

Illustrative Activities of Past and Current Fellows

FAST FACTS

The FHI360-UNC Fellowship began in 2005.

There have been a total of 17 FHI360 Fellows.

Entering the program, the fellows' highest degree of education was: 2 medical, 7 master's and 8 bachelor's.

Fellows represent the departments of Epidemiology, Health Behavior Health Education, Health Policy and Management, Maternal and Child Health and the Public Health Leadership Program.

Two former Fellows went on to the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) program.

One former Fellow is currently on faculty at UNC

HIV/AIDS

- Assisted with a proposal development to promote understanding of sexual and reproductive health risks, and to integrate family planning and HIV prevention.
- Conducted Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) in Durham to understand citizen perception of HIV/AIDS prevention research. Developed community engagement and collected ethnographic and photographic data for the project.
- Provided technical support for a study comparing HIV incidence, using prospective and cross-sectional studies and identifying candidate populations for HIV prevention research in Vietnam.
- Developed a research agenda to summarize previous research on recently HIV-infected individuals from biological, behavioral/social, and clinical standpoints. Based on these findings, worked with FHI staff to prioritize potential research.
- Worked on a manuscript for a new model of HIV prevention: "Focusing HIV Prevention on Those Most Likely to Transmit the Virus".
- Conducted an extensive literature review and aided in the preparation of a report for a sponsor: "Measuring Disinhibition in HIV Prevention Trials: Implications for Future Vaccine Trials."
- Conducted several bibliography reviews relative to site identification, and prepared an annotated spreadsheet of key abstracts and publications.
- Conducting a secondary qualitative data analysis of microbicide acceptability data from couples in Pune, India, to look at how participation in a microbicide clinical trial affects the couple's discussion of sexual relations, perceptions of sexual pleasure and willingness to use a microbicide.

- Disseminated results, through a presentation and report, on a study to understand programmatic opportunities for and potential barriers to prevention of unintended pregnancies among HIV positive women. Recommendations for Obtaining Assent and Disclosing Illness Information (HIV status) to Children in Lilongwe, Malawi”.
- Researched behavioral scales and validated study instruments for an HIV Prevention Trials Network study.
- Worked on the development of a NIH R01 proposal to study to systematically assess two important parameters associated with focus group methodology and to provide subsequent evidence-based recommendations.

Youth

- Prepared IRB documentation, adapted the protocol, questionnaires, consent forms, and training materials for the qualitative study “Formative Research to Develop Approaches and Recommendations for Obtaining Assent and Disclosing Illness Information (HIV status) to Children in Lilongwe, Malawi”.
- Worked on a paper entitled "Age Differences at Sexual Debut and Subsequent Reproductive Health: Is There a Link?" using data from a YouthNet study of Youth, VCT and Linkages to Other Reproductive Health Services. The paper was presented at the APHA, 2006.

Reproductive Health

- Assisted in analyzing recruitment data and writing a manuscript on recruitment methods from the Vietnam Site ID study.
- Conducted a DHS analysis and authored short paper on contraception method mix among limiters in East Africa.
- Co-authored a report on the “Safety, Feasibility, and Acceptability of Community-based Distribution (CBD) of Depot Medroxy Progesterone Acetate (DMPA) in Madagascar”.
- Contributed to the manuscript, “Provision of Injectable Contraceptives by Community-based Distribution Workers in Madagascar: Evidence of Innovation Success.”
- Examined the feasibility of a randomized trial to evaluate the effect of DMPA on STIs.
- Assisted in the development and submission of a Cochrane Review on hormonal contraception for women with sickle cell disease. This review was published.

- Provided research support on four studies: “Placebo Gel Study (EY-CL1)”; “Erythromycin Gel Dose Escalation Study (CY-CL2)”; “Emergency Contraception Labeling Study”; and “Case-Control Study: Review of Pathology Reports of Gynecologic Specimens from Vietnam Women Who Underwent Quinacrine Sulfate Nonsurgical Sterilization”.
- Assisted in the development of projects using SMS (text messaging) and mobile phone technology to promote contraceptive uptake, compliance and continuation in developing countries.

Male Involvement

- Worked on both the qualitative and quantitative analyses of the Male Motivator Study being undertaken in Malawi.
- Developed a code book, analyzed and coded qualitative data for the Men and Networks study in Tanzania and Ghana

Emerging and Infectious Diseases

- Conducted a literature review of the delivery of health services for the treatment of malaria (globally).
- Conducted a summary of previous research undertaken on severe human and avian influenza. This analysis resulted in the development of a potential research agenda for FHI. Provided a presentation on the findings to FHI scientists.

Other

- Synthesized publications to create “Handbook of Resources: Gender and Health” as part of the development of a Gender and Health initiative at FHI.