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ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT

- 2009-present Director of Research and Evaluation
International Rescue Committee
- 2009-present Visiting Scientist
Harvard School of Public Health
Francois-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights
- 2008-2009 Postdoctoral Fellow
Yale University School of Public Health
Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS
- 2007-2008 Postdoctoral Fellow
New York University School of Medicine
Program for Survivors of Torture

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Counseling Psychology, Indiana University-Bloomington, 2007
Dissertation: *Self-Appraisal, Social Support, and Connectedness as Protective Factors for Children Associated with Fighting Forces in Northern Uganda*
Minor in African Studies
- Visiting Scholar, Human Rights Center, University of California-Berkeley, 2006
- Oxford Refugee Studies, Oxford University, 2004
Intensive Summer Program in Forced Migration
- B.A., Elementary Education, Grove City College, 1996
Graduated Magna Cum Laude

GRANTS

- Spanish Impact Evaluation Fund, World Bank, Co-Investigator, *Evaluating a Landmine Action Ex-Combatant Reintegration Program*, 2009-2011.
- UNICEF grant, Co-Investigator, *Survey of War-Affected Youth: Phase II*, 2007.
- UNICEF grant, Co-Principal Investigator, *Survey of War-Affected Youth: Phase I*, 2006.
- John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (via UC-Berkeley Human Rights Center) grant for Survey of War-Affected Youth, Co-Principal Investigator, 2005.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Proffit Dissertation Award for Outstanding Achievement, Indiana University, 2009.

APA Division 52, International Psychology, Award of Excellence for Dissertation Research, 2008.

Indiana University Graduate School, Dissertation Grant, 2006.

Indiana University Graduate School Pre-dissertation Grant for Research in Sudan, 2004.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Arabic, 2004-05.

International Enhancement Grant for Oxford Refugee Studies Program, 2004.

Indiana University John Edwards Fellowship, 2003-04.

Indiana University Chancellor's Fellowship, 2001-05.

ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

Evaluating the impact of an ex-combatant reintegration program, Liberia, 2008-2010.

This research project measures the short and long-term impact of an agricultural skills training and psychosocial intervention to 400 former ex-combatants and war-affected youth engaged in illicit activities in Liberia. Building on recent reintegration studies in Liberia and northern Uganda, the project will use quantitative and qualitative measurement to measure pre- and post-intervention social support and cohesion, violent and aggressive attitudes and behaviors, health-risk behaviors, and connections to the armed groups. Community-level peace and crime impacts will also be assessed.

Post-conflict Recovery, Development and Empowerment for Women in northern Uganda, 2009-2012.

Growing out of a community-based survey of former child soldiers and war-affected youth in northern Uganda, this project evaluates an innovative program of economic assistance and social support to the young women and children most severely affected by conflict, including the women and children returning from fighting and servitude with the armed group. With 1,800 participants, the research project will use a wait-list randomized control trial to identify (1) the medium-term impacts of participation in the micro-enterprise program, and (2) the contribution of group formation, business networks and grant size to economic outcomes, social capital, mental health (i.e., depression and PTSD), and HIV-risk behaviors.

Evaluating the Impact of a Savings Program and Family-Based Intervention on Household Assets and Children's Education, Health and Psychosocial Wellbeing in Burundi, 2010 – 2012.

This evaluation in Burundi will investigate the potential savings programs have to improve household economies and improve children's wellbeing, including education, nutrition and psychosocial wellbeing. It will also assess whether families with both increased assets and increased knowledge of child protection are more likely to devote resources to their children and demonstrate techniques for protecting their children. Ultimately, the evaluation will help to build evidence about how families in conflict-affected and low resource settings can best support their children's development.

Evaluating the Impact of a Family-Based Intervention on Decreasing Child Abuse and Neglect and on Psychosocial Wellbeing for Burmese Communities in Thailand, 2010 – 2013.

Family and parenting interventions in the United States and Australia show powerful effects to prevent and reduce child abuse and neglect, but few evaluations of these interventions exist outside these stable, developed countries. Burmese families in Thailand face multiple stressors including displacement, lack of legal status, and difficulty finding work. The IRC currently has programs addressing many of these needs, and has also identified a need to

support families further to protect their children. The IRC aims to build on current family interventions in Thailand by integrating principles of evidence-based family interventions (such as focusing on parent-child interactions, improving communication, and teaching alternative discipline methods) and to assess family and child outcomes to better understand how to support families and children.

Evaluating the Impact of an Economic and Empowerment Intervention on the Prevention of Partner Violence in Cote D'Ivoire, 2010 – 2012.

There is evidence that economic empowerment, when combined with initiatives that challenge gender inequalities and prevailing ideas on masculinities, will lead to a decrease in partner violence. However, there is still a gap in understanding of the specific elements required to affect this change. To address this gap, this evaluation randomly selects half of the members of Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLAs) to receive additional discussion group sessions confronting gender norms. The evaluation investigates whether this leads to an increase in women's individual agency and decision-making ability, and whether those increased capacities will in turn improve their economic independence and decrease intimate partner violence in their homes.

Comparing Mental Health and Socio-Economic Programming for Survivors of Sexual Violence in Eastern Democratic Republic Of The Congo (DRC), 2010 – 2012.

This study aims to identify low-cost, scalable interventions that demonstrably improve the mental, social, physical, and economic functioning of survivors of sexual violence living in Eastern DRC. While social and economic development in conflict affected areas like DRC relies on populations who are ready and able to work, the psychological effects of conflict (including the psychological effects of sexual violence) may mean that survivors living in these low-resource areas are less able to engage in economic opportunities even when those activities are available. Currently, however, little data exists on which strategies are most effective at helping survivors increase their ability to function. This project investigates the impact of a mental health intervention (interpersonal psychotherapy, or IPT) and a socio-economic program (VSLA) on specific domains of social, physical, and economic functioning, and on the reduction of mental health problems associated with experiencing sexual violence, including depression, anxiety, and feelings of stigma and shame.

PUBLICATIONS

Annan, J., Blattman, C., Mazurana, D. & Carlson, K. (in press). Women and Girls at War: "Wives", Mothers, and Soldiers. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

Blattman, C. & **Annan, J.** (2010). The Consequences of Child Soldiering. *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

Blattman, C. & **Annan, J.** (2010). On the nature and causes of LRA abduction: What the abductees say. In Allen, T. & Vlassenroot, K. (Eds.). *The Lord's Resistance Army: War, Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Uganda*.

Rasmussen, A. & **Annan, J.** (2009). Predicting distress related to basic needs and safety in Darfur refugee camps: A structural and social ecological analysis. *Journal of Refugee Studies*.

Annan, J. & Brier, M. (2009). The Risk of Return: Domestic Violence in Northern Uganda's Armed Conflict. *Social Science and Medicine*, 70, 153-159.

Annan, J. & Brier, M., Aryemo, F. (2009). From 'Rebel' to 'Returnee': The Reintegration of Young Soldiers in Northern Uganda. *Journal of Adolescent Research*, 24, 639-667.

Annan, J. & Blattman, C. (2008). The Reintegration of Child and Youth Combatants in Northern Uganda: Myth and Reality. In Muggah, R. (Ed.) *Securing Protection: Dealing with Fighters in the Aftermath of War*. New York, NY Routledge Press.

Annan, J.R., Amuge, A.P., & Angwaro, T. (2003). Counseling for peace in the midst of war: Counselors from northern Uganda share their views. *International Journal for the Advancement of Counseling*, 25, 235-245.

Thompson, C., Murry, S., Harris, D., & **Annan, J.** (2003). Healing Inside and Out: The Use of Racial Identity Theory to Promote Social Justice and Peace in a U.S. Midwest Community. *International Journal for the Advancement of Counseling*, 25.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Betancourt, T.S., Williams, T.P., Kohrt, B.A, Borisova, I., **Annan, J.**,Gingrich, T. (in progress). *Psychosocial Adjustment, Mental Health, and Social Reintegration in Former Child Soldiers: A Review of the Literature and Recommended Standards for Future Research.*

Annan, J. (in progress). *The Mental Health of Former Child Soldiers: Mitigating the Impact of Violence.*

POLICY REPORTS AND TRAINING MANUALS

Annan, J., Blattman, C., Carlson, K. & Mazurana, D. (2008). *The State of Female Youth in Northern Uganda: Findings from the Survey of War Affected Youth, Phase II.* A Report for UNICEF Uganda.

Annan, J., Blattman, C., Carlson, K. & Mazurana, D. (2007). *Making Reintegration Work for Youth in Northern Uganda.*

Annan, J., Blattman, C. & Horton, R. (2006). *The State of Youth and Youth Protection in Northern Uganda: Findings from the Survey of War Affected Youth.* A Report for UNICEF Uganda.

Annan, J., Castelli, L., Devreux, A., Locatelli, E. (2003). *Handbook for Teachers.* Kampala, Uganda: AVSI.

Annan, J., Castelli, L., Devreux, A., Locatelli, E. (2003). *Training Manual for Teachers.* Kampala, Uganda: AVSI.

Williams, G., Obonyo, C.A., & **Annan, J.** (2001). *Resilience in conflict: A community-based approach to psychosocial support in northern Uganda.* Kampala, Uganda: UNICEF.

Annan, J., Castelli, L., Devreux, A., Galli, G., Haworth, H., & Kerins, M. (2000). *Handbook for Community Volunteer Counselors.* Kampala, Uganda: UNICEF.

Annan, J., Castelli, L., Devreux, A., Galli, G., Haworth, H., & Kerins, M. (2000). *Training Manual for Community Volunteer Counselors.* Kampala, Uganda: UNICEF.

PRESENTATIONS

Selected Invited Presentations:

Annan, J. & Cuttel, A. (2009). *Social Reintegration and Transitional Justice of Former Combatants.* Presentation at the Demobilization, Disarmament and Reintegration Conference, World Bank, Cartagena, Columbia.

Annan, J. (2008 June). *The Survey of War Affected Youth II: Women and Girls.* Presentation at the Washington Network on Children in Armed Conflict Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Mazurana, D., Stites, E., **Annan, J.** & Blattman, C. (2007 October). *Armed Conflict in Uganda: Civilian Experiences and Policy Implications*. Tufts University Presentation at the UN Secretariat, OCHA, New York, NY and at the Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

Annan, J., Lowicki-Zucca, J., & Kanyako, V. (2006 March). *Reintegration of former child soldiers – Targeting the child or the community?* Panel Presented at Children on the Frontlines: A Crisis In International Security Conference, The John F. Kennedy School Of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

Castelli, L. & **Annan, J.** (2003 Oct). *Support to the Reintegration of Former Child Soldiers in Northern Uganda*. Symposium conducted at the UNICEF and *Istituto degli Innocenti* sponsored First National Conference on Monitoring and Evaluation of Projects for Children and Adolescents in Areas of Armed Conflict, Florence, Italy.

Selected Conference Presentations:

Rasmussen, A., Miller, K., **Annan, J.** (2008 June). *The creation and re-creation of war-affected communities*. Panel presented at the International Conference on Community Psychology. Lisbon, Portugal.

Annan, J. (2008 May). *The Reintegration of Former Child Soldiers in Northern Uganda*. Symposium presented at the American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Annan, J. (2007 November). *War-affected Women and Girls in Three African Conflicts — Wives, Mothers, Soldiers*. Chair, Panel Presentation. International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD .

Annan, J. (2007 November). *The Reintegration of Child Soldiers in Northern Uganda: A Gender Analysis*. African Studies Association Annual Conference, New York, NY.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Instructor, Educational Psychology, undergraduate level course, Indiana University, 2003

Assistant Instructor, Communication in the Classroom, undergraduate level course, Indiana University, 2002

Assistant Instructor, Resilience in People and Community, undergraduate level course, Indiana University, 2002

WORK EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT

Education Consultant, Association of Volunteers for International Service (AVSI), 2004-2006, Eastern Equatoria, South Sudan

Monitoring and Evaluation Consultant, AVSI, ECHO & USAID-funded program for children associated with fighting forces, 2002-2004, Kitgum, Uganda

Field Coordinator and Development Officer, Psychosocial Program, AVSI, 1999-2001, Kitgum, Uganda

Psychosocial Program Manager, AVSI, 1999, Pristina, Kosovo

POLICY WORK

Consultant, World Bank, DDR Conference, Cartagena, Colombia, 2009

Advisory Board, Population Council, Education and Protection Study in Darfur, Sudan, 2008.

Technical Team for Monitoring and Evaluation, United Nations Peacebuilding Fund, Joint Steering Committee, Liberia, 2008-2009.

Expert Consensus Meeting, Child Soldiers and Affected Communities, Psychology Beyond Borders, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE IN MENTAL HEALTH

Clinician, Clinical trial for HIV-positive adults with child sexual abuse history, Consultation Center, Yale University, 2008-2009

Clinician, NYU/Bellevue Program for Survivors of Torture, New York, 2007-2008

Psychology Intern, Bellevue Hospital Center, New York, 2006-2007

Counselor, Bloomington Hospital Stress Care Unit, Indiana, 2004-2005

Director & Counselor, Cultural Orientation and Support for International Students, Indiana, 2003-2004

Family Counselor, Indiana Family Project, Indiana, 2004

Counselor, The Center for Human Growth, Indiana, 2002-2003

Counselor, Indianapolis Juvenile Correction Facility, Indiana, 2002

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Psychological Association, member, 2001-present

Division of Peace Psychology, member, 2002-present

International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, member, 2002-present

POPULAR PRESS COVERAGE OF RESEARCH

Toronto Globe and Mail, October 26, 2008

Radio Netherlands World Wide, June 13, 2008

Science News, June 7, 2008

New Scientist, May 10, 2008

BBC World Television, May 9, 2008.