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ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

Starting Fall 2020

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland

EDUCATION

- 2020 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dissertation: “From Boy Child to Youth: the Discursive Politics of Gender and Inequality in Kenya”
Committee: Monica Grant (chair), Myra Marx Ferree, Christine Schwartz, Eunsil Oh, Nancy Kendall, Sanyu Mojola (Princeton University)
Preliminary exams: Demography, Sociology of the Family (both passed with distinction)
- 2016 M.S., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Thesis: “Economic Uncertainty and Marriage Timing for Rural and Urban Men in Malawi”
- 2011 B.A., Anthropology with African Studies certificate, Princeton University
Senior Thesis: “Paying the Cows: An Ethnographic Study of Bride Price in Uganda”
Graduated with honours

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender; Work, Employment and Economic Change; Development; Sociology of the Family; Life Course; Social demography; Research Methods

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Pike, Isabel (2020) “A Discursive Spectrum: The Narrative of Kenya’s “Neglected” Boy Child” *Gender & Society* 34(2), 284-306

Grant, Monica and **Isabel Pike** (2019) “Divorce, Living Arrangements, and Material Well-being during the Transition to Adulthood in Rural Malawi” *Population Studies* 73(2), 261-275

Raymo, James, **Isabel Pike**, and Jersey Liang (2019) “A New Look at the Living Arrangements of Older Americans Using Multistate Life Tables” *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 74(7), e84-e96

Pike, Isabel, Sanyu Mojola and Caroline Kabiru (2018) Making Sense of Marriage: Gender and the Transition to Adulthood in Nairobi, Kenya. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 80(5), 1298-1313

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Men's Economic Status and Marriage Timing in Rural and Semi-Urban Malawi (revise and resubmit)

Layered Vernaculars: Using Gender to Talk about Poverty in Kenya

A Contested Category: How Gender and Age Shape the Meaning of "Youth" in Kenya

Gifting Relationships and School Dropout in Rural Malawi: Examining Differences by Gender and Poverty Level [co-authored with Monica Grant]

Book manuscript: Narratives of Neglect: The Gender Politics of Kenya's Boy Child

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2018 Pike, Isabel "Mathare holiday camp helps kids improve grades, learn life skills." The Star newspaper, Nairobi, Kenya

2016 Pike, Isabel "'Cheaper' energy still unaffordable to rural households." The Star newspaper, Nairobi, Kenya

2015 Pike, Isabel, Stella Muthuri, Milka Njeri, Caroline Kabiru and Shelley Clark. "Daycare in a Nairobi Informal Settlement" African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2019-2020 Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship in Women's Studies

Fall 2019 Mellon-Wisconsin Fellowship, UW-Madison

2016 International Research Grant, Graduate School, UW-Madison

2015 Scott-Kloeck Johnson International Internship Fellowship, UW-Madison

TEACHING

2020, Fall *Professor*, Population and Development, Graduate Institute

2019, Spring *Teaching assistant* on Sociology 1b: The Sociological Imagination: Private Troubles, Public Problems, University of Edinburgh

2018, Fall *Teaching assistant* on Sociology 1a: The Sociological Imagination: Individuals and Society, University of Edinburgh

2017-19 *Graduate and teaching assistant on African Studies & International Development MSc course: Research Design and Practice, University of Edinburgh [year-long course]*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019-20 *Consultant, Population Council, World Bank's Gender Innovation Lab*

2014 *Reports and Donor Relations Officer, World Food Programme (WFP) in Bamako, Mali*

2012-14 *Reports and Donor Relations Officer, WFP in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso*

2012 *Reports Assistant, WFP West Africa Regional Bureau in Dakar, Senegal*

2011-12 *Communications Assistant, WFP West Africa Regional Bureau in Dakar, Senegal*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2017-19 *Research Assistant for Monica Grant, Department of Sociology*

2015-17 *Research Assistant for James Raymo, Department of Sociology*

2015 *Research Intern, African Population and Health Research Center, Nairobi, Kenya*

2015 *Research Assistant for Timothy Smeeding, La Follette School of Public Affairs,*

2014 *Research Assistant for James Raymo and Marcy Carlson, Department of Sociology*

PRESENTATIONS

Paper presentations:

2019 "Gifting Relationships and School Dropout in Rural Malawi: Examining Differences by Gender and Poverty Level" [co-authored with Monica Grant] ISA RC28: Social Inequality and Social Mobility in Comparative Perspective, Princeton, NJ

2019 "Forgotten Boys, Idle Men: Using Gender to Talk about Poverty in Kenya" American Sociological Association conference, New York City, NY

2019 "Song of the Day": Gender, Social Change, and Kenya's Boy Child" European Conference on African Studies, Edinburgh, UK

2018 "Work is Work?: Crossing Gendered Lines in Central Kenya" African Studies Association UK conference, Birmingham, UK

- 2018 “‘Neglected’: Needs-talk surrounding Kenya’s Boy Child” American Sociological Association conference, Philadelphia, PA and at British Institute in Eastern Africa (BIEA), Nairobi, Kenya
- 2018 “‘Neglected’: Needs-talk surrounding Kenya’s Boy Child” Public Seminar at British Institute in Eastern Africa (BIEA), Nairobi, Kenya
- 2016 “Economic Uncertainty and Marriage Timing for Rural and Urban Men in Malawi.” Quetelet Conference: Men’s perspective in unions, fertility and parenthood, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

Poster Presentations:

- 2016 Pike, Isabel, Sanyu Mojola, and Caroline Kabiru. “Marital Aspirations of Low-Income Young People in Nairobi.” Population Association of America conference, Washington, DC.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Member: American Sociological Association, Population Association of America, The African Studies Association of the UK

Reviewer: Qualitative Sociology, Social Forces, Demographic Research, PLOS One.

2016–17 *Treasurer*, UW-Madison Sociology Graduate Student Association

2015–16 *Cohort representative*, UW-Madison Sociology Graduate Student Association

2015, 16 *Mentor* for new graduate students

COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Quantitative: Stata (advanced) and R (basic); Qualitative: Nvivo, Dedoose (advanced)

LANGUAGES

English (native), French (fluent), Kiswahili (advanced), German (basic)

CV Updated: June 2020