

# DR. SUSAN SCHAFFNIT

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## EDUCATION

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### **Ph.D. Epidemiology and Population Health** **2015**

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine | London, UK

### **M.Sc. Human Evolution and Behavior (Distinction)** **2010**

University College London | London, UK

### **B.A. Anthropology (Summa cum laude)** **2008**

Beloit College | Beloit, USA

## EXPERIENCE

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### **Postdoctoral Scholar** **2017-present**

University of California, Santa Barbara | Department of Anthropology | Santa Barbara, USA

### **Research Fellow** **2015-2017**

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine | Department of Population Health | London, UK

### **Research and Statistical Consultant**

University of Tokyo | London, UK **2015**

Marie Stopes International | London, UK **2013**

## PUBLICATIONS

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- ... **Schaffnit, S.B.**, Wamoyi, J., Urassa, M., Dardoumpa, M., & Lawson, D.W. When marriage is the best available option: perceptions of opportunity and risk in female adolescence in Tanzania. In review at *Global Public Health*.
- Lawson, D.W., Lynes, R., Morris, A., & **Schaffnit, S.B.** What does the American public know about 'child marriage'? In review at *Critical Public Health*.
- Lawson, D.W., **Schaffnit, S.B.**, Hassan, A., & Urassa, M. Shared interests or sexual conflict? Spousal age gap, women's wellbeing and fertility in rural Tanzania. In review at *Evolution and Human Behavior*.
- 2019 Schaffnit, S.B.**, Hassan, A., Urassa, M., & Lawson, D.W. Parent-offspring conflict unlikely to explain 'child marriage' in northwestern Tanzania. *Nature Human Behavior*, 3: 346-353.
- Schaffnit, S.B.**, Urassa, M., & Lawson, D.W. 'Child marriage' in context: Exploring local attitudes towards early marriage in rural Tanzania. *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*, 27(1).
- Birdthistle, I., Tanton, C., Tomita, A., de Graaf, K., **Schaffnit, S.B.**, Tanser, F., & Slaymaker, E. Recent levels and trends in HIV incidence rates among adolescent girls and young women in high-prevalence countries: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Lancet Global Health*, 7(11): e1521-e1540.
- Hassan, A., **Schaffnit, S.B.**, Sear, R., Urassa, M., & Lawson, D.W. Fathers favor sons, mothers don't discriminate: a study of sex-biased parental care in northwest Tanzania. *Evolutionary Human Sciences*, 1:e13.
- 2018** Birdthistle, I., **Schaffnit, S.B.**, Floyd, S., Chimbindi, N., Chiyaka, T., Cowan, F., Glynn, J., Gourlay, A., Hargreaves, J., Hensen, B., Kabiru, C., Kwaro, D., Ondeng'e, K., Phillips-Howard, P., Shahmanesh, M., Zaba, B., & Ziraba, A. Evaluating the impact of the DREAMS Partnership

to reduce HIV incidence among adolescent girls and young women in four settings: A study protocol. BMC Public Health, 18(1).

- 2017 Schaffnit, S.B.** & Sear R. Supportive families versus support from families: the decision to have a child in the Netherlands. Demographic Research, 37(14), 414-454.

**Schaffnit, S.B.** & Sear, R. Support for new mothers and the decision to have a second child in the United Kingdom: not all support is equal. Population Studies, 71: 345-361.

Sear, R., & **Schaffnit, S.** It's not just about the future: The present payoffs to behavior vary in degree and kind between the rich and the poor. Behavioral and Brain Sciences.

Lawson D. W., **Schaffnit, S.B.**, Hassan, A., James, S. & Borgerhoff Mulder, M. Father absence but not fosterage predicts food insecurity, relative poverty and poor child health in northern Tanzania. American Journal of Human Biology, 29(3): 1-17.

- 2016** Stulp, G., Sear, R., **Schaffnit, S.B.**, Mills, M., & Barrett, L. The reproductive ecology of industrial societies: the association between wealth and fertility. Human Nature, 27(4):445-470.

- 2014 Schaffnit, S.B.** & Sear, R. Wealth modifies relationships between kin and women's fertility in high-income countries. Behavioral Ecology, 25(4), 834-842.

Sheppard, P., **Schaffnit, S.B.**, Garcia, J. R. & Sear, R. Fostering relations: first sex and marital timings for children raised by kin and non-kin carers. Evolution and Human Behavior, 35(3): 161-168.

- ... Lawson, D.W., Lynes, R., Morris, A., & **Schaffnit, S.B.** What does the American public know about 'child marriage'? Under review at BMC Public Health.

Lawson, D.W., **Schaffnit, S.B.**, Hassan, A., & Urassa, M. Shared interests or sexual conflict? Spousal age gap, women's wellbeing and fertility in rural Tanzania. Under review at Evolution and Human Behavior.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- 2019 (Nov)** Parent-offspring conflict unlikely to drive early marriage in NW Tanzania. Invited talk presented at *University of Washington*. Seattle, United States.

**(Apr)** Parent-offspring conflict unlikely to drive early marriage in NW Tanzania. *European Human Behavior and Evolution Association*. Toulouse, France.

- 2018 (Nov)** 'Child marriage' in context: understanding the drivers of early marriage in rural Tanzania. Invited talk presented at *UCLA Center for Behavior, Evolution, and Culture*. Los Angeles, United States.

**(Jul)** Does parent-offspring conflict drive early marriage? A test of predictions in northwest Tanzania. *Human Behavior and Evolution Society*. Amsterdam, Netherlands.

**(May)** Does parent-offspring conflict drive early marriage? A test of predictions in northwest Tanzania. *California Workshop for the Evolutionary Social Sciences*. Santa Barbara, United States.

**(Mar)** Understanding early marriage in context: marital timing and women's wellbeing in Kisesa, Tanzania. Invited talk presented at *Understanding Harmful Cultural Practices: Origins, Drivers and Behavior Change Workshop*. Santa Barbara, United States.

**2015 (Oct)** Supportive Families and Men's and Women's Fertility Choices in the Netherlands: Family Support Norms and Within-Family Fluctuations in Support Can Elicit Different Outcomes. Invited paper presented at *Power of the Family Workshop*. Wageningen, Netherlands.

**(Mar)** Intergenerational support and women's fertility in high-income Countries: an evolutionary analysis.

Presented at the *Population Studies Group Seminar* at LSHTM. London, United Kingdom.

**2014 (Apr)** Kin effects on women's second birth timings in the UK: the role of fertility intentions. Paper presented at the *European Behavior and Evolution Association*. Bristol, United Kingdom.

**(Feb)** Modifiers of kin effects on women's fertility in the UK. Paper presented at *Cooperation and Conflict in the Family*. Sydney, Australia.

**2013 (Sep)** Fostering Relations: timings of first sex and marriage for children raised by kin and non-kin carers. Paper presented at the *British Society of Population Studies*. Swansea, United Kingdom.

**(Jul)** Fostering Relations: timings of first sex and marriage for children raised by kin and non-kin carers. Paper presented at the *Human Behavior and Evolution Society*. Miami, United States.

**(Mar)** Kin proximity and women's fitness in high income countries: testing the predictions of the cooperative breeding and local resource competition models. Paper presented at the *European Behavior and Evolution Association*. Amsterdam, Netherlands.

**2012 (Sep)** Kin and Partner Effects on Women's Fertility in the Developed World: interactions with socioeconomic status. Paper presented at the *British Society of Population Studies*. Nottingham, United Kingdom.

**(Jan)** Kin and Female Fertility in the Developed World: interactions with paternal investment and socioeconomic status. Poster presented at *Centre for Behavior and Evolution*. Newcastle, United Kingdom.

## TEACHING

### Practical Facilitator

- *Advanced Stata* (2016; LSHTM)
- *Analyzing Survey and Population Data* (2015-2017; LSHTM)
- *Personalized Additional Study Skills Program* (2014-2016; LSHTM)
- *Statistics for Epidemiology and Population Health* (2013-2016; LSHTM)
- *Statistical Methods in Epidemiology* (2015-2016; LSHTM)

### Supervisor

- Supervisor for 2 MSc Students (2014-2016; LSHTM)

- Co-supervisor for 2 PhD Students (2015-present; LSHTM)

### Lecturer

- *Behavioral Ecology of the Family* (2019; UCSB)
- *Human Behavioral Ecology* (2017-2019; UCSB)
- *International Development for Anthropologists* (2018, UCSB)
- *Analyzing Survey and Population Data* (2016-2017, LSHTM)
- *Population Studies* (2015-2016; LSHTM)

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 PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT AND CITIZENSHIP
 

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**Conference/Workshop Co-organizer**

- *European Human Behavior and Evolution Association Conference* (2016)
- *London Evolutionary Research Network Conference* (2013)

**Module Co-organizer**

- *Personalized Additional Study Skills Program* (2014-1016; LSHTM)
- *Population Studies for Distance Learners* (2016-2017; LSHTM)

**Reviewer,** Behavioral Ecology; Demographic Research; Evolution and Human Behavior; Frontiers in Public Health; Human Nature; Journal of Adolescent Health; Journal of Biosocial Science; Journal of Child and Adolescent Mental Health; PLOS One; Population Studies; Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters...

**Committee Member,** *London Evolutionary Research Network* (2013)

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 FUNDING AND AWARDS
 

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**Funding**

- Studentship. Rebecca Sear (PI). *Family Matters: Intergenerational Influences on Fertility*. European Research Council; 2011-2015
  - Competitive scholarship covering tuition, salary, materials and training for three years (grant number: ERC StG-2010 263760-FAMMAT)
- Mouat and Whiteford Endowed Research Fund, Beloit College Anthropology Department, Beloit, WI, USA; 2007
  - Competitive grant awarded for funding undergraduate honors thesis research
- Presidential Scholar, Beloit College, Beloit, WI, USA; 2004-2008
  - \$50,000 competitive scholarship awarded for undergraduate studies based on academic achievement and community involvement

**Minor Funding**

- European Human Behavior and Evolution Association travel bursary; 2013 & 2014
- Epidemiology and Population Health, LSHTM travel funding; 2013
- British Society of Population Studies travel bursary; 2012

**Academic Awards**

- **James E. Lockwood Award for Excellence in Anthropology**, Beloit College Anthropology Department; 2008
- **Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society**, Beta of Wisconsin Chapter, Beloit, WI, USA; elected into PBK in 2008
- **Dean's List**, Beloit College, Beloit, WI, USA; 2004-2008
- **Order of Omega**, Greek Leadership Honor Society; inducted 2007
- **Rho Lambda**, National Sorority Leadership Recognition Society; inducted 2007; President (2007-2008)