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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Arizona State University
Assistant Professor
T. Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics

Tempe, AZ
Aug. 2020-present

Arizona State University
Postdoctoral Scholar
Diversity and Inclusion Science Initiative (DISI)
T. Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics

Tempe, AZ
Nov. 2017-Aug. 2020

EDUCATION

McGill University
Ph.D. in Sociology
Student Member, Centre on Population Dynamics
Dissertation: Migration and Motherhood in sub-Saharan Africa
Comprehensive exams: Population Dynamics (sub-areas: family, migration); Development and Social Change (sub-areas: gender & development, population & urbanization)
Committee: Shelley Clark (chair), Sarah Brauner-Otto, Kathleen Fallon

Montreal, QC
2017

Mount Allison University
B.A. First Class Honors in International Relations

Sackville, NB
2008

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

African Population & Health Research Center (APHRC)
Intern, Urbanization & Wellbeing

Nairobi, Kenya
2011-2013

Coady International Institute
Development Leadership Certificate

Antigonish, NS
July 2008

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Family demography, kinship, child fostering, population dynamics, transitions to adulthood, migration, adolescent motherhood, global health, sub-Saharan Africa, slum settlements, HIV/AIDS, qualitative methods, mixed methods

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Cotton, C. & D. Beguy. “Long-distance mothering in urban Kenya.” (Accepted, *Journal of Marriage and Family*)

Clark, S., **C. Cotton**, R. Margolis & H.P. Kohler. 2020. “The psychological benefits of marriage and children in rural Malawi.” *Studies in Family Planning*, available online July 27, 2020.

Cotton, C. 2019. “Migration and young women’s access to maternal healthcare in sub-Saharan Africa.” *Health & Place* 55: 136-144.

Clark, S., S. Madhavan, **C. Cotton**, D. Beguy & C. Kabiru. 2017. “Who helps single mothers in Nairobi?: The role of kin support.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 79(4): 1186-1204.

Clark, S., **C. Cotton** & L. Marteleto. 2015. “Family ties and young fathers' engagement in Cape Town, South Africa.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 77(2): 575-589.

Clark, S. & **C. Cotton**. 2013. “Transitions to adulthood in urban Kenya: A focus on adolescent migrants.” *Demographic Research, Vol. 28, Article 37*: 1053-1092.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Cotton, C. & D. Beguy. “Maternal migration, slum residence, and child fostering: Evidence from urban Kenya.” (In preparation, working paper available upon request)

Cotton, C. “Child fostering in sub-Saharan Africa: What has changed over time?” (In preparation, working paper available upon request)

Cotton, C. “Sexual risk behavior among young women in Central Africa: Exploring the role of migration.” (In preparation)

Cotton, C. “Maternal migration and child fostering in sub-Saharan Africa: Understanding the impact of migrant streams through the Demographic and Health Surveys.” (In preparation)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Cotton, C. 2013. “Growing up on the edge: The well-being of children and youth in the slums of sub-Saharan Africa.” Research to Practice Policy Brief, No. 18. Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University, Montreal, QC.

PRESENTATIONS

Cotton, C., S. Clark & S. Madhavan. “One Hand Does Not Bring Up A Child:” Child Mobility in Urban Kenya. (Accepted for Poster Presentation at the Population Association of America 2020 Annual Meeting, April 22nd-25th, 2020, Washington, DC* Meeting canceled due to COVID-19).

- Cotton, C.** 2019. “Child Fostering in sub-Saharan Africa: What has changed over Time?” (Presented at the 8th African Population Conference, Nov. 18-22nd, 2019, Entebbe, Uganda.)
- Cotton, C.** 2019. “Child Fostering and Ideal Family Size: Evidence from Uganda.” (Presented at the 8th African Population Conference, Nov. 18-22nd, 2019, Entebbe, Uganda.)
- Cotton, C.** 2019. “Child Fostering in sub-Saharan Africa: What has changed over Time?” (Poster presentation at the Population Association of America 2019 Annual Meeting, April 11-13th, 2019, Austin, TX).
- Cotton, C.** 2018. “Maternal Migration and Child Fostering in sub-Saharan Africa: What is the Impact of Migrant Stream?” (Poster presentation at the Population Association of America 2018 Annual Meeting, April 26th-28th, 2018, Denver, CO).
- Cotton, C.** 2016. “Young Women’s Maternal Healthcare Use across Migration Streams: Evidence from sub-Saharan Africa.” (Presented at the Population Association of America 2016 Annual Meeting, March 31st-April 2nd, 2016, Washington, DC)
- Cotton, C. & C. Kabiru.** 2015. “Mothering in Adversity: Managing Risks to Child and Adolescent Well-Being in Nairobi Slums.” (Poster presentation at the Population Association of America 2015 Annual Meeting, April 30th-May 2nd, 2015, San Diego, CA)
- Cotton, C. & D. Beguy.** 2015. “Does mothers' migrant status affect child fostering in sub-Saharan Africa?: Evidence from two informal settlements in Nairobi, Kenya.” (Poster presentation at the Conference on Population Change and Life Course: Taking Stock and Looking to the Future, March 18th-20th, 2015, Ottawa, ON)
- Cotton, C. & D. Beguy.** 2014. “Does mothers' migrant status affect child fostering in sub-Saharan Africa?: Evidence from two informal settlements in Nairobi, Kenya.” (Presented at the Population Association of American 2014 Annual Meeting, May 1st-3rd, 2014, Boston, MA).
- Cotton, C. & D. Beguy.** 2013. “Mothering as migrants: Experiences from the informal settlements of Nairobi, Kenya.” (Presented at the IUSSP International Population Conference, August 26th-31st, 2013, Busan, South Korea; the Canadian Population Society Annual Meeting, June 5th-7th, 2013, Victoria, BC; poster presentation at the Population Association of America 2013 Annual Meeting, April 11-13th, 2013, New Orleans, LA).
- Clark, S., D. Beguy, **C. Cotton** & A.G.Boco. 2013. “Single motherhood and child mortality: Is poverty the link?” (Poster presentation at the IUSSP International Population Conference, August 26th-31st, 2013, Busan, South Korea).
- Clark, S. **C. Cotton** & L. Marteleto. 2013. “Engaging young fathers in South Africa: The role of conjugal and consanguineous ties.” (Poster presentation at the IUSSP International Population Conference, August 26th-31st, 2013, Busan, South Korea; presented at the Population Association 2013 Annual Meeting, April 11-13th, 2013, New Orleans, LA).
- Cotton, C. & D. Beguy.** 2013. “Migration and mothering in sub-Saharan Africa: Women's lives in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya.” (Presented at the Canadian Association for African Studies Annual Meeting, May 1st-3rd, 2013, Ottawa, ON).

Clark, S. & C. Cotton. 2011. "The effects of migration and family structure on transitions to adulthood in urban Kenya." (Presented at the 6th African Population Conference, Dec. 5th – 9th, 2011, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso; the Population Association of America 2012 Annual Meeting, May 3-5th, 2012, San Francisco)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Qualitative Facilitator Tempe, AZ

Family Voices Project, Children's Equity Project, Arizona State University, October 2018-present.

Qualitative Research Associate (Short-Term Consultant) Conakry, Guinea

Africa Gender Innovation Lab, World Bank, May-June 2016.

Research Assistant Montreal, QC

Department of Sociology, McGill University (Shelley Clark), Sept. 2009-October 2017.

Data Coder Montreal, QC

Life Histories, Health & HIV/AIDS Data Laboratory, October 2010-June 2013.

Principal Investigator Nairobi, Kenya

Dissertation fieldwork in the Nairobi Urban Health and Demographic Surveillance System site, Nairobi, Kenya, July-August 2011 & July-August 2013.

Consultant Montreal, QC

Population Council (Better World Fund), July-December 2011.

Program Assistant Kigali, Rwanda

Association Rwandaise pour le Bien-Etre Familial (through the Coady International Institute and the Xtending Hope Partnership), July 2008-February 2009.

Research Assistant Sackville, NB

Department of Sociology, Mount Allison University (Berkeley Fleming) April-June 2008.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, T. Denny Sanford School of Social & Family Dynamics, Arizona State University

SOC 333 Population (2020, Fall; 2020, Spring; 2019, Spring; 2018, Spring)

Instructor, Department of Sociology, McGill University

SOCI 365 Health & Development (2012, Fall)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, McGill University

SOCI 234 Population & Society (Prof. Jack Sandberg), 2012 (Winter)

SOCI 365 Health & Development (Prof. Shelley Clark), 2011 (Fall), 2010 (Fall), 2010 (Winter)

SOCI 222 Urban Sociology (Prof. Donald Hinrichs), 2011 (Winter)

SOCI 254 Development & Underdevelopment (Prof. Donald Von Eschen), 2009 (Fall)

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2018	Canadian Sociological Association Outstanding Graduating Student 2017-2018
2012-2014	Doctoral Award, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (\$40,000)
2014	Samuel Lapitsky Award, Faculty of Arts, McGill (\$2,300)
2014	Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Student Competition, Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster (\$1,000)
2013	Leadership in International Development Graduate Research Award, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University (\$2,000)
2013	Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Student Competition, Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster (\$2,840)
2013	Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Student Competition, Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster (\$875)
2013	Research to Practice Graduate Student Fellowship, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University (\$2,000)
2011	Report on Adolescent Girls' Migration, The Population Council (Better World Fund) (\$5,000)
2011	Arts Graduate Research Travel Award, Faculty of Arts, McGill (\$3,500)
2009-2010	Provost's Graduate Fellowship, McGill University (\$5,000)
2009-2010	McCall MacBain Fellowship, McGill University (\$2,500)
2009-2010	Principal's Graduate Fellowship, McGill University (\$5,000)
2007, 2008	Millennium Bursaries, Fondation canadienne des bourses du millenaire (\$8,000)
2004-2006	Entrance Scholarship, Mount Allison University (\$6,000)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

Graduate & Admissions Committee, Sociology PhD Program, T. Denny Sanford School of Social & Family Dynamics, Fall 2019-present

Co-Chair, Summer Undergraduate Program for Engaging with Research (SUPER), 2019-present

Committee Member, Summer Undergraduate Program for Engaging with Research (SUPER), 2018-2019

Co-Organizer, Kenyatta University-ASU Collaborative Symposium, April 2019

Session Organizer, "Kinship Beyond the Household," Population Association of America 2021 Annual Meeting, May 5th-8th, 2021, St. Louis, MO.

Session Chair, "Comparative Studies of Union Formation," Population Association of America 2020 Annual Meeting, April 22nd-25th, 2020, Washington, DC; "Trends in the Rates of Mixed Marriages," International Population Conference, Aug. 26-31st, 2013, Busan, South Korea; "Family Transitions over the Life Course," International Perspectives on Family Structures and Child Well-Being, Nov. 30th & Dec.1st, 2012, Montreal, Canada; "Socioeconomic Impact of HIV/AIDS," 6th African Population Conference, Dec. 5th-9th, 2011, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

Discussant, "Diverging Destinies in sub-Saharan Africa," 8th African Population Conference, Nov. 18th-22nd, 2019, Entebbe, Uganda.

Peer Reviewer, African Journal of Reproductive Health, Social Science & Medicine, Canadian Studies in Population, Journal of Population Research, Swiss National Science Foundation, Global Health Research

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Population Association of America, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Union for African Population Studies

LANGUAGES

English (Native); French (Proficient-Intermediate); Swahili (Beginner); Spanish (Beginner)

SKILLS

Stata, MaxQDA, NVivo, QDA Miner