	Undergraduate	Teaching Assistant	In-person, Fall 2018

Service and Public Outreach

Service to the Profession

January 2024- Present	Board member , the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) <i>Responsibilities:</i> Member of the DEI Oversight Committee; review and support the implementation of AAMFT's DEI policy
February 2024- Present	External grant reviewer , the John Templeton Foundation
2023- Present	Reviewer , Journal of Adolescence
2020- Present	Ad Hoc Reviewer , <i>Journal of Marital and Family Therapy</i>
2019-2020	Leadership Team Member , AAMFT Couples & Intimate Relationships-Tropical Interest
2019-2020	Doctoral Apprentice Reviewer <i>Journal of Marital & Family Therapy</i>
2016-2017	Student volunteer Annual AAMFT national conference and State of Oklahoma AAMFT New student and professionals conference

The University of Minnesota (Department & College)

None yet

Service in Previous Universities or Institutions

Michigan State University

2021-2022	Search Committee member Faculty in Human Development and Family Studies department Thematic Area for Marginalized Youth position
2020-2021	Co-coordinator , the Graduate School Leadership Institute
May 2020-March 2021 Officer (CDO)	Search Committee member , Vice President Chief Diversity
2020-2021	Committee member , International Graduate Students
2018-2019	Student Representative , Couple & Family Therapy Program
Makerere University 2011-2012	General Secretary Makerere University Psychology Student Association