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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA *2011-2015 (June)*

- Ph.D., Psychology

Thesis: Imagining Identity: Exploring the Psychological Impact of a Culture of Violence on Women

Supervisor: Dr. Floretta Boonzaier

UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL, DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

- M.A., Psychology *2009*

Thesis: Discursive Constructions of Gender-based Violence and Safe Sex Practices among Female Residence Students at UKZN

Supervisor: Dr. Anthony Collins

- B.Soc.Sc. (Hons.), Psychology *2008*
- B.Soc.Sc (Psychology; Industrial Psychology) *2005-2007*

WORK EXPERIENCE

Freelance Research Assistant, Writer and Editor *2015, February- Present*

Experience cataloguing literature, conducting literature reviews, writing articles and editing theses, reports, articles and resumes.

Past & Current Employers:

- Department of Industrial Psychology & Department of Psychology, University of Cape Town, Cape Town
- Department of Democracy, Governance and Service Delivery, Human Sciences Research Council, Durban.
- Film and Video Technology Department, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, Cape Town.
- Department of Criminology, University of KwaZulu-Natal.

Psycho-Social Programme Coordinator/ *2013, January- 2014, August*

Support Group Facilitator for Survivors of Domestic Violence

Sisters 4 Sisters, Cape Town

Duties included: facilitating a support group for survivors of domestic violence with mainly African refugees in the Cape Town area; writing and piloting a manual on how to run a support group for survivors of domestic violence and coordinating other psycho-social projects at Sisters 4 Sisters, such as a young girls' mentorship programme.

Co-supervisor of a Clinical Psychology Masters Student *2013, January- 2014, April*

Department of Psychology, University of Cape Town, Cape Town.

Duties included: co-supervising the research thesis of a clinical psychology masters student. My masters student conducted a photo-narrative study on the identity construction of young refugee women.

Girls' Group Co-Facilitator*2012, September- 2012, November*

Lawrence House (Children's Home), Cape Town.

Duties included: facilitating a girls' group in a children's home with girls and young women between the ages of 13 and 18, which involved facilitating discussion surrounding issues such as functional versus dysfunctional relationships, self-esteem and how to spot an abusive relationship.

Undergraduate Humanities Curriculum Advisor*2012, January- 2014, July*

University of Cape Town, Cape Town.

Duties included: providing curriculum advice to undergraduate students and approving curriculum decisions.

Research Assistant*2011, August*

Dr. Floretta Boonzaier, Department of Psychology, University of Cape Town, Cape Town.

Duties included: researching and writing a paper on how genocide is used as a weapon during war-time conflict in Africa.

Undergraduate Psychology Tutor*2011, February– 2014, June*

Department of Psychology, University of Cape Town, Cape Town.

Tutored the following modules: First Year Psychology; Second Year Research Statistics and Third Year Health Psychology. Duties included: teaching, facilitating class discussions and marking papers.

HIV/AIDS Data Capturer and Referral Line Operator*2010, January- 2010, December*

HIV 911: Centre for HIV/AIDS Networking, Durban.

Duties included: liaising with HIV/AIDS-related organisations; writing descriptions for an HIV/AIDS Directory and the Children's Services Directory; mapping HCT sites for the HCT campaign; promoting HIV/AIDS awareness and knowledge; proof reading and copy editing. I received training on HIV/AIDS counselling.

Research Assistant*2009, September- 2011, September*

Dr Kay Govender, Department of Psychology, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban.

Duties included: academic research; writing literature reviews and journal articles; using INVivo; assisting on HEARD/HSRC funded projects and focusing on HIV/AIDS research (the disclosure process; ARV adherence; masculinity & HIV/AIDS).

Trauma Counsellor*2009, February– 2011, January*

Lifeline Durban, Durban.

Duties included: trauma counselling; writing client reports; reception duties and training lifeline counsellors.

Life Skills Facilitator*2008, April*

Fast Forward Programme, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban.

Duties included: conducting workshops on safe sex, HIV/AIDS and career guidance with previously disadvantaged youth from rural and urban townships.

Undergraduate Psychology Tutor*2008, February- 2009, November*

Department of Psychology, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban.

Duties included: tutoring first year psychology, second year research psychology and third year research psychology; marking scripts and facilitating class discussions. I also organised the 2009 postgraduate psychology conference at the University of KwaZulu-Natal whilst fulfilling this role.

SKILLS

- Qualitative research (Data collection & analysis)
- Academic writing and editing
- Teaching
- Counselling
- Curriculum design
- Public speaking
- Non-profits

PUBLICATIONS

Gordon, S. F. (2014). A culture of violence against women in South Africa: Exploring young women's stories. In C. Pracana (Ed.). *Psychology Applications & Developments* (pp. 328-336). Lisbon, Portugal: InScience Press. ISBN 978-989-97866-9-1

Gordon, S. F., & Collins, A. (2014). "We face rape. We face all things": Understandings of gender-based violence amongst female students at a South African university: original contributions. *African Safety Promotion, 11*(2), 93-106.

Gordon, S. F. (2013). A culture of violence against women in South Africa: A case study analysis. In C. Pracana & L. Silva (Eds.), *InPACT 2013: International psychological applications conference and trends: A book of proceedings* (pp. 254-258). Lisbon: W.I.A.R.S. ISBN: 978-989-97866-0-8.

Bhagwanjee, A. M., Reardon, C., Johnstone, L., Govender, K., Petersen, I., George, G., Akintola, O., & Gordon, S.F. (2013). Gendered constructions of the impact of HIV and AIDS in the context of the seroconcordant heterosexual relationship. *Journal of the International AIDS Society, 16*(18021), 1-11.

Dageid, W., Govender, K., & Gordon, S.F. (2012). Masculinity and HIV disclosure among heterosexual South African men: Implications for HIV/AIDS intervention. *Culture, Health & Sexuality: An International Journal for Research, Intervention and Care, 14*(8), 925-940.

Gordon, S.F. (2011). Understanding the Social Problems of Gender-based Violence and HIV/AIDS from the South African Experience. In E., Fourie, S., Hagen, Y., Mitchell, & B., Semenya (Eds.). *Re-Imagining Psychology: Proceedings of the 2009 Southern African Students' Psychology Conference* (pp. 375-389). Pretoria: University of South Africa Publication.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Gordon, S. F. (2013). "It's just not going to happen to me": Addressing fear and gender-based violence amongst female residence students at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. *Strategies for Non-Violence in Education Conference*: Durban, Durban University of Technology.

Gordon, S. F. (2013). A culture of violence against women in South Africa: A case study analysis. Paper presented at *International Psychological Applications Conference and Trends- 2013- InPACT*: Madrid, Spain: 2013.

Gordon, S. F. (2012). Re-imagining Fear: Exploring the psychological impact of a culture of violence on women. *Second Annual International Symposium on Responses to Interpersonal Violence*: Stellenbosch, South Africa: 2012.

Gordon, S. F. (2012). Re-imagining identity: Exploring the psychological impact of a culture of violence against women. Paper presented at the *International Congress of Psychology- 2012*: Cape Town, South Africa: 2012.

Gordon, S. F. (2011). Researching the researcher: Addressing the emotional implications of researching sensitive material. Paper presented at the *University of South Africa: Re-imagining Psychology: Southern African Psychology Students' Conference 2011*: Pretoria, South Africa: 2011.

Gordon, S. F. (2009). Discursive constructions of gender-based violence and safe sex practices among female residence students at UKZN. Paper presented at the *University of KwaZulu-Natal Psychology Postgraduate Conference 2009*: Durban, South Africa: 2009.

Gordon, S. F. (2009). Understanding the social issues of gender-based violence and HIV/AIDS from the South African perspective. Paper presented at the *University of Botswana, Gaborone: South African Students' Psychology Conference 2009*: Gaborone, Botswana, 2009.

Gordon, S. F. (2009). The breast cancer experience of women: Exploring the doctor-patient relationship. Paper presented at the *University of KwaZulu-Natal Psychology Postgraduate Conference 2008*: Durban, South Africa: 2008.

ACHIEVEMENTS & LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund (MMF) World Bank Grant (2014)

University of Cape Town (UCT) Conference Travel Grant (2013)

National Research Foundation (NRF) Conference Travel Grant (2013)

National Research Foundation Free (NRF) Standing Doctoral Scholarship (2012-2014)

Elected Chairperson of the Art of Living Yoga University of Cape Town Society (2012-2013)

University of Cape Town (UCT) Doctoral Research Scholarship (2011-2014)

University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN) Academic Scholarships (2005-2007; 2008; 2009)

Seven Certificates of Merits (2005-2008)

Two Deans Commendations (2005; 2006)

REFERENCES

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Dr. Kay Govender

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