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EDUCATION

- PhD **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SILVER SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**
Doctor of Philosophy, May 2015
Concentration: HIV, Mental Health, Women, Children, and Poverty
Dissertation: Healthcare Use and Adherence among Low-Income Mothers Living with HIV
- MSW **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**
Master of Social Work, May 2001
Concentration: Social Work in the Workplace
- BA **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY**
Bachelor of Arts, May 1999
Major: Interdisciplinary Studies
Concentration: Developmental Child Psychology

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

- 2017-Present **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES**
LUSKIN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE
Assistant Professor
- 2016-Present **UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL**
GLOBAL SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT INNOVATIONS (GSDI)
Faculty Fellow
- 2015-2017 **UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL**
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
Assistant Professor
- 2015-2017 **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SILVER SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**
MCSILVER INSTITUTE FOR POVERTY POLICY AND RESEARCH
Faculty Fellow

RESEARCH SUPPORT

- 2015-2017 **VUKA EKHAYA: A TAKE-HOME FAMILY INTERVENTION TO IMPROVE**
ADHERENCE AND REDUCE BEHAVIORAL RISK AMONG PERINATALLY HIV-
INFECTED YOUTH
International AIDS Society (IAS), Collaborative Initiative for Paediatric HIV Education and
Research (CIPHER) Grant Programme
\$150,000
Role: Principal Investigator

- 2015-2017 **HIV TREATMENT ADHERENCE AND TRAUMA EXPOSURE FOR POVERTY-IMPACTED AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN IN THE RURAL SOUTH**
Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
Junior Faculty Development Award
\$7,500
Role: Principal Investigator
- 2011– 2016 **VUKA FAMILY PROGRAM: SUPPORTING PERINATALLY HIV- INFECTED YOUTH IN SOUTH AFRICA**
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development
(R01 HD074052, PI: McKay)
\$4,000,000
Role: Project Director
- 2011 – 2015 **COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION MINORITY FELLOW**
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Clinical Fellowship Program (MHSACFP)
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (T01 SM56573 - 01, -02, & -03)
\$67,596
Role: Pre-Doctoral Fellow
- 2010 – 2015 **MCSILVER INSTITUTE FOR POVERTY POLICY AND RESEARCH SUPPLEMENTAL FELLOWSHIP AWARD**
\$40,000
Role: Pre-Doctoral Fellow

Unfunded

- 2016 **EXPLORING THE INTERSECTION OF TRANSGENDER MENTAL HEALTH, DISCRIMINATION, AND SOCIAL SUPPORT: IMPLICATIONS FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.**
\$350,000
William T. Grant Scholars Program
Role: Principal Investigator

COMPETITIVE TRAINEESHIPS

- 2016-2021 **SMART (STRENGTHENING MENTAL HEALTH AND RESEARCH TRAINING) AFRICA CENTER.**
George Warren Brown School of Social Work
Role: Global Fellow
- 2011-2012 **MCSILVER INSTITUTE FOR POVERTY, POLICY, AND RESEARCH**
New York University Silver School of Social Work
Role: McSilver Pre-doctoral Fellow
- 2011-2012 **CENTER FOR COLLABORATIVE URBAN CHILD MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH (NIMH IP20MH0855983, PI: McKay)**
Role: Pre-doctoral Trainee

PUBLICATIONS

Small, L., Mercado, M., Gopalan, P., Pardo, G., McKay, M., & Mellins, C. (2014). Enhancing the emotional wellbeing of perinatally HIV infected youth across global contexts, *Global Social Welfare: Research Policy & Practice*, 1, 25-35.

McKay, M., Alicea, S., Elwyn, L., McClain, Z., Parker, G., **Small, L.** & Mellins, C. (2014). The development and implementation of theory-driven programs capable of addressing poverty-impacted children's health, mental health and prevention needs: CHAMP and CHAMP+, evidence-informed, family-based interventions to address HIV risk and care. *Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology*, 43(3), 428-441.

Mellins, C.A., Nestadt, D., Bhana, A., Petersen, I., Abrams, E.J., Alicea, S., Host, H., Myeza, N., John, S., **Small, L.**, & McKay, M. (2014). Adapting evidence-based interventions to meet the needs of adolescents growing up with HIV in South Africa: the VUKA case example. *Global Social Welfare: Research Policy & Practice*, 3, 97-110.

Small, L., Jackson, J., Gopalan, G., & McKay, M. (2015). Meeting the complex needs of urban youth and their families through the 4Rs 2Ss Family Strengthening Program: The "real world" meets evidence-informed care [Special Issue]. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 25(4), 433-445.

McGuire-Schwartz, M., **Small, L.**, Parker, G., Kim, P., & McKay, M. (2015). Relationships between caregiver violence exposure, caregiver depression, and youth behavioral health among homeless families. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 1049731514553921.

Gopalan, G., **Small, L.**, Fuss, A., Bowman, M., Jackson, J., Marcus, S., & Chacko, A. (2015). Multiple Family Groups to reduce child disruptive behavior difficulties: Moderating effects of child welfare status on child outcomes. *Child Abuse and Neglect*, 46, 207-219.

Parchment, T., **Small, L.**, Osuji, H., McKay, M., & Bhana, A. (2016). Familial and Contextual Influences on children's prosocial and behavior: South African caregivers as adult protective shields in enhancing child mental health. *Global Social Welfare*, 3(1), 1-10.

Bhana, A., Mellins, C. A., **Small, L.**, Nestadt, D. F., Petersen, I., Machanyangwa, S., Leu C. S., & McKay, M. (2016). Resilience in HIV+ Adolescents in South Africa. *AIDS Care*, 28(Supp 2), 49-59.

Parchment, T.M., Jones, J., Del-Villar, Z., **Small, L.**, & McKay, M. (2016). Integrating positive youth development and clinical care to enhance mental health and improve high school graduation rates of young men of color. *Journal of Public Mental Health*.

Munson, M., Stanhope, V., **Small, L.**, & Atterbury, K. (in press). "At times I kinda felt like I was in an institution": Supportive housing for transition age youth and young adults. *Children and Youth Services Review*.

Shelton, J., Wagaman, M.A., **Small, L.**, & Abramovich, A. (in press). "I'm more driven now": Resilience and resistance among transgender and gender expansive youth and young adults experiencing homelessness. *International Journal of Transgenderism*.

Book Chapter

Quarless-Kingsberry, S., Quarless, J.C., Phillips, L.S., Meehan, J., & **Small, L.** (2015). A Matter of HOPE: Case Management as an Intervention Strategy for Children and Families Affected by Parental Incarceration. In

Rice, K.M., & Felizzi, M.V. (Eds.). *Global Youth: Understanding Challenges, Identifying Solutions, Offering Hope*. Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

In Preparation

Small, L., Mellins, C. A., & McKay, M. (in preparation). Healthcare Use and Adherence among Low-Income Mothers Living with HIV. *AIDS Care*.

Small, L., Parchment, T. Osuji, H., Sensoy-Behare, O., Heckman-Chomanczuk, A., McKay, M., & Bhana, A. (in preparation). South African adult caregivers as "Protective Shields": Serving as a buffer between stressful neighborhood conditions, food security, and youth risk behaviors. *Journal of Adolescence*.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Small, L. (2017, June). *Positive Youth Development and the VUKA Family Program*. Oral Presentation for the International Center for Research on Women (ICWR). Positive Youth Development in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: What Do We Know and How Can We Measure It?

Parchment, T. M., **Small, L.**, Bornheimer, L., McKay, M., & Bhana, A. (2017, January). *The effectiveness of evidence-informed interventions using community-based participatory research with vulnerable populations in the US and abroad*. Poster presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research 21st Annual Conference: Ensure Healthy Development for All Youth. New Orleans, LA.

Small, L., Parchment, T., & McKay, M. (2016, November). *The culturally collaborative process of developing an international intervention*. Oral Presentation for the Council on Social Work Education 62nd Annual program Meeting: Advancing Collaborative Practice through Social Work Education. Atlanta, GA.

Bhana, A., Mellins, C. A., **Small, L.**, Nestadt, D. F., Leu, C. S., Petersen, I., Machanyangwa, S. & McKay, M. (2016, July). *Resilience in perinatal HIV+ adolescents in South Africa*. Poster presented at the 21st International AIDS Conference. Durban, South Africa.

Small, L., McKay, M., & Mellins, C.M. (2016, May). *Healthcare Use and Adherence among Low-Income Mothers Living with HIV*. Poster presented for the 11th International Conference on HIV Treatment and Prevention Adherence. Adherence 2016. Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Small, L. (2016, May). *Women, Mental Health, and HIV Treatment Engagement*. Oral presentation at the 11th Annual Women as the Face of AIDS Summit. The Race to the End. Iris House. New York, NY.

Machanyangwa, S., Nestadt, D., **Small, L.**, Petersen, I., Mellins, C., McKay, M., & Bhana, A. (2015, July). *Challenges of disclosure in enrolling PHIV+ adolescents into the VUKA Family Program in hospitals in South Africa*. AIDS Impact 2015. We Are Our Choices. Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Small, L., Nestadt, D., Machanyangwa, S., Shezi, S., Bhana, A., McKay, M., Petersen, I., & Mellins, C.A. (2015, June). *Challenges and barriers to the use of Wisepill to measure adherence among perinatally HIV-infected adolescents in the VUKA trial in South Africa*. 10th International Conference on HIV Treatment and Prevention Adherence. Adherence 2015: A Decade of Success, A World of Opportunities. Miami, FL.

Bhana, A., Mellins, A., Nestadt, D., **Small, L.**, Petersen, I., Machanyangwa, S., Leu, C. S., & McKay, M. (2015, June) *The VUKA Family Program: Promoting resilience in perinatally HIV infected adolescents in South Africa*. Pathways to Resilience III Conference: Beyond Nature vs. Nurture. Halifax, Canada.

Atterbury, K., **Small, L. A.**, Munson, M., & Stanhope, V. (2015, January). *Housing for aging out youth: Developmental needs during the transition to adulthood*. Oral presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research 19th Annual Conference: The Social and Behavioral Importance of Increased Longevity. New Orleans, LA.

Small, L., Mercado, M., Gopalan, P., Pardo, G., McKay, M., & Mellins, C. A. (2014, July). *Enhancing the emotional wellbeing of perinatally HIV infected youth across global contexts*. Paper presented at the 20th International AIDS Conference. Melbourne, Australia.

Ali, S., Dolui, R., & **Small, L.** (2014, July). *Community-based participatory process with a sex worker community in Kolkata, India*. Oral poster presented at the 20th International AIDS Conference. Melbourne, Australia

Small, L., Pardo, G., Mercado, M., Gopalan, P., Ali, S., McKay, M., & Mellins, C. (2014, July). *Addressing the global needs of HIV-impacted families: How community collaborations modeling the CHAMP family program support perinatally HIV-infected youth entering adolescence*. Oral presentation for the Joint World Conference on Social Work Education and Social Development. Melbourne, Australia.

Small, L., Ali, S., Mellins, C. A., & McKay, M. (2014, June). *Incorporating existing practice knowledge into a global family-based HIV Intervention: The community collaborative process of the VUKA Family Program*. Oral presentation for 3rd International Conference on Practice Research - Building Bridges Not Pipelines: Promoting Two-Way Traffic between Practice and Research. Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, NY.

Small, L., Mellins, C. A., & McKay, M. (2014, January). *New challenges for a young generation: Understanding medication adherence and mental health impairments among South African perinatally infected youth in early adolescence*. Oral presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research 18th Annual Conference: Research for Social Change: Addressing Local and Global Challenges. San Antonio, TX.

McGuire-Schwartz, M., **Small, L.**, Parker, G., Kim, P., & McKay, M. (2014 January). *Relationships between caregiver violence exposure, caregiver depression, and youth behavioral health among homeless families*. Paper presented for the Society for Social Work and Research 18th Annual Conference: Research for Social Change: Addressing Local and Global Challenges. San Antonio, TX.

Small, L., Jackson, J., Gopalan, G., & McKay, M. (2013, April). *Meeting the complex needs of urban youth and their families through the 4Rs 2Ss Family Strengthening Program: The 'real world' meets evidence-informed care*. Paper presented for Bridging the Research and Practice Gap: A Symposium on Critical Considerations, Successes and Emerging Ideas. University of Houston School of Social Work.

Small, L., McGuire-Schwartz, M., & McKay, M. (2013, January). *Reducing the effects of homelessness on adolescents and their families by embedding evidence-informed prevention activities within shelters: The HOPE (Homeless Outreach to Parents and Early adolescents) Family Program*. Oral presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research 17th Annual Conference: Social Work for a Just Society: Making Visible the Stakes and Stakeholders. San Diego, CA.

Small, L., Stephens, T., & McKay, M. (2013, January). *Where is family-based HIV prevention needed most: Poverty, homelessness & family-level mental health need as critical influences on youth outcomes*. Poster

presented for the Society for Social Work and Research 17th Annual Conference: Social Work for a Just Society: Making Visible the Stakes and Stakeholders. San Diego, CA.

Pending

Small, L., Parchment, T., Sensoy-Behare, O., McKay, M., & Bhana, A. (*pending*). *South African adult caregivers as "Protective Shields": Serving as a buffer between stressful neighborhood conditions, food security, and youth risk behaviors*. Paper presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research 22nd Annual Conference: Achieving Equal Opportunity, Equity, and Justice. Washington, DC.

Shelton, J., Wagaman, A., & **Small, L.** (*pending*). *I'm More Driven Now: Resilience and Resistance Among Transgender and Gender Expansive Youth Experiencing Homelessness*. Paper presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research 22nd Annual Conference: Achieving Equal Opportunity, Equity, and Justice. Washington, DC.

DISSERTATION & THESIS COMMITTEES

2018 Megan Ebor- University of California, Los Angeles School of Public Affairs (dissertation)
2018 Joseph Frey – UNC Chapel Hill School of Social Work (dissertation)
2017 Zinhle Sokhela– University of KwaZulu-Natal College of Humanities (Masters thesis)

SERVICE

2016-2017 Direct Practice Committee- UNC Chapel Hill
2016-2017 Internal Review Board Committee-UNC Chapel Hill
2016-2017 Personnel, Promotion, and Tenure Committee- UNC Chapel Hill

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2016-Present **India Adolescent Boys and Girls Research Study**
Center for Studies in Rural Development (CSR D)
Consultant, University of Pune

2011-2017 **VUKA Family Program: Supporting Perinatally HIV- Infected Youth in South Africa**
(R01HD074052; PI: McKay)
Project Director, New York University

2011 Spring **Making the Transition: Supportive relationships, illness identity and service use among transitioning system youth with mood disorder** (Ohio Department of Mental Health; PI: Michelle Munson)
Research Assistant, New York University

2009-2010 **Young Carers South Africa Project** (Economic and Social Research Council; National Research Foundation; Department of Social Development, Republic of South Africa; PI: Lucie Cluver)
Research Assistant, Field Co-Coordinator, Oxford University

2006 Fall **Alleviating Depression among Patients with Cancer (ADAPT-C)**
• (NCI R01CA105269; PI: Kathleen Ell)
Multifaceted Depression Diabetes Program for Hispanics (MDDP)
• (NIMH R01 MH068468; PI: Kathleen Ell)

Research Assistant, University of Southern California

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016 SOWO 840. ADULT MENTAL HEALTH: THEORY AND PRACTICE.
Professor
Teach Masters-level students mental health social work practice with adults, covering assessment and several theoretically based interventions with an emphasis on gaining practice skills.
- 2016-2017 SOWO 505. HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT II: ADULT AND OLDER ADULT MENTAL HEALTH
Professor
Taught Masters-level students theoretical frameworks, and highlight the impact of social injustices on adult development.
- 2015-2016 SOWO 540. SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE WITH FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS
Professor
Taught Masters-level students the foundation for social work practice with families, individuals, and groups.
- 2012-2014 S004.2012 SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH I
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SILVER SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
Instructor
Provided Masters-level Social Work students with an overview of methods, concepts, and principles for program and practice evaluation research.
- 2013 S001.2013 HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT III
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SILVER SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
Instructor
Taught Masters-Level students to critically assess diagnostics symptoms between the changing methodology of the DSM-IV and DSM-V. Provided an understating of how diagnoses connect to the selection of intervention strategies across the life-span. Discussed the impact of diagnostic labeling within clinical and social contexts.
- 2011 S004. 2011 HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT III
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SILVER SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
Teaching Assistant
- 2007 ARGOSY UNIVERSITY ASSESSMENT SERVICES
ARGOSY UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY
Guest Lecturer
“Provision of Services and Assessment Procedures for Living Well, Severely Mentally Ill, and Dually Diagnosed Clients”
- 2006 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK
Guest Lecturer
“Providing Early Intervention Services in a Day Treatment Program”

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

- 2008-2009 READING BOROUGH COUNCIL (*UNITED KINGDOM*)
Senior Social Worker

2006-2008 METROPOLITAN STATE HOSPITAL, FORENSIC UNIT
Psychiatric Social Worker

2004-2006 LOS ANGELES CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC, DAY TREATMENT INTENSIVE PROGRAM
Clinical Therapist

2001-2004 LOS ANGELES CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC, BUILDING BLOCKS PROGRAM
Clinical Therapist

2000-2001 LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES
Social Work Intern

1999-2000 CHARLES DREW UNIVERSITY HEAD START PROGRAM
Clinical Intern

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2012-2013 INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY LIVING
Program Evaluation Specialist Supervisor

2010-2011 NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, SILVER SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
Conference Coordinator

2007-2008 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, SOCIAL WORK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
President

CERTIFICATION AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Council on Social Work Education
Society for Social Work and Research
MSW Post Graduate Certificate, International Social Work Practice in United Kingdom
General Social Care Council (United Kingdom)
Association of Social Work Boards, New York
California Board of Behavioral Sciences
International AIDS Society

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher
Statistical software: SPSS, AMOS, Mplus, STATA, Dedoose