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Education

Arizona State University	2023 – Present
Doctorate of Philosophy in Social Work (Expected May 2027)	
University of California Berkeley	2023
Master's in Social Welfare	
Uganda Christian University	2015
Bachelor of Social Work and Social Administration	

Research Interests

- Prevention of HIV and depression among Adolescent Girls and Young Women who are Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence.
- Services offered in Domestic Shelters for Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence.
- Strategies for economic empowerment for Adolescent Girls and Young Women who are survivors of Intimate Partner Violence.
- Child welfare, Child labor and Mental health.

Teaching Experience

Summer 2024 - To date: Arizona State University.
SWG 610 Advanced Social Work Practice III
Position: Co-Instructor: Master of Social Work
(MSW)

Spring 2023: University of California Berkeley

Path to Care and Restorative Justice Center (RJC)

Position: Graduate Student Leader Facilitator

Fall 2022: University of California Berkeley, School of Law

LS162AC Restorative Justice

Position: Graduate Assistant Instructor

Fall, Summer, spring 2015 to 2021: Uganda Christian University

Foundation Department: Health and Wholeness and World Views and Ethics.

Position: Teaching Assistant Instructor

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Peer-reviewed Publication.

3. Ogbonnaya, I. N., Nakigudde, J., Naigino, R., Stockman, J. K., Chung, Y., **Nantongo, M.**, ... & Kiene, S. M. (2025). Protocol for the Kisoboka Mukwano pilot randomized controlled trial in Uganda: A couples-based intervention to reduce intimate partner violence and alcohol use among adolescent girls and young women living with HIV and their male partners. *Contemporary Clinical Trials*, 108136.
2. **Nantongo, M.**, & Hodge, D. R. (In press, 2025). Afrocentrism: A spiritually informed framework for engaging African couples experiencing marital distress. Sage Journals. Publications. Families in Society:
1. Ogbonnaya, I. N., **Nantongo, M.**, Naigino, R., Marsiglia, F. F., Stockman, K. K., Nakigudde, J., Wanyenze, R. K., Wechsberg, W. M., Kiene, S. M. (2024). The social, cultural, and health context of controlling behavior and emotional intimate partner violence among adolescent girls and young women living with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in Uganda: A qualitative study. *Women's Health*.

Manuscripts Forthcoming and Under Review

4. Ngondwe, P., **Nantongo, M.**, Tefera, G.M.& Varol, S. (submitted 2025). "You get better because of God, and you get sick because of God.": A Scoping Review on the Mental

Health Experiences of African Refugees Resettled in the United States. *Journal of Community Health*.

2. Ogonnaya, I. N., Kiene, S., & Wanyenze, R. **Nantongo, M.** (Submitted). Intimate partner violence and the HIV care cascade among women living with HIV in rural Uganda: A longitudinal analysis. *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*
3. **Nantongo, M.**, Ogonnaya, I.N., Mathis, C.M., & Ferguson, K.M. (Submitted). Barriers to IPV help-seeking among Young women who have gone through foster systems. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
1. **Nantongo, M.**, (paper in preparation). How does vocational skills training impact the economic independence and reduction of intimate partner violence among adolescent girls and young women living with HIV in Uganda? *Journal of Career Development*.

BOOK CHAPTER.

1. **Nantongo, M.**, & Kanya, H. (in progress). When women rise: Global narratives of hope and empowerment. In Bekteshi, V. (Eds.), *When women rise: Global narratives of hope and empowerment*. Oxford University Press.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 8 **Nantongo, M.**, Ogonnaya, I.N., Mathis, C.M., & Ferguson, K.M. (2026 January). Barriers to IPV help-seeking among Young women who have gone through foster systems. A Qualitative Study. Flash talk presentation at Society for Social Work and Research 2026 Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- 7 **Nantongo, M.**, Ngondwe, P., Cain, M., & Kwagala, F. (2025 October). Key challenges in preventing domestic violence against women in Uganda. Oral presentation at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 71st Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado.
- 6 **Nantongo, M.**, Ogonnaya, I.N., Nakigudde, J., Naigino, R., Mwebembezi, A., Stockman, J., Wechsberg, W.M., Wanyenze, R.K., Marsiglia, F.F., Chung, Y., Hahn, J.A., & Kiene, S.M. (2025, January). Social Support, HIV Care Engagement, and Intimate Partner Violence Among Adolescent Girls and Young Women Living with HIV: A Qualitative Study. Oral presentation at Society for Social Work and Research 2025 Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

- 5 **Nantongo, M.**, Ogonnaya, I.N., Naigino, R., Nakigudde, J., Stockman, J., Mwebembezi, A, Wechsberg, W.M., Wanyenze, R.K., Marsiglia, F.F., Chung, Y., Hahn, J.A., & Kiene, S.M. (2025, January). The Role of Alcohol Use and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) in HIV Care Engagement Among Adolescent Girls and Young Women Living with HIV in Uganda (AGYWLHIV). Oral presentation at Society for Social Work and Research 2025 Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.
- 4 Mathis, C.M., **Nantongo, M.**, Kiene, S.M., Ferguson, K.M. & Ogonnaya, I.N. (2024, October). Stakeholder's Perspectives on a Savings Group Intervention for Parenting Foster Youth Survivors of IPV. Oral presentation at Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Kansas City, MO.
- 3 Ogonnaya, I. N., **Nantongo, M.**, Stockman, K. K., Mwebembezi, A., Wechsberg, W. M., Nakigudde, J., Naigino, R., Wanyenze, R. K., Marsiglia, F. F., Chung, Y., Hahn, J. A., Kiene, S. M. (2024, October). The role of emotional and economic abuse on HIV care engagement and treatment among adolescent girls and young women living with HIV (AGYWLHIV) in Uganda. Poster presentation at Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum 2024, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2 Nantongo M., (2024, October). Role of Afrocentric Theory in Mitigating Divorce and Separation in Africa. Poster presentation at Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Kansas City, MO.
1. Nantongo M., (2023, October). Enjuba Initiative: Working with the Young Vulnerable Population. Poster presentation at Global Mental Health Research Without Borders Conference Maryland, USA.

INVITED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- 4 **Nantongo M.**, (2024, July). Managing Youth Mental Health and Unemployment in Post-COVID-19 Through Skill-Building Programs. A Compelling Real-Life Story. Oral Presentation at The First International Post COVID-19 Conference, Toronto, Canada.
- 3 **Nantongo M.**, (2023, May). Transforming Futures Addressing Socioeconomic Challenges for Marginalized Youth Navigating Through Challenges and Opportunities. Oral presentation at African Leadership Initiative in Kigali, Rwanda, sponsored by MasterCard Foundation.
- 2 **Nantongo M.**, Kamukama, A. (2022, June). Vocational Training and Youth Empowerment in Uganda. Unpacking Mechanisms at the NtongoSkills for Peace project

in partnership with Maendeleo Foundation. Oral Presentation at Maendeleo Foundation in partnership with Uganda Police.

- 1 **Nantongo M.**, (2020 February). From a Social Work Perspective, Girls, Women, and Children were severely affected by COVID-19. Oral online Presentation at the International Federation of Social Workers.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 4 2023: Improving HIV Care Engagement Among Ugandan Adolescent Girls and Young Women Through Reductions in Male Partner Alcohol Use and Intimate Partner Violence Risk: The Kisoboka Mukwano Intervention. **Graduate Research Assistant**
- 3 Partnership for Trauma Recovery (2020) Human rights conditions in countries for PRT Clients. **Research Assistant**
- 2 YouBelong Uganda (2018) Baseline Study for The You Belong Home Community Mental Health Program. **Research Assistant**
- 1 Challenges faced by the Informal Sector in Fighting Child Labour in Uganda at Uganda Christian University (2015). A Case Study of Kawempe Division 2015. ***Not published (Research class project)***

GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS.

Dean's Graduate Research (\$1500) <i>Arizona State University</i>	2025
University Grad Fellowship (\$1000) <i>Arizona State University,</i>	2025
Sun Angel Funk Scholarship (\$1,700). <i>Arizona State University</i>	2025
Kettner Moroney Scholarship (\$750). <i>Arizona State University.</i>	2025
Graduate College Travel Award (\$600) <i>Arizona State University</i>	2024 - 2025
Watts College Impact Award Scholarship (\$2000) <i>Arizona State University</i>	2023
Doctoral Travel Award (\$1000), <i>Arizona State University.</i>	2024
Livelihood Development International Initiatives Canada (\$3000) International Post COVID-19 Conference.	2024

Presidential Graduate Award (\$53,811.00) <i>Arizona State University</i>	2024
NtongoSkill4 Peace project In Mukono (\$15,000) University of California Berkeley (PI)	2022
US Education Opportunity Award (\$3000). US Embassy Kampala Uganda	2021

Recognition and Honors

Social Welfare Dean's Award for Social Justice (\$500). University of California Berkeley.	2023
Development Professional Award (\$1500) University of California Berkeley.	2023
Chancellor's Public Fellow Award (\$1500). University of California Berkeley.	2022
Best MasterCard Sankofa Leader Award. University of California Berkeley	2022
MasterCard Foundation Scholarship (\$125,510. University of California Berkeley	2021
Virtuous Woman Youth Entrepreneur Award. Christ Heart International Ministries	2021
Orombi Guild Excellence Award. Uganda Christian University	2013 - 2015

Grant Applications – Unfunded

Ntongo Skills4Peace project *phase 2* on vocational skills for younger people in Mukono (\$50,000) **Not funded**. UC Berkeley International House project for peace Alumni Impact Fund. (2025)

Principle Investigator: A Needs Assessment for Vocational Training Interventions for Adolescent Girls And Young Women Living In Uganda Mukono District. (**\$ 5,000**). **Not funded**. Watts College IDEA Scholar Program (2024)

Principle Investigator: The Luumba Skills Project: Working With The Young Vulnerable Population In Mukono Ntawo Village (**\$ 20,000**). **Not funded**. UC Berkeley Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program Alumni Impact Fund. (2023)

LEADERSHIP

- PhD representative: Watts Collegue Arizona State University 2025 – 2026
- PhD representative: School of Social: Arizona State University 2024- 2025.
- Founding Director Sanyuka Afri-Youth initiative. 2023 to date
<https://sayinitiative.org/>

- Guild Prime Minister: Uganda Christian University 2013 - 2015

MEMBERSHIP

- Society of Social Work and research
- Member of the Abstract Committee: International Post COVID-19 Conference 2024
- International I-House UC Berkeley Council Member 2022.
- Member of the National Association of Social Workers in Uganda. (NASW)
- Member Alumni Association at Uganda Christian University
- Member, Rotaract Club of Kampala North Musical (Rotary International)