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**EDUCATION**

- 2021 Ph.D.  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Brown School of Social Work  
Dissertation: “*Utilization Patterns of Community-Based Mental Health Services among School-Going Adolescent Girls in Southwestern Uganda*”
- 2017 M.S.W.  
New York University  
Silver School of Social Work  
Concentration: Mental Health
- 2012 BA  
Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda  
Major: Social Work

**ACADEMIC POSITION**

- 2022-present **Assistant Professor**  
School of Social Work, Boston College
- 2021-2022 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**  
Joint appointment at Brown School Washington University in St. Louis and  
College of Health Sciences, Makerere University (funded by Fogarty  
International Center, N.I.H.)

**PROFESSIONAL AWARDS & HONORS**

- 2019-2020 **National Institute of Mental Health Pre-Doctoral Fellow (#R25MH118935)**. Research Resilience Training Program in mental health in low resource settings, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2017-2021 **Graduate Scholarship**, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis (PhD funding for four years) including full-tuition and stipend
- 2015-2017 **Silver Fellow**, McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research  
New York University
- 2008-2011 **Undergraduate Scholarship (full-tuition and stipend)**, Makerere University

**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS**

A SI-RITEA

Agency: Schiller Institute for Integrated Science and Society

Examining the Impact of Prolonged Droughts and Erratic Rainfall Events on the Health and Well-being of Youths (15-24 years) in Uganda.

Period: 07/2023-06/2024

**Role:** Principle Investigator

FIC 3D43TWO11541-02S1 (MPIs: Ssewamala, McKay, Nakasujja)

Agency: NIH/FIC

Child Mental Health in HIV-impacted Low-Resource Settings in Developing Countries: Global Research Fellowship.

This supplement examined the Impact of COVID-19 on the mental health functioning of young adults (18-24 years) living with H.I.V. in Uganda.

Period: 08/2021-09/2022

**Role:** Supplement PI

## COMPLETED RESEARCH SUPPORT

R01MH113486 (PI: Ssewamala)

Agency: NIH/NICHD

Suubi4Her: A combination Intervention Addressing H.I.V. Risk Behaviors Among Older Adolescent Girls Transitioning into Adulthood in Uganda: This supplement examines participants' experiences with the Intervention and explores multi-level factors that may have impacted participants' observable behaviors and decision-making in regard to savings, mental health, and sexual risk-taking.

Period: 08/01/17-05/31/21

Role: Research Associate

U19 MH110001 (P.I.s: Ssewamala, McKay)

Agency: NIH/NIMH

Strengthening Mental Health and Research Training (SMART) Africa Center: Addressing African Youth Mental Health by Scaling Family and Community-Level E.B.P.s: The goal of this study is to fund for the SMART Africa Center, an African Regional Trans-disciplinary Collaborative Center aimed at reducing child mental health service and research gaps in Uganda, Ghana and Kenya through a population approach to child mental health.

Period: 05/15/2016-04/30/2021

Role: Research Associate

## PUBLICATIONS

1. **Byansi, W.**, Galvin, M., Chiwaye, L., Luvuno, Z., Kim, A.W., Sundararajan, R., Tsai, A.C., & Moolla, A. (2023). Adverse childhood experiences, traumatic events, and mental health among adults at two outpatient psychiatric facilities in Johannesburg, South Africa: a cross-sectional analysis. *BMC Psychiatry* 23, 581. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12888-023-05085-0>
2. **Byansi, W.**, Ssewamala, F. M., Neilands, T. B., Mwebembezi, A., & Nakigozi, G. (2023). Patterns of and factors associated with mental health service utilization among school-going adolescent girls in southwestern Uganda: A latent class analysis. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 72(5), S24-S32.
3. Galvin, M., **Byansi, W.**, Chiwaye L, Luvuno Z, Moolla A. (2023). Pathways to care among patients with mental illness at two psychiatric facilities in Johannesburg, South Africa. *International Journal of Social Psychiatry*. 0(0). doi:10.1177/00207640231188037
4. **Byansi, W.**, Howell, T. H., Filiatreau, L. M., Nabunya, P., Kaiser, N., Kasson, E., ... & Cavazos-Rehg, P. (2023, January). Sexual Health Behaviors and Knowledge Among Ugandan Adolescent Girls: Implications for Advancing Comprehensive Sexual Health Education Technology. *Child & Youth Care Forum* (pp. 1-21).
5. Vélez-Grau, C., Mufson, L., **Byansi, W.**, & Lindsey, M. A. (2023). The association between interpersonal factors, barriers to mental health help-seeking behaviors, and persistent depression disorder among Latinx and Black youths. *Psychiatry Research Communications*, 3(2), 100123.
6. Sensoy Bahar, O., **Byansi, W.**, Nabayinda, J., Kiyangi, J., Namatovu, P., Embaye, F., McKay, M. M., Hoagwood, K., & Ssewamala, F. M. (in press). "I decided to participate because I saw it benefiting our community and families": A qualitative study of lay providers' experiences with delivering an evidence-based mental health intervention for families in Uganda. *International Journal of Mental Health Systems*.
7. Nabunya P, **Byansi W**, Sensoy Bahar O, Namuwonge F, Atwebembere R. (2023). Emotional and Behavior Difficulties, Parenting Stress and the Mental Health of Caregivers of Adolescents Living with HIV: Findings from a Pilot Study in Uganda. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*
8. Filiatreau, L. M., Tutlam, N., Brathwaite, R., **Byansi, W.**, Namuwonge, F., Mwebembezi, A., ... & Ssewamala, F. M. (2023). Effects of a Combination Economic Empowerment and Family Strengthening Intervention on Psychosocial Well-being Among Ugandan Adolescent Girls and Young Women: Analysis of a Cluster Randomized Controlled Trial (Suubi4Her). *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 72(5), S33-S40.

9. Brathwaite, R., Sensoy Bahar, O., Mutumba, M., **Byansi, W.**, Namatovu, P., Namuwonge, F., ... & Ssewamala, F. M. (2023). Short-Term Impact of “Amaka Amasanyufu” Multiple Family Group Intervention on Mental Health Functioning of Children With Disruptive Behavior Disorders in Uganda. *Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry*.
10. Tutlam, N. T., Filiatreau, L. M., **Byansi, W.**, Brathwaite, R., Nabunya, P., Sensoy Bahar, O., & Ssewamala, F. M. (2023). The impact of family economic empowerment intervention on psychological Difficulties and prosocial behavior among AIDS-orphaned children in southern Uganda. *Journal of Adolescent Health, 72(5), S51-S58*.
11. Nabunya, P., **Byansi, W.**, Damulira, C., & Ssewamala, F. M. (2022). Self-efficacy, academic performance and school transition among orphaned adolescents in southern Uganda. *Children and Youth Services Review, 143, 106707*.
12. Nabunya, P., **Byansi, W.**, Muwanga, J., Bahar, O. S., Namuwonge, F., Ssentumbwe, V., & Ssewamala, F. M. (2022). Family Factors and Gender Norms as Protective Factors Against Sexual Risk-Taking Behaviors Among Adolescent Girls in Southern Uganda. *Global Social Welfare, 1-11*.
13. **Byansi, W.**, Namatovu, P., Sensoy Bahar., Kiyingi, J., Nabayinda, J., Mwebembezi, A., ... & Ssewamala, F. M. (2022). Family-level correlates of disruptive behavior challenges among children in Southwestern Uganda. *Children and Youth Services Review, 106598*.
14. Tutlam, N. T., Chang, J. J., **Byansi, W.**, Flick, L. H., Ssewamala, F. M., & Betancourt, T. S. (2022). War-Affected South Sudanese in Settings of Preflight, Flight, and Resettlement: a Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Trauma-Associated Mental Disorders. *Global Social Welfare, 1-18*.
15. **Byansi, W.**, Sensoy Bahar, O., Mary, M.M., Neilands TB & Ssewamala, F. (2022). The short-term impact of multiple family groups and family economic empowerment on depressive symptoms of adolescent girls in Uganda. The Suubi4Her cluster randomized experiment. *Journal of Adolescent Health*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jadohealth.2022.04.008>
16. Motley Jr, R. O., **Byansi, W.**, Siddiqi, R., Bills, K. L., & Salas-Wright, C. P. (2022). Perceived Racism Based Police Use of Force and Cannabis Use among Black Emerging Adults. *Addictive Behaviors Reports, 100430*. doi:<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.abrep.2022.100430>
17. Brathwaite R, Ssewamala FM, Mutumba M, Neilands TB, **Byansi W**, Namuwonge F, Damulira C, Nabunya P, Nakigozi G, Makumbi F, Mellins CA, McKay MM, Suubi+Adherence Field Team (2022). The long-term (5-year) impact of a family economic empowerment intervention on adolescents living with HIV in Uganda: analysis of longitudinal data from a cluster randomized controlled trial from the Suubi+Adherence study (2012-2018). *AIDS and Behavior*.
18. Santelli, J. S., Chen, I. S., Nabukalu, D., Lutalo, T., Spindler, E. J., Chang, L. W., Grabowski, M.K., Grilo, S. A., Kreniske, P., Wei, Y., Nalugoda, F., Hoffman, S., Maru, M., Chu, S., Ssewamala, F. M., **Byansi, W.**, Kagaayi, J., Wawer, M. J., Gray, R. H., Serwadda, D., Makumbi, F. (2022). The Impact of HIV Combination Prevention on Declining Orphanhood among Adolescents, Rakai, Uganda, 2001-2018, an observational community cohort. *The Lancet H.I.V., 9(1), e32-e41*.
19. Brathwaite, R., Ssewamala, F. M., Neilands, T. B., Nabunya, P., **Byansi, W.**, & Damulira, C. (2021). Development and external validation of a risk calculator to predict internalizing symptoms among Ugandan youths affected by HIV. *Psychiatry Research, 114028*.
20. **Byansi, W.**, Nabunya, P., Muwanga, J., Mwebembezi, A., Damulira, C., Mukasa, B., ... & Ssewamala, F. M. (2021). The relationship between life satisfaction, personal health, quality of life, and medication adherence among adolescents living with HIV. in southwestern Uganda. *Journal of Public Health, 1-8*.
21. Cavazos-Rehg P, **Byansi W**, Doroshenko C, Neilands T, Anako N, Sensoy Bahar. O, Kasson E, Nabunya P, Mellins CA, Ssewamala FM (2021). Evaluating potential mediators for the impact of a family-based economic intervention (Suubi+Adherence) on the mental health of children and adolescents living with HIV. in Uganda. *Social Science and Medicine, 113946*.
22. **Byansi, W.**, Brathwaite, R., Calvert, M., Nabunya, P., Sensoy Bahar, O., Damulira, C., ... & Ssewamala, F. M. (2021). Relationship between mental health and HIV transmission knowledge and prevention attitudes among adolescents living with HIV: Lessons from Suubi+ Adherence Cluster-Randomized Study in Southern Uganda. *AIDS and Behavior, 1-13*.
23. Okumu, M., Nyoni, T., & **Byansi, W.** (2021). Alleviating psychological distress and promoting mental well-being among adolescents living with HIV. in sub-Saharan Africa during and after COVID-19. *Global Public Health, 1-10*.
24. Tumwesige, W., Namatovu, P, Sensoy Bahar, O., **Byansi W.**, McKay, M.M., Ssewamala F.M. (2021). Engaging community and governmental partners in improving health and mental

health outcomes for children and adolescents impacted by HIV/AIDS in Uganda. *Pediatr Med*, 4:2.

25. Nabunya, P., **Byansi W.**, Damulira, C., Sensoy Bahar, O., Mayo-Wilson, J.L., Tozan, Y., Kiyangi, J., Nabuyinda, J., Brathwaite, R., Witte, S.S., Ssewamala, F.M. (2021). Predictors of depressive symptoms and post-traumatic stress disorder among women engaged in commercial sex work in southern Uganda. *Psychiatry Research* 298, 113817
26. Shato, T., Nabunya, P., **Byansi, W.**, Nwaozuru, U., Okumu, M., Mutumba, M., ... & Ssewamala, F. M. (2021). Family Economic Empowerment, Family Social Support, and Sexual Risk-Taking Behaviors Among Adolescents Living With HIV in Uganda: The Suubi+ Adherence Study. *Journal of Adolescent Health*.
27. Nabunya, P., Damulira, C., **Byansi, W.**, Muwanga, J., Bahar, O. S., Namuwonge, F., ... & Ssewamala, F. M. (2020). Prevalence and correlates of depressive symptoms among high school adolescent girls in southern Uganda. *B.M.C. public health*, 20(1), 1-11.
28. Nabunya, P., **Byansi, W.**, Muwanga, J., Damulira, C., Brathwaite, R., Namuwonge, F., ... & Ssewamala, F. M. (2020). Gender, H.I.V. knowledge and prevention attitudes among adolescents living with HIV participating in an economic empowerment intervention in Uganda. *AIDS care*, 1-9.
29. Cavazos-Rehg, P., **Byansi, W.**, Xu, C., Nabunya, P., Sensoy Bahar, O., Borodovsky, J., ... & Neilands, T. (2020). The Impact of a family-based economic intervention on the mental health of HIV-infected adolescents in Uganda: Results from Suubi+ Adherence. *Journal of Adolescent Health*.
30. Rahman, A., Naslund, J. A., Betancourt, T. S., Black, C. J., Bhan, A., **Byansi, W.**, ... & Hamdani, S. U. (2020). The NIMH global mental health research community and COVID-19. *The Lancet Psychiatry*, 7(10), 834-836.
31. Galvin, M., & **Byansi, W.** (2020). A Systematic review of task shifting for mental health in sub-Saharan Africa. *International Journal of Mental Health*, 1-25.
32. Nyoni, T., Sallah, Y. H., Okumu, M., **Byansi, W.**, Lipsey, K., & Small, E. (2020). The effectiveness of treatment supporter interventions in antiretroviral treatment adherence in sub-Saharan Africa: a systematic review and meta-Analysis. *AIDS care*, 32(sup2), 214-227.
33. Nabunya, P., **Byansi, W.**, Sensoy Bahar, O., McKay, M. M., Ssewamala, F. M., & Damulira, C. (2020). Factors Associated with HIV Disclosure and HIV-Related Stigma Among Adolescents Living with HIV in Southwestern Uganda. *Frontiers in Psychiatry*, 11, 772.
34. Cavazos-Rehg, P., Xu, C., Borodovsky, J., Kasson, E., **Byansi, W.**, Nabunya, P., ... & Ssewamala, F. M. (2020). The impact of discomfort with HIV status and hopelessness on depressive symptoms among adolescents living with HIV in Uganda. *AIDS care*, 1-6.
35. Cavazos-Rehg, P., Xu, C., Kasson, E., **Byansi, W.**, Sensoy Bahar, O., & Ssewamala, F.M., (2020). "Social and economic equity and family cohesion as potential protective factors from depression among adolescents living with HIV in Uganda." *AIDS and Behavior*, 1-9.
36. Ssewamala, F. M., Dvalishvili, D., Mellins, C., Geng, H.E., Makumbi, F., Neilands, T. B., McKay, M., Damulira, C., Nabunya, P., Sensoy Bahar, O., Nakigozi, G., Kigozi, G., **Byansi, W.**, Mukasa, M., & Namuwonge, F. (2020). The long-term effects of a family based economic empowerment intervention (Suubi+Adherence) on suppression of HIV viral loads among adolescents living with HIV in southern Uganda: Findings from 5-year cluster randomized trial. *PLoS ONE* 15(2): e0228370.
37. Sensoy Bahar, O., **Byansi, W.**, Ssewamala, F., Kivumbi, A., Namatovu, P., Kiyangi, J., Mary, M.M., & Nyoni, T. (2020). From 4Rs to 2Ss to Amaka amasanyufu (happy families): Adapting a US.-based intervention to the Uganda context. *Family Process*:
38. Sun, S., Nabunya, P., **Byansi, W.**, Sensoy Bahar, O., Damulira, C., Neilands, T. B., ... & Ssewamala, F. M. (2019). Access and utilization of financial services among poor HIV-impacted children and families in Uganda. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 109, 104730.
39. Ssewamala, F. M., **Byansi, W.**, Sensoy Bahar, O., Nabunya, P., Neilands, T. B., Mellins, C., ... & Nakigozi, G. (2019). Suubi+ Adherence study protocol: A family economic empowerment intervention addressing H.I.V. treatment adherence for perinatally infected adolescents. *Contemporary Clinical Trials Communications*, 16, 100463.
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relationship of social support and family cohesion on A.R.T. adherence among H.I.V. positive adolescents in southern Uganda: Baseline findings. *Vulnerable children and Youth studies*: 1-10

42. Kivumbi, A., **Byansi, W.**, Ssewamala, F., Nabunya, P., Damulira, C., & Namatovu, P. (2019). Utilizing a family-based economic strengthening intervention to improve mental health wellbeing among female adolescent orphans in Uganda. *Child and adolescent psychiatry and mental health*, 13(1), 14
43. Mugisha, J., Marc, D.H., Knizek, B., Kwiringira, J., Kinyanda, E., **Byansi, W.**, Winkel, R.V., Myin-Germeys, I., Stubbs, B., & Vancampfort, D. (2019). Health care professionals' perspectives on physical activity within the Ugandan mental health care system. *Mental Health and Physical Activity*, 16, 1-7
44. Nabunya, P., Namatovu, P., Damulira, C., Kivumbi, A., **Byansi, W.**, & Mukasa, M., Nattabi, L., Ssewamala, F. (2019). Assessing the impact of an asset-based intervention on educational outcomes of orphaned children and adolescents: Findings from a randomized experiment in Uganda. *Asian Pacific Journal of Social Work and Development*: 1-11
45. Osuji, H., Nabunya, P., **Byansi, W.**, Parchment, T.M., Ssewamala, F., Mary, M.M., & Huang, K.Y. (2018). Social support and school outcomes of adolescents orphaned and made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS living in southwestern Uganda. *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies*, 1-11.
46. Njeri, K., Ssewamala, F. M., Pietrafesa, M., & **Byansi, W.** (2017). Testing the financial capability framework: Findings from Youth Save-Impact Study Kenya. *Social Work*, 63(1), 67-74.
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#### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

1. Mugisha, J., & **Byansi, W.** (2022). Towards Entrapment: An Escalating Reality for Children and Adolescents Living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda. In *Child Behavioral Health in Sub-Saharan Africa* (pp. 145-153). Springer, Cham.

#### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

1. **Byansi, W.**, Sensoy Bahar, O., Latoya, S., Mary, M.M., Kimberly H., & Ssewamala, F. (**Submitted**). The impact of M.F.G. on Family cohesion of caregivers for children and adolescents with behavioral difficulties. The SMART Africa Uganda cluster randomized trial. Family Process
2. Bahar, O.S., **Byansi, W.**, Buernarkie. N.P., Ibrahim, A., Alice Boateng, A., Kumbelim, K., Nabunya, P., McKay. M.M., & Ssewamala, F.M. (**Drafting**). Self-Esteem and Self-Concept as Predictors of Life Satisfaction and Attitudes towards School Among Adolescent Girls: Findings from a Pilot Study in Ghana. **Journal of Adolescent Research**

#### **PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS**

1. **Byansi W**, Namuli, F, Namuwonge F, Namuyaba O, Ssentumbwe V, Najjuuko C, Nabunya, P, Ssewamala FM. Patterns of and Factors Associated with Mental Health Service Utilization Among School-Going Adolescent Girls in Southwestern Uganda: A Latent Class Analysis. Paper accepted for oral presentation at 27th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Phoenix, Arizona, January 11-15, 2023
2. Tutlam N, **Byansi W**, Brathwaite R, Nabunya P, Sensoy Bahar O, Namuwonge F, Nattabi J, Ssewamala FM. The Prevalence and Associated Risk and Protective Factors of Psychological Difficulties and Prosocial Behavior among Children Orphaned and Made Vulnerable by AIDS in southern Uganda. Paper accepted for oral presentation at 27th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Phoenix, Arizona, January 11-15, 2023.
3. Nabunya P, **Byansi W**, Sensoy Bahar O, Namuwonge F, Namatovu P, Ssentumbwe V, Migadde H, Najjuuko C, Ssewamala FM. Relationship between child emotional and behavior difficulties and the mental health of caregivers of adolescents living with

H.I.V. Paper accepted for oral presentation at 27th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Phoenix, Arizona, January 11-15, 2023.

4. Nabunya, P., Amaoko, E., **Byansi, W.**, & Ssewamala, F. Gender and HIV-Related Stigma Among Caregivers of Children Orphaned By HIV/AIDS in Uganda. Accepted for presentation at the 26th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), January 12-16, 2022, Washington, DC.
5. Okumu, M., **Byansi, W.**, Nyoni, T. Testing Reciprocal Relationships between Perceived Social Support, Self-Concept, and Depression Among Adolescents Orphaned By AIDS in Uganda: A Cross-Lagged Structural Equation Model.” Accepted for presentation at the 26th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), January 12-16, 2022, Washington, DC
6. **Byansi, W.**, Yuanyuan, Y., Nabunya, P., & Ssewamala, F., Damulira, C., Kiyangi, J., & Namuwonge, F. (2020, January). Examining the long-term effects of a family-based economic strengthening intervention on depression among HIV-positive adolescents in southern Uganda. Paper presented at the 24th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington, DC.
7. **Byansi, W.**, Nabunya, P., Muwanga, J., Sensoy Bahar, O., Ssewamala, F., Damulira, C., & Namuwonge, F. (2020, January). H.I.V. and AIDS health knowledge, and attitudes among adolescents living with H.I.V. in southwestern Uganda: Does gender matter? Poster presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington, DC.
8. Nabunya, P., **Byansi, W.**, Sensoy Bahar, O., Mary, M.M., Ssewamala, F., Damulira, C., Kiyangi, J., & Namuwonge, F. (2020, January). Gender, family communication and social support Factors associated with H.I.V. disclosure and HIV-related stigma among adolescents living with H.I.V. in Uganda. Paper presented at the 24th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington, DC.
9. Muwanga, J., **Byansi, W.**, Nabunya, P., Sensoy Bahar, O., Ssewamala, F. M., & Damulira, C. (2019, November). Self-reported medication adherence, physical health, and pediatric quality of life among adolescents living with H.I.V.: Baseline findings from southwestern Uganda. Poster presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting and Expo of the American Public Health Association (APHA), Philadelphia, PA.
10. **Byansi, W.**, Sensoy Bahar, O., Ssewamala, F., & Mary M.M (2019, November). SMART Africa accomplishments and implementation barriers. Paper presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual H.U.B.s meeting organized by National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Bogota, Colombia.
11. **Byansi, W.**, Sensoy Bahar, O., Kivumbi, A., Ssewamala, F., Mugisha, J., et al (2019, January). Prevalence of disruptive behaviors and ADHD among school-going children in southwestern Uganda. Poster presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), San Francisco, CA.
12. Nabunya, P., **Byansi, W.**, & Ssewamala, F. (2019, January). Examining the effects of C.D.A.s on self-efficacy among H.I.V. orphaned children. Paper presented at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), San Francisco, CA.
13. Sensoy Bahar, O., **Byansi, W.**, Ssewamala, F.M., Kivumbi, A. (2018, July). From “4Rs and 2Ss” to “Amaka Amasanyufu” (Happy Families): Adapting a U.S. based evidence-based practice to the Uganda context. Paper presented at the Social Work, Education and Social Development Conference (SWSD), Dublin, Ireland.
14. Nabunya, P., Sarah, M., **Byansi, W.**, Miriam, M., & Ssewamala, F. (2016, Jan). Utilizing a family-based economic strengthening intervention to improve mental health wellbeing

among female adolescent orphans in Uganda. Paper presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington, DC.

15. Nabunya, P., Ssewamala, F., & **Byansi, W.**, (2015, Jan). The effects of parental loss on the psychosocial wellbeing of AIDS-orphaned children living in AIDS-impacted communities: Does gender matter? Paper presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA.

### **INVITED GUEST PRESENTATIONS**

1. **Byansi, W.** (March 2023). Implementation Science in Low-resource Settings to Improve the Quality of Mental Health Services. Lecture presented at the Applied Methods in Multicultural Mental Health, Early Childhood Development/Parenting and Social Work Research Class at the School of Social Work at Boston College
2. **Byansi, W.** (June, 2022). Writing for Publication: Invited Presentation to the ICHAD Summer Training Program, June 14, 2022.
3. **Byansi, W.** (May, 2022). The Short and Long-term Impact of Amaka Amasanyufu (Happy Families) on Behavioral Health Challenges of Children and Adolescents in the Masaka Region: Presentation to Department of Psychiatry at Makerere University, Uganda.
4. **Byansi, W.** (June, 2022). Progress on the Subi4Her study: Presentation to community stakeholders at the Forum on Child and Adolescent Global Health Research and Capacity Building, Masaka, Uganda, June 24, 2022.
5. **Byansi, W.**, Kiyingi, J., Nabayinda, J., Brathwaite, R., Yesim, T., & Ssewamala, F., (2021, April). Scale-up study in Uganda: Key implementation components and preliminary findings. Paper presented at the Virtual 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Child Behavioral Health in sub-Saharan Africa.
6. Ssewamala, F.M., **Byansi, W.**, Brathwaite, R., & Sensoy Bahar, O., (2021, March). Preliminary findings from SMART Africa-Uganda: Lessons and challenges. Paper presented at the NIMH U19 Virtual Steering Committee meeting.
7. **Byansi, W.**, (2021, March). Health Research coordination. Lecture presented at the Mental Health services research class at the department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine at Washington University in St. Louis.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **Boston College**

Spring 2022      Course: Program Evaluation  
School of Social Work  
Role: Professor

#### **Washington University in St. Louis**

Spring 2020      Course: Evaluation of Programs and Services  
Brown School of Social Work  
Role: Teaching Assistant

Spring 2020      Course: Program Implementation and Evaluation (P.I.E.)  
Brown School of Social Work (Public Health)  
Role: Professor

Spring 2019      Course: Evaluation of Programs and Services

Brown School of Social Work  
Role: Teaching Assistant

Fall 2019 Course: Seminar in Social Work Theory—PhD level course  
Brown School of Social Work  
Role: Teaching Assistant

Fall 2018 Course: Research Methods with Statistical Applications  
Brown School of Social Work  
Role: Teaching Assistant

Spring 2018 Course: Global Anti-poverty Interventions  
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