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## EMPLOYMENT

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Assistant Professor, University of Colorado Boulder Department of Women and Gender Studies   International Affairs Program Faculty Fellow, Institute of Behavioral Science Affiliate Appointment Department of Sociology	2016-Present
Assistant Professor, University of Michigan Women's Studies Department	2010-2015
National Institutes of Health Postdoctoral Fellow University of California, San Francisco, Center for AIDS Prevention Studies	2007-2010

## EDUCATION

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University of California, San Francisco, M.S. Global Health	2009
University of Chicago, Ph.D. Sociology Dissertation: <i>Bwaise Town: Masculinity in Urban Uganda in the Age of AIDS</i> Committee: Saskia Sassen (chair), Leslie Salzinger, Jennifer Cole	2007
University of Chicago, M.A. Sociology Thesis: <i>Warriors of the South Side: Race and the Body in the Martial Arts of Black Chicago</i>	1999
University of Michigan, B.S. Cellular and Molecular Biology, Honors	1989

## PUBLICATIONS

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### PEER-REVIEWED BOOKS

Wyrod, Robert. 2016. *AIDS and Masculinity in the African City: Privilege, Inequality, and Modern Manhood*. University of California Press.

- Awarded 2017 American Anthropological Association Society for Medical Anthropology Eileen Basker Memorial Prize, Winner
- Awarded 2017 American Sociological Association Sex and Gender Section Distinguished Book Award, Honorable Mention
- Awarded 2017 American Sociological Association Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Book Award, Honorable Mention
- Reviewed by Fredrik Nyman in *Anthropology & Medicine* 2019
- Reviewed by Tristan Bridges in *American Journal of Sociology* 2018
- Reviewed by Jenny Trinitapoli in *Contemporary Sociology* 2018

- Reviewed by Lesley Doyal in *Medical Anthropology Theory* 2018
- Reviewed by Linda Musariri in *Medical Anthropology Theory* 2018
- Reviewed by Percy Mdunge in *African Journal of AIDS Research* 2018
- Reviewed by Carina Heckert in *City & Society* 2018
- Reviewed by Kari Henquinet in *American Ethnologist* 2017
- Reviewed by Sarah O’Sullivan in *Journal of Modern African Studies* 2017
- Reviewed by Miriam Kyomugasho in *Wagadu: A Journal of Transnational Women’s and Gender Studies* 2017
- Reviewed by Christine Ro in *Environment and Urbanization* 2016
- Reviewed by Centre for Medical Humanities 2016
- Reviewed by Carol Apt in *Choice* 2016
- Media Coverage: Public News Service (U.S. national), *The East African* (East Africa region), *New Vision* (Uganda national), *The Monitor* (Uganda national), *African Arguments*, *La Marea* (Spanish language)

#### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Wyrod, Robert. 2019. “In the General’s Valley: Africa, China, and the Limits of Developmental Pragmatism.” *Sociology of Development*, Volume 5: 174-197.

Wyrod, Robert. 2016. “When Rights Come Home: The Intimate Politics of Women’s Rights in Urban Uganda.” *Humanity*, Volume 7: 47-70.

Wyrod, Robert. 2013. “Dialectics of Gender and Health: The Case of HIV Serodiscordance.” *Sociology of Health & Illness*, Volume 35: 1260-1274.

- Reprinted in *Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Couples with Mixed HIV Status: Beyond Positive/Negative*. Shana Hughes and Asha Person, eds. London: Springer. 2016

Wyrod, Robert. 2011. “Masculinity and the Persistence of AIDS Stigma.” *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, Volume 13: 443-456.

Wyrod, Robert, Katherine Fritz, Willi McFarland et al. 2011. “Beyond Sugar Daddies: Intergenerational Sex and AIDS in Urban Zimbabwe.” *AIDS and Behavior*, Volume 15: 1275-1282.

Fritz, Katherine, Willi McFarland, Robert Wyrod, et al. 2011. “Evaluation of a Peer-Network Based Sexual Risk Reduction Intervention for Men in Beer Halls in Zimbabwe: Results of a Randomized Controlled Trial.” *AIDS and Behavior*, Volume 15: 1732-1744.

Wyrod, Robert. 2008. “Between Women’s Rights and Men’s Authority: Masculinity and Shifting Discourses of Gender Difference in Urban Uganda.” *Gender & Society*, Volume 22: 799-823.

Wyrod, Robert. 2000. “Warriors of the South Side: Race and the Body in the Martial Arts of Black Chicago.” *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, Volume 44: 126-150.

#### PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

Wyrod, Robert. 2013. “Gender and AIDS Stigma.” In Pranee Liamputtong, ed., *Stigma, Discrimination and Living with HIV/AIDS: A Cross-Cultural Perspective*, pp. 39-52. London: Springer.

### BOOK CHAPTERS

Wyrod, Robert. 2006. "The Men of Bwaise." In Adam Jones, ed., *Men of the Global South: A Reader*, pp. 21-28. London: Zed Books.

### BOOK REVIEWS

Wyrod, Robert. 2018. Review of *To be a Man is not a One-Day Job: Masculinity, Money, and Intimacy in Nigeria* by Daniel Jordan Smith. *African Studies Review*, 1-4.

Wyrod, Robert. 2017. Review of *Men at Risk: Masculinity, Heterosexuality, and HIV Prevention* by Shari Dworkin. *Contemporary Sociology*, Volume 46: 425-426.

Wyrod, Robert. 2008. Review of *Pillars of the Nation: Child Citizens and Ugandan National Development* by Kristian E. Cheney. *American Journal of Sociology*, Volume 114: 868-870.

### PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Wyrod, Robert. "The Role of Health in Confronting Toxic Masculinity." London School of Economics *Africa at LSE Blog*. October 2019.

Wyrod, Robert. 2017. "The Trump Effect on Sexual Health in Africa." *Gender & Society Blog*. February 22, 2017.

Wyrod, Robert. 2016. "U.S. Spent Over a Billion Promoting Abstinence to Fight AIDS in Africa. Money Well Spent?" *University of California Press Blog*. July 30, 2016.

Wyrod, Robert. 2014. "Ebola, Women, and the Risk of Care." *Gender & Society Blog*. December 10, 2014.

Wyrod, Robert. 2003. "Does Globalization Inflammate Ethnic Hatred? Review of *World on Fire* by Amy Chua." *The Jakarta Post*. June 15, 2003.

### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Wyrod, Robert. "The Gender Question on China's Second Continent." Under review at *Qualitative Sociology*.

### MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Wyrod, Robert. "Women's Rights and Women's Sexual Health—A Complicated Relationship."

Wyrod, Robert "Whither Community in China-Africa Relations?"

Wyrod, Robert. *Eastern Horizon: Opportunity and Inequality in the Chinese Era of African Development*. Book manuscript in preparation.

## TEACHING

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### Courses Taught at University of Colorado Boulder 2016-present

Feminist Theories  
Gender and Sexuality in Africa  
Gender, Sexuality, and Global Health  
Infections, Inequalities, and International Affairs  
Globalization and Africa  
Student Leadership Practicum  
Global Masculinities (graduate)

### Courses Taught at University of Michigan 2010-2015

The Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic  
Gender, Health and Wellbeing in Africa  
Feminist Thought  
Junior Honors Colloquium  
Approaches to Feminist Scholarship (graduate)

### Courses Taught at University of Chicago 2005-2006

Gender and Sexuality in the Developing World  
Sex, Love and Gender in Africa in the Age of AIDS

### Courses Taught at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda 2004

Masculinity and Ethnographic Methods (graduate)

### PhD Dissertations Supervised, Completed

Jes Matsick, Women's Studies and Psychology, University of Michigan 2016

### PhD Dissertations Supervised, In Progress

Alexis De Coning, Media Studies, CU Boulder

### PhD Comprehensive Exams Supervised, Completed

Hillary Steinberg, Sociology, CU Boulder 2019  
Alexis De Coning, Media Studies, CU Boulder 2019  
Jen Rubin, Women's Studies and Psychology, University of Michigan 2014

### PhD Comprehensive Exams Supervised, In Progress

Tracy Sardone, Sociology, CU Boulder  
Andrew Gutierrez, Sociology, CU Boulder  
Jasmine Suryawan, Sociology, CU Boulder

### Undergraduate Honors Theses Supervised, Completed

Shannon Vyvijal, Sociology, CU Boulder 2019, *summa cum laude*, primary advisor  
Mallory Hale, International Affairs, CU Boulder 2019, *summa cum laude*  
Emma Breitman, Women and Gender Studies, CU Boulder 2019, *summa cum laude*  
Tess Rose, International Affairs, CU Boulder 2018, *summa cum laude*, primary advisor  
Alexis Kantor, Evolutionary Biology, CU Boulder 2018  
Courtney Forehand, Communication, CU Boulder 2018  
Maya Heins, International Affairs, CU Boulder 2017, *summa cum laude*, primary advisor  
Jordan Thomas, International Affairs, CU Boulder 2017, *summa cum laude*, primary advisor  
Derya Senol, International Affairs, CU Boulder 2017, *cum laude*, primary advisor

Cassidy Reeves, Anthropology, CU Boulder 2017

Undergraduate Honors Theses Supervised, In Progress

Caitlin Oakley, International Affairs, CU Boulder  
Alex Nyugen, International Affairs, CU Boulder  
Heidi Harris, International Affairs, CU Boulder  
Ceiturin Thomas, Women and Gender Studies, CU Boulder

Internship Supervision

Ceiteirein Thomas, Women and Gender Studies 2019  
Oriana Richmond, Women and Gender Studies 2017

**FUNDING**

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External Grants and Fellowships

National Institutes of Health, National Research Service Award Postdoctoral Fellowship	2007-10
National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$19,560)	2004
Paul Robeson Fund for Independent Media, Documentary Film Production Grant (\$8,000)	2002

Internal Grants

University of Colorado Boulder, Graduate Committee on the Arts and Humanities (\$3500)	2018
University of Colorado Boulder, Arts & Sciences Fund for Excellence (\$1500)	2018
University of Colorado Boulder, Center to Advance Research in the Social Sciences (\$2500)	2017
University of Michigan, Office of Research (\$7000)	2015
University of Michigan, African Studies Center (\$3000)	2015
University of Michigan, Institute for Research on Women & Gender (\$10,000)	2015
University of Michigan, Office of Research, Book Publication Subvention (\$500)	2014
U. of California San Francisco, Global Health Sciences, Research Grant (\$8000)	2009
University of Chicago, Doolittle-Harrison Travel Grant (\$1500)	2005
University of Chicago, Overseas Dissertation Research Grant (\$3500)	2003

External Grants Under Review

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (20190410-FEL)	Submitted April 2019
National Science Foundation Grant, Sociology Program (PD 98-1331)	Submitted August 2019

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

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American Anthropological Association Society for Medical Anthropology Eileen Basker Memorial Prize, Winner	2017
American Sociological Association Sex and Gender Section Distinguished Book Award, Honorable Mention	2017
American Sociological Association Human Rights Section Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Book Award, Honorable Mention	2017
University of Chicago Center for Gender Studies Prize Lectureship	2006
University of Chicago Department of Sociology Robert E. Park Memorial Lectureship	2005
University of Chicago Honors Distinction for Sexuality Special Field Exam	2002

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### Invited Lectures

- “Gender and the Precarity of China-Led Development in Africa.” CU Boulder Institute of Behavioral Science and the Program on International Development. October 21, 2019.
- “Women’s Rights and Women’s Sexual Health—A Complicated Relationship.” University of Colorado Boulder Population Center, Institute of Behavioral Science. February 15, 2018.
- “Privilege in a Plague: AIDS and the Remaking of Masculinity in Africa.” Invited talk, The College of William & Mary, Department of Sociology. Williamsburg, VA. January 30, 2015.
- “Masculinity and the Intimate Politics of Human Rights in Africa.” Penn State University, Department of Women’s Studies and the African Studies Program. State College, PA. February 3, 2014.
- “Work and the Production of Masculinity in an African Slum.” University of Virginia, Department of Sociology. Charlottesville, VA. April 21, 2011.
- “AIDS, Masculinity, and the Reconfiguration of Intimate Relationships: A View from Urban Uganda.” International Center for Research on Women. Washington D.C. June 11, 2010.
- “AIDS, Masculinity, and the Reconfiguration of Intimate Relationships: A View from Urban Uganda.” University of Michigan, Women’s Studies Department. Ann Arbor, MI. January 11, 2010.
- “Masculinity, Intimate Relationships, and AIDS Prevention in Uganda.” Working Group on the Social and Political Aspects of AIDS, Makerere University. Kampala, Uganda. May 5, 2009.

### Papers Presented at Professional Meetings and Conferences

- “African Gender Relations in the New Era of Chinese Development.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference. NY, NY. August 13, 2019.
- “Women’s Rights and Women’s Sexual Health—A Complicated Relationship.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference Pre-Conference Social Science and Social Justice: Global Health Research 40 Years since the Start of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic. NY, NY. August 9, 2019.
- “China, Africa, and the Limits of Developmental Pragmatism.” Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. China-Africa Conference. Washington DC. April 19, 2018.
- Featured Author, Author-Meets-Critic Panel on Robert Wyrod’s *AIDS and Masculinity in the African City: Privilege, Inequality, and Modern Manhood*. African Studies Association. Chicago, IL. November 18, 2017.
- “The Gender Question on China’s Second Continent.” American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada. August 12, 2017.
- “In the General’s Valley: China and the New Politics of African Development.” American Sociological Association. Seattle, WA. August 21, 2016.

- “When Rights Come Home: The Intimate Politics of Women’s Rights in Urban Uganda and the Implications for Health and Human Rights.” University of North Carolina conference “Legislating Sexuality and Gender in Africa.” Chapel Hill, NC. April 15, 2016.
- “Beyond Religion and Realpolitik: Homosexuality, Masculinity, and Gender Tensions in Uganda.” American Anthropological Association. Washington D.C. December 5, 2014.
- “When Rights Come Home: Intimate Relationships and the Micro-politics of Rights Discourse in Urban Uganda.” African Studies Association. Philadelphia, PA. December 1, 2012.
- “Masculinity and the Persistence of AIDS Stigma.” American Sociological Association. Las Vegas, NV. August 8, 2011.
- “Intimate Relationships, Power Dynamics, and AIDS Prevention in Uganda.” American Anthropological Association. Philadelphia, PA. December 3, 2009.
- “Providing in Poverty: Masculinity and Work in an African Slum.” American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA. August 8, 2009.
- “From Denial to Assimilation: AIDS Stigma and the Contours of Masculinity in Urban Uganda.” American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, CA. November 19, 2008.
- “Between Women’s Rights and Men’s Authority: Shifting Discourses of Gender Difference and Equality in Urban Uganda.” African Studies Association. New York, NY. October 18, 2007.
- “The Boundaries of Monogamy: Masculinity and Sexuality in Urban Uganda.” American Sociological Association. New York, NY. August 11, 2007.
- “Masculinity in Urban Uganda in the Age of AIDS.” American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada. August 14, 2006.
- “Being a Man in Bwaise Town.” American Anthropological Association. Washington, D.C. December 2, 2005.

#### Activities at Professional Meetings and Conferences

- Discussant, Development and Underdevelopment in the Global South Conference. University of Colorado Boulder. Boulder, CO. April 5, 2019.
- Invited Critic, Author-Meets-Critic Panel on Sanyu Mojola's *Love, Money, and HIV: Becoming a Modern African Woman in the Time of AIDS*. American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada. August 14, 2017.
- Organizer and Presider, American Sociological Association, two paper panels on the Social Dimensions of AIDS. Denver, CO. August 19, 2012.
- Organizer, American Anthropological Association, African Masculinities Panel. Washington D.C. November 21, 2005.
- Co-Organizer, Chicago Ethnography Conference, University of Chicago. Chicago, IL. June 2, 2000.

## Public Presentations

“In the General’s Valley: China, Africa, and the Limits of Developmental Pragmatism.” University of Colorado Boulder Center for Asian Studies. October 2, 2018.

“From the Bench to the Field.” Miramontes Arts & Sciences Program. University of Colorado Boulder. April 11, 2018.

“Anthropology versus Sociology.” Anthropology Department Student Forum. University of Colorado Boulder. March 14, 2018.

Keynote Address, *AIDS and Masculinity in the African City* Book Launch Conference. Kampala, Uganda. August 1, 2017.

“Qualitative Methods and Health Research.” University of Colorado Boulder Population Health Working Group, Institute of Behavioral Science. March 3, 2017.

## **MEDIA INTERVIEWS**

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“A Cautionary Lesson about Chinese Manufacturing in Africa.” Interview with Eric Olander. *The China Africa Project*. October 25, 2019.

<https://chinaafricaproject.com/podcasts/a-cautionary-lesson-about-chinese-manufacturing-in-africa/>

“Why Masculine Sexual Privilege Persists in Uganda.” Interview with Bamaturaki Musinguzi. *The Monitor*. May 19, 2019.

<https://www.monitor.co.ug/News/National/Why-masculine-sexual-privilege-persists-Uganda/688334-5121118-cljy9tz/index.html>

“Toxic Masculinity and the Spread of HIV in Uganda.” Interview with Alice McCool. *African Arguments*. May 8, 2018. Reprinted in Uganda daily newspaper *New Vision*. July 23, 2018.

<https://africanarguments.org/2018/05/08/toxic-masculinity-spread-hiv-uganda/?fbclid=IwAR0jT-6MTHB4XkWX0lMUdEQcUPN-SMgZfPNf3cQwv79sFE7-mPcV0CKnlS4>

“Las Mujeres Kenianas que Vencieron al Estigma del VIH [Kenyan Women Who Beat the Stigma of HIV].” Interview with Pablo Orosa. *LaMerea*. December 2018.

<https://www.lamarea.com/2019/04/21/las-mujeres-kenianas-que-vencieron-al-estigma-del-vih/>

“Tracking Progress on World AIDS Day.” Interview with Eric Galatas. *Public News Service* (broadcast nationally). December 2017.

<https://www.publicnewsservice.org/2017-12-01/health-issues/tracking-progress-on-world-aids-day/a60490-1>

“Masculinity and HIV in Uganda.” Interview with Bamaturaki Musinguzi. *The East African*. November 25, 2017.

<https://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/magazine/Masculinity-and-HIV-in-Uganda-/434746-4201932-w65nydz/index.html>

“Wyrod Calls for Male Involvement in HIV Testing in Uganda.” Interview with Vivian Agaba. *New Vision*. August 4, 2017.

[https://www.newvision.co.ug/new\\_vision/news/1459219/prof-wyrod-calls-male-involvement-hiv-aids-testing-uganda](https://www.newvision.co.ug/new_vision/news/1459219/prof-wyrod-calls-male-involvement-hiv-aids-testing-uganda)



“Reformed ‘Shoe Thief’ Retells His Turning Point.” Interview with Vivian Agaba. *New Vision*. August 4, 2017.

[https://www.newvision.co.ug/new\\_vision/news/1459205/reformed-shoe-thief-retells](https://www.newvision.co.ug/new_vision/news/1459205/reformed-shoe-thief-retells)

## **FILMS (SELECTED)**

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*South Side Warriors* 2003

Director, Camera, Editor

Documentary examines how the Asian martial arts have been adapted by African-Americans on Chicago’s South Side to cope with life in some of America’s poorest communities.

Broadcast nationally on Free Speech TV.

*Maxwell Street Blues* 2000

Co-director, Camera, Editor

Documentary chronicles the struggle to save Chicago’s Maxwell Street community, the birthplace of the electric blues.

Broadcast on Chicago Public Television (WTTW), screened in several U.S. film festivals.

## **SERVICE**

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### Profession

American Anthropological Association, Society for Medical Anthropology Book Award Committee 2018 & 2019

American Anthropological Association, Society for Medical Anthropology Nominations Committee 2018

American Sociological Association, Sociology of Development Section Article Award Committee 2017

American Sociological Association, Sex and Gender Section Article Award Committee 2013

### Editorial Board

*American Journal of Sociology*, Book Review Editorial Board 2001-02

### Grant Peer Reviewer

National Science Foundation (Division of Social and Economic Sciences and Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences) 2011, 13, 15

### Book Peer Reviewer

University of Chicago Press

University of California Press

### Article Peer Reviewer

*Africa*

*AIDS Education and Prevention*

*American Journal of Sociology*

*Anthropological Quarterly* (2)

*Archives of Sexual Behavior* (2)

*Culture, Health & Sexuality* (5)

*Current Sociology*

*Gender & Society* (5)

*Global Public Health* (3)

*Journal of the International AIDS Society*  
*Journal of Lesbian Studies*  
*Journal of Men's Studies*  
*Journal of Modern African Studies*  
*Law & Society Review*  
*Medical Anthropology Quarterly*  
*Men and Masculinities* (3)  
*Qualitative Sociology* (3)  
*Social Forces*  
*Social Problems*  
*Social Science & Medicine* (3)  
*Sociology of Health & Illness* (4)

University and College

Arts & Sciences Honors Council representative. Fall 2019-present.

Department and Program

WGST-Program in Jewish Studies Faculty Search Committee, 2018-2019  
WGST Honors Coordinator, Fall 2019-present  
WGST Merit Review Committee, 2018  
WGST Graduate Committee, 2016-2017  
WGST Speakers Committee, 2017-2018  
WGST Activist-in-Residence Event Organizer 2016  
International Affairs Executive Committee, 2016-present  
International Affairs Merit Review Committee, 2016-present  
International Affairs, ARPAC Committee, Fall 2019-Spring 2020  
International Affairs-Geography Faculty Search Committee, 2016-2017  
International Affairs Study Abroad Student Focus Group, Organizer 2017

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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Luganda, advanced  
Bahasa Indonesia, intermediate