

# Deborah Mindry, Ph.D.

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## Summary Profile

*I am an experienced researcher and ethnographer with extensive experience in public health research domestically and internationally. I have excellent leadership, organizational, qualitative research and communication skills. I work well independently and as a member of a team. As a consultant I am passionate about utilizing my knowledge and skills to understand cultural particularities to facilitate gender, racial and class equity. I have experience working in medical research and educational environments with specific attention to program development, evaluation, and management.*

- ✓ Global experience in sociocultural research on Gendered Power Dynamics, Sexual Reproductive Health, HIV, and Adolescent Health
- ✓ Exemplary Communication and Writing skills
- ✓ Expert in Qualitative Approaches to research and evaluation
- ✓ Lead and Coordinate domestic and global research teams
- ✓ Extensive experience Collaborating with NGOs, CBOs and Public Institutions
- ✓ Expertise in Education and Training
- ✓ Facility for thinking out of the box to facilitate meaningful social change

## Competency Summary

### *Research Development, Project Management and Evaluation*

- Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator responsible for research development, grant writing, coordination of projects in multiple settings including research on safer conception and reproductive services for people living with HIV in South Africa, Uganda, Malawi and Los Angeles.
- Qualitative research consultant for PIH/EQUIP Malawi responsible for training of qualitative research team, oversight of coding and data analysis using Atlas.ti, development of papers for publication.
- Led development of Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health curriculum for training educators in Rwanda in collaboration with the University of Rwanda, College of Education.
- Manage qualitative and mixed methods data analysis at the Global Center for Children and Families, UCLA, including mobile health projects with: female sex workers and HIV treatment adherence in Kolkatta, India; parent and pre-teen child communication; retention to HIV care of MSM in Los Angeles, among others.
- Design participant ethnographic observation tools, interview guides for in-depth qualitative interviews and focus group discussions, surveys informed by qualitative data, participant observation and media analysis as deemed appropriate.
- Engage in participatory research with NGOs to identify key concerns, evaluate programs, develop research agendas and strategies to improve effectiveness in their mission.
- Expertise in use of Atlas.ti, a qualitative software program, for data analysis; and in Dedoose, a web based software program for qualitative and mixed methods data analysis.

### *Communication and Publication*

- Responsible for primary writing of research papers for publication in peer reviewed academic journals.
- Public presentations of research at international professional meetings and conferences.
- Prepare and disseminate reports of research findings to collaborating clinics, organizations, and NGOs.
- Led organization of Pacific Southwest Women's Studies Association annual conference 2005-2008; UCLA conference on Men, Masculinities and Family Planning in Africa; Women's Health and Empowerment Symposium at Claremont Colleges Feb. 2017.
- Peer review of grant applications for funding agencies including NIH, National Science Foundation, Avon Breast Care Fund.
- Peer review of articles for journals including among others: Signs: Journal for Women in Culture and Society; AIDS Patient Care and STDs; Culture, Health and Sexuality; AIDS Behavior; Social Science and Medicine; Reproductive Health.

### *Mentoring and Leadership*

- Coordinate international collaborations, train research team, prepare and submit research protocols for ethics approval from multiple collaborating institutions, submit reports and updates on project progress.
- Supervise, train, and mentor a team of graduate and undergraduate students working on research projects.
- Lead initiative to develop and launch a Certificate Program in Women's Health and Empowerment, U.C. Global Health Institute.
- Develop and teach undergraduate and graduate levels courses on gender and sexuality, colonialism in Africa, the politics of philanthropy, and the politics of HIV/AIDS in Africa, among others.
- Supervise and mentor students from varied disciplines engaged in independent research in different international contexts.

## Professional Employment

Research Anthropologist *Center for Social Medicine and Humanities, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, April 2011-2018*  
Qualitative Research Consultant *PIH/EQUIP Malawi, Lilongwe, April 2017 – June 2018*  
Consultant *UCLA African Studies Center, Women's Leadership Program, Rwanda, January-June 2015*  
Fogarty Research Fellow *UC Global Health Institute, Women's Health and Empowerment CoE, April- October 2011*  
Visiting Professor *Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA, January – May 2011*  
Global Aids Research Fellow *Program in Global Health, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, April 2008 – March 2011*  
Adjunct Assistant Professor *Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA, August 2000 – December 2006*  
Consultant - Program Evaluation *"Baby, Let's Wait," Teen Parenthood Prevention, Pasadena, CA, May 2000 – Sept. 2001*  
Adjunct Assistant Professor *Pitzer College, Claremont, CA, January – June 1999*

## Professional Appointments

Visiting Scholar *Intercollegiate Feminist Center, Claremont Colleges, CA, Sept 2016-June 2017*  
Co-Chair, Education Committee *Women's Health and Empowerment CoE, UC Global Health Institute, 2010 - 2015*  
Editorial Board Member *Critical Investigations into Humanitarianism in Africa blog, UC Irvine Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (<http://www.cihablog.com/about/>), 2009 - present*  
Co-Chair *Men, Masculinities and Family Planning in Africa conference, UCLA African Studies and Bixby Population and Reproductive Health Program, October 14-15, 2010*  
Research Scholar *Center for the Study of Women, UCLA, September 2007 – June 2008*  
Chair, Planning Committee *PSWSA (Pacific Southwest Women's Studies Association) conference, 2005 - 2008*

## Education

Ph.D. *Social Relations (Anthropology and Sociology), University of California, Irvine, 1999*  
M.A. *Social Relations, University of California, Irvine, 1995*  
B. A. Honors. *Psychology, University of Natal, Durban, South Africa, 1984*  
H.E.D. *Higher Education Diploma, University of Natal, Durban, South Africa, 1983*  
B. A. *Psychology and Theater Arts, University of Natal, Durban, South Africa, 1981*

## Selected Research Experience

*R21 NICHD: Determinants of safer conception strategies among HIV clients in Uganda* 2012 - present  
*R01 NICHD: Our Choice: Delivering comprehensive family planning and safer conception services to PLHIV in Uganda*  
PI: Glenn Wagner (Rand) and Rhoda Wanyenze (Makerere U.)  
Role: Co-Investigator leading qualitative research design and analysis.

*UCOP ILTI: Women's Health Gender and Empowerment online course development* April - present  
PI: Dele Ogunesitan (UCI) and Ndola Prata (UCB)  
Role: Online course development for delivery of online course to UCB and UCI undergraduate students in Spring 2019.

*(USAID/PEPFAR): Test and Start Evaluation* April-June 2018  
PI: Risa Hoffman (UCLA, PIH/EQUIP Malawi)  
Role: Qualitative Research Consultant  
Lead qualitative data analysis from three studies, assist in writing papers for publication, train and mentor qualitative research team.

*HED/USAID Grant for Educational Project in Rwanda, Women's Leadership Program* Jan-June 2015  
PI: Françoise Lionnet (UCLA); Alfred Otara (U. Rwanda College of Education)  
Role: Consultant leading development of teacher training curriculum for Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health for U. Rwanda, College of Education in collaboration with in country partners.

*Fertility desires and intentions and family planning in Malawi* 2011 – 2013  
PI: Dr. Risa Hoffman, PI (UCLA)  
Role: Co-Investigator leading qualitative research design and analysis.  
Research examining healthcare provider as well as HIV positive men's and women's experiences and knowledge regarding reproductive health services and safer conception services for people living with HIV at two clinic sites in Lilongwe and Nkhoma.

*NIH Delivering assisted reproductive health services to PLHIV in South Africa, phase 2* 2011-2013  
Role: PI  
Co-Investigator: Dr. Pranitha Maharaj, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.  
Focus in this phase of the research is on health care provider perspectives and experiences on providing reproductive health services

and safer conception services to men and women living with HIV at two clinic sites: Don McKenzie ARV clinic in Botha's Hill and McCord Hospital ARV clinic in Durban.

*NIH/CHIPTS Delivering Assisted Reproductive Health Services to PLHIV in South Africa, phase 1*

2011-2013

Role: PI

Co-Investigator: Jennifer Smit, MatCH (Maternal, Adolescent and Child Health Center), University of Witwatersrand, South Africa.

This phase of the research focuses on experiences and perspectives of men and women living with HIV seeking reproductive health and safer conception services at Wentworth Hospital ARV clinic in Durban.

*HIV, Gender and Sexual Power Dynamics in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*

2008-2011

Role: PI

Co-Investigator: Bongzi Zengele, Ujamaa Center, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg.

Study examines experiences of men and women living with HIV and gender power dynamics shaping relationships and sexual lives.

*"Good Women": Philanthropic Power and the Politics of Femininity in South Africa in Durban, South Africa* 1993-1994, 1996

Dissertation research: An ethnographic study examining the moral landscape of femininity, and normative discourses on "good women", in the newly democratizing South Africa. It critically examines the politics of virtue at work in women's local and global philanthropic networks and how philanthropy structures relationships of inequality among women.

### Selected Publications

**Mindry, D.**, Woldetsadik, M., Wanyenze, R., Beyeza-Kashesya, J., Finocchiaro-Kessler, S., Goggin, K., and G. Wagner. *Benefits and challenges of safer-conception counseling for HIV serodiscordant couples in Uganda*, International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health, 2018, 44(1):xx-xx, <https://doi.org/10.1363/44e5718>.

**Mindry, D.**, Wanyenze, R.K., Beyeza-Kashesya, J., Woldetsadik, M.A., Finocchiaro-Kessler, S., Goggin, K. and Wagner, G., 2017. *Safer Conception for Couples Affected by HIV: Structural and Cultural Considerations in the Delivery of Safer Conception Care in Uganda*. AIDS and Behavior, 21(8): 2488-2496. DOI 10.1007/s10461-017-1816-4

**Mindry, D.**, P. Maharaj, T. Letsoalo, C. Munthre, T. Crankshaw. 2017. *Knowing Client Rights and Meeting Their Needs: Provider knowledge and attitudes toward meeting the reproductive needs and rights of PLHIV in South Africa*. M. Whithers and J. Toller-Erausquin, Global Perspectives on Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Across the Lifecourse, Springer Publishing.

Farmer, S., **Mindry, D.**, Comulada, W.S., Swendeman, D. (2017). *Mobile Phone Ecological Momentary Assessment of Daily Stressors among People Living With HIV: Elucidating Factors Underlying Health-Related Challenges in Daily Routines*. J Assoc Nurses AIDS Care. doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jana.2017.04.001>

**Mindry, D.**, Milford, C., Rambally, L., Greener, R., Maharaj, P., Letsoalo, T., Munthre, C., Crankshaw, T., Smit, J. 2016. *Client and provider knowledge and views on safer conception for PLHIV*. Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare Journal. DOI 10.1016/j.srhc.2016.03.005

**D. Mindry**, L. Knight, H. van Rooyen. 2015. *Moralizing Discourses on Gender: Men Weighing HIV Risk in Rural KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*. Culture, Health and Sexuality. DOI: 10.1080/13691058.2015.1027877

**D. Mindry**, T.L. Crankshaw, P. Maharaj, C. Munthre, T. Letsoalo, C. Milford, R.M. Greener, L. Rambally, S. Carpenter, J.A. Smit. 2015. *"We have to try and have this child before it is too late": The social dimensions of reproductive decisions and safer conception services for PLHIV*. AIDS Care, 27(1): 25-30.

Crankshaw, T.L., **D. Mindry**, C. Munthre, T. Letsoalo, P. Maharaj. 2014. *Challenges with couples, serodiscordance and HIV disclosure: Healthcare provider perspectives on delivering safer conception services for HIV-affected couples, South Africa*. JAIDS, 17: 18832.

N. Iroezi, **D. Mindry**, P. Kawale, G. Chikowi, P. Jansen, R. Hoffman. 2013. *A qualitative analysis of the barriers and facilitators to receiving care in a Prevention of Mother-to-Child program in Nkhoma, Malawi*. African J. of Reproductive Health, 17 (4): 118-129.

**D. Mindry**, S. Maman, A. Chirowodza, T. Muravha, H. van Rooyen, Thomas Coates. 2011. *Looking to the future: South African men and women negotiating HIV risk and relationship intimacy (Project Accept)*. Culture, Health and Sexuality, 13 (5): 589-602.

**D. Mindry**. 2010. *Engendering care: HIV, humanitarian assistance in Africa and the reproduction of gender stereotypes*. Culture, Health and Sexuality, 12 (5): 555-568.

### Languages

English (native), Afrikaans (fluent written and oral), Zulu (limited oral), French (limited oral).

### Special Data Analysis Skills

Expertise in Atlas.ti, for qualitative data analysis, and in Dedoose, for qualitative and mixed methods data analysis.

**Full academic CV available upon request**

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