

Gender Equality Solutions

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A global leader in research, programs and advocacy to advance gender equality and the health, rights and meaningful engagement of girls, women and young people. A passionate and strategic thinker and policy expert with nearly three decades of experience in civil society, philanthropy and government, offering strong advocacy, research utilization, grantmaking and capacity building skills and vast experience in designing, evaluating and managing research, programs and policies. Deep experience advising and collaborating with non-governmental, bilateral and multilateral agencies, foundations, the media and governments on issues related to adolescents, sexual and reproductive health, population and gender equality. *Profiled by The Lancet* for a lifelong commitment to gender equity and youth engagement.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Principal and Owner, Gender Equality Solutions, LLC, Falls Church, VA. 2017-present.

Provide strategic advisory and technical assistance services to donors, governments, non-governmental organizations, multilateral institutions and others to advance gender equality and adolescent health and wellbeing globally through programs, policies, strategies and investments. Work includes synthesizing evidence; reviewing grant portfolios; evaluating grant proposals and managing grants; writing briefs, talking points, articles, proposals and reports; conducting interviews; developing and delivering presentations; organizing and facilitating meetings, trainings, workshops and webinars; and advising on integrating gender in programs, policies and strategies. Clients have included Girls Not Brides, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Grand Challenges Canada, the Overseas Development Institute, the Girls First Fund, the University of California at Berkeley/UNICEF, University of Melbourne, Georgetown University, and the Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing, among others.

Senior Director, Global Health, Youth and Development, International Center for Research on Women, Washington, DC. 2012-2017.

Led a robust research and advocacy portfolio and team of experts working on various issues at the intersections between population, development, and women's and youth empowerment, including gender and sexual and reproductive health and rights, child marriage, adolescent development, youth leadership, and fertility and demographics. Directed and/or served as a Senior Technical Advisor on a number of high-profile research and advocacy projects funded by various donors, including USAID, the World Bank, DFID, and the Gates, Hewlett and Packard Foundations, among others. Managed and grew the portfolio's research, advocacy, communications and program and business development work. Acted as a spokesperson for the organization, liaised with a high-level board of directors and served on the senior management team.

Vice President, Global Health, Public Health Institute, Washington, DC. 2010-2012.

Created a new Global Health Department and established a Washington, DC office for a \$100 million/year, 620-person non-profit organization. Designed and implemented a strategic plan that built

the capacity of the organization to expand its global health engagement through research, programmatic and policy work. Acted as the organization's spokesperson and liaison on global health issues with governments, the media, federal agencies, foundations, non-profit organizations, universities and others. Supervised 15 principal investigators and project directors and additional staff toward an ambitious organizational vision. Facilitated collaboration and information-sharing among a diverse range of global health programs and professionals, managed global health advocacy efforts, and recruited new staff and projects to join the organization. Led writing and speaking engagements on a range of global health issues. Engaged with the board of directors and served on the organization's senior management team.

Senior Program Officer, The Summit Foundation, Washington, DC. 2001- 2010.

Directed the foundation's Global Population and Youth Leadership Program. Designed and implemented grantmaking strategies to mobilize political and financial support and resources for sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) in low and middle-income countries, as well as for targeted adolescent SRHR programs in Central America. Researched, developed, funded and evaluated projects to advance SRHR through advocacy, service delivery and other strategies. Developed and maintained partnerships with a diverse range of non-governmental organizations from the global North and South, as well as with private, public, bilateral and multilateral donor agencies. Served as liaison with a ten-member Board of Directors and with the reproductive health and rights community.

Chair, Funders Network on Population, Reproductive Health & Rights, 2007-2009.

Oversaw the functions of the Network to ensure the efficient and effective coordination of grantmaking and advocacy strategies across some 60 public and private foundations, which collectively invest over \$1.1 billion annually in the field. Led the organization's strategic planning efforts and supervised the implementation of its \$600,000 budget and the operations of its three full-time staff and 11-member Board of Directors.

Program Officer, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, United States Department of State, Washington, DC. 1998-2001.

Analyzed international, regional and country level population and reproductive health programs. Developed recommendations for senior officials, engaged in public outreach activities, coordinated and led interagency meetings, and worked closely with the U.S. Agency for International Development, non-governmental and international organizations, including UNFPA, to advance the role of the United States as a global leader on population, reproductive health and women's rights. Developed, monitored and evaluated reproductive health and refugee assistance programs for the U.S. government and international and non-governmental organizations. Served as the U.S. Officer-in-Charge for the five-year review of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD+5), including as an official delegate to UN negotiations, and supported the five-year review of the Beijing Women's Conference.

Special Assistant, Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs Tim Wirth, United States Department of State, Washington, DC. 1997-1998.

Wrote press guidance and speeches and served as a liaison to the media and non-governmental organizations. Oversaw the Under Secretary's relationships with the Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; and liaised with the Office of International Women's Issues. Advanced the status of science and health issues by advising senior officials, developing and implementing a media strategy and initiating a National Academies of Science study on the status of science and health at State.

Marketing Director, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Moffett Federal Airfield, CA. 1994-1997.

Directed marketing and public affairs activities at the former Naval Air Station. Wrote and implemented strategic marketing and outreach plans. Supervised public affairs consultants and a team of engineers to undertake an environmental impact assessment. Acted as a spokesperson for NASA, provided written and oral presentations for the media and at public hearings, and negotiated legal and policy agreements with local, state and federal government officials.

International Relations Specialist, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC. 1992-1994.

Enabled NASA's cooperative activities with European and former Soviet nations through research, advising government and industry experts, writing and negotiating international agreements and coordinating plans with various government agencies. Represented NASA in global science and technology negotiations.

Legislative Fellow, United States Senator Joseph R. Biden (D-DE), Washington, DC. Winter, 1993.

Presidential Management Fellow on short-term assignment from NASA. Advised the senator on foreign policy, national security and trade issues. Wrote comprehensive reports and statements on foreign affairs and defense issues for committee hearings, constituent meetings and press conferences. Met with and provided briefings to constituents.

Research Assistant to Professor Madeleine Albright, Georgetown University and the Center for National Policy, Washington, DC. 1991-1992.

Collected and analyzed information on politics in Europe and the former Soviet Union for the professor's research projects. Prepared class materials and graded student papers. Coordinated a project at the Center reviewing Europe-related programs at U.S. research organizations.

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND MEMBERSHIPS

George Washington University, Washington, DC. PhD in Gender and Social Policy, Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration. 2011. Dissertation titled "[Influences on U.S. International Population and Reproductive Health Policy.](#)"

Georgetown University, Washington, DC. Master of Science in Foreign Service, with a focus on United States Foreign Policy. 1992.

University of California, Davis, CA. Bachelor of Arts in International Relations. 1990.

- Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health. (Residential program in Entebbe, Uganda). *Certificate in Public Health in Complex Emergencies*. 2000.
- President Management Fellowship/Internship, 1992-1994.
- Proficient in oral and written Spanish.
- Trained in Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research, Gender Programming, Monitoring and Evaluation, Budgeting, Strategic Planning, Presentation and Communication Skills, Disaster Response, Diversity, Ethics, Management and Marketing.
- Interned for Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), ABC News *Nightline* and the Fund for Peace, and managed successful campaigns for a member of the California State Assembly and Yolo County (CA) Board of Supervisors.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Efevbera, Y., Haj-Ahmed, J., Lai, J., Hainsworth, G., Levy, M., Sirivansanti, N., Winnie, A., Zurak, M., & **Petroni, S.** (2020). Multisectoral Programming for Adolescent Health and Well-being in Sub-Saharan Africa-Insights from a Symposium Hosted by UNICEF and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. *The Journal of Adolescent Health*, 67(1), 24–25.
- Juan, C., Edmeades, J., **Petroni, S.**, Kapungu, C., et al. (2019 December). [Associations between mental distress, poly-victimisation, and gender attitudes among adolescent girls in Cambodia and Haiti: an analysis of Violence Against Children surveys](#), *Journal of Child & Adolescent Mental Health*, 31:3, 201-213.
- Petroni, S.**, Yates, R., Siddiqi, M., Luo, C. et al. (2019, June). [Understanding the Relationships between HIV and Child Marriage: Conclusions from an Expert Consultation](#). *Journal of Adolescent Health*. Volume 64, Issue 6, Pages 694-696.
- Skinner, M., Catalano, R., Alvarado, G., Kapungu, C., **Petroni, S.** et al. (2019, May). [Positive Youth Development Programs in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: A conceptual framework and systematic review of efficacy](#). *Journal of Adolescent Health*.
- Petroni, S.**, Das, M., Sawyer, S. (2019, April). [Protection versus Rights: The Age of Marriage versus Age of Sexual Consent Challenge](#). *Lancet Child and Adolescent Health*. Volume 3, Issue 4, Pages 274-280.
- Petroni, S.** and Ngo, T. (2018, December). [Stemming HIV amongst Adolescents: Understanding Gender and Modes of Transmission](#). *The Lancet*. Volume 392, Issue 10162, Pages 2335-2336.
- Patton, G., Darmstadt, G., **Petroni, S.** and Sawyer, S. (2018, March). [A Gender Lens on the Health and Well-being of Young Males](#). *Journal of Adolescent Health*. Volume 62, Issue 3, Supplement, Pages S6–S8.
- Kapungu, C., **Petroni, S.**, Allen, N. et al. (2017, November 27). [Gendered Influences on Adolescent Mental Health in Low-and Middle-Income Countries: Recommendations from an Expert Convening](#). *Lancet Child and Adolescent Health*. Volume 2, Pages 86-86.
- Petroni, S.**, Steinhaus, M., Stevanovic, N., Stobenau, K., Gregowski, A. (2017, October). [New Findings on Child Marriage in Sub-Saharan Africa](#). *Annals of Global Health*. Volume 83, No. 5–6, 781-790.
- Kapungu, C. and **Petroni, S.** (2017, August). [Understanding and Tackling the Gendered Drivers of Poor Adolescent Mental Health](#). Washington, DC: International Center for Research on Women.
- Wodon, Q., C. Male, A. Nayihouba, A. Onagoruwa, A. Savadogo, A. Yedan, J. Edmeades, A. Kes, N. John, L. Murithi, M. Steinhaus and **S. Petroni** (2017, June). [Economic Impacts of Child Marriage: Global Synthesis Report](#), Washington, DC: The World Bank and International Center for Research on Women. (See <https://www.icrw.org/publications/economic-impacts-child-marriage/> for related publications.)
- Petroni, S.** and Wodon, Q. (2017, June). [The rippling economic impacts of child marriage](#). *Medium* blog.
- Patton, G., et al. (2016, May). [Our Future: A Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing](#), *The Lancet*. Volume 387, Issue 10036, 2423 – 2478.
- Mokdad, A., et al. (2016, May). [Young People’s Health from 1990 to 2013: Global Burden of Diseases, Injuries, and Risk Factors](#), *The Lancet*. Volume 387, Issue 10036, 2383-401.
- Petroni, S.**, Patton, G. and Patel, V. (2015, November). [Why is Suicide The Leading Killer of Adolescent Girls?](#) *The Lancet*. Volume 386, Issue 10008, 2031 – 2032.
- Wodon, Q. and **Petroni, S.** (2015, November), [The hefty price of child marriage](#), Devex.
- Parsons, J., Edmeades, J., Kes, A., **Petroni, S.**, Sexton, M. & Wodon, Q. (2015). [Economic Impacts of Child Marriage: A Review of the Literature](#), *The Review of Faith & International Affairs*.

- Petroni, S.** (2014, September). [Suicide, not maternal mortality, now leading killer of adolescent girls](#), *Trust Women Thomson Reuters* and *Ms. Magazine*.
- Cortez, R., Hinson, L. & **Petroni, S.** (2014). [Adolescent sexual and reproductive health in Dhaka's slums, Bangladesh](#). Health, Nutrition and Population Global Practice Knowledge Brief. Washington, DC; World Bank Group.
- Glinski, A. M., Sexton, M., & **Petroni, S.** (2014). [Adolescents and Family Planning: What the Evidence Shows](#). Washington, DC: International Center for Research on Women.
- Glinski, A. M., Sexton, M., & **Petroni, S.** (2014). [Understanding the Adolescent Family Planning Evidence Base](#). Washington, DC: International Center for Research on Women.
- Petroni, S.** (2014). [Advancing Reproductive Health and Rights Insights from Congressional Debates on the Mexico City Policy](#). Washington, DC: International Center for Research on Women.
- Petroni, S.** (2014, September). [Changing the World, One Girl at a Time](#). *Ms.Blog*.
- Petroni, S.** (2014, July). [Family Planning for Adolescents: The Missing Ingredient?](#) *Trust Women Thomson Reuters*.
- Petroni, S.** (2014, August). [Women Want the Global Gag Rule Gone for Good](#). *Ms. Blog*.
- Rudy, S. & **Petroni, S.** (2014). Careers in Public Health, Educational, and Environmental NGOs. In L.E.Cressey, B. J. Helmer, & J. E. Steffensen (Eds.), [Careers in International Affairs](#) (9th ed., pp. 148-156). Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press.
- Warner, A., Hollingworth, G., Thompson, L., **Petroni, S.**, Sexton, M., Song, J., Khadar, J., & Jennings, K. (2013). [I Know. I Want. I Dream. Girls' Insights for Building a Better World](#). Washington, DC: International Center for Research on Women and 2CV.
- Petroni, S.** & Fritz, K. (2013). [Improving the Health of Women and Adolescent Girls: An Unfinished Agenda](#). Expert Paper No. 2013/12. New York, NY: Population Division, United Nations.
- Petroni, S.** (2013, May). [Adolescent Girls Are Critical to the Post-2015 Agenda](#). *Trust Women Thomson Reuters*.
- Petroni, S.** & Waters, M. (2012, December). [Empowering Youth to Own Their Futures](#). Global Post.
- Petroni, S.** (2012). [Seven Billion and 31 Gigatons](#), *Contraception*, 85(6), 523-526.
- Petroni, S.** (2011, Summer). [7 Billion Reasons](#), *Ms. Magazine*.
- Petroni, S.** & Shields, W. (2011). [International Reproductive Health Still Worth the Investment](#). *Contraception*, 83(6), 491-494
- Petroni, S.** (2011). [Historical and Current Influences on United States International Family Planning Policy](#). *Journal of Women, Politics and Policy*, 32(1), 28-51.
- Petroni, S.** (2009). Rethinking U.S. Policy. In L. Mazur (Ed.), *A Pivotal Moment: Population, Justice and the Environmental Challenge* (pp. 276-291). Washington, DC: Island Press.
- Petroni, S.** (2009). [Policy Review: Thoughts on Addressing Population and Climate Change in a Just and Ethical Manner](#). *Population and Environment*, 30(6), 275-289
- Petroni, S.** (2009, September). [The Decline in Funding for Family Planning: A response to Bongaarts and Sinding](#). *International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, 35 (3), 153.
- Petroni, S.** & Skuster, P. (2008). [The Exportation of Ideology: United States International Reproductive Health Policy](#). *Human Rights*, 35(1).

Petroni, S. (2008). [An Ethical Approach to Population and Climate Change](#). *Environmental Change and Security Program Report*, 13, 57-63

Petroni, S. (2008, Winter). Hand in Hand: It's Crucial to Align the Domestic and Global Family Planning Movements, *Ms. Magazine*. (Also in *Women's Health: Readings on Social, Economic, and Political Issues*, 5th Ed. Kendall Hunt Publishing, Summer, 2008.)

Petroni, S. (2007, December). Leveraging and Measuring: How A Small Foundation Can Push a Global Agenda. *Alliance Magazine Online*.

Appeared in print, radio and television on [Al Jazeera](#), [BBC](#), [BBC Canada](#), [National Public Radio](#), [The Telegraph](#), [The Guardian](#), [CCTV](#), [Time Magazine](#), [Ms. Magazine](#), [Devex](#), [New Security Beat](#) and more. Published letters to the editor regarding population, reproductive health and rights issues in the *Washington Post*, *Miami Herald*, *Syracuse Post-Standard*, *Detroit Free-Press*, *Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star*, *Winchester Star* and *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND SPEECHES

Petroni, S. --- (2019, June). *Power and relationship dynamics in child, early and forced marriage* (with Margaret Greene). Global Women's Institute, George Washington University.

--- (2019, May). Facilitator and presenter. *From Learning to Action: Advancing Multisectoral Programming for Adolescent Health and Well-being in Sub-Saharan Africa*, UNICEF-Gates Foundation Adolescent Working Group Symposium, Dakar, Senegal

--- (2019, May). Facilitator. *Learning Collaborative Summit on Social Norms Research and Practice*, Georgetown University Institute of Reproductive Health. Washington, DC.

--- (2019, May). Facilitator. *Do Social Norms Matter for Adolescents and Family Planning?* A Launch Event for the Special Supplement in the Journal of Adolescent Health. Washington, DC.

--- (2019, February). *Advancing Learning in Gender Norms*. Building health systems that transform gender norms, Nairobi, Kenya.

--- (2019, January). *Global Evidence Regarding Social Norms and Child Marriage*. Convening on Social Norms and Child Marriage in India, Delhi, India.

--- (2019, January) Keynote Speaker. Regional Conference on Strengthening Understanding of the Impact of Gender Norms and Stereotypes on Violence against Women in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region, Vientiane, Laos.

--- (2018, November). Facilitator. *Do Social Norms Matter for Adolescents and Family Planning?* A Launch Event for the Special Supplement in the Journal of Adolescent Health. Kigali, Rwanda.

--- (2018, June). Facilitator. *Age of Consent to Sex vs. Age of Marriage*. Girls Not Brides Global Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

--- (2018, April). *Gender in Global Health and Development*. Guest speaker, Master of Science in Foreign Service Program Speaker Series, Georgetown University, Washington, DC.

--- (2018, March). *Global Adolescent Gender Equity*. Gallagher Lecture (Keynote plenary) at the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

---(2018, March). *Gender in Global Health and Development*. Guest speaker, International Education and Development course and Child Marriage Speaker Series, University of California, Berkeley, CA.

---(2017, November). *Gender - The Missing Link in International Development*. Featured speaker at the Center for Gender and Health, University of California, San Diego, CA.

---(2017, November). *Gender - The Missing Link in International Development*. Guest speaker, Transdisciplinary Studies course, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA.

---(2017, October). *Gender as a Structural Driver of Poor Mental Health (Plenary session)*. International Association for Adolescent Health 11th World Congress, New Delhi, India.

---(2017, June). [The Economic Impacts of Child Marriage](#). World Bank launch of ICRW/World Bank study, Washington, DC.

---(2017, March). *Child Marriage Globally: What do we know?* UNICEF MENA Region consultation on child marriage, Amman, Jordan.

---(2017, February). *Adolescence and the Opportunity for Gender Equity*, Lancet Standing Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Seattle, WA.

---(2016, December). *Using Evidence to End Child Marriage*. Keynote speech at the University of California Global Health Institute, Center of Expertise on Women's Health, Gender, and Empowerment Annual Retreat, Burlingame, CA.

---(2016, November). *Couple Communication on Fertility Intentions in the Context of Child Marriage in Central Zambia*, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

---(2016, October). [What's Next for Programs and Research?](#) Girl Summit, Center for Global Development, Washington, DC. (Also <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twfGdyk8R0g>)

---(2016, September). [What the Evidence Shows: Protecting Girls: Global Efforts to End Child Marriage](#), Testimony to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security and Global Women's Issues.

---(2016, June). [Donor Panel](#) (Moderator). U.S. Launch of the Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing. Washington, DC.

---(2016, May). [Youth Engagement Panel](#) (Moderator). Global Launch of the Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing. London, England.

---(2016, March). *Economic Impacts of Child Marriage, Ending Child, Early and Forced Marriage: Strategic Brainstorming Session*, Canada House, London, England.

---(2016, March). *Child Marriage - What does the latest research tell us?* Seminar at the World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland.

---(2016, March). *Why is Suicide the Leading Killer of Older Adolescent Girls?* Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

---(2016, February). *Gender, Data and the Grand Challenges*, Gates Foundation Grand Challenge on Women and Girls Kickoff Meeting, Nairobi, Kenya.

---(2015, December). *Gender and Positive Youth Development*, Launch of the USAID YouthPower Learning Network, Washington, DC.

---(2015, November). *Economic Impacts of Child Marriage- Preliminary Findings*, Africa Girl Summit on Ending Child Marriage, Lusaka, Zambia.

---(2015, November). [Economic Impacts of Child Marriage - Preliminary Findings](#), World Bank, Washington, DC.

---(2015, November) *What do we know about Child Marriage?* Launch of USAID Child Marriage Resource Guide, National Press Club, Washington, DC.

---(2015, November). *Synthesizing the Latest Evidence on Child Marriage*, DC Girl Summit, Center for Global Development, Washington, DC.

----(2015, September). [*What Works to End Child Marriage*](#), Women and Foreign Policy Series, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC.

----(2015, July). *Adolescent Girls and the Sustainable Development Goals*. New Delhi, India.

----(2015, May). *The Child Marriage Project Lifecycle*. Girls Not Brides Member Meeting, Casablanca, Morocco.

----(2015, March). *Adolescents and Family Planning: What does the Evidence Show?* Consultation on Evidence-based Programming and Policies for Adolescent Girls, UNFPA, New York.

----(2015, January). *Lessons Learned from Sexual and Reproductive Health Programming*. PEPFAR DREAMS Initiative Kickoff, Johannesburg, South Africa.

----(2014, November). *Preventing Child Marriage and Meeting the Needs of Married Adolescents*. Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Conference on Global Gender Disparities and their Impact on Girls.

----(2014, October). [*Women and Girls are Key to Climate Resilience*](#). World Bank Civil Society Forum, Washington, DC.

----(2014, September). *Girls at the Center: Bringing the Girl Declaration to the Post-2015 Agenda*. Side Event during UN General Assembly, New York, NY.

----(2014, July). [*Paving the Path to Improved Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health - Bangladesh*](#). Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, DC.

----(2014, January). *Solutions to End Child Marriage: What the Evidence Shows*. National Technical Consultation on Adolescent Health, New Delhi, India.

----(2013, November). *Congressional Voting on the Mexico City Policy*. International Conference on Family Planning, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

----(2013, November). *Gender and Congressional Voting on Reproductive Rights: A Case Study of the Mexico City Policy*. American Public Health Association Conference, Boston, MA.

----(2013, October). *Improving the health of women and adolescents: an unfinished agenda*. Expert Group Meeting on Priorities for Improved Survival: ICPD beyond 2014, United Nations Population Division, New York, NY.

----(2013, September). [*Women and Girls - The Solution to Feeding a World of 9 Billion*](#). Thought for Food Summit, Berlin, Germany.

----(2013, September). *Why Gender Matters for the Environment*. Gender Integration Workshop, World Resources Institute, Washington, DC.

----(2013, May). *Let Girls be Girls, Not Brides*. Women Deliver Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

----(2013, May). *Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Data: What we have, what's missing and why*. Women Deliver Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

----(2013, April 11). *Gender and Congressional Voting on Reproductive Rights: A Case Study of the Mexico City Policy*. Population Association of America Conference.

----(2012, February). [*Living in a World of Seven Billion*](#). Northwestern University Summit on Sustainability, Evanston, IL and March, 2012 and Spokane Community College President's Speaker Series, Spokane, WA.

----(2011, November). *Seven Billion and 31 Gigatons: Population Growth and Climate Change*. Reproductive Health 2011 Conference. Las Vegas, NV.

- (2010, November). *Gender and Congressional Voting on Reproductive Health*. American Public Health Association Annual Conference. Denver, CO.
- (2008, November). *Ethical Aspects of Making the Population Growth – Climate Change Connection*. American Public Health Association Annual Conference. San Diego, CA.
- (2008, April). *Guiding Young Latin American Reproductive Health Leaders to Productive Adulthood*. Investing in Young People's Health and Development - An International Conference sponsored by the Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health. Abuja, Nigeria.
- (2008, April). *An Ethical Argument for Making the Population Growth – Climate Change Connection*. Institute for Women's Policy Research and NOW Foundation Economic Justice Summit, Atlanta, GA.
- (2007, November). *Leveraging and Measuring: A Small Foundation Partners with Big Players to Define Progress*. American Public Health Assoc. Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- (2007, November). *De-Siloizing the Field: Merging Domestic and International Reproductive Health Advocacy*. American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- (2006, June). *Women's Rights in Mexico and Central America: Innovative Funding Approaches*. Grantmakers Without Borders Annual Conference, San Mateo, California.
- (2006, March). *Investing in Young Leaders to Advance Reproductive Health and Rights*. Sponsored speaker, Women as Global Leaders Conference, Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- (2005, October). *Portugal's Role as a Donor for Sexual and Reproductive Health*. International Young Decision Makers Conference, Parliament of Portugal.
- (2005, May). *Donor Perspectives on Adolescent Reproductive Health*. Panel organizer and moderator, Global Health Council Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- (2003). *Population and Sustainable Development*. Women for Sustainable Development: Building Future Leaders Conference, National Wildlife Federation, Washington, DC.
- (2001). *People, Policy and Conservation in a World of Six Billion*. Izaak Walton League of America Annual Convention, Kentucky.
- (2000). "What Does Population have to do With U.S. Foreign Policy?"
- Featured speaker at Planned Parenthood and Sierra Club event at the University of Toledo, Ohio.
 - Keynote speaker at Annual Meeting of the Planned Parenthood of Mahoning Valley, Youngstown, Ohio.
 - Featured speaker at *Saving Women's Lives* forum, sponsored by Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Population Connection and Sierra Club at the Dallas Aquarium, Dallas, Texas.
 - Women's Studies Annual Conference. Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN.

SELECTED EXPERT GROUPS

- Member, Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health and Wellbeing, 2013-2018.
- Member, UNICEF Technical Working Group on Adolescent Mental Health, 2018.
- Member, UNFPA/UNAIDS Adolescent Work-Stream of the Secretary-General's Global Strategy on Women's, Children's and Adolescent's Health, 2015-2017.

Member, Society of Family Planning, 2015-2017.

Member, Population Association of America, 2012-2017.

Member, American Public Health Association, 2006-present, and Chair, of the Population, Reproductive and Sexual Health Section's Adolescent Task Force, 2013-2014.

Member, Council on Foreign Relations Expert Group on Child Marriage, 2013.

International Steering Committee for the ICPD Global Youth Forum (UNFPA). Member and Chair of the Expert Task Force, 2012.

Co-founder and Member, Youth Health and Rights Coalition, 2010-2017.

Pan American Health Organization. Strategic Partners for the Development of the Regional Adolescent Health Strategy. Participant, 2008-2009.

International Donor Group on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health and Development. Founder and Chair, 2003-2008.

World Health Organization. Technical Consultation on Measuring Coverage of Health Services for Young People. Participant, 2006.

Expert Group on Youth Development Indicators. United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Member, 2005.

World Health Organization/United Nations Population Fund. Technical Consultation on Married Adolescents. Participant, 2003.

Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health for Refugees and IDPs. U.S. government representative. 1998-2001.

Peer reviewer for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; American Public Health Association; International Conference on Family Planning; BMC Women's Health; European Journal of Contraception and Reproductive Health Care; Sexual and Reproductive Health Care; Journal of Women, Politics and Policy; Global Health Council, among others.