

Curriculum Vita
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EDUCATION

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| PhD | 2008 | Washington University in St. Louis, MO
George Warren Brown School of Social Work <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Dissertation: <i>The Impact of an Asset-Building Intervention on Rural Households in Sub-Saharan Africa.</i> |
| MSW | 2002 | Washington University in St. Louis, MO
George Warren Brown School of Social Work |
| BSW | 1992 | University of Zambia, Lusaka, Zambia. 1988-1992 <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Major field: Social and Economic Development in Developing Countries |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2008 - present | Assistant Professor , School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill |
| 2006-2008 | Teaching Fellow . George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St Louis, MO |
| 2003-2008 | Project Manager . <i>AssetsAfrica</i> Research Project, Center for Social Development, Washington University in St Louis, MO |
| 1999-2000 | Principal Consultant . Chowa Development Consultants, Gaborone, Botswana |
| 1997-1999 | Project Director . Pudulogong Rehabilitation and Development Trust, Mochudi, Botswana |
| 1994-1996 | Program Management Consultant . World Vision International, Gaborone, Botswana |

7. **Chowa, G.A.N.**, Ansong, D., & Masa, R. (2010). Assets and child well-being in developing countries: A research review. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 32, 1508-1519. [doi:10.1016/j.childyouth.2010.03.015](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2010.03.015)
8. **Chowa, G.A.N.**, & Ansong, D. (2010) Student-directed projects: An international case study for social work education. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 46(2), 285-291. [doi:10.5175/JSWE.2010.200900006](https://doi.org/10.5175/JSWE.2010.200900006)
9. Ansong, D., & **Chowa, G.** (2010). Youth saving preferences and the potential for asset accumulation: The case of Masindi, Uganda. *Social Work Practitioner-Researcher*, 22(3), 402-419.
10. Grinstein-Weiss, M., **Chowa, G.A.N.**, & Casalotti, A. (2010). Individual development accounts for housing policy: Analysis of individual and program characteristics. *Housing Studies*, 25(1), 63-82. [doi:10.1080/02673030903362035](https://doi.org/10.1080/02673030903362035)
11. Elliott, W., Jung, H., Kim, K., & **Chowa, G.** (2010). A multi-group structural equation model (SEM) examining asset holding effects on educational attainment by race and gender. *Journal of Children & Poverty*, 16(2), 91-121. [doi:10.1080/10796126.2010.502522](https://doi.org/10.1080/10796126.2010.502522)
12. **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.
13. 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. [doi:10.1207/s15327019eb1501_1](https://doi.org/10.1207/s15327019eb1501_1)

Manuscripts Under review

1. Despard, M., & **Chowa, G.** (2011). *Personal problems: Opportunities for social work interventions*. Journal of Social Services Research.
2. **Chowa, G.**, & Sherraden, M. (2011). *Wealth effects of an asset-building intervention among rural households in Sub-Saharan Africa* (CSD Working Paper 09-57). Washington University in St. Louis, Center for Social Development. Available at <http://csd.wustl.edu/Publications/Documents/WP09-57.pdf>
3. **Chowa, G.**, Ansong, D., & Ibrahim, H. (2011). *Asset outcomes for women and children: A research review*. Washington University in St. Louis, Center for Social Development. Available at <http://csd.wustl.edu/Publications/Documents/WP07-28.pdf>
4. **Chowa, G.**, & Elliott, W. (2011). *Raising parent educational expectations for children in Sub-Saharan Africa: The potential role of assets*. Washington University in St. Louis, Center for Social Development. Available at <http://csd.wustl.edu/Publications/Documents/WP07-18.pdf>

5. Elliott, W., **Chowa, G.**, Loke, V., & Nam, I. (2011). *Combining children's savings and identity-based motivation strategies to raise college attendance rates: A multilevel propensity score analysis*. Journal of Human Resources
6. Ansong, D., & **Chowa, G.** (2011). *Youth saving preferences in Sub-Saharan Africa and the potential for asset accumulation* (CSD Working Paper 09-28). Washington University in St. Louis, Center for Social Development.. Available at <http://csd.wustl.edu/Publications/Documents/WP09-28.pdf>
7. Despard, M., **Chowa, G.** & Hart, L. (2011). *How Do social workers address clients' financial problems? An exploratory study*.
8. Elliott, W, Jung, H., Friedline, T., & **Chowa, G.** (2011). *Children's Development Accounts and children's achievement and expectations*. Submitted to *Journal of Economic Psychology*.
9. Lesorogol, C., **Chowa G.**, & Ansong, D. (2011). *Livestock or the pen: Is education a route out of poverty for pastoralists* (Working Paper). University of Manchester, UK: Chronic Poverty Research Center. Available at <http://www.chronicpoverty.org/publications/details/livestock-or-the-pen-the-effects-of-inheritance-and-education-on-poverty-among-pastoralists/ss>.
10. **Chowa, G.**, & Ansong, D, Grinstein-Weiss, M. (2011). *The role of future orientation in mediating the effects of assets on perceived household economic stability: A structural equation modeling approach*. Social Service Review

Manuscripts In preparation

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*.

Chowa, G.A.N. *Testing a social cognitive model of asset building for rural households in Sub-Saharan Africa: A structural equation model approach*.

Ansong, D., & **Chowa G. A. N.** *Measuring household assets in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Chowa, G.A.N. *Factors affecting asset ownership for rural households in Sub-Saharan Africa*.

Chowa G.A.N., & Lesorogol C. *The role of cultural institutions in asset building in Sub-Saharan Africa: An institutional perspective*.

Published Research Reports

1. Masa, R., Zou, L., Sherraden, M., **Chowa, G.**, Ssewamala, F., Ansong, D., Johnson, L., Sherraden, M. (2010). *Youth savings: Initial insights from the demand side*

(Research Brief, CSD No. 10-11). Washington University in St. Louis, Center for Social Development.

2. Deshpande, R., & Zimmerman, J. (Eds.). (2010). [*Youth savings in developing countries: Trends in practice, gaps in knowledge*](#) (A report of the YouthSave Consortium). Washington, DC: YouthSave Consortium.

Research Reports In Preparation

1. **Chowa G.A.N.**, Masson C., Ansong, D., & Sherraden, M. (2010). *Final report: Saving behavior and asset accumulation in Asset Development Accounts in rural Sub-Saharan Africa*. Washington University in St Louis, Center for Social Development.
2. **Chowa G.A.N.**, Ansong, D., & Sherraden, M. (2010) *Asset outcomes for rural households in Sub-Saharan Africa: A research demonstration project for AssetsAfrica*. Washington University in St Louis, Center for Social Development.
3. **Chowa G.A.N.**, Pons, L., & Sherraden, M. (2010) *Perceptions of participants in Asset Development Accounts in AssetsAfrica Project*. Washington University in St Louis, Center for Social Development.

Conference Presentations

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

Despard, M., & **Chowa, G.** (2012, January). *Financial Capability for Youth In Ghana: Understanding the Developmental and Cultural Validity of Asset Building Inquiry In a Developing Country*. To be presented at the 16th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Chowa G., Masa, R., & Ansong, D. (2012, January). *Individual and Institutional Determinants of Saving and Asset Building In Masindi, Uganda: Evidence From AssetsAfrica*. To be presented at the 16th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Despard, M. R. & **Chowa, G. A. N.** (2011, September). *How to develop a financial capability project: Building evidence as you go*. Presented at the Global Youth Economic Opportunities Conference, Washington, DC.

Chowa, G., & Ansong, D. (2011, January). *Impacts of an asset-building intervention on household well-being in rural Uganda*. Presented at the 15th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Tampa, FL.

Chowa, G., & Ansong, D. (2011, January). *Understanding contextual factors that explain the savings trends of youth in rural communities in Masindi, Uganda*. Presented at the 15th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Tampa, FL.

Lesorogol, C., & **Chowa G.A.N.** (2010, October 12). *Livestock or the pen: Is education a route out of poverty for pastoralists?* Presented at the Overseas Development Institute Inheritance and the Intergenerational Transmission of Poverty Conference, London, England.

Chowa, G., & Ansong, D. (2010, September 14-16). *Understanding the financial capability for the youth in AssetsAfrica: The case of Masindi, Uganda*. Presented at the Global Youth Enterprise and Livelihoods Development Conference, Washington, D.C.

Grinstein-Weiss, M., Key, C. Yoo, J. P., **Chowa, G., & Taylor, A.** (2010, January). *The effect of homeownership on children's positive behavior among low and moderate income household*. Presented at the 14th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.

Chowa, G., & Ansong, D. (2008, November 12-14). *Youth savings in AssetsAfrica*. Presented at the Child Development Accounts: Research and Policy Symposium, St Louis, MO.

Chowa, G., Ansong, D., & Masa, R. (2008, November 12-14). *Assets and child well-being in developing countries: A research review*. Presented at the Child Development Accounts: Research and Policy Symposium, St Louis, MO.

Chowa, G. (2006, September). *Factors affecting asset ownership for rural households in Sub-Saharan Africa: The gendered perspective*. Presented at the International Association of Schools of Social Work Conference, Santiago, Chile. September, 2006

Chowa, G. (2004, September). *AssetsAfrica – Testing an idea for social development in Africa*. Presented at the Individual Development Accounts Learning Conference, Ontario, Canada.

Invited Research Presentations for Conferences And Agencies

Chowa G. (2010, November 8-9). *Conceptualizing financial capability for developing countries*. Invited presentation at the Savings and Conditional Cash Transfers: A Global Colloquium, sponsored by the Ford Foundation, New York, NY.

Chowa, G.A.N. (2002). *Microenterprises as a poverty alleviation strategy: A comparative study of Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Bangladesh*. Invited presentation at the International Social Development Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, MO.

Chowa, G.A.N. (2001). *The effect of structural adjustment programs on developing countries: The case of Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Botswana*. Invited presentation at the International Social Development Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, MO.

University Guest Lectures And Invited Lectures

Chowa, G.A.N. (2010). *International Social Work Practice*. Invited presentation at the School of Social Work Leadership Series, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Chowa, G.A.N. (2010). *Preparing for the Job Search and Obtaining an Academic Position After Doctoral Education*. Invited presentation at the Professional Seminar, Doctoral Course, School of Social Work Leadership Series, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

GRANTS

Currently Funded

MasterCard Foundation June 2010-May 2014
Testing Impacts of Youth Savings Accounts on Developmental Outcomes for Youth and Household Finances and Well-Being.
Role: Co- PI **Funding Amount** \$12,500,000

UNC Center for AIDS Research June 2010 – August 2011
NIH Junior Investigator Developmental Award
Impacts of Enhanced Economic Capability on HIV Positive People in Zambia. NIH
Junior Investigator's Developmental Award
Role: PI **Funding Amount** \$30,000

Funded Research - Completed

Chronic Poverty Research Center London, UK June 2010 – December 2010
Asset Inheritance and the Intergenerational Transmission of Poverty. Livestock or the pen: Is education a route out of poverty for pastoralists? Chronic Poverty Research
Role: Co- PI **Funding Amount:** \$15,000

MasterCard Foundation June 2009 – May 2010
Planning Grant for Global Youth Savings Project
Role: Co- PI **Funding Amount:** \$500,000

Ford Foundation June 2003 – May 2008
AssetsAfrica, Impacts of Asset-Building Intervention for Households in Rural Uganda.
Role: PI **Funding Amount:** \$120,000

SERVICE

Grant, Journal, and Manuscript Referee

Journal Reviewer

Consulting Editor, *Social Work Research*
Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare
Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research
Journal of International Social Work,
Children and Youth Service Review,
Journal of Children & Poverty

Service to the University Of North Carolina

Service to the School of Social Work

Member, Macro Practice Committee 2008-present
Member, Curriculum Committee 2010-present
Member, Policy Committee 2010 -present
Member, Doctoral Program Committee 2010-present
Member, Institutional Review Board Committee 2009-2010
Member, Assistant/Associate Committee 2009, 2010
Member, Search Committee for Emily Preyer Bicentennial Distinguished Professor for Strengthening Families 2009
School of Social Work Representative, UNC International Development Certificate Committee 2010 -present
Member, Committee to recruit and retain diverse faculty

Professional Affiliations

Society for Social Work and Research
National Association of Social Workers