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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy Candidate (All but dissertation), Department: Food Policy and Applied Nutrition
Tufts Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy, Boston, MA

Master of Science in Nutrition, Specialization: Nutrition Interventions; Design, Operation and Management (2010)
Tufts Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy, Boston, MA

Masters of Public Health, Concentration: Epidemiology & Biostatistics (2010)
Tufts School of Medicine, Boston, MA

Post-Baccalaureate Premedical Certificate (2004) Tufts University, Medford, MA

Bachelor of Arts, American Literature & Civilization (2002) Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Save the Children/Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy, Boston, MA & Ethiopia Spring 2012- Present

PhD Research Fellow

- Lead and conduct two substudies for “Empowering New Generations In Nutrition and Economic Opportunities” (ENGINE), a USAID 5-year funded program in Ethiopia
- Contribute to other research agendas of Tufts-ENGINE

Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy, Boston, MA Summer 2014, Fall 2014, Summer 2015

Course Co-Instructor

- Online graduate level course, “Monitoring and Evaluation” in both the Delivery Science International Nutrition Certificate program and the Master in Nutrition Science & Policy, Blended Learning Program
- Develop course structure and syllabus, record online lectures, facilitate online discussion forums, monitor student participation and activity, provide motivating, timely and constructive feedback for assignments and discussion forums, evaluate all subjective assessments

Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy, Boston, MA Spring 2012, 2013, 2014, 2105

Teaching Assistant

- Graduate Level Course, “Seminar on Monitoring and Evaluation of Nutrition and Food Security Interventions”, 22 students
- Managed course website, graded assignments, assisted in facilitating classroom discussions and provided one-on-one mentorship
- Guest lectured on the topic of “Measurement and indicators: The Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index”

Journal of Humanitarian Assistance, Boston, MA 2008 – 2012

Assistant Editor

- Reviewed and edited submitted papers pertaining to the current field of humanitarian aid, ensuring ease of readability, clarity of arguments and meeting of publication criteria
- Posted articles online utilizing Word Press

USAID/TUFTS Food Aid Quality Review, Boston, MA 2009 – 2010

Graduate Research Assistant

- Conducted literature review of Title II Food Aid programs specifically geared towards the international HIV community
- Provided assistance in analysis, data collection and writing of final paper

Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy, Boston, MA

Fall 2009, 2010

Teaching Assistant

- Graduate Level Course, “Humanitarian Assistance in Complex Emergencies”, 43 students
- Managed course website and publisher’s access to articles and readings for the course
- Assisted in facilitating classroom discussions

Gardens for Health International, Kigali, Rwanda

Summer 2009

Evaluation Consultant

- Designed and supervised focus groups on the topics of participation and motivation, ART adherence and barriers to programmatic success; conducted household interview visits, capturing qualitative data on household dynamics, food consumption and perceptions of GHI
- Analyzed all qualitative data through NVIVO and wrote a comprehensive final report of the evaluation, providing recommendations and salient problematic components of the program

Food and Food Insecurity in Wundanyi, Kenya

Summer 2008

Co-Investigator

- Designed and solely administered a household survey capturing baseline demographic data and assessing levels of food insecurity; total of 51 households surveyed
- Performed anthropometric measurements on survey participants and children under five
- Conducted qualitative data, interviewing key informants, market sellers and women in regards to common cooking methods (Currently analyzing data and writing papers to be published)

Nutrition/Infection Unit at Tufts Medical School, Boston, MA

2005-2008

Clinical Research Coordinator for HIV/AIDS study;

Program/Staff Assistant for the Nutrition/Infection Department

- Managed, scheduled, interviewed, abstracted medical records and facilitated all clinical visits, for a multi site, NIH funded HIV/AIDS study, 82 participants
- Provided departmental support in NIH grant submission with research plan editing, formatting, electronic submission and final drafting

Physicians for Human Rights, Boston, MA

2003

Intern

- Assisted in the production and management of an AIDS Action Conference in which hundreds of medical students lobbied their senators for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria
- Launched and coordinated the Global AIDS Action Quilt Campaign for Health Professionals
- Created promotional flyers and information packets for Health Action AIDS Campaign events

FELLOWSHIPS and ACCOLADES

2015 Experimental Biology “Emerging New Scientist Award” Finalist

2015-16 Gerald J. Friedman Fellow in Nutrition and Citizenship

2010 Joan M. Bergstrom Award for Excellence in Global Nutrition

2010-12 Tufts University Vice Provost Doctoral Fellow

2008 Dow Sustainability Award Finalist

RESEARCH and TEACHING INTERESTS

- Agriculture and nutrition pathways/linkages in developing countries
- Gender analysis/frameworks
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Interhousehold dynamics
- Participatory research
- Geographic focus: East Africa