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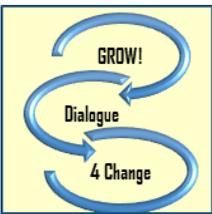
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GROW! Accolades: From Post-Doctoral Fellow to Assistant Professor: GROW! Mentoring at Work for Women Sociologists in Public Health



Laurie James-Hawkins, PhD studies Gender, Family, and Health in diverse contexts. Dr. James-Hawkins received her Ph.D. in sociology, concentration on Health and Society, in 2015 from the University of Colorado Boulder. She studies sexual and reproductive health and their implications for romantic relationships and family formation in emerging adulthood. In her post-doc with GROW, she expanded her focus beyond the U.S. to study masculinity and partner violence in Vietnam and Bangladesh, and gendered inequities in Qatar. Dr. James-Hawkins now is faculty at the University of Essex, U.K.. Read our interview with Dr. Laurie James-Hawkins [here](#).

GROW! Dialogue: GROW Leadership Advises on the Violence Against Children Surveys of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention



On July 18th, the CDC Foundation invited **Dr. Kathryn Yount** to join an all day consultation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Violence against Children Surveys (VACS). The VACS systematically measure physical, sexual, and emotional violence against girls and boys, and identify risk and protective factors and health consequences, as well as use of services and barriers to seeking help. VACS findings help countries allocate scarce resources to design, implement, and assess violence prevention programs and services to protect children. This one-day consultation convened experts to share guidance for possible adaptation of the VACS into new settings. Visit the VACS website [here](#).

GROW! Research: The SEED Project to Empower Women Economically and Reduce their Risk of Partner Violence in Colombia



Dr. Kathryn Yount, PhD and the GROW team are partnering with the UN World Food Programme, Colombia to identify best practices to empower women economically and to improve food security while preventing intimate partner violence (IPV). Using a mixed-methods, pair-matched cluster-randomized controlled trial with 95 mixed-gender, smallholder farmer associations, the team is assessing impacts of food purchases and marketing training, alone and with gender rights training, on women's empowerment and risk of IPV. This multi-sectoral intervention is one-of-a-kind in conflict-affected populations in Latin America. Watch a clip about the project [here](#).

GROW! Impact: Community Engagement to Improve Food Security and Nutrition for Women and Children in East Africa and Atlanta



Dr. Amy Webb Girard earned her PhD in 2006 from Emory University in Nutrition and Health sciences. During her doctoral studies she focused on early child nutrition research in Mexico and Guatemala. Now, Dr. Girard is an assistant professor in the Hubert Department of Global Health, but her work spans projects on food systems in west Atlanta and women's empowerment in agriculture in east Africa. According to Dr. Girard, "local is global, and global is local," and we need to stop separating the two fields and start seeing how we can integrate the values of both for more effective projects. Read our full interview with Dr. Girard [here](#).

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