



*In honor and memory of
Professor James Hakim
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The Prof. James Hakim Leadership Development Program in Africa: Biographies

Prof. James Hakim was an outstanding African researcher who dedicated his life to clinical research, scientific research, and social justice. He was a transformative leader, who led with humility and vision. The James Hakim Leadership Program honors his legacy and seeks to ensure that future African health professional leaders are equipped with those traits that Prof. Hakim embodied.

In this program, leaders across sub-Saharan Africa will acquire skills to lead successful health programs, be decisive leaders, effective mentors, and dynamic communicators, while also promoting inclusive approaches to leadership that prioritize interprofessional collaboration and diversity in health care leadership in Africa.



JHLDP Core Team

AFREhealth



Georgina Yeboah

I am the Executive Director at AFREhealth. I have over twenty-five years' experience in hospital administration practice and human resource management. I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Human Resource Management Practitioners, Ghana and also a member of the Institute of Administration and Management Consultants – Ghana.



Patricia Katowa-Mukwato

I am a Clinical Nurse with a PhD in Health Professions Education and the Dean at the School of Nursing Sciences-University of Zambia. I am also a Board Member for the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Zambia and the AFREhealth-Southern Africa Regional Chapter Lead.



Clara Sam-Woode

I am the Senior Administrative & Human Resource Officer at AFREhealth. I am a student member of the Chartered Institute of Human Resource Management Practitioners, Ghana.



Roy Mubuuke

I am a Senior Lecturer at Makerere University School of Medicine. I currently serve as the Vice Chair of the Higher Degrees Committee and Research Ethics Committee at the School of Medicine, Makerere University. I am also the Co-Chair of the Education Committee of the Consortium of Universities in Global Health (CUGH). I chair the AFREhealth Health Professions Educations Research Technical Working Group and also chair the East African AFREhealth Regional Chapter.



Oathokwa Nkomazana

I am a College of Ophthalmologists of South Africa certified ophthalmologist with a Masters in Community Eye Health (Public Health) from the University of London and a PhD in Family Medicine (Human Resources for Primary Healthcare) from the Stellenbosch University. My professional goal is to improve the health of the people of Botswana through locally relevant implementation research, training health care professionals in a socially accountable manner, and provide sustainable high quality accessible and affordable health care. I am currently Associate Professor of Public Health and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Botswana.

Strengthening Interprofessional Education in HIV (STRIPE) University of California, San Francisco



Mike Reid

I am an Associate Professor of Epidemiology & Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). I currently serve as Director of the Center for Pandemic Preparedness and Response in UCSF's Institute for Global Health Sciences. I am also the Co-Director of the HRSA-funded STRIPE project, working collaboratively with AFREhealth to advance high quality HIV training across sub-Saharan Africa.

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Deborah von Zinkernagel

I serve as the Co-Director of the STRIPE program, a partnership of UCSF and AFREhealth. I have been a leader in global public health for over 20 years, bringing technical and policy expertise experience in the planning and delivery of health services and work with governments and stakeholders to strengthen systems of health care with a focus on infectious diseases. A Nurse Clinical Specialist by training, I have received master's degrees in community health, and health policy and management, and fellowships in epidemiology and research in clinical effectiveness.



Alyssa Bercasio

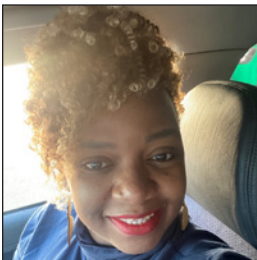
I graduated from UCSF's Global Health Sciences Master's Program in 2020, where I had the opportunity to work in California's response to COVID-19 with UCSF's Pandemic Initiative for Equity and Action (UPIEA) as a Project Coordinator. In addition to my work with UPIEA, I also serve as a Project Coordinator with STRIPE, supporting the James Hakim Leadership Development Program. In my work, I strive to incorporate my passions of community engagement and promoting health equity for all.

2022 JHLDP Fellows



Abdul-warith O. Akinshipo

I am a Senior Lecturer and an Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologist at the University of Lagos. As a researcher, I am interested in tumour microenvironment research in oral cancer and ameloblastoma. As a teacher, I am interested in students' learning styles and using artificial intelligence to predict learning patterns for future policy development. I am interested in becoming an administrator in the university system working in areas that will best provide the students with the best chances of becoming the best they should or can be.



Anabela Artur de Almeida

I am supporting the Ministry of Health, provincial teams and Implementing Partners in design, implement, and monitor and evaluate activities to respond to the needs of gender-based violence (GBV) survivors, the training will further the GBV program management to high levels.

Additionally, it will allow me to contribute in promoting a better leadership environment for Jhpiego and relevant stakeholders relationship.



Varsha Bangalee

I am an Associate Professor currently employed in the Division of Pharmacy Practice at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, where I am involved in undergraduate teaching and post-graduate supervision. My research interests are in medicines safety and access as well as health professionals education.



Joel Bazira

I am a Medical Doctor, and an Associate Professor of Medical Microbiology at the Faculty of Medicine of Mbarara University of Science and Technology,

I have been teaching and researching at this university for over 20 years now and I have taken several responsibilities in my 20-year stay at the university. I am currently the Head of the Department of Microbiology and Faculty Representative in the University Senate. I am also the Chair of the Board of the Directorate of Research and Graduate Training at Mbarara University of Science and Technology.



Million Bimerew

I am a Senior Lecturer in the School of Nursing, University of the Western Cape. I have published papers in health informatics and HIV/AIDS areas. My research interests are health informatics, TB and HIV, PMTCT, mental health information systems.



Eniola Cadmus

I am a Lecturer in the Rehabilitative and Social Medicine Unit of the Department of Community Medicine, University of Ibadan. My research and publications span issues related to healthy aging and its determinants, long-term care provisions for older persons and elder abuse. I am the team leader of the Community Geriatrics Unit at the CTAGC. The unit aims to promote the health and well-being of older persons both within the health facility and, more importantly, in the community.



Fabian Chapima

Currently I am a Lecturer at the University of Zambia, School of Nursing Sciences, Department of Basic and Clinical Nursing Sciences. Currently I am the Coordinator for Nursing Programmes at Kitwe Campus.



Ernestina Castelo David

With 25 years of professional experience as a General Practitioner and 16 as an Obstetrician and Gynecologist, since 2019 I have been working as a Master Trainer/ Manager of the CECAP project, within the scope of the partnership and directly supporting Mozambican MoH's Cervical Cancer Prevention Program (CACUM), with an emphasis on training health providers, and organization of services in order to offer high quality care in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of precancerous lesions and cervical cancer, with a progressive reduction in the incidence of cervical cancer, towards its elimination.

During my work, I will need to conduct some research which makes this course a way to develop my skills in this area.



Oluwafemi Dipeolu

My research interests include maternal, child and adolescent health, health research ethics, behaviour change communication, and health systems.

I hope to be a scholar pioneering innovative research development and proposing policies and evidence-based programmes. I hope to be one of the next-generation leaders leading high-quality programmes and mentoring others.



Mohamed Sanoussi Haidara

I am a young Malian Doctor specializing in psychiatry in Dakar, with a strong affinity for medicine and basic sciences.

I would like to become a very young professor in psychiatry, in the heart of mental health research in my country and in the world.



O. Victor Kayode

As a Laboratory Scientist, I intend to positively affect my colleagues towards adequate mentoring in peer reviews as professionals.

Currently, I am serving as the Secretary of Professional Laboratory Scientists in my institution where I am passing good leadership skills to my colleagues and I hope to do more elsewhere to impact the society after acquiring more knowledge from this training.



Gebrehiwot Lema Legese

I am a medical doctor and an assistant professor at the faculty of internal medicine at the University of Gondar, College of Medicine and Health Science.

I have been teaching, doing clinical activities, and researching for the past 3 years. Now I am a post-graduate coordinator in the department of internal medicine. My research interest is in neglected tropical infectious diseases. I would like to lead an independent researcher career in Ethiopia.



Mateboho Makamohelo Leohla

I am Mateboho Makamohelo Leohla currently working at Scott College of Nursing, Lesotho as the Deputy Principal Nurse Educator. I have been a Nurse Educator for the past seven years and have worked as a Registered Nurse at Scott Hospital for eight years. I am currently studying for my Master of Business Administration (MBA) in my second year of study. My research interest is in competency-based curriculum in nursing, hence my current research topic is: "Challenges of competency-based curriculum implementation amongst educators and students."



Kestone Lyambai

I am interested in mental health promotion, child and adolescent mental health, women's mental health, HIV/AIDS and mental health, innovative teaching strategies, mentorship and strategic management.



Celia M.J Matyanga

My career interest is in clinical research. I am passionate about grant writing and I am aiming to be an independent researcher with grants to address health problems in Africa.



Eunice Mfulla

My research interest is about linking STGs in training medical professionals, enhancing the teaching of physics to a level that is useful to medical students in their carrier, also providing solutions to global problems. In summary those are my interests, but I'm open minded to research that is developmental.



Olugbemi O. Motilewa

I am a Public Health Physician and Senior Lecturer in the Department of Community Medicine, University of Uyo. I have strong passion for research and disease control, and I enjoy learning new skills and mentoring young doctors.



Nts'upi Eliza Mpholle

I am a Nurse Educator working at Scott College of Nursing. I like nursing, but mostly I love nursing education. I graduated from University of South Africa, currently enrolled in a Pre-Masters Research Methodology program at University of Free State.



Grace Mukoka-Bwezani

I am a Lecturer at Kamuzu University of Health Sciences Department of Rehabilitation Sciences in Malawi. I am a Physiotherapist by profession, and my interest is in musculoskeletal physiotherapy and medical education.



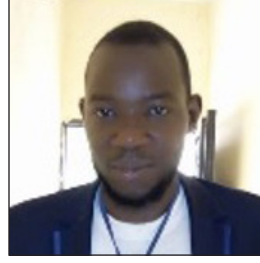
Moses Ocan

I hold a PhD (pharmacology), MSc (pharmacology), and BS all at Makerere University. I completed my Postdoc at University of California, Berkeley in 2019. Currently, I am a Lecturer of Pharmacology at the Department of Pharmacology & Therapeutics, Makerere University. I intend to be a leader in research and at the Institutional level where I work.



Olubukola Olaleye

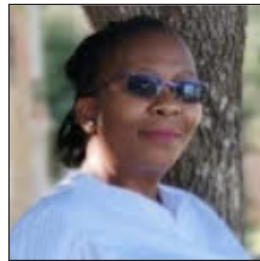
As a Clinician cum Researcher, I am interested in, and committed to, how to improve access to rehabilitation for people with neurological conditions. Importantly, I intend to explore how community-based organizations and clinics could be used to deliver rehabilitation services. I hope to make a difference by conducting research that would engage healthcare providers and government agencies on one hand, and patients, who are the recipients and end-users of rehabilitations programmes.



Modibo Sangare

I am an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Medicine and Odontostomatology (FMOS) at the University of Sciences, Techniques and Technologies of Bamako (USTTB). I am a certified pedagogue. My research interests are autism spectrum disorders, epilepsy and education.

I would like to lead an independent researcher career in Mali and to develop online and in-person courses for researchers and scientists on English for scientists and grant writing.



Tabeta Seeiso

I am a Nurse Educator currently pursuing PhD in nursing. My research interest is in maternal health.



Michael Tesfaye

I am Dr. Michael Tesfaye, Neurologist in Addis Ababa University. I had the experience of being General practitioner, Medical Director in Hospital, Lecturer and now Assistant Professor of Neurology. My area of interest in research is in epilepsy.



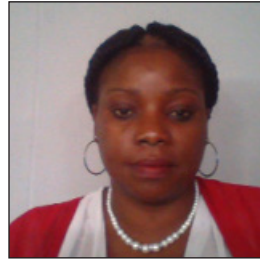
Maithabeleng Litlallo Ts'olo

I hold a diploma in nursing and midwifery, bachelors in nursing sciences (majors: nursing education and administration), post graduate diploma in HIV/AIDS management and masters in HIV/AIDS management. I am currently a Nurse Educator at Scott College of Nursing in Morija Lesotho and the former Head of Program of Nursing Assistant. I am interested in facilitating teaching and learning in nursing and ensuring that students meet stated competencies as outlined by the curriculum.



Angelina Zhangazha

I am working as a Clinical Facilitator (lecturer) for general nursing and midwifery at Scott College of Nursing. My areas of interest in research is on simulation based education and continuity of care. I would like to pursue studies at PhD level on simulation based education.



Mutinke Zulu

I am a Lecturer at the University of Zambia, in the School of Nursing Sciences, Department of Midwifery, Women and Child Health.

My research interests are in Maternal and Child Health, and I am currently developing a research proposal in the area of maternity care.

I am enthusiastic, ready to learn and self-motivated.