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University in St. Louis, St Louis, Missouri  
1992 B.S.W., University of Zambia, Lusaka, Zambia.

**AWARDS & HONORS**

2003 -2008 William Beveridge Doctoral Fellow  
2000-2002 Leo Tolstoy Fellow, for most promising leader in International social  
development.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

07/08 - Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel  
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06/06 – 06/08 Teaching Fellow, George Warren Brown School of Social Work,  
Washington University in St Louis, St Louis, MO.  
01/03 – 06/08 Project Manager, AssetsAfrica Research Project, Center for Social  
Development, Washington University in St Louis, St Louis, MO.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

07/08 - Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
08/06 – 05/08 Teaching Fellow, George Warren Brown School of Social Work,  
Washington University in St. Louis, St Louis, Missouri.  
01/05 – 07/06 Teaching Assistant, George Warren Brown School of Social Work,  
Washington University in St. Louis, St Louis, Missouri.

## **SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

- 1997 –2000. Project Director, Pudulogong Rehabilitation and Development Trust (PUREDET), Mochudi, Botswana.
- 1994 – 1996. Program Management Consultant, World Vision International, Gaborone, Botswana.
- 1999 – 2000. Principal Consultant, Chowa Development Consultants, Gaborone, Botswana.

## **PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS ARTICLES**

1. Stiffman A. R., Brown E., Striley C., Ostman E. & **Chowa G.A.N.** (2005). Cultural and ethical issues concerning research on American Indian youth. *Ethics & Behavior* 15(1) 1-14
2. **Chowa, G.A.N.** (2006). Saving performance among rural households in Sub-Saharan Africa: The effect of gender. *Social Development Issues*, 28(2), 106-116.
3. **Chowa, G.A.N.**, & Ansong, D. (2010) Student-directed projects: An international case study for social work education. (Accepted) *Journal of Social Work Education*.
4. **Chowa, G.A.N.**, & Ansong, D. (2010) Youth savings in AssetsAfrica. (Accepted) *Children and Youth Services Review*.
5. **Chowa, G.A.N.**, Ansong, D., & Masa, R. (2010). Assets and child well-being in developing countries: A research review. (Accepted) *Children and Youth Services Review*.
6. **Chowa, G.A.N.** & Elliott, W. (2010) *An asset approach to increasing perceived household financial stability among families in Uganda* (Accepted) *Journal of Socio-economics*
7. Grinstein-Weiss, M., **Chowa, G.A.N.** & Casalotti, A. (2009) Individual development accounts for housing policy: Analysis of individual and program characteristics *Journal of Housing Studies*

## **PAPERS IN PROGRESS OR UNDER REVIEW**

1. **Chowa, G.,** & Sherraden, M. (2009). *Wealth effects of an asset-building intervention among rural households in Sub-Saharan Africa.* (under review) (CSD Working Paper 09-57). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development.  
<http://csd.wustl.edu/Publications/Documents/WP09-57.pdf>
2. Elliott W., Jung, H., Kim, K. & **Chowa, G.A.N.** (2009) *A multi-group structural equation modeling (SEM) examining asset holding effects on educational attainment by race and gender.* (Revise and resubmit).
3. Ansong, D., & **Chowa, G.** (2009). *Youth saving preferences in Sub-Saharan Africa and the potential for asset accumulation.* (under review) (CSD Working Paper 09-28). St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Center for Social Development. <http://csd.wustl.edu/Publications/Documents/WP09-28.pdf>
4. **Chowa, G.A.N.,** Ansong, D., & Ibrahim, H. (2009) *Asset outcomes for women and children: A research review.* (Under review) St. Louis: Washington University, Center for Social Development. Find as a CSD working paper at: <http://gwbweb.wustl.edu/csd/Publications/2007/WP07-28.pdf>
5. **Chowa, G.A.N.** & Elliott, W. (2009) *Raising Parent Educational Expectations for Children in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Potential Role of Assets.* (Under Review) St. Louis: Washington University, Center for Social Development. Find as a CSD working paper at: <http://gwbweb.wustl.edu/csd/Publications/2007/WP07-18.pdf>
6. **Chowa, G.** & Ansong, D. (2009) Measuring household assets in Sub-Saharan Africa (under review)
7. Chowa, G.A.N. Factors affecting Asset ownership for rural households in Sub-Saharan Africa (In progress)
8. Chowa G.A.N. & Lesorogol C. The role of cultural institutions in asset building in Sub-Saharan Africa: An institutional perspective (In progress)
9. Chowa G.A.N. & Mason R.L. Are seasonal income earners better savers than regular income earners: Business 101 for banks in Sub-Saharan Africa? (In progress)
10. Chowa, G.A.N. Testing a social cognitive model of asset building for rural households in Sub-Saharan Africa: A structural equation model approach. (In progress)

## REPORTS IN PROGRESS

1. Chowa G.A.N., Masson C., Ansong, D. & Sherraden, M. (2007) *Saving behavior and asset accumulation in Asset Development Accounts in rural Sub-Saharan Africa* Final Report: Center for Social Development. Washington University in St Louis. December 2007
2. Chowa G.A.N., Johnson L, & Sherraden, M. (2007) *Asset outcomes for rural households in Sub-Saharan Africa: A research demonstration project for AssetsAfrica*. Center for Social Development. Washington University in St Louis. December 2007
3. Chowa G.A.N., Pons, L., & Sherraden, M. (2007) *Perceptions of participants in Asset Development Accounts in AssetsAfrica Project*. Center for Social Development. Washington University in St Louis. December 2007

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

1. Chowa, G.A.N. Factors affecting Asset ownership for rural households in Sub-Saharan Africa: The gendered perspective. International Association of Schools of Social work Conference. Chile. September, 2006
2. Chowa, G.A.N. “AssetsAfrica” – Testing an idea for Social Development in Africa. Individual Development Accounts Learning Conference September 2004
3. Chowa, G.A.N. Micro enterprises as a poverty alleviation strategy: A comparative study of Zambia, Zimbabwe and Bangladesh International Social Development Conference Washington University 2002.
4. Chowa, G.A.N. The effect of Structural Adjustment Programs on Developing Countries: The case of Zambia, Zimbabwe and Botswana. International Social Development Conference. Washington University 2001

## GRANTS ACTIVITY

### ***Completed Grant***

AssetsAfrica, Asset-building intervention for households in rural Uganda. Principal Investigator Amt. \$120,000 (2002-2008).

### ***Planning Grant***

MasterCard Foundation Global Youth Savings Project. Co-Principal Investigator Amt. \$500,000 (2009-2010)