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EDUCATION

- 2020 University of California San Diego, San Diego State University (Joint Doctoral Program)**
PhD: Global Health
Dissertation: Understanding the Multilevel Factors Related to Spousal Communication and Contraception Among Married Adolescent Girls and their Husbands in Dosso, Niger
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- 2015 University of Michigan School of Public Health**
MPH: Health Behavior Health Education
Certificate: Global Health
- 2012 University of California San Diego**
BA: International Studies - Emphases in History and Sociology
Minor: Healthcare Social Issues

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- November 2020-Present School of Nursing, Institute for Healthy Aging, University of California San Francisco**
San Francisco, CA
Mentors: Drs. Jenny Liu and Kelsey Holt
Postdoctoral Fellow
- September 2016-September 2020 School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine & Public Health, University of California San Diego**
San Diego, CA
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Graduate Student Researcher
- October 2016-December 2017 USAID GH/PRH/RTU**
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Consultant
- January 2016-July 2016 USAID GH/PRH/RTU**
Washington, DC
Reproductive Health Research Intern
- May 2014-December 2015 School of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, University of Michigan**
Ann Arbor, MI
Research Assistant/Project Manager for the Stigma-Qualitative Sub-Study
- October 2013-May 2014 School of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, University of Michigan**
Ann Arbor, MI
Research Assistant to the Program on Women's Health Care Effectiveness Research

MANUSCRIPTS & REPORTS

- Challa S**, Shakya H, Carter N, Boyce S, Brooks MI, Aliou S, Silverman JG. Associations of spousal communication with contraceptive method use among adolescent girls in Niger. *PLoS One*. 2020;15. <https://doi.org/doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0237512>.
- Sikder S, Kraft J, **Challa S**. An update on effective approaches for gender-integrated interventions for reproductive health. 2019. USAID. 2020. Available from: <https://www.prb.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/gender-report-igwg.pdf>.
- Silverman JG, **Challa S**, Boyce SC, Averbach S, Raj A. Associations of reproductive coercion and intimate partner violence with overt and covert family planning use among married adolescent girls in Niger. *EClinicalMedicine - The Lancet*. 2020;100359
- Shakya H, Weeks J, **Challa S**, Fleming P, Cislighi B, McDougal L, Boyce S, Raj A, Silverman JG. Spatial analysis of individual and village level sociodemographic characteristics associated with age at first marriage among adolescents in rural Niger. *BMC Public Health*. 2020;20. doi: 10.1186/s12889-020-08759-6
- Shakya H, **Challa S**, Nouhou AM, Vera-Monroy R, Carter N, Silverman J. Social network and social normative characteristics of married female adolescents in Dosso, Niger: Associations with modern contraceptive use. *Global Public Health*. 2020;1-17. doi: 10.1080/17441692.2020.1836245.
- DeLong SM, Brooks MI, Aliou S, Lundgren R, Corneliess C, Johns NE, Challa S, Carter N, Lauro G, Silverman JG. Married very young adolescent girls in Niger at greatest risk of lifetime male partner reproductive coercion and sexual violence. *PLoS One*. 2020;14(4). doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0231392.

7. **Challa S**, DeLong SM, Carter N, Johns N, Shakya H, Boyce S, Vera-Monroy R, Aliou S, Ibrahima FA, Brooks MI, Cornelius C, Moodie C, Nouhou AM, Souley I, Raj A, Silverman JG. Protocol for cluster randomized evaluation of Reaching Married Adolescents - a gender-synchronized intervention to increase modern contraceptive use among married adolescent girls and young women and their husbands in Niger. *Reproductive Health*. 2019;16(1). doi: 10.1186/s12978-019-0841-3.
8. Hall KS, Morhe E, Manu A, Harris L, Ela E, Loll D, Kolenic G, Dozier J, **Challa S**, Zochowski M, Boakye A, Adanu R, Dalton V. Factors associated with sexual and reproductive health stigma among adolescent girls in Ghana. *PLOS One*. 2018;13(4):e0195163. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0195163.
9. **Challa S**, Manu A, Morhe E, Dalton VK, Dozier JL, Zochowski MK, Boakye A, Adanu R, Hall KS. Multiple levels of social influence on adolescent sexual and reproductive health decision-making and behaviors in Ghana. *Women & Health*. 2017;1-17. doi: 10.1080/03630242.2017.1306607.
10. Hall KS, Manu A, Morhe E, Harris LH, Loll D, Ela E, Kolenic G, Dozier JL, **Challa S**, Zochowski MK, Boakye A, Adanu R, Dalton VK. Development and validation of a scale to measure adolescent sexual and reproductive health stigma: results from young women in Ghana. *Journal of Sex Research*. 2017; 1-13. doi: 10.1080/00224499.2017.1292493.
11. Hall KS, Ela E, Zochowski MK, Caldwell A, Moniz M, McAndrew L, Steel M, **Challa S**, Dalton VK, Ernst S. "I don't know enough to feel comfortable using them:" Women's knowledge of and perceived barriers to long acting reversible contraceptives on college campus. *Contraception*. Jun;93(6):556-64. doi: 10.1016/j.contraception.2016.02.007.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Challa S**, Shakya H, Carter N, Brooks MI, Nouhou AM, Illa S, Aliou S, Silverman JG. Husbands attitudes and social norms related to adolescent wives' gender-based violence experiences in Niger. Sexual Violence Research Initiative, Cape Town 2019.
2. **Challa S**, Shakya H, Carter N, Boyce S, Brook MI, Aliou S, Silverman JG. Associations of couple communication with contraceptive use among married adolescent girls in Niger. Population Association of America, Austin 2019; APHA, San Diego 2018; UC San Diego Public Health Research Day, San Diego, 2018; UC Global Health Day, San Diego 2018.
3. Silverman JG, Brooks MI, Aliou S, Johns N, **Challa S**, Carter N, Shakya H, Boyce S, DeLong S, Raj A. Effects of the Reaching Married Adolescents program on contraceptive use and intimate partner violence and the role of male engagement: results of a cluster RCT among married adolescent girls and their husbands in Dosso, Niger. Population Association of America, Austin 2019.
4. Silverman JG, Boyce S, **Challa S**, Uysal J, Carter N, Raj A. Reproductive coercion across three low- to middle-income country contexts: Measurement, prevalence, and associations with contraceptive use. Population Association of America, Austin 2019.
5. **Challa S**, Shakya H, Carter N, Brooks B, Aliou S, Silverman J. Perceptions of family planning decision-making influence among married adolescent girls and their husbands in Niger. International Conference on Family Planning, Rwanda 2018.
6. Hall KS, Manu A, Morhe E, Loll D, Ela E, Kolenic G, Dozier JL, **Challa S**, Harris LH, Adanu R, Zochowski M, Boakye A, Dalton VK. Development of a scale to measure perceived norms around adolescent sexual and reproductive health stigma. North American Forum on Family Planning, Denver CO, 2016.
7. **Challa S**, Manu A, Morhe E, Zochowski M, Loll D, Dozier JL, Boakye A, Adanu R, Dalton VK, Hall KS. A qualitative analysis of levels of influence on adolescent sexual and reproductive health in Ghana. Society of Family Planning, Chicago IL, 2015.
8. Hall KS, Ela E, **Challa S**, McAndrew L, Steel M, Zowchowski M, Dalton VK, Ernst S. College women's knowledge of and perceived barriers to LARC. Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine, Washington DC, 2016; Population Association of America, Washington DC, 2016; American Public Health Association, Chicago IL, 2015; Society of Family Planning, Chicago IL, 2015.
9. Hall KS, Manu A, Morhe E, Zochowski M, **Challa S**, Loll D, Dozier JL, Boakye A, Harris LH, Adanu R, Dalton VK. Understanding "Bad Girl:" Qualitative findings on stigma and adolescent sexual and reproductive health in Ghana. Population Association of America, Washington DC, 2016; Society of Family Planning, Chicago IL, 2015; American Public Health Association, Chicago IL, 2015; International Conference on Family Planning, Indonesia, 2015.
10. Hall KS, Manu A, Morhe E, **Challa S**, Loll D, Dozier JL, Zochowski M, Adanu R, Dalton VK. Social consequences of adolescent pregnancy in Ghana. Population Association of America, San Diego CA, 2015.
11. Loll D, Morhe E, Manu A, **Challa S**, Dozier JL, Zochowski M, Boakye A, Adanu R, Dalton VK, Hall KS. A Qualitative study on abortion experiences among adolescents in Ghana. American Public Health Association, Chicago IL, 2015.
12. Hall KS, Ela E, McAndrew L, **Challa S**, Steel M, Zowchowski MK, Dalton VK, Ernst S. College women's knowledge of and perceived barriers to LARC. Population Association of America, San Diego CA, 2015.
13. Caldwell A, Ernst S, Ela E, **Challa S**, McAndrew L, Steel M, Zowchowski M, Dalton VK, Hall KS. Increasing engagement in contraceptive education through MiLARC: A pilot, web-based intervention to increase college women's acceptability and knowledge of LARC. Society of Family Planning, Chicago IL, 2015.

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

January 2020-Present

PH700F: Gender, Poverty, and Women's Health

Lecturer, San Diego State University

August 2017-Present	Research Capacity Building <i>Research Partner</i>
May 2014-Present	Navigating Graduate School Applications and Coursework <i>Mentor</i>
March 2019	Transforming gender norms to promote family planning in India and Niger. <i>Workshop Host</i>
October 2018	The PhD Process <i>Guest Lecturer</i>

HONORS & RESEARCH SUPPORT

Spring 2020	SDSU Graduate Student Travel Fund \$1000 Travel to the Population Association of American Annual Meeting 2020.
Spring 2019	SDSU Student Success Fee \$5,000 Developing a satellite session for the March 2019 Consortium of Universities in Global Health Annual Conference
Spring 2018	Joint Doctoral Program Travel Funds; SDSU Student Success Fee Travel Funds \$1,000 each Niger travel - assist with the <i>Reaching Married Adolescents Evaluation Study</i> .
Summer 2017	UC San Diego Global Health Institute Field Experience Travel Funds \$2,000 Niger travel - assist with the <i>Reaching Married Adolescents Evaluation Study</i> .
Fall 2014; Fall 2013	Dean's Scholarship, Department of Health Behavior and Health Education \$5,000; \$5500
May 2014-August 2014	University of Michigan Office of Global Public Health Funding; University of Michigan International Institute Individual Fellowship \$2,700; \$3100 Ghana travel - assist with the <i>Stigma as a Barrier to Family Planning Among Young Women in Ghana</i> study.

SKILLS

Languages: English, Conversational French, Conversational Telugu, Conversational Hindi

Software: Microsoft Office, SAS, Stata, Mplus, Zotero, EndNote