
CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- PhD 2014, University of Maryland School of Social Work, Baltimore
Dissertation: Socio-demographic factors, social supports, and
quality of life among people living with HIV/AIDS in Ghana.
- MSW 2005, Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri
Emphasis: International social and economic development of women
and children in rural/underserved communities.
- BA 2002, University of Ghana, Department of Social Work, Accra, Ghana
Major: Social Work with Psychology – First Class Honors
Thesis: Coping mechanism adopted by female migrants (Kayayei) of
Northern origin in Accra: A case study of old Fadama, Accra, Ghana.

SCHOLARLY AND PRACTICE INTERESTS

Primary: Socio-cultural, health, and mental health disparities and outcomes among vulnerable populations, including minorities, women, children, and individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

Secondary: Cultural competence and evidence-based practices (EBPs)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- 07/14 – Present:** Assistant Professor (tenure track), Norfolk State University, Ethelyn R. Strong School of Social Work
- Fall 2014-Present:** Adjunct Faculty, George Mason University, Department of Social Work,
- Summer 2013:** Adjunct Faculty, Smith College School of Social Work, Northampton, MA
- Spring 2013:** Adjunct Faculty, University of Maryland, School of Social Work, Baltimore County, Maryland
- Spring and Fall 2011 and 2012:** Teaching Fellow, University of Maryland, School of Social Work, Baltimore and Shady Grove, Maryland
- Summer and Fall 2010:** Teaching Fellow, University of Maryland, School of Social Work, Baltimore and Shady Grove, Maryland
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Graduate Courses Taught – MSW Level Courses

Social Work Research (SOWK 670)
 Social Welfare Policy (SOWK 600)
 Community Organization (SOWK 704)

Undergraduate Courses Taught – BSW Level Courses

Generalist Practice (SWK 312)
 Social Work Research (SOWK 381 and 383)
 Social Work Research (SOWK 470)
 International Perspectives of Social Work (497)

Online Courses Taught

Human Behavior with Families and in the Social Environment II (SOCW 340 and 375)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Agyei, W. K. A. & **Abrefa-Gyan, T.** (2016). Risky Sexual Behavior and Condom Use among Youth in Botswana. *Journal of Human Ecology, 55*(3), 141-151.
- Abrefa-Gyan, T.** (2016). Evidence-based practice: Attitudes and knowledge of social workers across geographic regions. *Journal of Evidence-Informed Social Work, 1*-10. doi: 10.1080/23761407.2015.1111826
- Abrefa-Gyan, T.,** Wu, L., & Lewis, M.W. (2015) Social support and support group among people with HIV/AIDS in Ghana. *Social Work in Health Care, 00*, 1-17. doi: 10.1080/00981389.2015.1084969
- Abrefa-Gyan, T.,** Cornelius, L. J., & Okundaye, J. N. (2015). Gender and children as the moderators of the relationship between social support and quality of life: An empirical study of people living with HIV/AIDS in Ghana. *Social Work in Public Health, 30*(7), 550-558. doi: 10.1080/19371918.2015.1071611
- Abrefa-Gyan, T.,** Cornelius, L. J., & Okundaye, J. N. (2015). Socio-demographic factors, social support, quality of life, and HIV/AIDS in Ghana. *Journal of Evidence-Informed Social Work, 00*, 1–11. doi: 10.1080/23761407.2015.1018033
- Tuten, M., **Abrefa-Gyan, T.,** Hwang, J., Morris-Compton, D., & Powell, K. H. (2015). Predictors of the use of evidence-based interventions among NASW members. *Journal of Evidence-Informed Social Work, 52*(5), 580-589. doi: 10.1080/23761407.2015.1047109
- Hutton, H. E., McCaul, M. E., Valliant, J., **Abrefa-Gyan, T.,** & Chander G. (2014). Blame It On The Goose: Sex-related alcohol expectancies among African American women attending an urban STI clinic. *Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSS).*
- Abrefa-Gyan, T.,** Barr, J., & Soifer, S. (2011). Virtual organizational development and the history of the internet: A case study of parallel evolution. *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science, 2*(3), 295-301.
- Rice, K., Hwang, J., **Abrefa-Gyan, T.,** & Powell, K. H. (2010). Evidence-based practice questionnaire: A confirmatory factor analysis in a social work sample. *Advances in Social Work, 11*(2), 158-173.
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PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- Abrefa-Gyan, T.**, A Novel Social Care Intervention for Improving the Quality of Life of People Living With HIV/AIDS in Ghana. Abstract accepted for oral presentation at the *International Council for Social Work (ICSW)*, 19th International Conference Zurich, Switzerland: September, 15-16, 2017
- Abrefa-Gyan, T.**, & Amankwaa I. Gender and Children as Moderators of Social Support and Quality of Life among People Living with HIV/AIDS in Ghana." E-Poster presentation at National Conference of Aids Society of India (ASICON), 9th Annual Program Meeting; Eliminating HIV: Progress and Reality, Mumbai, India: October 7, 2016–October 9, 2016.
- Amankwaa, I., & **Abrefa-Gyan, T.** Effectiveness of mobile phone-based interventions for antiretroviral therapy adherence and other outcomes: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Oral presentation at *National Conference of Aids Society of India (ASICON)*, 9th Annual Program Meeting; Eliminating HIV: Progress and Reality, Mumbai, India: October 7, 2016–October 9, 2016.
- Fakunmoju S. B., & **Abrefa-Gyan, T.** Acceptance of rape myths and gender-based violence beliefs and stereotypes in Nigeria. Oral presentation at *Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)*, 62nd Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia: November 6, 2016–November 9, 2016.
- Sawyer, J. & **Abrefa-Gyan, T.** Community Engaged Evaluation: Integrating Photo-Voice and Quantitative Methods for Community Change. Oral presentation at *Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)*, 62nd Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia: November 6, 2016–November 9, 2016.
- Sawyer, J. & **Abrefa-Gyan, T.** Family, photo-voice, and empowerment: A mixed-methods community-based program evaluation. Oral presentation at the *International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry* Annual Conference, May 18-21, 2016 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- Agyei, W. K. A., & **Abrefa-Gyan, T.** Risky sexual behavior and condom use among youth in Botswana. Oral presentation at *Southern Sociological Society* 79th Annual Meeting held at Atlanta, GA, April 13-16, 2016 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Buckhead.
- Abrefa-Gyan, T.**, Wu, L., & Lewis, M.W. Social support and support group among people with HIV/AIDS in Ghana. Oral presentation at 20th Annual Conference Anniversary Celebration of the *Society for Social Work and Research* held in Washington, DC, January 13-17, 2016, at the Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel.
- Abrefa-Gyan, T.** Socio-demographic factors, social support, and quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS in Ghana. Oral presentation at the 2nd *International Conference on HIV, STDs, and STIs*, October 27-29, 2014, at Embassy Suites Hotel, Las Vegas, NV, USA.
- Johnson, K. A. MD, Sacco, M. MD, **Abrefa-Gyan, T. MSW, ABD**, Shilkofsky, N. MD, Romer, L. MD, & Serwint, J. MD (2011). Negotiating unsettling situations in pediatric encounters: A focus group study. Poster presentation at the *Pediatric Academic Societies (PAS)* Annual Meeting, the Hynes Convention Center Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, USA.
- Mkanta, W. N., Lartey, G. K., de Grubb, M. C. M., **Abrefa-Gyan, T.**, Singh, S., & Ansari, H. (2010). Duration of AIDS and its influence on service use for serious mental
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- illness, anxiety and sexual disorders. Oral Presentation at the 138st *American Public Health Association* (APHA) Annual Meeting and Exposition, Denver, CO, November 2010.
- Lartey, G. K., Mkanta, W. N., **Abrefa-Gyan, T.**, Singh, S., Ansari, H. (2010). Racial differences in diagnosis among HIV/AIDS Female Veterans Receiving Care in Vet Affairs Facilities. Oral presentation at the 138st *American Public Health Association* (APHA) Annual Meeting and Exposition, Denver, CO, November 2010.
- Powell, K. H., **Abrefa-Gyan, T.**, Williams, C., Rice, K., & Howell, P. B. (2010). Perceptions and realities in evidence-based interventions: Implications for social work education. Poster presentation at *Council on Social Work Education* (CSWE), 56th Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon: October 14, 2010–October 17, 2010.
- Abrefa-Gyan, Tina** (2010). Evidence-Based Practice: Attitudes and knowledge of social workers across geographic regions. Poster presentation at the fourth Annual Conference for the *Dissemination of Student Research* (Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore) – Friday, May 7, 2010.
- Abrefa-Gyan, T.** (2010). Evidence-Based Practice: Attitudes and knowledge of social workers across geographic regions. Oral presentation at 32nd *Annual Graduate Research Conference* (University of Maryland, Baltimore) –Thursday, April 8, 2010.

GUEST SPEAKER INVITATION

Abrefa-Gyan, T. Invited Distinguished Speaker at the *World Conference on STDs, STIs, & HIV/AIDS*, Vancouver, Canada: July 26-27, 2017.

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATION UNDER REVIEW

Abrefa-Gyan, T. A Novel Social Care Intervention for Improving the Quality of Life of People Living With HIV/AIDS in Ghana. Oral Presentation at the 19th *International Conference on Social Work*, Zurich, Switzerland, September 15-16, 2017.

PEER-REVIEWED MANUSCRIPT UNDER REVIEW

Birorie, C., & **Abrefa-Gyan, T.** Social support, students' well-being, and bachelor's degree attainment in Historically Black Colleges and Universities. *Western Journal of Black Studies*.

PEER-REVIEWED REVISE AND RESUBMIT

- Dushalieva, S., Svoboda, D. V., **Abrefa-Gyan, T.** & Gioia, D. Assessing the role of attitudes, knowledge, and organizational climate in the use of evidence-based practice among NASW members. *Journal of Society for Social Work Research*.
- Mkanta, W., Lartey, G., & **Abrefa-Gyan, T.** Racial differences in major diagnoses and facility visits among female veterans receiving HIV care in the VA health system.

PEER-REVIEWED MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- Abrefa-Gyan, T. (in preparation, 80% complete). Demographic differences in social support and quality of life among people living with HIV/AIDS in Ghana.
- Abrefa-Gyan, T. (in preparation, 50% complete). The effects of religion and spirituality on the quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS in Ghana.
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Abrefa-Gyan, T. & Gioia, D. (in preparation, 60% complete). Factors influencing the adoption of evidence-based practice: A qualitative study.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Awarded

Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program (CADFP). Grant for African-born scholars who reside in the USA or Canada (\$30,000). Renewable each year.

Norfolk State University's Health Disparities Research Grant 2016 (\$5,000).

Norfolk State University Summer 2015 Research Support for Faculty Professional Development Award (\$5,000).

University of Maryland, Baltimore, School of Social Work PhD Program Dissertation Award, June 2012 (\$5,000)

West African Research Association's Fellowships and Grants, June 2011 (\$3,000)
Under Consideration

National Institute of Health (NIH). National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) AIDS-Science Track Award for Research Transition (R03) (\$200,000 for two years).

In Preparation

NIH Fogarty International Center Grant. Increasing access and uptake of HIV testing and counseling (HTC) and appropriate HIV-related services for adolescents in low and middle-income countries (R01) (\$250,000 for up to five years).

Completed but not Submitted

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Grant for strengthening the capacity of the Mozambique Ministry of Health (\$22 million—from 2015-2020).

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND ACTIVITIES

Teaching, Placement, and Research Employment in Higher Education

May 2016-August 2016: Carnegie Fellow, Curriculum Developer, Researcher, and Mentor, Garden City University College, Kumasi, Ghana

June 2008-May 2014: Graduate Research Assistant, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD

July 2010-2014: Consultant, Johns Hopkins University, Qualitative Data Analysis, Baltimore, MD

Professional Employment

Sept. 06-March 07: Salvation Army Homeless Shelter, Housing Monitor/Case Manager, Atlanta, GA

Oct.05-Sept. 06: Hopewell Center, Community Psychiatric Rehabilitation Department
Community Support Worker (MSW, CSW), St. Louis, MO

Internship

Summer 2008: American for Informed Democracy Nonprofit Organization, Baltimore, MD
Spring 2010: Volunteer, Jacques Initiative HIV Support and Counseling Group, Institute of Human Virology, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD
June-Sept. 08: Intern/Mentor, Americans for Informed Democracy (AID), Baltimore, MD
June 05-Aug. 05: Graduate Intern, United Nations Headquarters, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Division for the Advancement of Women (DESA-DAW)
June 04-Jan. 05: Graduate Intern, Neighborhood Council, St. Louis, Missouri (USA)
Jan.-Feb 05: Graduate Intern, C.A.L.L.-4-Life Inc., St. Louis, MO (USA)
August 2003-January 2004: Intern, Social Worker, and Welfare Officer, The Ark Foundation, Ghana (Human right, gender and advocacy-based agency)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Reviewer

- PLoS One Journal, 2017
- AIDS Care, Psychology, Health, and Medicine Journal, 2016
- Journal of Social Work in Disability and Rehabilitation, 2015
- Herald Journal of Geography and Regional Planning, 2015

University Committee

- Admissions Committee, member
- Scholarship Committee, member
- International Studies Campus Advisory Committee, member
- NSU Women's Health Taskforce, member
- Doctoral Committee Member, Fall 2014-Spring 2016
- Compliance Committee Member, Fall 2014-Fall 2015

Doctoral Dissertation Supervision

Yvonne Lewis. The impact of coping resources on the quality of life (QoL) of African American, single mothers who are raising children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Sherry Hopkins. Factors affecting the African American Apostolic Faith Church Clergy's perception of mental health diagnoses and treatment.

Stephanie W. Gore. Examining the relationship between teenage pregnancy status, family environmental factors and parental educational attainment and its impact on female educational outcomes.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Since 2015: Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)

Since 2016: Council of Social Work Education (CSWE)

SOFTWARE/SKILLS

- SAS
- Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS)
- QSR NVivo 10 and Atlas Ti (qualitative softwares)
- Survey Monkey and Qualtrics (survey instrument)
- Ref Works Bibliography Builder
- Blackboard
- Microsoft Office – Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Moodle, Banner Web, Patriot Web, and Colleague UI

