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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Social Work, University of Kansas, May 2017

Dissertation: Financial Capability, Money Management, and Developmental Resources for Young Children in Low-Income Families

Dissertation Committee: Deborah Adams, PhD (Chair); Terri Friedline, PhD (Methodologist); Chris Petr, PhD; Mahasweta Banerjee, PhD; David Cook, PhD

Master of Social Work, Addis Ababa University, 2007

Ocuugtø Thesis: Child Labor in the Informal Sector: The Hazardous Livelihood of Blacksmith Children in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Bachelor of Arts in Business Management, Jimma University, 2003

Minor: Economics

RESEARCH AREAS OF INTEREST

Financial capability, mental/behavioral health among children; social and emotional wellbeing of children; quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research.

EXPERIENCE

Ph.D. Program Director, Our Lady of the Lake University, Worden School of Social Service
Fall 2021-Present [Interim: Fall 2021 to Spring 2023].

Assistant Professor, Our Lady of the Lake University Worden School of Social Service
Fall 2018-Present

Professor for the following courses: Statistics I (Ph.D.), Statistics II (Ph.D.); Mixed Methods Research (Ph.D.), Proposal Development (Ph.D.); Epistemology and Theories (Ph.D.); Human Behavior in the Social Environment (BSW & MSW); Social Welfare Policy and Services (MSW); Social Work Research (MSW); Theories and Perspectives: Hispanic Children and Families (MSW).

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Kansas School of Social Welfare
2013-Spring 2018

GTA Instructor of Record, MSW Policy Course, Traditional Format, Fall 2016

SW 720: Social Welfare Policy & Program Analysis

GTA Instructor of Record, MSW Research Course, Blended Format, Spring 2016

SW 740: Social Work Research

GTA Instructor of Record, MSW Research Course, Traditional Format, Spring 2016
SW 740: Social Work Research
GTA Instructor of Record, MSW Policy Course, Blended Format, Fall 2015
SW 720: *Social Welfare Policy & Program Analysis*
GTA Instructor of Record, MSW Policy Course, Traditional Format, Fall 2015
SW 720: *Social Welfare Policy & Program Analysis*

Graduate Research Assistant, University of Kansas School of Social Welfare
2011-2015

Research Projects: Financial capability; Financial knowledge, financial inclusion, and economic strain among low-income parents of young children; Evaluating bereavement services for caregivers in a hospice setting (with a social work practitioner); Children and youth as economic citizens (with an international consortium of academics and practitioners)

Program Officer, Family Health International, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 2007-2011

Practice Focus: Behavioral Health of Children; Family Capacity-Building

Lecturer at Unity University School of Business & Economics 2003-2007

Instructor of record for the following courses: Risk Management & Insurance; Statistics for Management; Human Resource Management; Project Analysis and Management; Mathematics for Management; Organization and Management; Financial Management

GRANTS

Federal Grant I:

Grantor: United States Department of Health and Human Services
Grant Total: \$ 200,000
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Role: Principal Investigator (PI)
Project Title: Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health (LAUNCH)
Overseeing Federal Agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration
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Federal Grant II: BTofreW* nBTF12f60 nBTofreW* nBTF21f

- Felleke, A., & Sigala, V.** (2023, January). Financial capability and household financial management in low income families.. Social Work Science and Complex Problems: Battling Inequalities + Building Solutions. 27th Annual Conference of Society for Social Work Research. <https://secure.sswr.org/2023-conference-home/>
- Felleke, A., Viverette, A., Alvarado, P.** (2023, January). Addressing mental health among young Children thorough early interventions: Learnings from Project LAUNCH. Social Work Science and Complex Problems: Battling Inequalities + Building Solutions. 27th Annual Conference of Society for Social Work Research. <https://secure.sswr.org/2023-conference-home/>
- Shibikom, A. F.** (2021, June). Financial capability and parent’s involvement in children’s education in low-income families. A Vision for the Future: Maximizing Social Impact [Conference presentation]. The Network for Social Work Management 2021 Annual Management Conference. Virtual Conference. <https://socialworkmanager.org/programs/annual-management-conference/>
- Shibikom, A. F. & Bobadilla, T.** (2021, January). Financial knowledge, financial inclusion and financial management in low-income families. The 25th Annual conference of Society for Social Work Research (SSWR). Virtual conference. <https://secure.sswr.org/2020-conference-home/>
- Shibikom, A. F. & Bobadilla, T.** (2020, November 16-20). Financial knowledge, financial inclusion, and household financial practices among low-income families. *Leading Critical Conversations: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion* [Conference presentation]. CSWE 2020 Annual Program Meeting. Virtual conference. <https://www.cswe.org/Events-Meetings/2020-APM>
- Shibikom, A.F.** (2019). The role of parents’ financial capability on developmental resources for children. Oral presentation at Annual Conference of Network for Social Work Management (NSWM), *Accelerating Impact: Harnessing the Power of Human, Social, Financial Innovation*, Chicago, IL.
- Shibikom, A.F.** (2019). Financial capability and digital divide among low-income families with young children. Oral presentation at CSWE 2019 Annual Program Meeting: *Looking Back, Moving Forward*. Denver, CO. <https://csweG0.0000090.ng> Forward.

Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Grand Challenges for Social Work: Setting a Research Agenda for the Future, Washington, DC.

Shibikom, A. F. (2015). *Assets and vulnerability to HIV infection: Are economic assets a protective factor?* Oral presentation at 61st Annual Program Meeting (APM) of Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Denver, CO.

Adams, D. & **Shibikom, A. F.** (2015). *Financial capability and economic strain among low-income parents of young children.* Oral presentation at the Convening on Financial Capability and Asset Building (FCAB): Advancing Education, Research, and Practice in Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis, MO.

Shibikom, A. F. & Adams, D. (2015). *Evaluating bereavement services for primary caregivers.* Oral presentation at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). The Social and Behavioral Importance of Increased Longevity, New Orleans, LA.

RESEARCH REPORTS

Felleke A. (2022). Project LAUNCH Year III Annual evaluation Report. San Antonio, TX. Our Lady of the Lake University.

Felleke

Alvarado, P. To be determined. Ph.D. in Social Work. Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX, anticipated graduation date, Spring 2023.

Sigala, V. The predictors of health service utilization among the Hispanic community. Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX, anticipated graduation date, Spring 2023.

Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member (Methodologist)

Hildebrandt, E. Integrative medicine for sexual assault recovery: A Transcendental social justice mixed methods study of survivors' perceptions and experiences. Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX, graduated in Spring 2022.

Garcia, C. The ADHD Revolution: Perspectives of Social Work Students and Social Work Professionals. Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX, graduated in Spring 2022.

Hernandez, P. Exploring the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) as a social determinant of health on young immigrant adults: A Mixed Methods Study. Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX, anticipated graduation date, Spring 2023.

Fleck, R. Perception of Equity and Inclusion among Social Work Students: A Path Analysis. Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX, anticipated graduation date, Spring 2023.

Comprehensive Exam Committee (Chair)

Rheanisha Burrell, 2023, anticipated completion of comprehensive exam proposal: Spring 2024

Eloisa Zamora, 2023, anticipated completion of comprehensive exam proposal: Spring 2024

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education in Social Work (GADE)	2021-Present
Network for Social Work Management (NSWM)	2020-Present
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)	2013-Present
Society for Social Work & Research (SSWR)	2012-Present
Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars	2012-Present
Ethiopian Society for Social Workers (ESSW)	2007-Present