

# SUSAN B. SCHAFFNIT, PHD

## SOCIAL SCIENTIST

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### SUMMARY

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- Quantitative social scientist skilled at designing, implementing, and managing research
- Analytical thinker and confident data analyst working with quantitative and qualitative data in Stata (advanced), NVivo, and R
- Effective communicator with record of peer-reviewed publications, presentations, and successful collaborations with international research teams

### EDUCATION

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<b>Ph.D. Epidemiology and Population Health</b>	<b>2015</b>
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine   London, UK	
<b>M.Sc. Human Evolution and Behavior (Distinction)</b>	<b>2010</b>
University College London   London, UK	
<b>B.A. Anthropology (Summa cum laude)</b>	<b>2008</b>
Beloit College   Beloit, USA	

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>Postdoctoral Researcher, Demography</b>	<b>2020-present</b>
Pennsylvania State University   USA	
<b>Postdoctoral Scholar, Integrated Anthropological Sciences</b>	<b>2017-2020</b>
University of California, Santa Barbara   USA	
<b>Research Fellow, Population Health</b>	<b>2015-2017</b>
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine   UK	
<b>Statistical Consultant</b>	<b>2015</b>
University of Tokyo   UK	
<b>Research Consultant</b>	<b>2013</b>
Marie Stopes International   UK	

### PUBLICATIONS

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- ... Kilgallen, J., Schaffnit, S.B., Kumogola, Y., Galura, A., Urassa, M., & Lawson, D.W. (in revision). Does urbanization lead to a 'violence backlash'? Economic and demographic correlates of intimate partner violence in urbanizing Mwanza, Tanzania.
- Lynch, R., Schaffnit, S.B., Sear, R., Sosis, R., Shaver, J., & Shenk, M. (in prep). Religiosity increases the size and kin density of women's social networks in a country undergoing rapid market integration.
- 2021 Schaffnit, S.B., & Lawson, D.W. (2021). Married too young? The behavioral ecology of 'child marriage'. Social Sciences.**

**Schaffnit, S.B.**, Wamoyi, J., Urassa, M., Dardoumpa, M., & Lawson, D.W. (2021). "I have never seen something like that": Discrepancies between lived experiences and the global health concept of child marriage in northern Tanzania. [PLoS One](#).

Lawson D.W., **Schaffnit S.B.**, Kilgallen J.A., Kumogola Y., Galura A. & Urassa M. (2021). He for She? Understanding men's support for women's empowerment in northern Tanzania. [Evolutionary Human Sciences](#).

Lawson, D.W., **Schaffnit, S.B.**, Hassan, A., & Urassa, M. (2021). Shared interests or sexual conflict? Spousal age gap, women's wellbeing and fertility in rural Tanzania. [Evolution and Human Behavior](#).

Spake, L., **Schaffnit, S.B.**, Sear, R., Shenk, M., Sosis, R., & Shaver, J.H. (2021). Mother's partnership status and allomothering networks in the United Kingdom and United States. [Social Sciences](#).

**2020 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. [Global 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. [Evolution and Human Behavior](#).

Lawson, D.W., Lynes, R., Morris, A. & **Schaffnit, S.B.** What does the American public know about 'child marriage'? [PLOS ONE](#).

**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](#).

**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](#).

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](#).

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](#).

**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](#).

**2017 Schaffnit, S.B.** & Sear R. Supportive families versus support from families: the decision to have a child in the Netherlands. [Demographic Research](#).

**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](#).

Sear, R. & **Schaffnit, S.B.** 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.

**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.

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

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.

## 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. *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. *European Behavior and Evolution Association*. Bristol, United Kingdom.

**(Feb)** Modifiers of kin effects on women's fertility in the UK. *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. *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. *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. *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. *British Society of Population Studies*. Nottingham, United Kingdom.

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

## TEACHING

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### Lecturer

- Boundaries of Childhood - in *Behavioral Ecology of the Family* (2019; UCSB)
- Evolutionary Explanations for the Demographic Transition - in *Human Behavioral Ecology* (2017-2019; UCSB)
- 'Child Marriage' in Context - in *International Development for Anthropologists* (2018, UCSB)
- Analyzing Clustered Data - in *Analyzing Survey and Population Data* (2016-2017, LSHTM)
- The Second Demographic Transition - in *Population Studies* (2015-2016; LSHTM)

### 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)

## PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT AND CITIZENSHIP

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### Conference/Workshop Co-organizer

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

### Module Co-organizer

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

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

### Affiliate

- *Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington* (2020-present)
- *Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University*, (2020-present)

**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, and others...

## 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