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EDUCATION

- (2020) Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dissertation: “From Boy Child to Youth: the Discursive Politics of Gendered Age Categories in Kenya”
Committee: Monica Grant (chair), Myra Marx Ferree, Christine Schwartz, Nancy Kendall, Sanyu Mojola (Princeton University)
Preliminary exams: Demography, Sociology of the Family (both passed with distinction)
- 2016 M.S., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Thesis: “Economic Uncertainty and Marriage Timing for Rural and Urban Men in Malawi”
- 2011 B.A., Anthropology with African Studies certificate, Princeton University
Senior Thesis: “Paying the Cows: An Ethnographic Study of Bride Price in Uganda”
Graduated with honours

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social demography, Gender, Economic Change and Development, Transition to Adulthood, Sociology of the Family, Sub-Saharan Africa

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Pike, Isabel (forthcoming) “A Discursive Spectrum: The Narrative of Kenya’s “Neglected” Boy Child” *Gender & Society* [[online view](#)]

Grant, Monica and **Isabel Pike** (2019) “Divorce, Living Arrangements, and Material Well-being during the Transition to Adulthood in Rural Malawi” *Population Studies* 73(2), 261-275

Pike, Isabel, Sanyu Mojola and Caroline Kabiru (2018) Making Sense of Marriage: Gender and the Transition to Adulthood in Nairobi, Kenya. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 80(5), 1298-1313

Raymo, James, **Isabel Pike**, and Jersey Liang (2018) “A New Look at the Living Arrangements of Older Americans Using Multistate Life Tables” *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* (online preview)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Pike, Isabel “Economic Uncertainty and Men’s Marriage Timing in Rural and Semi-Urban Malawi”
(invitation to revise and resubmit at *Social Forces*)

Pike, Isabel and Monica Grant “Gifting Relationships and School Dropout in Rural Malawi:
Examining Differences by Gender and Poverty Level”

Pike, Isabel “‘Work is Work’: Crossing Gendered Occupational Lines in Kenya”

Grant, Monica and **Isabel Pike** “Does Remarriage Boost Fertility in Early Adulthood? Evidence
from Malawi”

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2018 Pike, Isabel “Mathare holiday camp helps kids improve grades, learn life skills.” The Star
newspaper, Nairobi, Kenya

2016 Pike, Isabel “‘Cheaper’ energy still unaffordable to rural households.” The Star newspaper,
Nairobi, Kenya

2015 Pike, Isabel, Stella Muthuri, Milka Njeri, Caroline Kabiru and Shelley Clark. “Daycare in a
Nairobi Informal Settlement” African Population and Health Research Center (APHRC)
fact sheet.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2019-2020 Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship in Women’s Studies

Fall 2019 Mellon-Wisconsin Fellowship, Graduate School, UW-Madison

2015-2019 Student Travel Grant, Center for Demography and Ecology, UW-Madison

2016 Student Research Travel Grant, Graduate School, UW-Madison

2015 Scott-Kloeck Johnson International Internship Fellowship, UW-Madison

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2019, Spring *Teaching assistant* on Sociology 1b: The Sociological Imagination: Private Troubles,
Public Problems, University of Edinburgh

2018, Fall *Teaching assistant* on Sociology 1a: The Sociological Imagination: Individuals and
Society, University of Edinburgh

2017-19 *Graduate and teaching assistant* on African Studies & International Development MSc
course: Research Design and Practice, University of Edinburgh [year-long course]

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019 *Consultant*, Population Council
- 2014 *Reports and Donor Relations Officer*, World Food Programme (WFP) in Bamako, Mali
- 2012–14 *Reports and Donor Relations Officer*, WFP in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
- 2012 *Reports Assistant*, WFP West Africa Regional Bureau in Dakar, Senegal
- 2011–12 *Communications Assistant*, WFP West Africa Regional Bureau in Dakar, Senegal

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2017–present *Research Assistant* for Monica Grant, Department of Sociology
- 2015-17 *Research Assistant* for James Raymo, Department of Sociology
- 2015 *Research Intern*, African Population and Health Research Center, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2015 *Research Assistant* for Timothy Smeeding, La Follette School of Public Affairs,
- 2014 *Research Assistant* for James Raymo and Marcy Carlson, Department of Sociology

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Pike, Isabel. “Song of the Day”: Gender, Social Change, and Kenya’s Boy Child” *European Conference on African Studies*, Edinburgh, UK
- 2018 Pike, Isabel. “Work is Work’: Crossing Gendered Lines in Central Kenya” *African Studies Association UK conference*, Birmingham, UK
- 2018 Pike, Isabel. “Neglected?: Needs-talk surrounding Kenya’s Boy Child” *American Sociological Association conference*, Philadelphia, PA and at *British Institute in Eastern Africa (BIEA)*, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2016 Pike, Isabel. “Economic Uncertainty and Marriage Timing for Rural and Urban Men in Malawi.” *Quetelet Conference: Men’s perspective in unions, fertility and parenthood*, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

Poster Presentations

- 2016 Pike, Isabel, Sanyu Mojola, and Caroline Kabiru. “Marital Aspirations of Low-Income Young People in Nairobi” *Population Association of America conference*, Washington, DC.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Member: American Sociological Association, Population Association of America, The African Studies Association of the UK

Reviewer: Qualitative Sociology, PLOS One, Conservation Letters

2016–17 *Treasurer*, UW-Madison Sociology Graduate Student Association

2015–16 *Cohort representative*, UW-Madison Sociology Graduate Student Association

2015, 16 *Mentor* for new graduate students

COMPUTER PROGRAMS

Quantitative: Stata (advanced) and R (basic); Qualitative: Nvivo, Dedoose (advanced)

LANGUAGES

English (native), French (fluent), Kiswahili (advanced), German (basic)

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