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EDUCATION

- 2009 *Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work*
Columbia University, New York, NY
Concentration: Advanced Clinical Practice
- 2008 *Master of Philosophy*
Columbia University, New York, NY
- 2002 *Master of Science in Social Work*
Columbia University, New York, NY
Concentration: Health and Mental Health; Children and Family Services;
GPA 4.0
- 1999 *Master of Science in Psychology*
Baku State University
Department of Social Sciences and Psychology, Baku, Azerbaijan
- 1997 *Bachelor of Science in Psychology (summa cum laude)*
Baku State University
Department of Social Sciences and Psychology, Baku, Azerbaijan
- 1995-1997 *Advanced Training Program in Group Psychotherapy*
Central Clinical Hospital, Department of Psychiatry, Baku Azerbaijan

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

- 2012-present *Assistant Professor*
University of Chicago, School of Social Work Administration
- 2015-present *Faculty Affiliate and Executive Committee Member*
University of Chicago, Center for Global Health
- 2015-present *Faculty Affiliate and CHAS Fellow*
University of Chicago, Center for Health Administration Studies (CHAS)
- 2015-present *Advisory Committee Member,*
Behavioral, Social and Implementation Science Core, Third Coast Center for AIDS
Research (TC-CFAR), University of Chicago and Northwestern University
- 2012-present *Faculty Affiliate*, Global Health Certificate Program
Global Health Track, Graduate Program in Health Administration and Policy (GPHAP),
University of Chicago

- 2009-2012 *Post-doctoral Research Scientist / Associate Research Scientist*
Global Health Research Center of Central Asia (GHRCCA)
Columbia University, School of Social Work
- 2006-2008 *Graduate Research Assistant*
Suubi (Hope) Projects: Care and Support for Orphaned Children in sub-Saharan Africa
Columbia University, School of Social Work
- 2007-2008 *Senior Research Project Professional*
RCT of a child abuse preventive intervention in Chicago and New York
University of Chicago, School of Social Work Administration
- 2006-2007 *Research Scientist*
Department of Substance Abuse, Women's Research Center
New York State Psychiatric Institute
Research Foundation for Mental Hygiene / Columbia University Medical Center
- 2006 *Graduate Research Assistant*
A tri-lingual (English-Russian-Hebrew) International Epidemiological Mental Health and Substance Abuse Study in Israel
New York State Psychiatric Institute, Department of Research, Assessment, and Training
- 2005-2007 *Graduate Research Assistant*
A cross-national study on the effects of community violence on children and adolescents' mental health in Israel and the Palestinian authority
Columbia University, School of Social Work

RESEARCH SUPPORT

Ongoing Research

- 2013-2016 *Principal Investigator*
"Evaluating Child Protective Effects of Economic Strengthening and Child Protection Interventions among Ultra-poor Families in Burkina Faso"
Co-Operation Agreement among the University of Chicago, Trickle Up and International Rescue Committee, Women's Refugee Commission
Fundors: UNICEF/United Nations Children's Fund (Child Protection Working Group) and the Children and Violence Evaluation Challenge Fund, a joint initiative funded by Bernard van Leer Foundation, Oak Foundation, UBS Optimus Foundation and Wellspring Advisors and hosted by the Network of European Foundations (NEF).
\$298,540
- 2014-2016 *Principal Investigator*
"Developing an Integrated Family-Based Mental Health Prevention Program for Institutionalized Children in Azerbaijan"
Center for Health Administration Studies (CHAS), University of Chicago, \$20,080

Grants Under Revision

Submitted, *Principal Investigator*
2015 “Family-based Mental Health Prevention for Institutionalized Children in Azerbaijan”
National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Mentored Career Development Award to
Build Research Capacity in Global Mental Health (K01), \$708,689.

Completed Research

2012-2015 *Principal Investigator*
“A Computerized Family-Focused HIV and Drug Abuse Prevention Program for
Adolescents in Kazakhstan”,
National Institute on Drug Abuse/NIDA (R34-DA033201),
\$595,948

2011-2013 *Investigator*, “Quality Health Care Project in Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan”
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
\$1,007,729

2010–2012 *Technical Advisor*, “Strengthening the Capacity of the Republican AIDS Center to Implement
HIV Programs in the Republic of Kazakhstan under the President’s Emergency Plan for
AIDS Relief (PEPFAR)”
Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
PI: Batya Elul, Columbia University International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment
Programs (ICAP),
\$567,525 per year

2010-2012 *Technical Advisor*, “Implementation of Prevention, Care and Treatment Programs for
Individuals with HIV/AIDS in the Central Asian Republics of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz,
Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan under the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS
Relief (PEPFAR)”
Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
PI: David Hoos, Columbia University, ICAP,
\$353,275 per year

2010-2011 *Principal Investigator*, “Gender-based Violence in Azerbaijan: Qualitative Study of
Community Services”, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

2008-2009 *Principal Investigator*, “Intimate Partner Violence in Azerbaijan, Moldova, and Ukraine:
Prevalence and Individual and Contextual Risk Factors”, Dissertation Writing Grant
Harriman Institute of Eastern European Studies, Columbia University

2007 *Principal Investigator*, “The System of Child Mental Health Services in Israel and the West
Bank”, Summer Research Grant, Middle Eastern Institute, Columbia University

2007 *Co-investigator*, “Faith-Based Institutions as Project Implementers: An Innovative Economic
Empowerment Intervention for Care and Support of AIDS-Orphaned and Vulnerable
Children in Rural Uganda”, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,
PI: Ssewamala

PUBLICATIONS**PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES** (* denotes student co-author)

- Ismayilova L.**, Gaveras* E., Blum* A., Tô A., Nanema R. (2016). Maltreatment and mental health outcomes among ultra-poor children in Burkina Faso: A latent class analysis. *PLoS ONE*, 11(10): e0164790.
- El-Bassel, N., Gilbert, L., Shaw, S. A., Mergenova, G., Terlikbayeva, A., Primbetova, S., Ma, X., Chang, M., **Ismayilova, L.**, Hunt, T. & West, B. (2016). The Silk Road Health Project: How Mobility and Migration Status Influence HIV Risks among Male Migrant Workers in Central Asia. *PLoS ONE*, 11(3), e0151278.
- Ismayilova L.** (2015). Spousal violence in five transitional countries: A population-based multi-level analysis of individual and contextual risk factors. *American Journal of Public Health*, 105(11), e12-e22.
- Gilbert, L., Shaw, S., Terlikbayeva, A., McCrimmon, T., Zhussupov, B. & **Ismayilova L.** (2015). Intimate partner violence and HIV risks among migrant women in Central Asia. *Journal of AIDS and Clinical Research*, 6(3): 428-436.
- El-Bassel, N., Shaw, S. A., Mergenova, G., **Ismayilova, L.**, & McCrimmon, T. (2015). Masculinities and Social Contexts of HIV Risk Practices among Central Asian Male Migrant Workers. *Journal of AIDS & Clinical Research*, 6(486), 2.
- Ismayilova L.**, Ssewamala F., Huseynli* A. (2014). Reforming child institutional care in the Post-Soviet bloc: The potential role of family-based empowerment strategies. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 47(2):136-148.
- Ismayilova L.**, El-Bassel N. (2014). Intimate partner physical and sexual violence and pregnancy outcomes in the three former Soviet Union countries: Azerbaijan, Moldova, and Ukraine. *Violence Against Women*, 20(6):633-652.
- El-Bassel N., Gilbert L., Terlikbayeva A., Beyrer C., Wu E., Chang M., Hunt T., **Ismayilova L.**, Shaw S., Primbetova S., Rozental Y., Zhussopov B., Tukeyev M. (2014). Effects of a couple-based intervention to reduce risks for HIV, HCV, and STIs among drug-involved heterosexual couples in Kazakhstan: A randomized controlled trial. *J AIDS: Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*, 67(2):196-203.
- Ismayilova L.**, Lee* H.N., Shaw* S., El-Bassel N., Gilbert, L., Terlikbayeva A., Rozental Y. (2014). Mental Health and Migration: Depression, Alcohol Abuse, and Access to Health Care among Migrants in Central Asia. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 16(6): 1138-1148.
- El-Bassel N., Gilbert L., Terlikbayeva A., Beyrer C., Wu, E., Shaw S., Ma X., Chang M., Hunt T., **Ismayilova I.**, Primbetova S., Rozental Y., Zhussupov B. (2014). HIV risks among injecting and non-injecting female partners of men who inject drugs in Almaty, Kazakhstan: Implications for HIV prevention, research, and policy. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 25(6):1195-203.
- El-Bassel N., Gilbert, L., Terlikbayeva A., Wu, E., Beyrer C., Shaw, S., Hunt T., Ma X., Chang M., **Ismayilova I.**, Tukeyev M., Zhussupov B., Rozental Y. (2013). HIV among injection drug users and their intimate partners in Almaty, Kazakhstan. *AIDS and Behavior*, 17(7):2490-2500.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (CONTINUED)

- Ismayilova L.**, El-Bassel N. (2013). Prevalence and correlates of intimate partner violence by type and severity: Population-based studies in Azerbaijan, Moldova, and Ukraine. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 28(12): 2521 – 2556.
- Alkhasawneh* I., **Ismayilova L.**, Seshan V., Olimat H., El-Bassel N. (2013). Predictors of Human Immunodeficiency Virus knowledge among Jordanian youths. *SQU Medical Journal*, 13(2), pp. 232-240.
- Ismayilova L.**, Olimat H. Alkhasawneh* I., Shaw S., El-Bassel N., (2012). Depressive symptoms among Jordanian youth: results of a national survey. *Community Mental Health Journal*, 49(1):133-140.
- Janevic T., Pallas* S.W., **Ismayilova L.**, Bradley E.H. (2012). Individual and community level socioeconomic inequalities in contraceptive use in 10 Newly Independent States: a multilevel cross-sectional analysis. *International Journal for Equity in Health*, 11(1):69-72.
- Ismayilova L.**, Ssewamala F., Mooers E., Nabunya* P., Sheshadri* S. (2012). Imagining the future: Community perception of the family empowerment intervention for orphaned children in rural Uganda. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 34(10): 2042–2051.
- Ismayilova L.**, Ssewamala F., Karimli L. (2012). Family support as a mediator of sexual risk taking among orphaned children in rural Uganda. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 50(3): 228-235.
- Ssewamala FM, Neilands TB, Waldfogel J., **Ismayilova L.** (2012). The impact of a comprehensive microfinance intervention on depression levels of AIDS-orphaned children in sub-Saharan Africa. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 50(4): 346-352.
- Alkhasawneh* I., **Ismayilova L.**, El-Bassel N, Olimat H. (2012). Status of social and behavioral HIV/AIDS research in Jordan: A systematic review. *Eastern Mediterranean Health Journal*, 18(5): 487-494.
- Karimli L., Ssewamala F., **Ismayilova L.** (2012). Extended families and perceived caregiver support to AIDS orphans in Rakai district of Uganda. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 34(7):1351-1358.
- Ssewamala F., Chung Keun H., Neilands T.B., **Ismayilova L.**, and Sperber E. (2010). The Effect of Economic Assets on Sexual Risk Taking among Orphaned Adolescents in Uganda. *American Journal of Public Health*, 100(3): 483-488.
- Ssewamala FM, Karimli L, Chung Keun H, **Ismayilova L.** (2010). Social support, savings, and educational outcomes of orphaned adolescents in sub-Saharan Africa: Prospects for family-level economic strengthening programs. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 32(12), 1704-1710.
- Guterman N.B., Haj-Yahia M.M., Vorhies V., **Ismayilova L.**, Leshem B. (2010). Help-Seeking and Internal Obstacles to Receiving Support in the Wake of Community Violence Exposure: The Case of Arab and Jewish Adolescents in Israel. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 19(6): 687-696.
- Ssewamala F., **Ismayilova L.**, McKay M., Sperber E., Bannon W., Alicea S., (2009). Gender and the Effects of an Economic Empowerment Program on Sexual Risk-Taking among Adolescent Youth in Uganda. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 46(4):372-378.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (CONTINUED)

Ssewamala F. and **Ismayilova L.** (2009). Integrating Children Savings Accounts in the Care and Support of Orphaned Adolescents in Rural Uganda. *Social Service Review*, 83(3):453-472.

Ssewamala F., Bannon W., Alicea S., **Ismayilova L.** (2008). A Novel Economic Intervention to Reduce HIV Risks among School-going AIDS Orphans in Rural Uganda. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 42(1):102-104.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Ismayilova L., Gaveras* E., Sanson J., Chaffin J. To A., Nanema R. (revise and resubmit). Improving mental health and well-being outcomes among ultra-poor children in Burkina Faso: results of an open-label, cluster-randomised controlled trial. *Journal of Pediatrics*.

Ismayilova L., Karimli L., Gaveras* E., Sanson J., Chaffin J., To A. (under review). An integrated approach to increasing women's status and reducing family violence in a West African country: results of a cluster-randomized controlled trial.

Ismayilova L., Terlikbayeva, Gaveras* A., Rozental Y. (under review). Multi-Media Intervention for Prevention of Drug Use among at-Risk Adolescents in Central Asia: Family-level Results from a Pilot Randomized Clinical Trial.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Ismayilova L., Terlikbayeva, A., Rozental Y. (in progress). Cultural adaptation of a multimedia family-based drug prevention program in Kazakhstan: Process, opportunities and challenges.

Ismayilova L. (in progress). Latent class analysis of emotional problems and substance use among at-risk Central Asian adolescents.

Ismayilova L. and Yasui M. (in preparation). Cultural equivalence and cultural variances in internalizing and externalizing problem behaviors among Central Asian teens.

Ismayilova L., Huseynli* A., Brown* R., Panahova G. (in progress). Qualitative study of mental health needs of institutionalized children and their parents in Azerbaijan: toward an integrated family-focused mental health prevention program.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND REPORTS

Ismayilova L., Karimli L., Tô A., Nanema R., Sanson J., Gaveras* E., Delannoy* C., Hu* W. (2015). *Child Protective Effects of Economic Strengthening and Child Rights Interventions among Ultra-poor Families in Burkina Faso*. Keeping Families Together Through Economic Strengthening. Washington, DC: USAID and FHI360. Available at: www.seepnetwork.org/symposium-report--keeping-children-and-families-together-with-economic-strengthening-resources-1491.php

Ismayilova L. (2010). *Intimate Partner Violence and Unintended Pregnancy in Azerbaijan, Moldova, and Ukraine*. Demographic and Health Survey Working Papers No. 79, Calverton, Maryland, USA: ICF Macro. Available at: <http://dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/wp79/wp79.pdf>

Ssewamala, F. M. and **Ismayilova, L.** (2008). Faith-based Institutions as Project Implementers: An Innovative Economic Empowerment Intervention for Care and Support of AIDS-Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in Rural Uganda. In Pamela Joshi, Stephanie Hawkins and Jeffrey Novey (Eds.) edited volume, *Innovations in Effective Compassion: Compendium of Research Papers for the White House FBO Conference (pp.213-235)*. US Department of Health and Human Services. Available at: http://www.baylorisr.org/wp-content/uploads/johnson_innovations.pdf

Ismayilova L., Shirinova A., Karimov A. (2011). *Be patient, accept and endure: how society is failing women living in abusive relationships. A qualitative study of community perception of violence prevention programs in two regions of Azerbaijan*. United Nations Population Fund Azerbaijan: UNFPA.

Ismayilova L. (2008). *Field Research Report: Child Safety and Parenting Training Programs with Palestinian and Iraqi refugees in Jordan*. Amman, Jordan: Queen Rania Child and Family Center.

Ssewamala F., **Ismayilova L.**, Nyambura C., Kalungu-Banda A. (2008). *Violence against Women: Field Baseline Assessment — Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania*. Field Research Report. Nairobi, Kenya: Oxfam.

Ssewamala F., **Ismayilova L.**, Nyambura C., Kalungu-Banda A. (2007). *Oxfam's Desk Review. Baseline Assessment of Violence against Women Campaign in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda*. Nairobi, Kenya: Oxfam.

Ssewamala F., **Ismayilova L.** and Oxfam Team (2006). *Oxfam's Right to be Heard Programme: Field Research Report*. Kampala, Uganda: Oxfam.

Ismayilova L. (2005). *Children with disabilities: improving attitudes, policies, and practices*. Evaluation report. Baku, Azerbaijan: World Vision International and Center for Innovations in Education.

Magerramov T., **Ismayilova L.**, Faradov T. (2005). *HIV/AIDS in Azerbaijan: a socio-cultural approach*. Paris, France: UNESCO-Paris. <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0014/001440/144020E.pdf>

Ismayilova L. and Ismailzade F. (2003). *Contemporary Social Problems and Gaps in Social Services in Azerbaijan*". A needs assessment report for Social Work Education Project. Baku, Azerbaijan: Baku Education Information Center.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Ismayilova L., Huseynli* A., Brown* R. (accepted for oral presentation, Jan, 2017). Needs and Challenges of Developing an Integrated Mental Health Prevention Program for Institutionalized Children and Their Parents in Azerbaijan: Results of Formative Work. *Society for Social Work and Research/SSWR 21th Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA*.

Ismayilova L., Karimli L., Sanson J., Tô A., Nanema R., Gaveras* E. (accepted for oral presentation, Jan, 2017). Improving Child Protective and Child-Wellbeing Outcomes Among Ultra-Poor Families in Burkina Faso: Results of a Cluster Randomized Controlled Trial. *Society for Social Work and Research/SSWR 21th Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA*.

Ismayilova L., Sanson J. (June, 2016). Testing an Integrated Intervention to Promote Child Protection and Well Being Among Ultra-Poor Families in Burkina Faso Evolving Methods for an Expanding Field: Global Research with Children and Families in Adversity. *Biennial Meeting of the CPC Learning Network*. Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC) Campus, New York, USA.

Ismayilova L., Terlikbayeva A., Rozental Y. (June, 2016). Outcomes of Multi-Media Family-Based Intervention for Prevention of Drug Use Among At-Risk Adolescents In Central Asia. *NIDA International Forum and College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) Conference*, Palm Springs, CA.

Ismayilova L., Terlikbayeva A., Gaveras E., Rozental Y. (May, 2016). A Computerized Family-Focused HIV and Drug Abuse Prevention Program for Adolescents: Results from a Pilot Randomized Clinical Trial in Kazakhstan. *Society for Prevention Research/SPR 23rd Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA.

Ismayilova L., Sanson J. (May, 2016). Improving child mental health outcomes in low-income settings: the benefits of integrated interventions. *Columbia International Center for Child Health and Asset Development (ICHAD)*, The Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health at Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health and the Columbia Population Research Center. The 2nd Annual Conference on Global Perspectives on Economic Strengthening and Adolescent Health and Education in Sub-Saharan Africa, New York, NY.

Ismayilova L., Karimli L., Gaveras* E., Sanson J., Tô A., Nanema R., (January, 2016). Developing and Testing Feasibility of an Integrated Intervention Preventing Family Separation and Improving Child Protective Outcomes among Ultra-Poor Families in Burkina Faso. *Society for Social Work and Research/SSWR 20th Annual Conference*, Washington, DC.

Ismayilova L., Terlikbayeva A., Rozental Y. (January, 2016) Preventing Drug Use Among at-Risk Adolescents in Kazakhstan: Acceptability and Initial Evidence of Effects of a Family-Based Multi-Media Intervention. *Society for Social Work and Research/SSWR 20th Annual Conference*, Washington, DC.

Ismayilova L., (2015, May). Feasibility of a multimedia drug abuse prevention intervention for at-risk adolescents and their caregivers in Kazakhstan. *Society for Prevention Research/SPR 22nd Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC.

Ismayilova L., Karimli L., Tô A., Nanema R., Sanson J., Gaveras* E. (2015, March). Preventing Family Separation among Ultra-poor Families in Burkina Faso: Integrating Economic Strengthening and Child Rights Sensitization Components (Selected Case Study). *USAID-funded Symposium on Preventing Family Separation and Supporting the Tracing, Reunification and Reintegration of Separated Children into their Families and Communities (STRIVE)*, Washington, D.C.

Ismayilova L. (2014, Sept, accepted for oral presentation). Preventing violence and exploitation among ultra-poor children in Burkina Faso. *WHO and University of Cambridge Global Violence Reduction Conference*, Cambridge, United Kingdom.

Ismayilova L., (2013, May). Developing a Culturally-Adapted Computerized Family-Based Intervention to Prevent Drug Abuse and HIV among Youth in Central Asia. *Society for Prevention Research/SPR 21st Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA.

Ismayilova L., Nabunya* P. (2013, May). Emotional and Behavioral Problems among Orphaned Children in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Mediating Role of Support from Extended Family Members. *Society for Prevention Research/SPR 21st Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA.

Ismayilova L. (2013, April). Kazakhstani Family Together: A multi-media family-based youth drug use and HIV prevention in Kazakhstan. *Society for Research in Child Development/SRCD*. Preconference, Interventions for Children and Youth in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: New Opportunities and Challenges for Developmental Science. Seattle, Washington, USA.

Ismayilova L., Olmat H., Alkhasawneh* I. (2012, Nov, accepted for oral presentation). Youth Mental Health in Jordan: Results of a National Survey. *The 12th Pan Arab Psychiatric Conference: Mental Health Changes in the Arab World 'Violence, Trauma and Recovery'* sponsored by the World Psychiatric Association. Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Ismayilova L., Shaw* S., Lee HN, El-Bassel N., Gilbert L., Terlikbayeva A. (2011, Nov). Health status and access to care among migrant market workers in Kazakhstan. 139th *American Public Health Association* (APHA) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Ismayilova L., El-Bassel N. (2011, Jan). Intimate Partner Violence and Women's Reproductive Health Risks: Evidence From Azerbaijan, Moldova, and Ukraine. Annual Conference of the *Society for Social Work and Research* (SSWR), Tampa, FL.

Ismayilova L., Ssewamala F.M., Karimli L. (2011, Jan). Caregiver Support as a Mediator of Sexual Risk Taking Among Orphaned Adolescents in Rural Uganda. Annual Conference of the *Society for Social Work and Research* (SSWR), Tampa, FL.

Ismayilova L., Brisson A., El-Bassel N., Gilbert L., Nikitin D. (2010, May). Sexual and drug-related HIV risk behaviors among injection drug users in Southern Kyrgyzstan. Fourth Annual Conference for the *Dissemination of Research on Addictions, Infectious Disease, and Public Health*, John Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD.

Ssewamala F.M., **Ismayilova L.**, Karimli L. (2010, Jan). Economic strengthening approach to care and support of orphaned and vulnerable children. Invited Symposium at the Annual Conference of *the Society for Social Work and Research* (SSWR), San Francisco, CA.

Ismayilova L., El-Bassel N. (2009, Nov). HIV and Intimate Partner Violence: HIV interventions for drug-involved women. *WHO/UNAIDS Conference "Violence against women and HIV/AIDS: What works?"* Geneva, Switzerland.

Ssewamala FM, **Ismayilova L.** (2009, Jan). Collaborating with faith-based institutions in implementing children development accounts for school-going orphaned and vulnerable children: lessons from Suubi-research program in rural Uganda. The Annual Conference of the *Society for Social Work and Research* (SSWR), New Orleans, LA.

Ismayilova L. (2008, Oct). *Promoting child and adolescent mental health in transitional countries: A case study of Azerbaijan*. American Public Health Association/APHA, the 136th Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.

Ismayilova L., Ssewamala F.M. (2008, Aug, accepted for poster session). *Psychological needs of children orphaned due to AIDS in Uganda*. *American Psychological Association*, Annual Convention, Boston, MA.

Ssewamala FM, **Ismayilova L.** (2008, June). Religious institutions as project implementers: example of a family economic strengthening intervention for care and support of orphaned and vulnerable children in rural Uganda. *The White House Faith-Based and Community Initiative Conference on Research, Outcomes & Evaluation*, Washington, D.C.

Ismayilova L., Ssewamala F.M. (2008, May, accepted for oral presentation). Family and Social Support as Protective Factors in Mental Health Functioning of Orphaned Children in Uganda. The 20th Annual *National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS*, Washington, DC.

Ismayilova L., Ssewamala F.M., McKay M. (2008, Jan). The Role of Family Relations in Sexual Risk Taking among Orphaned and Vulnerable Adolescents in Uganda. *Society for Social Work Research*, 12th Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Ssewamala FM, **Ismayilova L.**, Alicea S. (2008, Jan). Integrating Savings into Care and Support of Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in Uganda: Lessons from the SEED/SUUBI Research Program. The Annual Conference of the *Society for Social Work and Research* (SSWR), Washington, DC.

Menon N., Ssewamala F.M., **Ismayilova L.** (2007, June). Role of Public and Individual Assets in Social Development Strategies: A Conceptual Framework. The 15th *International Symposium on Social Development* organized by the Inter-University Consortium for International Social Development (IUCISD), Hong Kong, China.

Ssewamala F. M., Menon N., **Ismayilova L.** (2007, July). Assets & Children's Health Outcomes: A comparative study of Uganda and India. The 15th *International Symposium on Social Development* organized by the Inter-University Consortium for International Social Development (IUCISD), Hong Kong, China.

Ssewamala F.M., **Ismayilova L.** (2006, July). Promoting Life Opportunities for Uganda's Orphaned Child: the Potential of Family-Asset based Strategies. Paper presented at the *National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Annual International Research Conference on the Role of Families in Preventing and Adapting to HIV/AIDS*, San Juan, Isla Verde, Puerto Rico.

TEACHING

- 2012-present **University of Chicago**, *Assistant Professor*
International Perspectives on Social Policy and Social Work Practice
Program Evaluation in International Settings
Clinical Research: Using Evidence in Clinical Decision Making
Topics in Global Health (teaching sessions on Global Mental Health, UChicago College)
- Columbia University, School of Social Work**
2006-2012 *Preceptor (2006-2009) / Adjunct Assistant Professor (2009-2012)*
Clinical Case Evaluation, Program Evaluation, International Social Development Practice
- 2008-2009, 2012 **New York University, Silver School of Social Work**, *Adjunct Lecturer*
Research II: Practice and Program Evaluation
- 2005-2007 **Columbia University School of Social Work**, *Teaching Assistant*
Program Evaluation
Nominated for the University-wide Award for Outstanding Teaching by Graduate Students
- 2002-2005 **Baku State University**, Department of Social Sciences and Psychology, *Adjunct Lecturer*
Foundation of Clinical Practice with Vulnerable Population
Social Work Research Methods
Contemporary Social Problems

Clinical Practice, International Consultancies and Other Professional Experience

- 2007 *Consultant*
Parenting support and child safety program for Iraqi and Palestinian refugees
Queen Rania Child and Family Center, Jordan River Foundation, Amman, Jordan
- 2007 *Consultant / Co-Evaluator*
“WE CAN-Africa”, violence against women prevention program in slums and refugee camps
Oxfam–Great Britain, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania
- 2006 *Consultant / Co-Evaluator*
Right to be Heard Programme, Oxfam–Great Britain, Uganda
- 2005 *Researcher*
Culturally appropriate programs for HIV/AIDS Prevention in the South Caucasus region
United Nations Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)-Paris, Baku, Azerbaijan
- 2004 *Consultant*
Children with physical and mental disabilities: improving policies and practices
UNICEF and World Vision–International, Azerbaijan
- 2002-2005 *Founding Director and Counselor*
Center for Psychological Counseling, Baku, Azerbaijan
- 2002 *Research Consultant*
Azerbaijan Community Development Project, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Azerbaijan
- 2002 *Research Interviewer*
The NYC Young Children’s Project: The Impact of the World Trade Center Disaster on
Parents and their Young Children,
Barnard College, Center for Toddler Development, New York
- 2001-2002 *Social Work Counselor (MSW Intern)*
Steinway Mental Health Clinic, Steinway Child and Family Services, New York, NY
- 2000-2001 *Social Work Counselor (MSW Intern)*
Recovery Clinic, Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment Program
Bellevue Hospital, Psychiatric Department, New York, NY
- 1997-2000 *Co-facilitator*
Group therapy using psychodrama and art therapy techniques
Department of Psychiatry, Central Clinical Hospital, Baku, Azerbaijan

FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS

- 2009-2010 *Research Fellowship in Global Health, DHS Fellow Program, USAID*
- 2009 *PhD Development Fellowship, Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy*
- 2008 *Junior Research Fellowship, Harriman Institute on Eastern and Central Europe, Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)*
- 2008 *Ergas Memorial Fellowship: Research in Turkic Studies, Columbia University, SIPA*
- 2007 *Summer Research Fellowship, Middle Eastern Institute Columbia University, SIPA*
- 2003-2005 *Social Work Alumni Grant, Open Society Institute (OSI)/Soros Foundation, New York*
- 2002-2004 *Local Faculty Fellowship, Academic Fellowship Program, Soros Foundation - Hungary*
- 2000-2002 *Social Work MSW Fellowship, Open Society Institute, New York*
- 1999-2000 *Curriculum Development Fellowship, Central European University (CEU) - Hungary*

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

- 2012-present International Strategic Initiatives Committee, University of Chicago, SSA
2012-present Admissions Committee, University of Chicago, SSA
2013 Online Learning Committee, University of Chicago, SSA

Editorial or Board Positions

- 2003-2008 *Advisory Board Member*, International Alliance for Child & Adolescent Mental Health and Schools (INTERCAMHS)
2003-2005 *Editor Associate*, “Education for Democracy”, Eastern European journal on Early Childhood Development

Dissertation Committees and Mentorship

- 2016 *Reactor*, Proscovia Nabunya, dissertation defense “Family Economic Strengthening and Non-Kin Support Networks for Children Orphaned By HIV/AIDS Living in Low Resource Communities in Uganda: A Mixed Methods Approach”
2015 *Faculty Mentor*, Independent Study, Austin Blum, University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine
2015 *Reactor*, Tae Yeun Kim, dissertation defense “The influence of perceived racial discrimination on depressive symptoms and school outcomes among Asian American adolescents”
2015 *Reactor*, Billie Jo Day, dissertation proposal defense
2014-2016 *Faculty Mentor* for doctoral student, Aytakin Huseynli, Washington University in St. Louis
2014 *Reactor*, Hasan Reza, dissertation: “Social Networks, Social Support, and Survival on the Streets: An Exploratory Study of the Survival Strategies of Bangladeshi Street Youth”
2013-2014 *Faculty Mentor* for doctoral student, Sameena Azhar, University of Chicago, SSA
2012-2013 *Faculty Mentor* for doctoral student, Proscovia Nabunya, University of Chicago, SSA
2010-2012 *Faculty Mentor*, Visiting Faculty Program, Open Society Institute, New York, NY
2009-2012 *International Students Mentor*, Soros Foundation Program, Columbia University

Journal Review

Lancet Psychiatry, PLoS ONE, American Journal of Public Health (AJPH), BMC Public Health, Journal of Adolescent Health, Violence Against Women, Children and Youth Services Review, Health Policy and Planning, Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health, Journal of Adolescent Research, BMC International Health and Human Rights, Health Education Research, Social Service Review, BMC Health Services Research, World Development.

Conference Review

- 2013-present *Abstract Reviewer*, Society for Prevention Research (SPR)
2012-2013 *Abstract Reviewer*, Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)
Society for Prevention Research (SPR)
Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)
American Psychological Association (APA)

LANGUAGES

Russian (fluent), Azerbaijani (intermediate), Italian (advanced beginner) and French (elementary)

DATA ANALYTICAL PACKAGES

STATA, SPSS, Hierarchical Linear and Nonlinear Modeling (HLM), MPlus

Respondent Driven Sampling (RDS) Analysis Tool, Qualitative packages (Atlas.ti, Dedoose, N-Vivo)

Electronic Data Collection Software (DatStat, QDS 3.0)