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and Real Impact through Research



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CHILDREN'S  
FUTURE TODAY

A photograph of a group of young children, likely students, wearing school uniforms. They are smiling and looking towards the camera. The uniforms consist of maroon dresses with bright green and pink accents.

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## Welcome from the Office of the Provost, Washington University in St. Louis

Dear Colleagues, Partners, and Friends,

As Vice Provost of Interdisciplinary Initiatives at Washington University in St. Louis and a longtime collaborator with the International Center for Child Health and Development (ICHAD), I am delighted to offer you a warm welcome to the *2023 Forum on Child and Adolescent Global Health Research and Capacity Building*. For many, it will be an exciting first time coming together and for others it will be an anticipated reunion in a place we hold dear. This is a special year for ICHAD, which is celebrating ten years as a research center under the leadership of founding director Dr. Fred Ssewamala and co-directors Dr. Proscovia Nabunya and Dr. Ozge Sensoy Bahar. It is a special time to reflect on the Center's accomplishments and growth, to welcome and get to know our new implementing partners and research trainees, and to look ahead to new areas of growth. During this Forum, ICHAD will host nearly 40 early career research trainees from the United States and across Sub-Saharan Africa from four United States National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded research training programs: CHILD Global Research Fellowship, LEAD Global Training Program, Research Resilience Training, and ACHIEVE. Trainees will learn with a transdisciplinary group of global research experts, faculty mentors, and community and implementing partners, to enhance and advance their research expertise and impact on the lives of the children and families their work aims to serve.

We are fortunate to hear from key institutions in Uganda many of whom are our long-term partners in our work focused on poverty reduction and improvement of public health outcomes for children, adolescents and families in low-resource communities. Representatives from the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Gender, Youth, and Labour, the Office of the Prime Minister, Makerere University, and McDonnell International Scholars Academy at Washington University in St. Louis will take part in these seven days of gathering together to learn, network, and connect.

We will also learn from faculty experts in a range of research methodologies and skills, visit several research sites from ICHAD's 12 active NIH-funded research studies and see the intervention research team in action, and share in the successes of our trainees. And there will also be time to relax and enjoy plenty of Ugandan cuisine and entertainment. I look forward to a rich and fulfilling Forum.



Mary M. McKay, PhD  
Vice Provost of Interdisciplinary Initiatives  
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2005



Dr. Fred Ssewamala receives first NIH R21 grant, A Family-Based Economic Empowerment Model for Orphaned Children in Uganda (Suubi)

2013



ICHAD established at Columbia University

2014



1st Annual Conference, Global Health and Economic Strengthening in Sub-Saharan Africa, University of Chicago

2015

OUR MISSION

To contribute to the reduction of poverty and improvement of public health outcomes for children, adolescents, and families in low-resource communities, particularly those in Sub-Saharan Africa and other developing nations, through:

- Innovative Applied Intervention research
- Capacity Building Opportunities for a new Generation of Scholars
- Raising Public Awareness and Support for Economic Empowerment Interventions
- Informing Public Policy and Programming

2016



SMART Africa Center established



1st Annual Conference on Child Behavioral Health in Sub-Saharan Africa, Uganda

2017



ICHAD relocates to WashU



National Institutes of Health

ICHAD reaches 5 NIH funded studies:

- Suubi (2005-2008; NIMH)
- Suubi Maka (2008-2012; NIMH)
- Bridges to the Future (2011-2018; NICHD)
- Suubi+Adherence (2012-2018; NICHD)
- Suubi4Her (2017-2023; NIMH)

2018



RRT Research Training Program, funded by NIMH (2018-2023)

2019



LEAD Global Research Training Program funded by MHRT (2019-2024)

OUR IMPACT

20 current and completed research studies funded by the National Institutes of Health  
70,000 participants, community members, and partners have been impacted by ICHAD projects  
160+ peer-reviewed manuscripts have been published in peer-reviewed journals from ICHAD's studies  
100+ early career research scholars training program trainees and alumni

2020



CHILD-GRF Research Training Program, funded by FIC and NICHD (2020-2024)



National Institutes of Health

ICHAD reaches 10 NIH funded studies:

- Suubi4Cancer (2018-2021; NCI)
- Kyaterekera (2018-2023; NIMH)
- Anzansi Family Project (2019-2022; NICHD)
- Suubi4Stigma (2020-2022; NIMH)
- Suubi+Adherence-Round 2 (2020-2025; NICHD)

2022



ACHIEVE Global Training Program funded by FIC (2022-2027)



National Institutes of Health

ICHAD reaches 15+ NIH funded studies:

- M-Suubi (2021-2025; NIMH)
- Obuvumu (2022-2024; NIMH)
- Bridges-Round 2 (2022-2026; NIMH)
- Suubi4Stronger Families (2022-2027; NIMH)
- Substance Use Study (2020-2025; NIMH)
- Suubi+Adherence4Youth (2022-2027; NIMH)
- Suubi+Mhealth (2022-2024; NIMH)

2023



2022 Forum on Child and Adolescent Global Health Research and Capacity Building in Uganda



Dr. Fred Ssewamala and ICHAD featured in Washington Magazine; *Offering Hope* documentary released

"We continue to grow our opportunities for capacity building and innovative research, in no small part, with our partners across the world. No better phrase embodies this collaboration than the African proverb, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

- Dr. Fred Ssewamala

## Program Schedule: June 1-16, 2023 (Virtual)

- June 1 **Welcome to Summer 2023 Training**  
Laura Peer, Chelsea Hand-Sheridan  
**Program Directors Talks**  
Mary McKay, Fred Ssewamala, Sean Joe, Patricia Cavazos-Rehg  
Washington University in St. Louis
- June 2 **Conducting Qualitative Research: Lessons from the Field**  
Robin Jarrett, University of Illinois Urbana – Champaign
- June 5 **Trainee Introductions**
- June 6 **Panel: Do's and Don'ts of Working in Local and Global Communities**  
Thomas Crea, Boston College; James Mugisha, Kyambogo University; & Vetta Sanders Thompson, Washington University in St. Louis
- June 7 **Trainee Introductions**
- June 8 **HomeGrown STL Summit**
- June 9 **Visualizing and Disseminating Results**  
Nikole Lobb Dougherty, Washington University in St. Louis
- Travel Check-In**
- June 12 **Mixed Methods**  
Ilana Seff & Lindsay Stark, Washington University in St. Louis
- June 13 **BioSketch Workshop**  
Patricia Cavazos-Rehg, Washington University in St. Louis
- June 14 **Advance Research Methodologies**  
Samuel Kizito, Washington University in St. Louis
- June 15 **Introduction to Dissemination & Implementation**  
Elvin Geng, Washington University in St. Louis
- June 16 **Travel/Free Day**

# June 19-27, 2023 (In Person, Uganda)

Day 1: Monday, June 19

Plenary Day Open to Invited Guests

Sheraton Kampala Hotel Rwenzori Ballroom

*Theme: Celebrating 10 years of offering hope together*

8:00 – 8:30 am	<b>Arrival and Forum Check-In</b>
8:30-8:50 am	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> Timothy Opobo, AfriChild Centre Fred Ssewamala, Washington University in St. Louis Mary McKay, Washington University in St. Louis
8:50-9:30 am	<b>Keynote Address and Featured Remarks</b> Hon. Dr. Ruth Aceng, Minister of Health, Republic of Uganda Representing First Lady Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni Introduced by Dr. Faith Nakiyimba, Masaka District Health Officer
9:30-10:00 am	<b>Group Photos</b>
10:00-10:30 am	<b>Break</b>
10:30-11:00 am	<b>Forum Introduction</b> Timothy Opobo, Laura Peer and Chelsea Hand-Sheridan
11:00 am-12:00 noon	<b>Overview of ICHAD</b> Dr. Fred Ssewamala
12:00-1:00 pm	<b>Lunch – Seating by Training Programs</b>
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>Panel: Engaging Policy Makers in Dissemination and Implementation Science</b> Panelists: Muthoni Mathai, University of Nairobi, Gertrude Nakigozi, Rakai Health Sciences Program (invited) Mondo Kyateka, Ministry of Gender, Youth and Labour (invited) Moderator: Timothy Opobo, AfriChild Center
2:00-3:00 pm	<b>Panel: Showcase of Research Training Program Alumni</b> Panelists: Raymond Atwebembere (CHILD-GRF), Ronald Olum (ACHIEVE), Massy Mutumba (LEAD), Josephine Nabayinda (RRT) Moderator: Proscovia Nabunya
3:00-3:30 pm	<b>Break</b>

- 3:30 – 4:30 pm** **Panel of ICHAD Research Study Beneficiaries**  
 Panelists: Scovia Nassaazi, Malta Nanyanzi, John Ssentume,  
 Roshan Mirembe Nakimuli  
 Moderator: Proscovia Nabunya
- 4:30-4:45 pm** **Presentation: Emerging Research on Refugee Health**  
 Nhial Tutlam, Washington University in St. Louis
- 4:45-5:00 pm** **Closing Remarks**  
 Local Council V Chairman Andrew Lukyamuzi Battemyetto
- 5:00 pm** **Day 1 Wrap Up**
- 6:00 pm** **Dinner and Entertainment**

**Day 2: Tuesday, June 20**  
**Parliament Visit & Training Sessions (Invitation Only)**  
 Parliament Campus & Sheraton Kampala Hotel Rwenzori Ballroom

*Theme: Engaging policymakers for lasting impact*

- 8:00 – 8:30 am** **Optional Mentor and Networking Meeting**
- 8:30 am** **Meet in Sheraton Lobby to Walk to Uganda’s Parliament**
- 9:00 – 10:00 am** **Engaging with Policy Makers: Parliament Tour**
- 10:00 – 12:00 am** **Engagement Meetings with Members of Parliament**
- 12:00 am** **Depart from Parliament: Walk Back to Sheraton Hotel**
- 12:30 – 2:00 pm** **Lunch**
- 2:00 – 3:15 pm** **Good Clinical Practices & Responsible Conduct in Research**  
 Tom Lutalo, Makerere University
- 3:15 – 3:45 pm** **Break**
- 3:45 – 5:00 pm** **Special Interest Sessions (select one):**
- Budget Justification**  
 Mordecai Tayebwa, Makerere University
- Cost Effectiveness**  
 Yesim Tozan, New York University
- Predictive Modeling**  
 Rachel Brathwaite, Washington University in St. Louis  
*Note: This session will be offered again on Day 4*

5:00 pm | **Day 2 Wrap-up**

6:00 pm | **Dinner**

**Day 3: Wednesday, June 21**  
**Makerere University & Training Sessions (Invitation Only)**  
**Travel to Masaka**

*Theme: Washington University engagement with Uganda's higher institutions of learning through research and capacity building: Engagement with Makerere University*

8:15 am | **Meet in Sheraton Lobby to Drive to Makerere University**

9:00 am – 12:00 pm | **Welcoming and Opening Remarks**  
Noeline Nakasujja, Makerere University

**Featured Remarks**  
Vice Chancellor, Barnabas Nawangwe represented by Buyinza Mukadasi, Makerere University

**Featured Presentation (video)**  
Laura Benoist, McDonnell International Scholars Academy, Washington University in St. Louis

**A Makerere/Washington University Scholar's Journey**  
Flavia Namuwonge, Washington University in St. Louis

**Training Program Fellows Panel: Makerere and ICHAD Collaboration**  
Joyce Nankumbi (ACHIEVE)  
Anita Arinda (CHILD-GRF)

12:00 – 1:00 pm | **Lunch at Makerere University**

2:00 pm | **Hotel Check Out & Travel to Masaka**

6:00 pm | **Dinner**



**Day 4: Thursday, June 22**  
**Public Program for Community-Based Collaborators &**  
**Trainings Sessions (Invitation Only)**  
**Brovad Hotel, Masaka**

*Theme: Engaging the community to do meaningful research*

<b>8:00 – 8:50 am</b>	<b>Arrival and Registration of Guests</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:30 am</b>	<b>National Anthem/Opening Prayer &amp; Welcoming Remarks</b> Anita Kabarambi, ICHAD Uganda Phionah Namatovu, ICHAD Uganda Fred Ssewamala, Washington University in St. Louis
<b>9:30 – 10:00 am</b>	<b>Keynote Address</b> Rev. Serverus Jjumba, Bishop of Masaka Catholic Diocese
<b>10:00 – 10:40 am</b>	<b>Panel: Experiences from ICHAD Interventions (Multiple Family Group and Economic Empowerment)</b> Nagawa Cissy Bbuka (Parent peer) Judith Naluyima (St. Andrews Matala Secondary School) Rev. Fr. Ssemwanga (Kalisizo Catholic Parish) Mawanda Erenest (SMART Africa) Najjuuko Ratifah (Suubi4Her) Moderator: Phionah Namatovu
<b>10:40 – 10:55 am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:55 am – 11:45 pm</b>	<b>Stakeholders Panel: Dissemination and Scaling up ICHAD's Interventions</b> Andrew Lukyamuzi Batemyetto (LCV Masaka District) Nakanwagi Sylvia Grace (DEO Kalungu District) Rev. Fr. Kato Joseph (Masaka Catholic Diocese) Ssentume John (Kyotera Primary School) Moderator: Abel Mwebembezi
<b>11:45 – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Gerald Nsambu, Masaka District Education Officer
<b>12:00 – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
	<b>Afternoon Training Sessions [<u>Invited Trainees Only</u>]</b>
<b>1:00 – 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Suicide Prevention Session</b> Ryan Lindsay, Washington University in St. Louis
<b>2:00 – 2:45 pm</b>	<b>Using Social Media as an Academic</b> Ijeoma Opara, Yale University

- 2:45 – 3:00 pm** | **Break**
- 3:00 – 4:30 pm** | **CHILD GRF Cohort 3 Presentations and Peer Review**  
Moderator: Laura Peer, Washington University in St. Louis
- 4:30 pm** | **Day 4 Wrap-up**
- 6:00 pm** | **Dinner and Entertainment: Comedy Night**

**Day 5: Friday, June 23**  
**Public Program for Clinic-Based Collaborators & Trainings Sessions (Invitation Only)**  
**Brovad Hotel, Masaka**

*Theme: Engaging healthcare systems in research*

- 8:00 – 8:50 am** | **Arrival and Registration of Guests, Arrival of Guest of Honor**
- 9:00 – 9:20 am** | **National Anthem/Opening Prayer**  
**Welcoming remarks**  
Rebecca Walugembe, ICHAD Uganda  
Flavia Namuwonge, Washington University in St. Louis
- 9:20 – 10:00 am** | **The Story of ICHAD Panel**  
Davis Ssenabulya (Villa Maria Hospital)  
Grace Kigozi (Rakai Health Sciences Program)  
Abel Mwebembezi (Reach the Youth)  
Fr. Joseph Kato (Masaka Catholic Diocese)  
Moderator: Proscovia Nabunya, Washington University in St. Louis
- 10:00 – 10:45 am** | **Keynote Address**  
Faith Nakiyimba, District Health Officer Masaka  
To be introduced by Anita Kabarambi, ICHAD Uganda
- 10:45 – 11:00 am** | **Break**
- 11:00 – 11:50 am** | **Experiences with ICHAD Interventions**  
Ssendiibwa Gonzaga (M-Suubi study)  
Diana Kyobutungi (Community Collaborative Board member)  
Nakalanda Cissy (Obuvumu study)  
Emmanuel Mayega (Adherence study)  
Roshan Mirembe (Community Healthcare Worker)  
Moderator: Josephine Nabayinda, Washington University in St. Louis

<b>11:50 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Hon. Florence Namayanja Mayor, Masaka City
<b>12:00 – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
	<b>Afternoon Training Sessions [<u>Invited Trainees Only</u>]</b>
<b>1:00 – 2:15 pm</b>	<b>Special Interest Training Sessions (select one):</b>
	<b>Methodological Commitments for Impact: Constructivist Grounded Theory Tools, Tips, &amp; Techniques</b> Saltanat Childress, University of Texas at Arlington
	<b>Introduction to Predictive Modelling</b> Rachel Brathwaite, Washington University in St. Louis
	<b>Writing a Career Development (K) Grant</b> Nhial Tutlam, Washington University in St. Louis
<b>2:15 – 2:30 pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>2:30 – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>CHILD-GRF Cohort 2 Final Presentations</b> Moderator: Chelsea Hand-Sheridan, Washington University in St. Louis
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Day 5 Wrap-up</b>
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Dinner and Entertainment</b>

**Saturday, June 24 & Sunday, June 25**  
**Free Days**

## Day 6: Monday, June 26

### Field Site Visits to ICHAD Implementing Partners (Clinics)

- 6:00 am – 4:00 pm** | **Field Site Visits to Health Clinics**  
*Visiting partner health care centers including clinics and hospitals in fishing villages and urban centers. Details to be presented.*
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm** | **Lunch**
- 4:00-4:30 pm** | **Site Visit Debrief Discussion**
- 6:00 pm** | **Dinner and Entertainment**

## Day 7: Tuesday, June 27

### Field Site Visits to ICHAD Implementing Partners (Schools and Community Hotspots)

- 8:00 am** | **Hotel Check Out**  
*For those departing on this day*
- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm** | **Field Site Visits to Schools**  
*Details to be presented.*
- | **Site Visit Debrief Discussion**
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm** | **Field Site Visit to Community Hotspot**  
*Details to be presented.*
- | **Site Visit Debrief Discussion**
- 1:00 pm** | **Lunch**
- | **Free time/Depart to Entebbe Airport**

## FORUM HOSTS AND PROGRAM DIRECTORS



### **Fred M. Ssewamala**

*William E. Gordon Distinguished Professor, Associate Dean for Transdisciplinary Faculty Research, Director & Founder of ICHAD, Director of SMART Africa Center, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri, USA*

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Dr. Fred Ssewamala leads innovative, interdisciplinary research, funded primarily by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), that informs, develops and tests family-based economic empowerment and social protection interventions to improve life chances and long-term developmental outcomes for children, adolescents and youth, particularly those impacted by poverty, civil strife and HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa. He has authored more than 167 publications on these topics. His research engages collaboratively with local institutions to ensure scale-up and sustainability. In addition, Dr. Ssewamala leads several NIH-funded research training programs focused on training early career researchers, including PhD students, recent PhD graduates, and medical doctors, from underrepresented backgrounds interested in children and adolescent health in a global context. Before joining the Brown School in 2017, Dr. Ssewamala was a tenured Professor at Columbia University in New York for 15 years, where he established ICHAD.



### **Mary M. McKay**

*Vice Provost of Interdisciplinary Initiatives, Co-Director of SMART Africa Center, Washington University in St. Louis St. Louis, Missouri, USA*

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Dr. Mary McKay joined Washington University as dean of the Brown School in 2016, continuing the school's legacy of creating vital knowledge, initiating social change, and preparing leaders to address social and health challenges both locally and globally. Dr. McKay has received substantial federal funding for research focused on meeting the mental health and health prevention needs of youth and families impacted by poverty. She also has significant expertise in child mental health services and implementation research methods, as well as over 20 years of experience conducting HIV prevention and care-oriented studies, supported by NIH. She has authored more than 150 publications on mental and behavioral health, HIV/AIDS prevention and urban poverty.



### **Noeline Nakasujja**

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Dr. Noeline Nakasujja is a clinical/research psychiatrist with many years of experience and expertise in mental health research, with a focus on evaluating special populations of HIV-positive individuals. Specifically, her research interests include cognitive impairment in HIV/AIDS. Dr. Nakasujja's work has focused on neurocognitive assessments across the life span as well as other areas in the field of psychiatry. Dr. Nakasujja is the research lead for the DIALOG+intervention at the NIHR Global Health Research Group focused on developing psycho-social interventions.



### **Patricia Cavazos-Rehg**

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As a clinician-scientist, Dr. Patricia Cavazos-Rehg has worked to disentangle the pathways of complex adolescent health risk problems. She focuses her research on examining the effects of state-level penalties and anti-tobacco/drug media campaigns on youth substance use behaviors and attitudes. Her research program is funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and involves studying the most efficacious policies that will reduce substance use involvement while accounting for today's new media-saturated environment.



### **Sean Joe**

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Dr. Sean Joe is a nationally recognized authority on suicidal behavior among Black Americans, particularly regarding the role of firearms as a risk factor and is expanding the evidence base for effective practice with urban Black boys and young men. Dr. Joe is the founding director of the Race and Opportunity Lab, which examines race, opportunity, and social mobility with an emphasis on informing policies, interventions, and intra-professional practice to improve familial and community capacity to lessen ethnic inequality in adolescents' healthy transition to adulthood.



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Dr. Theresa Betancourt's central research interests include the developmental and psychosocial consequences of concentrated adversity on children, youth and families; resilience and protective processes in child and adolescent mental health and child development; refugee families; and applied cross-cultural mental health research. She leads an intergenerational study of war-affected youth in Sierra Leone. Dr. Betancourt has also developed and evaluated the impact of a Family Strengthening Intervention for HIV-affected children and families and is leading the investigation of a home-visiting early childhood development intervention



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Dr. Ken-Yen Huang specializes in child development, psychiatric epidemiology, prevention, implementation, and global public health research. She implements and collaborates on child development and mental health implementation research projects in international contexts. Her research interests include investigating patterns and mechanisms of child mental health disparities; as well as testing cost-effective family- and system-level approaches of preventive strategies to address child mental health disparities; and studying strategies for broader evidence-based program dissemination and implementation in diverse populations and contexts.



**Yesim Tozan**

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Dr. Yesim Tozan's research centers on health decision science and priority setting and explores the costs and cost-effectiveness of health care interventions using decision analytic models and the issues of health care resource allocation in low- and middle-income countries. Her main focus has been infectious disease prevention and control with an emphasis on dengue and malaria. She has been working on economic evaluation of artemisinin-based combination therapies for the treatment of uncomplicated childhood malaria using data from multi-site randomized clinical trials in Africa and Asia. Most recently, she has expanded her research focus to HIV/AIDS and mental health among vulnerable populations, specifically in Uganda.



**Stevan Weine**

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Dr. Stevan Weine conducts research with refugees and migrants in the United States and in post-conflict countries, focused on mental health, health, and violence prevention. His research mission is to develop, implement, and evaluate psychosocial interventions that are feasible, acceptable, and effective with respect to the complex real-life contexts. He has been awarded two Career Scientist Awards: “Services Based Research with Refugee Families” from NIMH and “Labor Migration and Multilevel HIV Prevention” from NICHD.



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Dr. Arvin Bhana is a multiple principal investigator on the Southern African Research Consortium for Mental Health INtegration (SMhINT) Hub funded by NIMH, a Co-Investigator on a scale-up grant on Mental Health INtegration (MhINT) funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the capacity building lead on the SMART Africa Center also funded by NIMH. His scholarly interests include child and adolescent well-being and mental health as well as integrating mental health into primary care among adults and a specific interest in brief interventions for substance use in primary care.





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Dr. Rebecca Esliker has a broad background in psychology and school administration, with specific expertise in mental health service delivery, clinical supervision of mental health nurses, training front-line service providers in the WHO Mental Health Gap Action Programme, and mentoring students, as well as over 15 years of experience working in human service agencies and teaching fields across the globe. She has collaborated with a multitude of diverse groups, including K1-12 students, children with disabilities, refugees, displaced persons, orphans, challenged young people, and the elderly.



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Dr. Proscovia Nabunya's global research focuses on HIV-stigma reduction interventions, mental health, and family and community-based support systems as protective factors for the development and well-being of children and families impacted by HIV/AIDS. Dr. Nabunya's current research studies, funded by the National Institutes of Health, are focused on: addressing HIV-associated stigma among adolescents living with HIV and their families in Uganda and low-resourced communities in the US; examining the longitudinal HIV treatment adherence outcomes among youth living with HIV transitioning into young adulthood; and evaluating the long-term impact of economic empowerment intervention on HIV risk prevention and care continuum outcomes among orphaned youth transitioning to young adulthood in Uganda.



### **Laura Peer**

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Laura Peer supports ICHAD's priority objective area of Capacity Building, overseeing four NIH-funded training programs: LEAD Global Training Program, Researcher Resilience Training Program, CHILD-Global Research Fellowship, and ACHIEVE, as well as overseeing Center communications and administration. She has worked at Washington University since 2015 and has nearly 20 years of experience in global and US public health, higher education, and research training and administration.



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Chelsea Hand-Sheridan oversees ICHAD's four NIH-funded Training Programs, including CHILD-GRF, LEAD, RRT and ACHIEVE. She has 10 years' experience working with vulnerable global populations both in the United States and in East Africa. Prior to joining ICHAD, Chelsea worked for nearly eight years in refugee and immigrant economic integration and advancement with the International Institute of St. Louis. She also worked with the United States Peace Corps as a Health Extension Agent in Tanga, Tanzania.



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Dr. Nhial Tutlam is a scholar whose research centers on the intersection of mental health impact of war trauma and risk of health outcomes such as suicide, substance use and HIV among youth affected by conflict, with the aim of developing and testing culturally congruent community-based interventions to address the myriad of mental health challenges in this vulnerable population both in refugee settlements and resettlement settings. Dr. Tutlam is currently leading an NIH-funded study in refugee settlements in Uganda to understand factors around adherence to HIV treatment, trauma-associated disorders, psychological functioning, and sexual decision-making, which will contribute to understanding of the dual public health threats of mental health and HIV in this vulnerable population.



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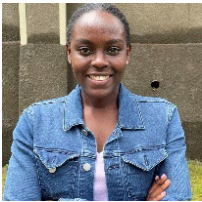


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Flavia Namuwonge's research interests center around working with children, adolescents/youth and families impacted by poverty, HIV/AIDS and poor mental health functioning. She has supported the implementation of multiple NIH-funded research studies led by ICHAD in Uganda and has contributed to the dissemination of findings. She is a current RRT trainee.



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Phionah Namatovu oversees several NIH-funded research projects at ICHAD, including study coordination, data collection, and data entry and management. Phionah is interested in implementation science and is passionate about addressing contextual barriers related to the social determinants of health for low-resource communities. She leads ICHAD's efforts of connecting research to local policies in Uganda.



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Dr. Anita Kabarambi serves as the Research Director of Clinical Studies at the ICHAD, Uganda office. She has over 10 years' experience conducting and managing HIV clinical trials focused on treatments to improve survival of patients with advanced HIV and other non-communicable diseases. She has collaborated on several HIV prevention studies focused on vaginal microbicides, HIV Vaccines and Oral PrEP.



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Claire Najjuuko is responsible for coordinating, planning, and leading computer-related activities and overseeing research data collection, entry, cleaning, storage and transfer. She also serves as a data manager responsible for coordinating all data entry, cleaning, and storage activities. Previously, she coordinated a study aimed at developing a mobile health intervention to address depressive symptoms among youth living with HIV in Uganda.



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Rebecca Walugembe has over forty years of experience working in the banking sector, NGOs, research institutions, and diplomatic missions. Rebecca has worked in Kenya, Uganda, Southern Africa and the United Kingdom in the field of human resources and resources procurement.



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## GUESTS OF HONOR



### **First Lady Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni (invited)**

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Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni is the First Lady of Uganda. She is the current Minister of Education and Sports in Uganda's Cabinet. She was appointed to this position on 6th June, 2016. She previously served as Minister for Karamoja Affairs in the Cabinet of Uganda between 2011 and 2016. She also served as the elected Member of Parliament representing Ruhaama County in Ntungamo District, between 2011 and 2016. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Makerere University, and a Diploma in Early Childhood Development from Sweden. The first lady is the founder of several non-governmental organizations in Uganda, including: Uganda Women's Effort to Save Orphans (UWESO), which cares for war-related and HIV/AIDS-affected orphans; the National Strategy for the Advancement of Rural Women in Uganda (NSARWU), which works to economically empower poor rural women through various interventions; the Uganda Youth Forum (UYF) that engages Ugandan youth for purposes of character and behavior formation particularly with regard to HIV and AIDS prevention; and the Safe Motherhood Initiative of the Ministry of Health and the World Health Organization (WHO) focused on the reduction of maternal mortality and morbidity. She is the Co-chair of CURE Hospital for children with disabilities in Uganda; and an active member of the Organization of African First Ladies against HIV/AIDS (OAFILA), an Organization that unites the First Ladies of Africa in the fight against HIV and AIDS in the Region.



### **Hon. Jane Ruth Aceng (invited)**

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Hon. Dr. Aceng is a Pediatrician expert. She has vast experience both as a manager and practicing medical personnel, which she accumulated while serving in various capacities as Medical Officer, Senior Medical Officer, Medical Officer Special Grade, Medical Superintendent, Consultant Pediatrician, Senior Consultant Pediatrician, Hospital Director. Prior to her appointment as Minister of Health, Dr. Aceng served as the Director General Health Services where she was responsible for coordinating technical functions for the delivery of Health services. As Minister of Health, she possesses the constitutional powers and functions of spearheading the Ministry. Among them are administration, policy formulation and direction. She is also responsible for defending the Ministerial budget and issue orders and statutory regulations on the sector. In addition, she initiates and presents to Cabinet, the Ministry memorandums and accounts for the State, operations, function and achievements of the health sector.



**Hon. Ambassador Natalie E. Brown (invited)**

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A career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister Counselor, Ambassador Natalie Brown was confirmed by the Senate as U.S. Ambassador to Uganda on August 6, 2020. She previously served as the Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy in Asmara, Eritrea. Other senior leadership positions include Deputy Permanent Representative and Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Mission to the UN Agencies in Rome, Italy, and Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy in Tunisia. Throughout her career, Ambassador Brown has garnered experience in both bilateral and multilateral diplomacy with a geographic focus on Africa and the Middle East.



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Hon. Florence Namayanja is the pioneer Mayor of Masaka City and the former Member of Parliament for Bukoto County East, the position she served for ten years (2011-2020). In her political career, she was the LCV Councillor for Kawempe Division, where she also served as Council's secretary for Finance. She represented Kawempe North in the Kampala City Council in 2001 and served as Deputy Mayor of Kampala capital city from 2006-2011. Before joining active politics, she served as an Administrator and Personal Secretary to the Managing Director, National Water and Sewerage Corporation. She served as a Member of the Council at Mulago School of Nursing and Kyambogo University Council, and a Board Member at NWSC. During her tenure in Parliament, she served on the Committee of Natural Resources and Committee on Commissions, State Authorities & State Enterprises.



**Rt. Rev. Bishop Serverus Jjumba**

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Rt. Rev. Serverus Jjumba was consecrated as a Bishop on 6 July 2019 at Kitovu, Masaka. He completed his theological studies at St. Mary's National Major Seminary, at Ggaba, in Kampala, Uganda. Bishop Jjumba holds a Master of Education degree and a Diploma in Religious Studies, awarded by Makerere University. He was ordained a priest on 20 June 1992 at Masaka. He served at Bikira Parish from 1991 until 1993 and as a formator and treasurer at Bukalasa Minor Seminary between 1993 and 2000. In 2000, he was appointed as the treasurer of the Catholic Diocese of Masaka, serving in that capacity until 2014. He was the Vicar General of the Masaka Diocese from 2014 until 2019. The diocese of Masaka is one of ICHAD's longtime and strong collaborators in the region. This partnership was nurtured by the Late John Baptist Kaggwa, who welcomed ICHAD to partner with the diocesan schools and health clinics in the greater Masaka region in 2004.



## FEATURED SPEAKERS



### **Buyinza Mukadasi**

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Buyinza Mukadasi, is the Academic Registrar and Professor of Forestry Resource Economics at Makerere University. He holds a PhD in Forest Management from Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia. He has 20 year experience of University research and teaching in the field of Forestry and Natural Resource Economics. Previously he has served as the Director of Research and Graduate Training where he was in charge of all institutional research and graduate training in the university. Prof. Buyinza has served as external examiner at several universities within and outside Africa. He has supervised many students at master's and Doctorate levels in addition to mentoring many of them. He has published widely in the field of Forestry economics, Community-based natural resource management and Research Administration. He has participated in more than 25 International multi-institutional research projects as a principal investigator, Co-Principal investigator or a collaborator. He has built a very strong international network of collaborations in research administration and he is a member of the Society for Research Administration International. His research interests include forest resources economics, ecosystem health and community livelihoods where he has published widely. He has served as a member of the Makerere University Senate; Board of Research and Graduate Training; Board of Management of the Consortium for Advanced Research Training in Africa. He has chaired several national and international boards of professional organisations.



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Laura Benoist is the Director of the McDonnell International Scholars Academy at Washington university in St. Louis. The Academy provides the network with which Washington University incubates new ideas and mentors future leaders. In her role, Laura directs the Scholars admissions process, co-teaches the Leadership Seminar and communication skills, and unites the McDonnell Academy community. Laura also works to attract the most talented and leadership-focused international students to Washington University. Additionally, she partners with the Vice Provost for Graduate Education & International Affairs to build bridges both within Washington University and with external partners to expand the university's reach and awareness.



## TRAINEE WORKSHOP FACILITATORS AND PRESENTERS



### **Anita Arinda, MMed (Psychiatry)**

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Dr. Anita Arinda is a psychiatrist involved in research in Uganda. Her research interest is child and adolescent psychiatry and specifically neurodevelopmental disorders like autism spectrum disorders, intellectual disability and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. She has broad training in psychiatry and has participated in research work in various fields of psychiatry including HIV and depression in adult patients, maternal mental health, caregiving in older patients with dementia and autism spectrum disorders in children. She has served in various research capacities as an investigator, study coordinator and study psychiatrist.



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Nikole Lobb Dougherty has over 18 years of experience in program and systems-level evaluation, project management, evaluation capacity-building, data visualization, and innovative and effective dissemination and reporting. She leads evaluation activities for a number of Center projects, co-facilitates the development and implementation of the Center's strategic plan, provides operational guidance for Center staff, and identifies and implements new opportunities and partnerships.



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Dr. Ilana Seff's research agenda focuses on improving the lives of vulnerable and marginalized populations across the globe using evidence-based solutions. Her broad research experience and interests include the prevention of violence against women and girls, particularly in humanitarian settings, social norms related to violence, and the psychosocial well-being and mental health of refugees and displaced populations.



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Dr. Ijeoma Opara is the founder and director of the Substance Abuse & Sexual Health Lab. Her research interests focus on HIV/AIDS, STI, and substance use prevention for urban youth, racial and gender specific prevention interventions for Black girls, and community-based participatory research with urban youth. Most recently, Dr. Opara was named the 2020 recipient of the NIH Director's Early Independence Award, which funds her 5-year community-based study on youth substance use, mental health outcomes, and neighborhoods in Paterson, New Jersey.



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Dr. Saltanat Childress's work is to better understand how to improve the behavioral, educational and health outcomes associated with childhood exposure to trauma, particularly adverse childhood experiences and domestic violence, at both local and global levels. Her research and practice seek to expand the scope of evidence-based approaches in prevention and implementation science, especially among populations in Central Asia and immigrants in the U.S. Her work seeks to respond to child maltreatment as a system-wide issue involving responses across all levels of family and social institutions. Her work is generating a growing body of peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and policy guidance in these areas.



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Dr. Rachel Brathwaite's epidemiological research focuses: on developing tools to facilitate early prevention/intervention to improve the physical and mental health of vulnerable and marginalized populations; population health research on modifiable behavioral risk factors among vulnerable populations; harm reduction among marginalized populations and; research to identify and prevent poor mental and physical health among youth populations in low-and middle-income countries.



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Ryan Lindsay's career has focused on training new and experienced providers in various evidence-based treatments, consulting with organizations on how to implement evidence-based programs, and aiding organizations in program development utilizing evidence-based principles. At the Brown School, he chairs, teaches and advises students within the Mental Health concentration in the Master of Social Work program.



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Cynthia Williams works to advance a community-based partnership model in St. Louis and surrounding communities to transform and increase community participation at the Brown School through research, teaching, and volunteerism. She is a highly motivated professional with 37 years of experience in academia, and expertise in application of adult learning principles in graduate-level education and training, staff management, program development, curriculum development, training, conference planning, and project management and evaluation.

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Dr. Samuel Kizito is a PhD student in the Public Health Sciences Program at the Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis. He is a physician- epidemiologist interested in research methodology. Dr.

Kizito's work focuses on designing and evaluating public health interventions to improve outcomes among youth living with HIV in low-income settings. He has expertise in examining treatment efficacy in studies with longitudinal nested data assessing the effects of interventions on treatment outcomes. He has previously used advanced statistical methods, including multilevel mixed-effects modeling, generalized estimating equations, hierarchical linear modeling, survival analysis, latent growth curve modeling, and structural equation modeling, to assess the impact of interventions in our NIH-funded studies on treatment outcomes among adolescents and young adults. He is an RRT alumni

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Tom Lutalo received his Master's degree in Statistics from the University of Leicester, UK. He has directed the Rakai Health Sciences Project data center in Entebbe, Uganda, for the past 14 years and is also principal investigator on the Rakai study of contraception and fertility funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Center for Reproductive Health at Johns Hopkins University.



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Thomas Crea leads local, national, and international research projects related to social interventions for vulnerable children and families. This research focuses on the intersections of child welfare, refugee social protection and education, and strengthening humanitarian aid and international development programs. Dr. Crea's projects span multiple countries, which in addition to the United States have included Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya, Malawi, Palestine, Sierra Leone, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. Dr. Crea uses primarily mixed-methods, participatory research methodologies designed to produce rigorous, yet useful findings for stakeholders working with marginalized populations.



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Dr. Gertrude Nakigozi is a medical doctor and epidemiologist at the Rakai Health Sciences Program, Uganda. She is Director Programs, overseeing implementation of HIV prevention, care and treatment services in twelve districts of Masaka region, which serves over 100,000 HIV patients. She is a researcher in the area of HIV and non-communicable diseases. Gertrude holds a Bachelor's degree in Medicine and Surgery (MBChB) from Makerere University, Master's of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University and a PhD in epidemiology from Makerere School of Public Health.



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Dr. Lora Iannotti has expertise in maternal and young child nutrition and nutrient deficiencies (zinc, iron, vitamin A, B12, choline, and fatty acids) related to poverty and infectious diseases. She applies epidemiological methods to investigate interventions aimed at reducing stunted growth and development. Dr. Iannotti leads projects in Haiti, Ecuador, and East Africa where she collaborates with local partners to test innovative, transdisciplinary approaches using animal source foods and small livestock and fisheries development.



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Dr. Saidu Kenu has been working in HIV clinical management since 2004. He is an experienced public health physician and clinical epidemiologist involved in establishing and managing the largest HIV clinic in Ghana with over 22,000 patients on roll. Dr. Kenu was keenly involved in the establishment of the cancer registry at the Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital. He has collaborated on projects focused on cervical cancer stigma as well as the identification of sociocultural barriers to seeking preventive cervical cancer screening among Ghanaian women.



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Dr. Eugene Kinyanda has undertaken research into the psychiatric and psychosocial complications of HIV/AIDS among adults through funding by DfID (as part of the Efa Consortium) and the European-Developing Countries Clinical Trials Programme (EDCTP; through a Senior EDCTP Fellowship). He is currently undertaking a research project on children and adolescents living with HIV/AIDS. His other research interests include studies into the psychiatric and psychosocial problems of HIV/AIDS orphans, war affected populations, the epidemiology of common mental disorders and studies into the meanings of suicide from an African perspective.



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Dr. Victor Musiime conducts research at Joint Clinical Research Centre (JCRC), where he holds the position of Senior Research Consultant. He has worked as a Paediatrician at JCRC in HIV research, clinical care and treatment since 2004. He has also been an investigator on several research protocols, including multicenter clinical trials, mainly in infectious diseases, and more particularly in Paediatric and Adolescent HIV/AIDS. Dr. Musiime also provides clinical care to children on the inpatient/outpatient wards of Mulago National Referral Hospital.



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Dr. Philippa Musoke has been involved in multiple perinatal HIV prevention clinical trials for the last 25 years including the landmark HIVNET012 trial, which informed WHO HIV prevention guidelines leading to implementation of prevention of mother to child transmission (PMTCT) services globally. In addition, she has conducted various paediatric antiretroviral treatment trials including pharmacokinetic studies which have informed HIV treatment guidelines for infected children. Her areas of interest include PMTCT, pediatric HIV treatment for resource-limited settings, childhood TB diagnostics and treatment and birth defect surveillance.



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Dr. Chris Salas-Wright currently leads studies examining the experiences of Puerto Rican families displaced by Hurricane Maria and Venezuelan crisis migrants in the United States and Colombia, as well as a substance use prevention study focused on recently-arrived immigrant youth. His research agenda focuses on the experiences of immigrant youth and families with a particular emphasis on cultural stress, mental health, and substance use prevention.



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Dr. Leonard Baatiema's research focuses on understanding to what extent the implementation of telehealth (digital health) interventions impact on the scope of practice and capacity of non-physician clinicians (NPC) to deliver high-quality care at primary health care (PHC) facilities in Ghana. His research aims to identify the different health technological tools NPCs use at PHC facilities and explore how and why they are used.



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Dr. Corrina Moucheraud is a global health policy and systems researcher, focused on the question: how can we deliver high-quality, efficient, equitable, sustainable health services in low-resource, system-constrained settings? Dr. Moucheraud conducts both quantitative and qualitative research, including with primary data and secondary data, as well as economic evaluation research such as cost-effectiveness analyses. Main topic areas include HIV, maternal health, and non-communicable diseases, and she primarily conducts research in sub-Saharan Africa.



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Dr. Andrew Dykens is currently a NIH Fogarty International Research Scientist Career Development Award (K01) recipient. He studies the implementation of sustainable cervical cancer screening programs through capacity building, quality improvement, and behavioral interventions at the regional level in rural Senegal. Through the Consortium of Universities for Global Health, Dr. Dykens is the Founding Chair for the Capacity Building Subcommittee, a global initiative that aims to connect locally identified human resource gaps to existing training capacity and evidence-based curricula.



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Dr. Maria Piñeros-Leaño's research focuses on addressing health and mental health inequities among Latin American migrant and immigrant families to ensure that everyone, regardless of where they are from, can have a healthy development. Dr. Piñeros-Leaño's work is currently funded through the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), where she is exploring the mental health care needs of Puerto Rican families that were displaced by Hurricane María.



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Ms. Nakigudde mentors undergraduate and postgraduate students in behavioral science and bioethics. She is also involved in clinical work in the hospital and started the psychological assessment and management of patients in the two Uganda National referral hospitals (Mulago and Butabika). In 2015, she was an awardee of the John Hopkins Fogarty African Bioethics Training Program, which has enabled her serve in the capacity of a focal person for Uganda in the Africa Ethics Working Group, an entity appointed by the Oxford Global Initiative in Neuropsychiatric GenEthics (NeuroGenE).



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Dr. Dalton Wamalwa participated in the International AIDS Research and Training Program at the University of Washington, where he received his MPH in Epidemiology in 2005. His MPH thesis was called, "The effect of medication diaries on adherence to HAART among HIV-1 infected Kenyan children." His current project looks at the long term efficacy of pediatric HAART over a 5 year period. Dr. Wamalwa was a co-Investigator on the Optimizing Pediatric HIV-1 Therapy (OPH) project and the EDCTP Pediatric Vaccine study. He is currently working on the MEPI Linked project and the PUSH study.



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## TRAINEES BY PROGRAM

### CHILD-Global Research Fellowship Cohort 2 (2021-2024)



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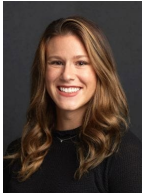
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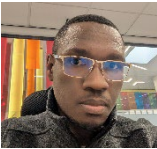
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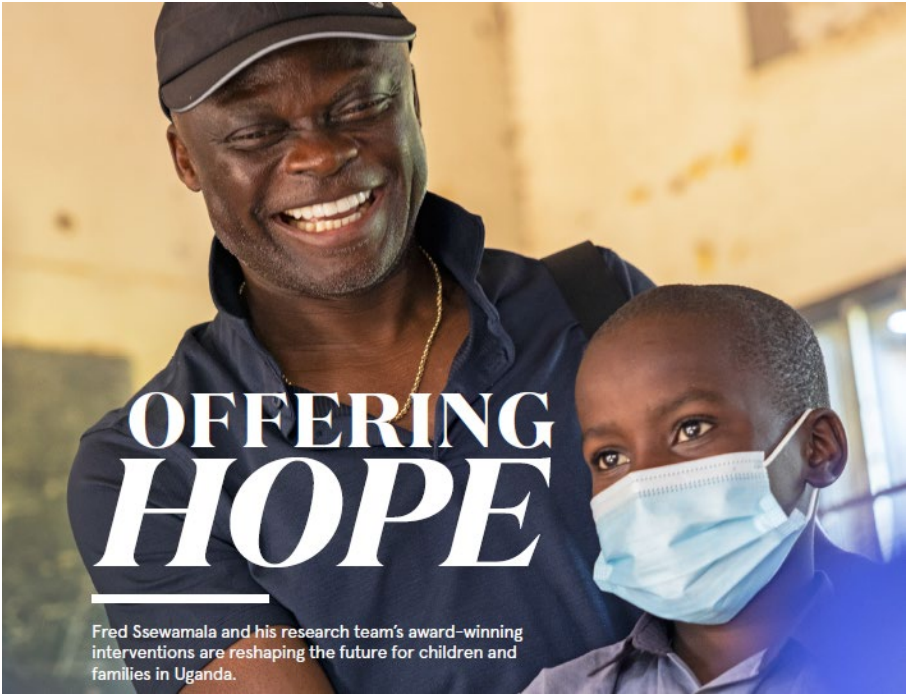
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