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SUMMARY

Expertise

Evolutionary Demography
Sexual and Reproductive
Behavior
Human Behavioral Ecology

Skills/Training

Event History Analysis
Multilevel Modeling
Demographic Methods
Latent Class Analysis

Technology

STATA (advanced)
MLwIN
MPlus
SPSS
Microsoft Office

EDUCATION & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Ph.D. (expected 09/2014), Epidemiology and Population Health

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

London, UK; 2011-present

Dissertation: Kin and Female Fertility in High Income Countries: Interactions with Paternal Investments and Socioeconomic Status

- Analyzing data from high-income countries (GGS & MCS data) in STATA, MPlus, and MLwIN
- Presented research at 8 professional conferences; 2 papers accepted for publication in peer-reviewed journals
- ERC-funded on the Family Matters Project (PI Rebecca Sear)

Research Consultant

Marie Stopes International

London, UK; 2013-present

- Cleaning and analyzing data from Bangladesh on medications for abortions collected by MSI with the intention of reducing harm among women
- Producing publication quality tables and graphs for peer-reviewed journal submissions and internal MSI briefs

M.Sc. (Distinction), Human Behavior and Evolution

University College London

London, UK; 2009-2010

Dissertation: Kin Residency, Sexual Conflict and Lateral Pressures on Fertility Desires, Behaviors and Outcomes in Tanzania

- Analyzed DHS data using regression based methods in SPSS

B.A. (Summa cum laude), Anthropology

Beloit College

Beloit, USA; 2004-2008

Honors Thesis: The End of Objectivity: The Application of Anthropology to Human Rights

- Conducted surveys and interviews with academic anthropologists
- Presented results at the Beloit College Spring Symposium (2008)
- Funded by the Mouat and Whiteford Endowed Research Fund

Ecology and Human Origins Program

University of Dar es Salaam

Dar es Salaam, TZ; 2006

Research: Incidence of Scoliosis in Primary School Children of the Endulen Area in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Tanzania

- Screened over 400 school children for scoliosis, conducted interviews with school employees
- Presented results at Endulen Hospital, Tanzania to hospital staff and village leaders

 OTHER EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

- **Tutor**, for *Statistics for Epidemiology and Population Health*, LSHTM, London, UK (2013-2014); led practicals for STEPH and conducted follow up study sessions for student struggling in their classes
- **Committee Member**, *London Evolutionary Research Network*, London, UK (2013); organized three talks, one debate and one conference for London-area evolutionary researchers
- **Tutor**, *East African Community Services*, Seattle, USA (2009); tutored Seattle-area grade-school children from Somalia in all subjects
- **Volunteer**, *NARAL Pro-Choice Washington*, Seattle, USA (2002-2007); updated member data base, sent letters, made phone calls and attended pro-choice events
- **Teaching Assistant**, for *The Human Animal*, Beloit College (2007); taught two lectures, led study groups
- **Professional Organization Member**, Human Behavior and Evolution Society; European Human Behavior and Evolution Association; British Society of Population Studies
- **Reviewer**, Behavioral Ecology

 AWARDS AND FUNDING

Academic Awards

- **James E. Lockwood Award for Excellence in Anthropology**, Beloit College Anthropology Department; 2008
- **Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society**, Beta of Wisconsin Chapter, Beloit, WI, USA; elected into PBK in 2008
- **Dean's List**, Beloit College, Beloit, WI, USA; 2004-2008
- **Order of Omega**, Greek Leadership Honor Society; inducted 2007
- **Rho Lambda**, National Sorority Leadership Recognition Society; inducted 2007; President (2007-2008)

Funding

- Studentship. Rebecca Sear (PI). *Family Matters: Intergenerational influences on fertility*. European Research Council; 2011-2014
 - Competitive scholarship covering tuition, living stipend, materials and training for three years (grant number: ERC StG-2010 263760-FAMMAT)
- Mouat and Whiteford Endowed Research Fund, Beloit College Anthropology Department, Beloit, WI, USA; 2007
 - Competitive grant awarded for funding undergraduate honors thesis research
- Presidential Scholar, Beloit College, Beloit, WI, USA; 2004-2008
 - \$50,000 competitive scholarship awarded for undergraduate studies based on academic achievement and community involvement

 PUBLICATIONS

Sheppard, P., **Schaffnit, S. B.**, Garcia, J. R., & Sear, R. (2014). Fostering relations: first sex and marital timings for children raised by kin and non-kin carers. *Evolution and Human Behavior*, 35(3), 161–168.
doi:10.1016/j.evolhumbehav.2013.12.002

Schaffnit, S.B. & Sear, R. Wealth modifies relationships between kin and women's fertility in high-income countries. *Behavioral Ecology* (2014)

Reiss, Kate, **Susan Schaffnit**, Saiful Islam Khan, Munnaf Sadekin, Dr. Golam Rasul, Sally Dijkerman, and Thoai D. Ngo. Using a call centre to support women and providers in the provision and uptake of misoprostol for menstrual regulation via pharmacies in Bangladesh: a harm reduction approach. (in prep for *International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics*)

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Schaffnit & Sear (May 2014) *Does kin support influence the timing of 2nd births in the UK? The role of fertility intentions*. Poster presented at the Population Association of America. Boston, United States.
- Schaffnit & Sear (Apr. 2014) *Kin effects on women's 2nd birth timings in the UK: the role of fertility intentions*. Paper presented at the European Behaviour and Evolution Association. Bristol, United Kingdom.
- Schaffnit & Sear (Feb. 2014) *Modifiers of kin effects on women's fertility in the UK*. Paper presented at Cooperation and Conflict in the Family. Sydney, Australia.
- Schaffnit*, Sheppard*, Garcia & Sear (Sep. 2013) *Fostering Relations: timings of first sex and marriage for children raised by kin and non-kin carers*. Paper presented at the the British Society of Population Studies. Swansea, United Kingdom.
- Schaffnit*, Sheppard*, Garcia & Sear (Jul. 2013) *Fostering Relations: timings of first sex and marriage for children raised by kin and non-kin carers*. Paper presented at the Human Behavior and Evolution Society. Miami, United States.
- Schaffnit & Sear (Mar. 2013) *Kin proximity and women's fitness in high income countries: testing the predictions of the cooperative breeding and local resource competition models*. Paper presented at the European Behaviour and Evolution Association. Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- Schaffnit & Sear. (Sep. 2012) *Kin and Partner Effects on Women's Fertility in the Developed World: interactions with socioeconomic status*. Paper presented at the British Society of Population Studies. Nottingham, United Kingdom.
- Schaffnit & Sear. (Jan. 2012) *Kin and Female Fertility in the Developed World: interactions with paternal investment and socioeconomic status*. Poster presented at Centre for Behavior and Evolution. Newcastle, United Kingdom.

Other conferences:

- *London Evolutionary Research Network 2013*; London, United Kingdom (conference organizer)
- *International Union for the Scientific Study of Population 2013*; Busan, South Korea (paper presented by supervisor)
- *European Human Behaviour and Evolution Association 2012*; Durham, United Kingdom (volunteer/attendee)
- *American Anthropological Association 2007*; Washington D.C., United States (attendee; funded to attend by undergraduate research grant)

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