



Penny Kansiime

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Lecturer of Social Work

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

Penny Kansiime has been a social work practitioner for over twelve years. She has both domestic and international practice in the areas of child protection, gender-based violence, social administration, forced migration, HIV/AIDS, and disability, with a range of individuals from diverse cultural backgrounds. Her social work lecturing career started almost two years ago, working as a sessional lecturer at the University of Western Sydney, University of Newcastle, as well as the Australian College of Applied Psychology in Sydney. Penny uses a holistic and critical approach to social work and aims at helping students become critically reflective practitioners.

EDUCATION

Penny is a PhD candidate at the University of Newcastle. She also holds a Master of Philosophy in Public Mental Health from Stellenbosch University and a Master of Science with a major in Social Work and Human Rights from the University of Gothenburg. Penny completed her Bachelor of Social Work and Social Administration degree from Makerere University Kampala.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Penny's research interests include forced migration, mental health and psychosocial wellbeing, sexual and gender-based violence, plus child protection, and other aspects of social work.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Penny is currently completing her doctoral studies in Social Work at the University of Newcastle. She has submitted her thesis which contained research finding on "Social Work with male survivors of conflict-related sexual violence in Uganda: The experiences of practitioners and their intervention methods".

AWARDS AND HONOURS

Penny has been awarded the AFFIRM Fellowship at the Alan J. Fisher Centre for Public Health, which is a joint initiative of the Department of Psychology at Stellenbosch University and the Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health at the University of Cape Town. Penny is also a recipient of the University of Newcastle International Postgraduate Research Scholarship and University of Newcastle Research Scholarship, as well as a scholarship from the Swedish foundation Linneus/Palme.

ASSOCIATIONS

Penny is a member of the Australian Association of Social Workers, and the National Association of Social Workers of Uganda. She is also a member of the Kaldor-Africa research group and the African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific.



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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Kansiime, P., van der Westhuizen, C., & Kagee, A. (2018). Barriers and facilitators to physical and mental health help-seeking among Congolese male refugee survivors of conflict-related sexual violence living in Kampala. *Social Work and Social Sciences Review*, 19 (3), 152-173.

Kansiime, P., & Tusasiirwe, S. (2017). Social work practice with war-related humanitarian refugees through the Refugee Law Project in Uganda. In M. Gray (Ed.), *The Handbook of Social Work and Social Development in Africa*.

Namara, W. S., Kikambuse, S. M., and Kansiime, P., (2013) Local government councils' performance and public service delivery in Uganda. Wakiso District Council score-card report, 2011/2012. Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment, Kampala.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Social work with male survivors of conflict-related sexual violence in Uganda: The experiences of practitioners and their intervention methods - The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP) 42nd Annual Conference, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand, November, 2019.

Addressing Health Inequalities Faced by Children with intellectual disabilities in Low Income Countries; the Case of Nodding Disease Victims in Uganda - Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development, Melbourne, Australia, July, 2014.

Ensuring the dignity and worth of persons in Uganda - the role of the National Association of Social Workers of Uganda (NASWU) – Voices for Development Conference, South Africa, September 2013.