

# ERICA L. KOEGLER

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## **EDUCATION**

**PhD in Public Health** 2011–2016

Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD

Department of International Health, Concentration in Social and Behavioral Interventions

*Dissertation title:* “The relationship between mental health and HIV in conflict-affected settings: A focus on the Democratic Republic of Congo”

*Advisor:* Caitlin E. Kennedy

**MA in Social Work**

University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, IL

2008–2010

*Certificate:* Graduate Program in Health Administration and Policy

**BA in Psychology**

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL

2000–2004

*Summa cum laude*

## **RESEARCH INTEREST**

The syndemic nature of poor mental health, sexual risk, and violence for populations impacted by disparities at the intersections of race, class, and gender.

## **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

**Assistant Professor**

University of Missouri, St. Louis

Aug 2018 – Present

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow**

2018

University of Missouri, Columbia

Conducting health disparity research with poor and racial/ethnic minority populations affected by HIV or human trafficking, including research conceptualization, data analysis, dissemination of findings through publications and presentations.

Aug 2016 – Aug

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Gender Analysis Research Consultant**

Population Services International, Democratic Republic of Congo

Designed study to conduct a gender analysis for an anti-malaria project in the DRC.

Trained and oversaw local team to collect 48 interviews and 10 focus groups from two, urban and rural, sites. Analyzed data to produce preliminary and final reports, made recommendations for full inclusion of women and men.

2014–2015

**Research Assistant**

Microfinance Intervention for Survivors of Violence in Rural Democratic Republic of the Congo

2012

Designed qualitative survey to assess the impact and unmet needs of medical and social intervention on mental health. Assisted in qualitative data collection, performed qualitative data analysis and presented the results to stakeholders.

**Research Assistant** 2011–2012

Evidence Project, a World Health Organization and Johns Hopkins collaboration  
Assisted in multiple systematic reviews, identifying the strength of evidence for the effectiveness of HIV behavioral interventions conducted in low- and middle- income countries; coded, extracted, and resolved data from identified studies.

**Research Project Intern** 2009–2010

Wuhan University Medical Education Reform Project, University of Chicago, Section of Infectious Diseases and Global Health  
Designed SPSS database to enter survey data. Analyzed survey research data to monitor and evaluate impact of course integration reform on Chinese medical students.

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

**Co-Investigator** 2017–2018

University of Missouri Research Council Grant: URC-17-094-n  
Title: The current state of human trafficking in Missouri: An environmental scan of training and social service provision (PI: Preble)

**Principal Investigator** 2012–2016

National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Research Service Award Fellowship (NRSA)  
Grant: F31 MH 095678  
Title: Trauma Microfinance and HIV Risk Behaviors in DR Congo

**Schweitzer Fellow**, Chicago 2009–2010

Organized and implemented Fit for Life, a weekly program for low-income racial/ethnic minority pre- and post-natal women focusing on nutrition, exercise and relaxation in collaboration with Access Community Health Network.

**Edith Abbott Scholarship**, University of Chicago 2008–2010

Two-thirds funding for MSW studies

**Brown Fellow** Graduate Program in Health Administration and Policy 2008–2010

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***Peer-reviewed articles***

Koegler, E., Kennedy, C.E., Thompson, C.B., Winch, P.J., Mpanano, R.M., Perrin, N.A., Glass, N. (2017). The association between self-reported STI treatment and mental health symptoms in conflict-affected Democratic Republic of Congo. *International Journal of STD & AIDS*, 0956462417722128.

Koegler, E., Kennedy, C.E., N.A., Mrinidi, J., Bachunguye, R., Winch, P.J., Ramazani, P.,

Makambo, M.T., Glass, N. (2018). Understanding how solidarity groups – a community-based economic and psychosocial support intervention – can affect mental health for survivors of conflict-related sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo. *Violence Against Women*. 10.1177/1077801218778378.

Koegler, E., Kennedy, C.E. (2018). A scoping review of the associations between mental health and factors related to HIV acquisition and disease progression in conflict-affected settings. *Conflict and Health* 12(20), 10.1186/s13031-018-0156-y.

Teti, M, Koegler, E., Conserve, D.F., Bedford, M., Handler, L. (2018). A scoping review of Photovoice research among people with HIV. *Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care* (in press), 10.1016/j.jana.2018.02.010.

Teti, M, Schulhoff, A., Koegler, E., Saffran, L., Bauerband, L., Shaffer, V. (2018). Exploring the use of Photo-stories and Fiction writing to address HIV stigma among health professions students. Revise and resubmit received at *Qualitative Health Research* (in press).

Cheak-Zamora, N.C., Teti, M., Maurer-Batjer, M., Koegler, E. (2017). Exploration and comparison of adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their caregivers' perspectives on transitioning to adult health care and adulthood. *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*, 42(9), 10.1093/jpepsy/jsx075.

Ramseyer Winter, V., Teti, M, Koegler, E., Brett, A. (2018) "What you see in the mirror": Community mental health practitioners define body image. *Social Work in Mental Health*, 16(1), 10.1080/15332985.2017.1350615.

### ***Manuscripts revised and resubmitted***

Koegler, E., Mohl, A., Preble, K., Teti, M. *A decade of anti-human trafficking programming in the St. Louis region: reported sex and labor trafficking*. Revise and resubmit received at *Public Health Reports*.

Koegler, E., Thomson, T.J., Speno, A., Teti, M. *Image-Sharing via Social Media: Reflections from an ethnically- and age-diverse sample of people living with HIV in the midwest*. Revise and resubmit received at *Journal of HIV/AIDS and Social Services*.

### ***Manuscripts under review***

Schulhoff, A., Teti, M., Koegler, E. *Photovoice in the classroom: Breaking down stereotypes with Photovoice as a critical pedagogical tool*. Manuscript submitted for publication on January 29, 2018.

Ramseyer Winter, V., Cahill, L., Koegler, E. An exploration of how body dissatisfaction and body appreciation vary by socioeconomic status. Manuscript submitted for publication on June 25, 2018.

### ***Manuscripts in preparation***

Koegler, E., Preble, K., Cimino, A.N., Stevens, J., Diehl, S. *Addressing recidivism in prostitution: An exploration into a prostitution diversion program.*

Koegler, E., Howland, W., Teti, M., Stoklosa, H. *Labor and sexual exploitation by an intimate partner, family member, or in the domestic setting: Case examples from a major Midwest city.*

Koegler, E., Williams, S., Teti, M., Howland, W. *Who reports human trafficking tips and how it relates to bystander interventions.*

Austin, S., Koegler, E. Preble, K. *Examining what the online sex industry on backpage.com looked like in Missouri prior to its shutdown.*

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Koegler, E., Teti, M., Howland, W., Mohl, A., Stoklosa, H. (2018) Labor and sexual exploitation by an intimate partner, family member, or in the domestic setting: Case examples from a major Midwest city. Accepted for oral presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, San Diego, CA.

Teti, M., Koegler, E., Enriquez, M. and Bowleg, L. (2018). Understanding HIV medication adherence amid multi-level, intersecting, and shifting challenges: Listening to the needs of the most vulnerable PLWH in the U.S. Presented at the 22nd International AIDS Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Teti, M, Koegler, E. Enriquez, M. (2017). Multiple health disparities and HIV medication adherence: Responding to the needs of the most vulnerable patients. Poster presented at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Atlanta, GA.

Teti, M, Enriquez, M, Koegler, E. (2017). Living with multi-level, intersecting, and shifting challenges: Patient accounts inform how to reach HIV viral load suppression among poor and racial/ethnic minorities. Poster to presented at International Conference on HIV Treatment and Prevention Adherence, Miami, FL.

Cheak-Zamora, NC, Teti, M, Koegler, E. (2016). "Breaking the mold of what an 'Aspy' has to be": Youth with Autism inform health promotion through photo-stories. Poster presented at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Denver, CO.

Koegler, E., Snow, M, Diehl, S. (2013). Screening for Sex Trafficking & Survivor Drop-in Center. Poster presented at Second Annual Symposium on Social Determinants of Health: Action for Equity, Baltimore, MD.

Koegler, E., Glass, N, FORAL, PAIDEK. (2013). Microfinance Intervention & Solidarity Groups for Survivors of Violence in Rural Democratic Republic of the Congo. Poster presented at Global Health Day, Johns Hopkins Center for Global Health, Baltimore, MD.

Shannon KS, Aung W, Peters J, Redstone L, An SJ, Duong J, Koegler E., Nadison M, Pronovost PJ, Aslakson RA. (2012). Perceptions of the terms "palliative care" and palliative medicine" amongst surgical ICU nurses, surgeons, and critical care anesthesiologists. Poster presented at American Society of Anesthesiology National Meeting, Washington, DC.

Aung W, Moldovan R, Koegler E, Shannon K, Peters J, Redstone L, An S, Duong J, Nadison M, Pronovost P, Aslakson RA. (2012). Nurse Identified Tenets of High Quality End-of-Life ICU Care: Communication, Team, and Goals. Poster presented at Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Day, Baltimore, MD.

## **TEACHING**

### **Instructor**

University of Missouri, St. Louis Fall 2018  
Social Work Research Methods & Analysis I, graduate course (1 in person & 1 blended section)

### **Instructor**

University of Missouri, Columbia Fall 2017  
Introduction to the Research Process and Evidence Base, undergraduate course

### **Teaching Assistant**

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD  
Introduction to International Health, graduate course 2012, 2013  
Health Behavior Change at the Individual, Community and Household Levels, 2012  
graduate course

## **GUEST LECTURES**

**Applied Quantitative and Qualitative Methods.** Presented to Introduction to the Research Process and Evidence Base, undergraduate course. University of Missouri, Columbia, MO; April 27, 2017

**Applied Research in HIV and STIs.** Presented to Principals of Public Health, honors undergraduate course. University of Missouri, Columbia, MO; March 23, 2017

**Community-Based Participatory Research** Presented to Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Global Health, graduate course. University of Missouri, Columbia, MO; March 8, 2017

**Mental Health and HIV in the DRC.** Presented to Global Public Health, undergraduate course. University of Missouri, Columbia, MO; Feb. 21, 2017

**Applying Quantitative and Qualitative Methods.** Presented to Public Health Principals and Practice, undergraduate course. University of Missouri, Columbia, MO; Feb. 9, 2017

## **INVITED TALKS**

**Human Trafficking 101.** Facilitator. University of Missouri – St. Louis, MO; August 10, 2018.

**A Decade of Anti-Human Trafficking Programming in a Midwest Major Metropolitan Area: Reported Sex and Labor Trafficking.** Presented to the public at the International Institute, St. Louis, MO; April 24, 2018

**My Peace Corps Tanzania Experience.** Presented to Mizzou Public Health Club, Columbia, MO; March 14, 2018.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **SOURCE Service Scholar**

2012 – 2013

TurnAround Inc. Human Trafficking Program, Baltimore, MD

Supported drop-in center hours for survivors of trafficking. Surveyed individuals charged with prostitution to screen for sex trafficking, assess gaps in service, and provide referrals. Performed data analysis and wrote regular reports to inform stakeholders of survey results to adapt services.

### **Consultant**

2012

World Bank, Washington, D.C.

Assisted in defining codes for construction of database on twenty years of World Bank projects' proposed outcomes. Coded over 100 historical documents of the World Bank.

### **Technical Assistant**

2010–2011

University Research Co., LLC, Bethesda, MD

Provided direct support to the Senior Vice President, QPI and Director, USAID Health Care Improvement Project. Assisted in communication, organization, preparation, and coordination of global health projects and events in over 30 countries. Spearheaded integrating gender specific considerations into project activities worldwide and developed gender framework in collaboration with regional leaders; tested and validated framework with field staff in Tanzania and Uganda. Participated in & wrote report for a Ugandan Ministry of Health National Strategy Meeting to Improve Health Services.

### **Research Intern**

2009

Amnesty International USA, Chicago, IL

Planned Women's Rights event to bring together area stakeholders in women's issues. Engaged the community to advocate for human rights issues at events. Researched human rights actions and contacts in Illinois; created spreadsheets.

### **Clinical Intern**

2009

Vision House, Chicago, IL

Provided case management for 5 homeless families with HIV/AIDS. Wrote 3 housing grant applications. Hosted 3 hotline TV shows raising awareness about HIV/AIDS.

### **Clinical Intern**

2008–2009

Teen Living Programs, Chicago, IL

Provided case management for 8 homeless youth.

### **Interpreter**

2008

Caritas of Austin, TX

Provided Swahili interpretation for recently resettled Burundian and Congolese refugees.

### **United States Peace Corps Volunteer**

Trainer of Trainers Zanzibar, Tanzania

2006–2007

Collaborated with Ministry of Education, Department of Guidance and Counseling to assess teacher-counseling program. Trained over 100 teacher counselors and headmasters in HIV/AIDS, life skills education, and individual counseling skills. Oversaw implementation of peer education groups in over 30 primary and secondary schools.

HIV/AIDS and Community Health Educator Mtwara, Tanzania 2004–2006  
Developed and taught HIV/AIDS prevention, health and life skills lessons at dispensary, primary and secondary schools. Fostered & supported development of a local people living with HIV/AIDS community group; oversaw income generating livestock for the group through grant procurement. Designed and successfully executed six grants for trainings, building construction, and community wide events. Linked district and local health centers to provide Voluntary Counseling and Testing in community.

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**Advisor**, Master of Social Work Students; 2018  
**Vice President**, Student Assembly, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health; 2013– 2014  
**Student Liaison**, NASW Advocacy Day, University of Chicago; 2009–2010

## **OTHER SERVICE**

**Board Member**, Human Trafficking Collaborative Network 2018  
**Reviewer**, AIDS Care 2017  
**Reviewer**, American Public Health Association 2017  
**Family Mentor**, International Rescue Committee, Baltimore 2013-2014  
**Mentor**, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Maryland 2011-2012  
**Marathon Runner**, AIDS Foundation of Chicago 2008 & 2009  
**Associate Board Member**, Health Connect One 2010  
**Rape Victim Advocate**, Chicago 2010

## **LANGUAGES**

English: Native  
Swahili: Fluent  
French: Intermediate