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ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

September 2020 — present

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; Development; Work and Economic Change; Family; Culture; Life Course; Social Demography

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Pike, Isabel (2021) “Men’s Economic Status and Marriage Timing in Rural and Semi-Urban Malawi” *Social Forces* 100(1), 113-136

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

Book manuscript: Narratives of Neglect: The Gender Politics of Kenya’s Boy Child [manuscript workshop scheduled for 1 November 2021 with Daniel Smith and Sumi Madhok]

Pike, Isabel and Rachael Pierotti. Greedy Schemas: Explanations and Experiences of Occupational Gender Segregation in Conakry, Guinea [invited to revise & resubmit]

Pike, Isabel and Monica Grant. Gifting Relationships and School Dropout in Rural Malawi: Examining Differences by Gender and Poverty Level [invited to revise & resubmit]

Pike, Isabel and Thoai Ngo. Gender Minority Youth in Low and Middle-income Countries: A Scoping Review for Survey Research [under review]

Pike, Isabel. Intersectional Backlash and the Gendered Language of Grievance

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

COURSES TAUGHT

Population and Development; Sociology of Gender; Gender and Development

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019-20 *Consultant*, Population Council, World Bank's Gender Innovation Lab
- 2015 *Research Intern*, African Population and Health Research Center, Nairobi, Kenya
- 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

PRESENTATIONS

Paper presentations:

- 2021 “Greedy Schemas: Explanations and Experiences of Occupational Gender Segregation in Conakry, Guinea” Roundtable on Gendered Organizations, Gendered Work. American Sociological Association conference. Virtual.
- 2021 “Taking Action: NGO Responses to Kenya’s Neglected Boy Child Debate” Seminar Series, Anthropology and Sociology Department, Graduate Institute, Geneva
- 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:

2021 Pike, Isabel and Rachael Pierotti. “Greedy Schemas: Explanations and Experiences of Occupational Gender Segregation in Conakry, Guinea.” Population Association of America conference. Virtual.

2020 Pike, Isabel and Thoai Ngo. Measuring Gender Identity in Survey Research: Future Avenues for Research on Youth in Low and Middle-Income Countries. Population Association of America conference. Virtual.

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: American Sociological Review, Qualitative Sociology, Social Forces, Demographic Research, Plos One.

COMPUTER PROGRAMS

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

LANGUAGES

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