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Current position

- May 2007 – present Doctoral Research Fellow: Health and Migration Initiative, Forced Migration Studies Programme, School of Social Sciences, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
- May 2007 – present Research Consultant: HIV, Health and Development Unit of the Medical Research Council, South Africa

Academic qualifications

- 2006 - Registered for PhD, School of Public Health, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. Supervisors: Dr. E.P. Thomas, Centre for Health Policy, Wits / MRC and Dr. I. Palmary, Forced Migration Studies Programme, Wits.
The persistent urban challenges of migration and informality in the context of HIV: towards the development of a framework to guide the appropriate and equity promoting urban health and developmental responses of government within Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2002 – 2003 MSc Control of Infectious Diseases, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK
- 1998 – 2002 BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences with Honours in Genetics (Upper Second Class), University of Edinburgh, UK
- 1996 A-Levels: Biology (A), Geography (A), Chemistry (C) and General Studies (A). Stanborough School, Hertfordshire, UK.

Professional experience

- February – June 2008 Research consultant: The National Welfare, Social Service and Development Forum, Johannesburg, South Africa
- June 2007 Project coordinator: 'Kom vir' A short film documenting the experiences of an exciting participatory community film approach, a collaborative effort between residents of Denver informal settlement (Johannesburg), the Market Photo Workshop (Johannesburg) and Day Fifty Films (UK) June 2007
- October 2003 – April 2006 Researcher: STI/HIV Research, Reproductive Health and HIV Research Unit (RHRU), University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Additional research experience

January – June 2002 Ohkura Lab, The Wellcome Centre for Cell Biology, Institute of Cell and Molecular Biology, University of Edinburgh: BSc Honours (Genetics) student. January – June 2002.

Grants and funding

- (2008) University of the Witwatersrand Postgraduate Merit Award.
- (2008 - 2009) Funding awarded for EcoHealth Training, through RENEWAL.
- (2007 and 2008) National Research Foundation (NRF), South Africa. PhD funding awarded through Dr. Ingrid Palmary's Thuthuka Research Grant.
- (2008) Full scholarship awarded to attend Reproductive Health in Emergencies Conference, Kampala, Uganda, June 18 – 20 2008.
- (2008) Funding awarded from Second Economy Strategy, Presidents Office, South Africa. To undertake research for: Refugees, asylum seekers and undocumented migrants: linkages between access to ART and survivalist livelihood strategies in the City of Johannesburg.

Papers and publications

- (2008) Refugees, asylum seekers and undocumented migrants: linkages between access to ART and survivalist livelihood strategies in the City of Johannesburg, South Africa (submitted to AJAR)
- (2008) AAAO Newsletter: The right to health: assessing non-citizen access to antiretroviral treatment in inner-city Johannesburg. May 2008.

Research reports

- (2008) Joburg Connections: an integrated community approach to addressing HIV/AIDS. Evaluation Report. With Dr. E. Thomas and Simon Mpoetji.
- (2008) *Contributed to*: Protecting refugees and asylum seekers in South Africa, Consortium for Refugees and Migrants in South Africa, Johannesburg.
- (2007) Assessing non-citizen access to antiretroviral therapy in Johannesburg. With Dr. Ingrid Palmary, FMSP, University of the Witwatersrand.
- (2007) *Contributed to*: Protecting refugees and asylum seekers in South Africa, Consortium for Refugees and Migrants in South Africa, Johannesburg.
- (2003) Initiating an HIV/STI programme for migrant men in inner city hostels: the challenges of engaging government and community within the urban South African context *MSc Research Project* Supervisors: Dr. Philippe Mayaud (Clinical Research Unit, LSHTM, UK) and Sinead Delany (RHRU, South Africa)

- (2002) "Characterisation of two human EB1 homologues" Supervisor Dr Hiroyuki Ohkura, Wellcome Trust Centre for cell Biology, Institute of Cell and Molecular Biology, The University of Edinburgh BSc (Hons) Research Project Report

Seminar and conference presentations

- (2008) Integrative asylum policy within South Africa: investigating access to antiretroviral treatment services for refugees and asylum seekers within a complex urban environment. *Reproductive Health in Emergencies Conference, Kampala, Uganda, June 18 – 20 2008*
- (2008) Refugees, asylum seekers and undocumented migrants: linkages between access to ART and survivalist livelihood strategies in the City of Johannesburg, South Africa. *Wits HIV/AIDS in the Workplace Research Symposium, Wits Business School, Johannesburg 29th – 30th May 2008*
- (2008) Ensuring migrant rights to health: lessons from a study assessing non-citizen access to ART in inner-city Johannesburg *School of Public Health Academic Meeting, Wits.*
- (2008) The right to health: recommendations from a study investigating non-citizen access to antiretroviral therapy in inner-city Johannesburg *Family Medicine and Primary Health Care Forum, Wits Medical School.*
- (2008) Assessing non-citizen access to antiretroviral therapy in Johannesburg. *Clinical HIV Research Unit Journal Club, Helen Joseph Hospital*
- (2008) Assessing non-citizen access to antiretroviral therapy in Johannesburg. *Hillbrow Research Forum, Hillbrow Health Precinct, Johannesburg*
- (2007) Hidden spaces, hidden livelihoods: surviving the city of gold Vearey, J., Oliff, M., Moyo, W., Delany, S. and Rees, H. *The 'Inclusive Cities: Experiences and Challenges in Contemporary African Cities', Development Bank of Southern Africa, HSRC, South African Cities Network, Urban Landmark, University of the Witwatersrand, 6th -7th March 2007, Johannesburg, South Africa.*
- (2007) HIV & Public Health Interventions: testing a model that enhances quality of life in inner city Johannesburg. Vearey J., Oliff M. *ARI Seminar, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, January 2007*
- (2005) HIV & Public Health Interventions: Testing a model that enhances quality of life in inner city Johannesburg Vearey, J., Gardner, J., Mbatha, T., Mweli, S. and Oliff, M. Presented at: *12th Reproductive Health Priorities Conference, Stellenbosch, South Africa October 2005*

Poster presentations

- (2008) Urban health in context: towards a framework to guide equity promoting urban health and developmental responses of local government in Johannesburg, South Africa. *PHASA Conference, Cape Town, 3 – 4 June 2008.*

- (2007) The persistent urban challenge of migration: Investigating migrants' access to antiretroviral therapy in inner-city Johannesburg, South Africa. *3rd Priorities in AIDS Care and Treatment Conference, Johannesburg, South Africa*
- (2007) Understanding urban health: HIV as a central urban development challenge. With Liz Thomas. *Accepted for: Wits Faculty of Health Sciences Research Day*
- (2006) Integrated approaches to HIV: lessons learnt from an innovative research-informed intervention employed within a population of domestic migrants residing in the inner-city of Johannesburg, South Africa Vearey, J and Oliff, M. *Accepted for: Linking Reproductive Health and Family Planning with HIV/AIDS Programs in Africa, John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health: Department of Population and Family Health Sciences, Bill and Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*
- (2006) HIV & Public Health Interventions: testing a model that enhances quality of life in inner city Johannesburg. Vearey J., Oliff M. *AIDS Conference, Toronto, August 2006*
- (2006) HIV & Public Health Interventions: testing a model that enhances quality of life in inner city Johannesburg. Vearey J., Oliff M. *WITS Research Day, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, August 2006*
- (2006) HIV & Public Health Interventions: Testing a Model for Enhancing Quality of Life for Internal Migrants in Johannesburg. Vearey, J *Migration and Society Seminar Series, Forced Migration Studies, University of the Witwatersrand, October 2006*
- (2004) Quality of Life – Long Life: questions raised while gaining access to inner-city hostels and informal settlements for research and interventions Vearey, J., Oliff, M., Gardner, J., Mbatha, T., Cebekhulu, V., Delany, S. *11th Reproductive Health Priorities Conference, South Africa, 2004*

Participatory film and photography projects

- (2008) Participatory photography project in Sol Plaatjies informal settlement, Johannesburg. With the Market Photo Workshop (Johannesburg).
- (2007) 'Kom vir': A short film documenting the experiences of an exciting participatory community film approach, a collaborative effort between residents of Denver informal settlement (Johannesburg), the Market Photo Workshop and Day Fifty Films (UK).
- (2007) 'Hidden spaces': participatory photography project with members of Mpilonhle-Mpilonde community health club, Market Photo Workshop and RHRU. Johannesburg.

Teaching and supervisory experience

- (May 2006 – present) Co-coordinator and co-lecturer for the MA module *Psychosocial and health Consequences of Forced Migration*, Forced Migration Studies Programme, School of Social Sciences, University of the Witwatersrand

- (2006) Risk factors for HIV and the relationship between quality of life and HIV in women living in informal settlements in Johannesburg South Africa *Kara Telesmanick MSc Public Health in Developing Countries, LSHTM* (co-supervision)
- (2006) Risk factors for HIV and the relationship between quality of life and HIV in migrant men living in inner city hostels in Johannesburg, SA *Sarun Charimulind MSc Public Health in Developing Countries, LSHTM* (co-supervision)
- (2006) Evaluating the process: analysis of the Mpilonhle Mpilonde Quality Life Long life programme, Johannesburg, SA *Malourene Cordier MSc Public Health in Developing Countries, LSHTM* (co-supervision)
- (2006) Detection of *Trichomonas vaginalis* by colorimetric PCR in urine samples *Alireza Abdolrasouli MSc Medical Microbiology, LSHTM* (supplementary supervisory support)
- (2002 – 2003) A-Level Home tutor, London, UK: tutoring in Biology, Geography and Chemistry A-Levels.
- (2002 – 2003) Assistant on Secondary School French Exchange trips with Chancellors School, Brookmans Park, Hertfordshire, UK.

Languages

- English – mother tongue, French - intermediate: niveau intermédiaire en Français correspondant au niveau B2 du *cadre européen commun de référence pour les langues*, Alliance Française, Johannesburg (2005)

Computer packages

- Microsoft office, SPSS, Epidata (basic), Epi-info (basic), STATA (basic)

Volunteer work experience

- (1999 – 2002) Edinburgh Global Partnerships (formerly H.E.L.P. Scotland)
 - Volunteer coordinator: fundraising; community liaison; reporting to funders and management committees; interviewing, selecting and coordinating volunteers; budgeting (1999 – 2002);
 - Volunteer coordinator: Kulu Valley, Himachal Pradesh, India (June – September 2001);
 - Volunteer: Bweju, Zanzibar (June - September 2000).
- (1997) Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Malole, Northern Province, Zambia.