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## Education

- Ph.D. Government, Georgetown University, Expected 2022
- M.A.-in-passing, Government, Georgetown University, 2018
- M.P.H. Public Health, University of Copenhagen, 2011 (with Distinction)  
Public Health, University of Sheffield, 2011 (with Merit)
- B.A. Psychology, Pennsylvania State University, 2006 (with Distinction)

## Publications

### *Journal Articles*

- Fischer SE**, Patil P, Zielinski C, Baxter L, Bonilla-Escobar FJ, Hussain S, Lai C, Walpole SC, Ohanyido F, Flood D, Singh A, Al-Shorbaji N (2020). Is it about the where or the how? Comment on *Defining global health as public health somewhere else*. *BMJ Global Health*. 5:e002567. [Link]
- Naber SK, Knudsen AB, Zauber AG, Rutter CM, **Fischer SE**, Pabiniak CJ, Soto B, Kuntz KM, Lansdorp-Vogelaar I (2019). Cost-effectiveness of a multitarget stool DNA test for colorectal cancer screening of Medicare beneficiaries. *PLoS ONE* 14(9): e0220234. [Link]
- Alatise OI, **Fischer SE**, Ayandipo OO, Omisore AG, Olatoke SA, Kingham TP (2017). Health-seeking behavior and barriers to care in patients with rectal bleeding in Nigeria. *Journal of Global Oncology*. 3(6):749–756. [Link]
- Fischer SE**, Alatise OI, Komolafe AO, Katung AI, Egberongbe AA, Olatoke SA, Agodirin OS, Kolawole OA, Olafe OO, Ayandipo OO, Rotimi O, Brennan MF, Kingham TP (2017). Establishing a cancer research consortium in low- and middle-income countries: Challenges faced and lessons learned. *Annals of Surgical Oncology*. 24(3):627–631. [Link]
- Mendelsohn RB, Winawer SJ, Jammula A, Mills G, Jordan P, O'Brien MJ, Close GM, Dorfman M, Church TR, Mandelson MT, Allen J, Feld A, Kauff ND, Morgan GA, Kumar JM, Serrano V, Bayuga-Miller S, **Fischer SE**, Kuk D, Zauber AG (2017). Adenoma Prevalence in Blacks and Whites Having Equal Adherence To Screening Colonoscopy: The National Colonoscopy Study *Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology*. 15(9):1469–1470. [Link]
- Fischer SE** and Strandberg-Larsen M (2016). Power and agenda-setting in Tanzanian health policy: an analysis of stakeholder perspectives. *International Journal of Health Policy and Management* 5(6):355–363. [Link]
- Knudsen AB, Zauber AG, Rutter CM, Naber SK, Doria-Rose P, Pabiniak C, Johanson C, **Fischer SE**, Lansdorp-Vogelaar I, Kuntz KM (2016). Estimation of benefits, burden, and harms of colorectal cancer screening strategies: Modeling study for the US Preventive Services Task Force. *Journal of the American Medical Association*. 315(23):2595–2609. [Link]

Winawer SJ, **Fischer SE**, Levin B (2016). Evidence-based, reality-driven US colorectal cancer screening guidelines: The critical relationship of adherence to effectiveness. *Journal of the American Medical Association*. 315(19):2065–2066. [Link]

### Book Chapter

Dionne KY, Dulani B, and **Fischer, SE** (2021). Pandemic amidst political crisis: Malawi’s experience with and response to COVID-19. In *Coronavirus Politics: The Comparative Politics and Policy of COVID-19*, edited by Greer SL, King EJ, Peralta-Santos A, and da Fonseca EM. University of Michigan Press. [In Press.]

### Technical Reports and Working Papers

Grande A, with **Fischer SE**, Sayre J. 2020. *Chinese Medical Teams: Knowledge Transfer in Ethiopia and Malawi*. Working Paper No. 2020/33. China Africa Research Initiative, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC. [Link to report]

**Fischer SE**. Côte d’Ivoire Civil War: 2002-2011. Case study for the Civil War Settlement Project. February 2018. *Political Instability Task Force*.

Aubrey S, Singh H, Vlahinic I, Ramachandran A, **Fischer SE**, O’Callaghan R, Shoup N, Singh J, Sangokoya D, Pestre G, Martinez C. (2017). Mining case law to improve countries’ accountability to Universal Periodic Review. *Clinton Global Initiative*. [Link to project] [Link to working paper]

Knudsen AB, Naber SK, **Fischer SE**, Rutter CM, Pabiniak C, Kuntz KM, Zauber AG, Lansdorp-Vogelaar I (2015). Cost-effectiveness of a multitarget stool DNA test for colorectal cancer screening of Medicare beneficiaries: Report to CMS from the Cancer Intervention and Surveillance Modeling Network (CISNET). December 2015. *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)*.

Zauber AG, Knudsen AB, Rutter CM, Naber SK, Doria-Rose P, Pabiniak C, Johanson C, **Fischer SE**, Lansdorp-Vogelaar I, Kuntz KM (2015). Evaluating the benefits and harms of colorectal cancer screening strategies: A collaborative modeling approach. Technical report from the Cancer Intervention and Surveillance Modeling Network (CISNET). September 2015. Rockville, MD: *Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (US)*. [Link to report]

### Works In Progress

“Perspectives on positionality: Differing approaches on the ethnography of NGOs in international development” [with Mirriam Banda and Sandra Ngombende]. *Under Review*.

“Parallel paths: How the global health industry undermines local health systems” [with Michael Chasukwa]

“Lost in translation: Health policy implementation from global to local”

“Who ‘owns’ development projects? Theory versus practice in Malawi’s health sector”

“Partnership in practice: How development rhetoric obscures power asymmetries”

## Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Georgetown Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Conference Travel Grant, 2020

USC South/South Critical Ethnographies Workshop Fellow, 2020  
*Postponed due to COVID-19*

Summer Research Award, Georgetown University Department of Government, 2020

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (U.S. Department of Education),  
FY2018 (for fieldwork January 2019–February 2020)

Cosmos Club Foundation Scholars Grant, 2018-19

Summer Co-Authorship Fellowship, Georgetown University Department of Government (with Prof. Lahra  
Smith), 2018

SAIS China Africa Research Initiative field work grant (with Allison Grande and James Sayre), 2018

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) scholarship, 2018

Danida Fellowship Centre travel grant (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark), 2011

Silver Award poster presentation, European Public Health Conference, 2011

## Conference Presentations

African Studies Association, November 2020

Paper Presentation: “Partnership in practice: How development rhetoric obscures power asymmetries”

Symposia on Global Health Policy Research and Health Systems Research, November 2020

Paper Presentations: “Who ‘owns’ development projects? Theory vs. practice in Malawi’s health sector”

International Studies Association, March 2020

Paper Presentation: “Lost in Translation: Health Policy Implementation from Global to Local”  
*Cancelled due to COVID-19*

Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, October 2018

Paper Presentation: “Parallel Paths: How the Global Health Industry Undermines National and Com-  
munity Health Systems”

International Studies Association, April 2018

Paper Presentation: “Development Effects of Compliance with World Bank Aid Agreements.”

African Studies Association, November 2017

Paper Presentation: “Unfreezing Libya’s Assets: Missed Opportunity for Neotrusteeship?”

Global Health and Innovation Conference, April 2015

Poster Presentation: “Stating the case for strong data collection in impact evaluation: Evidence from a  
domestic violence program in South Asian communities.”

European Public Health Conference, November 2011

Poster Presentation: “Health policy agenda-setting in Tanzania: National and international stakeholder  
perspectives.”

## Invited Presentations

University of Malawi Chancellor's College, April 2020

Paper Presentation: "Shaping Malawi's Health System: The local effects of global attention to community health"

*Cancelled due to COVID-19*

SAIS-CARI Annual Conference, April 2019

Paper Presentation: "Chinese Medical Teams: Knowledge Transfer in Ethiopia and Malawi"

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, December 2015

Paper Presentation: "Cost-effectiveness of a multitarget stool DNA test for colorectal cancer screening of Medicare beneficiaries."

Kota Day Conference, April 2015

Expert Presentation: "The importance of holistic monitoring and evaluation."

US Preventive Services Task Force, March 2015

Paper Presentation: "Evaluating the benefits and harms of colorectal cancer screening strategies: A collaborative modeling approach."

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam, November 2014

Expert Presentation: "Negotiation and decision-making in international arenas."

## Teaching

Head Teaching Assistant for Professor Eric Langenbacher, Georgetown University, Comparative Political Systems, Fall 2020 [Online]

Head Teaching Assistant for Professor Eric Langenbacher, Georgetown University, Comparative Political Systems, Fall 2018

Teaching Assistant for Professor Joel Simmons, Georgetown University, Comparative Political Systems, Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant for Professor Eric Langenbacher, Georgetown University, Comparative Political Systems, Fall 2017

Adjunct Lecturer, SUNY College at Old Westbury, Global Health, Spring 2015

## Service

### *Professional*

Invited Reviewer for Social Science and Medicine; International Journal of Health Policy and Management; Global Public Health

### *For Georgetown*

Steering Committee Member and Doctoral Student Representative, Georgetown College Executive Council (2020–2021)

Graduate Political Science Association President (2018–2019)

Africa and the World Seminar Group Treasurer (2018–2019)  
 Georgetown Graduate Student Government General Assembly Representative (2018–2019)  
 Graduate Political Science Association Comparative Government Representative (2017–2018)  
 Georgetown Alliance of Graduate Employees (GAGE) Department Organizer (2017–Present)  
 Workshop Assistant for Ethnographic Perspectives on Health Systems in sub-Saharan Africa (Fall 2017)  
 African Studies PhD Working Group, Co-Founder (2016)

## Professional Memberships

American Anthropological Association, 2020–Present  
 Health Systems Global, 2018–Present  
 African Studies Association, 2017–Present  
 International Studies Association, 2017–Present  
 American Political Science Association, 2017–Present  
 Georgetown Alliance of Graduate Employees, 2016–Present

## Professional Experience

Editorial Assistant, Journal for the Anthropology of Consciousness, 2020–Present  
 Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Intern, EngenderHealth, 2020  
 Research Associate, Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, Georgetown University, 2016–2018  
 Epidemiology Research Coordinator, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, 2015–2016  
 Research Lab Manager, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, 2013–2015  
 Managing Partner, Global Insight, 2013–2015  
 Public Health Fellow, World Health Organization, 2011  
 Junior Project Manager, Mapi Research Trust, 2009

## Skills and Competencies

*Languages:* English (native), French (fluent), Chichewa (novice)  
*Software:* NVivo, Endnote/Zotero, R,  $\LaTeX$ , basic HTML/CSS  
*Research Skills:* Field methods (in-depth interviews, ethnography), qualitative methods (case studies, process tracing, text analysis), statistical methods (building and analyzing datasets, survey research)  
*Cultural Competency:* Research/Work/Study in Malawi, Tanzania, Ethiopia, France, UK, Denmark, Sweden (with leisure travel to many other countries)