



# Ithar Hassaballa, MPH, Ph.D.

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## Core Qualifications

- Excellent and effective verbal and written communication skills demonstrated by the ability to work, respect, and collaborate with racially and culturally-diverse populations, more than conference presentations and invited lectures, 10 peer-reviewed publications, and 11 online technical report publications.
- Professional content expertise in public health, **global health**, type 2 diabetes, violence prevention, Ebola, youth, systems-level programs, policies, and practices, **diversity, equity, inclusion**, vulnerable populations in the U.S.A., Africa and the Middle East, demonstrated by 10 years of experience addressing issues related to the above topics and specific populations.
- Professional expertise in **monitoring and evaluation** evidenced by 8 years of experience evaluating local, national, and international programs related to youth violence in Kansas City, Type-2 diabetes in 20 U.S. communities, and the Ebola Response effort in Liberia.
- Professional expertise in **designing, planning, and implementing** community-based interventions demonstrated by the collaborative partnerships and strategic planning to address youth and community violence prevention in Wyandotte County and poverty in Douglas County.
- Strong **research record** demonstrated by 8 years of participatory evaluation research with expertise in utilizing various evaluation methods to tell a fuller story. Strong publication record with 10 peer reviewed publications in the last five years.
- Excellent **project management skills** demonstrated by the ability to lead and manage a team of 12, delegate project responsibility, coordinate activities, train staff and students in the implementation and evaluation of youth development programs, violence prevention, and youth justice initiatives in Kansas City. Led, developed and coordinated activities for the Together on Diabetes's Population Health Cluster.
- Strong **analytical and computer skills** demonstrated through 8 years of experience using online-based data collection and evaluation system (Community Check Box) with knowledge of network analysis and expertise in data visualization.





## Education

### **Doctor of Philosophy in Behavioral Psychology [Community Health and Development] (Spring 2017)**

“Examining Implementation and Effects of a Comprehensive Community Intervention Addressing Type 2 Diabetes in Durham County, North Carolina”

*Academic Advisor: Vincent Francisco, PhD University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas*

### **Masters of Public Health, Department of Preventative Medicine and Public Health (Spring 2017)**

“Collaborative Partnership Between University of Kansas Collaborating Centre for Community Health and Development and World Health Organization African Regional Office in Brazzaville, Congo”

*Academic Advisor: Won Choi, MPH, PhD University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas*

### **Masters in Applied Behavioral Science [Community Health and Development] (Spring 2015)**

“Examining Implementation and Effects of a Diabetes Self-Management Education and Support Program for African American Women Living in Boston Public Housing”

*Academic Advisor: Stephen Fawcett, PhD University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas*

### **University of College London’s Health and Society Summer School on the Social Determinants of Health, London, United Kingdom (Summer 2015)**

- One of 50 selected students from 40 countries to participate in the institute established by Sir Dr. Michael Marmot— then President of World Medical Association
- Developed an understanding of the factors that make certain groups vulnerable to health inequities
- Contributed to discussions on behavior-environment relationships and health justice
- Developed ideas with University of Kansas staff on a similar institute to train public health practitioners on how to address social determinants of health and improve the environment so communities can thrive

### **Bachelors of Science Education (B.S.E) in Community Health (Summer 2012)**

*University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas Concentration & Minor in African & African American Studies*  
*World Health Organization (WHO) Health Promotion Internship (Summer 2012) WHO Office, Nairobi, Kenya*  
*Yale University Intensive Summer Swahili Program (Summer 2011) Yale University, Mombasa, Kenya*



## Language Expertise

- **English** [Fluent Speaking, Fluent Reading, Fluent Writing]
- **Arabic** [Fluent Speaking, Advanced Reading, Advanced Writing]
- **Swahili** [Advanced Speaking, Elementary Reading, Elementary Writing]

## Employment Experience

### Research Project Director

University of Kansas Center for Public Partnerships and Research (CPPR) Lawrence, Kansas  
(December 2020 to Current)


- Leads the evaluation of the Kansas Connecting Communities (KCC) project focused on maternal depression screening for mothers before and after birth
- Supervises teams leading the: 1) Iowa Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI); 2) KS Preschool Development Grant (PDG) program evaluation, and 3) KS Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program
- Leads Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work for CPPR in partnership with BCT Partners
- Lead the initiation of the McNair Scholars Residency Program—a one year paid research experience for BIPOC scholars to increase research opportunities and increase diverse staff at CPPR
- Leads a section of a collaborative project on Universal Home Visiting with Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- Collaborates with KU Medical Center Research Professor to submit a collaborative National Institute of Health grant to study the rapid increase of adolescent pregnancies age 15 to 19 during the COVID-19 lockdown in Kenya
- Collaborate with Executive Leadership and Assistant Directors to make CPPR-related decisions

### Research Project Manager

University of Kansas Center for Community Health & Development, Lawrence, Kansas

### A World Health Organization Collaborating Center (Summer 2019 to Fall 2020)

- Work closely with the project director to oversee the implementation of youth and community violence prevention, juvenile justice, and youth development initiative named ThrYve (Together Helping Reduce Youth Violence through Equity) in Kansas City, KS
- Lead, manage, consult, collaborate with 12 project staff and 50 community partners in implementing and evaluating evidence-based prevention approaches within four implementation sites and broader community
- Monitor project performance and conduct evaluation research using the Community Check Box—an online M&E system

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- Assure quality program implementation to youth participants, their families, and the broader community through identifying gaps and working with partners to fill those gaps (e.g., college savings account)
  - Build and strengthen relationships with 50 partner organizations and coordinate collaborative delivery of services and program implementation to implement community/system level changes
  - Lead development and maintenance of community partnerships, facilitate meetings, communicate with partners, take a leadership role in the Systems Advisory Board
  - Supervise, manage, and evaluate staff for performance evaluation and manage time scheduling
  - Manage budget requirements and submit monthly budgets to the Center for Research

### **Assistant Professor of Community Psychology**

The American University in Cairo, New Cairo, Egypt

*(Summer 2017 to Spring 2019)*

- Created course learning outcomes, assessments, and evaluation rubrics
- Delivered student-centered and culturally appropriate class materials related to program evaluation, community psychology and public health
- Mentored and guided graduate and undergraduate students through their internship and research projects
- Provided assessment and evaluation consultation services to local NGOs (*Wataneya*—an Egypt-based non-governmental organization) through partnership building
- Conducted research related to how policies affect the health and development of children in Egypt


### **Graduate Research Assistant**

University of Kansas Center for Community Health & Development, Lawrence, Kansas

A World Health Organization Collaborating Center

*(Fall 2012 to Spring 2017)*

- First supported and then led local, national, and global evaluation projects using participatory method approaches
- Coordinated project activities, provided training, technical aid, and evaluation assistance for Bristol-Myers Squibb's Together on Diabetes Population Health Cluster grantees, which focused on addressing Type-2 diabetes among marginalized communities
- Monitored progress, assured contract deliverables, and highlighted successes for the Population Health Cluster for Together on Diabetes
- Supported the facilitation of and developed poverty reduction strategies for the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department Poverty Working Group for the Health Improvement Plan
- Contributed to Latino Health for All Access to Healthy Nutrition Committee in Wyandotte County to decrease the prevalence of cardiovascular disease by increasing access to healthy nutrition

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- Reached out to, provided assistance, and developed training materials for the World Health Organization Regional Office for Africa in evaluating the Ebola Response Effort and designing and developing an Action Toolkit to Address Social Determinants of Health
  - Collaborated with partners to write and publish scholarly manuscripts and technical evaluation reports

## Assistant to the Africana Librarian

### **International Area Studies: Watson Library, Lawrence, Kansas**

*(Spring 2008 to Spring 2012)*

- Identified Africa-related resources needed in the library collection
- Diversified books in the library collection
- Assisted students with Africa and African diaspora-related research
- Played a key role in opening a display on African books in the library

## Leadership Experience

### **United States Embassy Brazzaville, Congo (Spring 2020)**

- Invited by Dr. Christina Lux to deliver a virtual discussion on “Building Healthy Communities Using The Community Tool Box” in a Facebook live, virtual event
- Delivered messages of hope to people globally on how to work together while staying physically distant and using online tools that are available and free of charge

### **United Nations Association, UN Head Quarters, New York (Spring 2018)**


- Was invited by the United Nations Association in the USA to attend and contribute to the UN Summit on Global Engagement as a UN-USA member
- Learned about pertinent global health issues of our time (e.g., refugee crisis and migration, environmental health and climate change, and using technology to engage leaders)
- Contributed to discussions related to refugees in Egypt

### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Ambassador, University of Kansas (Spring 2017)**

- Invited by Dr. Jennifer Hamer to be a KU DEI Ambassador
- Attended diversity lunches
- Met with other ambassadors to contributed to discussions around DEI at KU, particularly for students

### **9th Global Conference on Health Promotion, Shanghai, China (Fall 2016)**

- Invited by the WHO Regional Office for Africa as a Youth Delegate

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- Met with global health promotion leaders and contributed to discussions on strategies for promoting healthy cities

### **Global Health Institute at the American Public Health Association Conference, Chicago, Illinois (Fall 2015)**

- Contributed to discussions on core competencies for global health
- Trained by experts on global health on the competencies needed to conduct global health work
- Identified personal strengths to build on and weaknesses to work on related to global health experience

### **Global Development Exchange with University for Development Studies Professors (Fall 2013)**

### **University of Kansas Center for Community Health & Development, A World Health Organization Collaborating Center, University of Kansas (KU)**

- Coordinated a visit by Ghanaian Professors (Robert Kuganab and Mustapha Issahaku) to the University of Kansas
- Planned their program based on what they valued (e.g., maternal and child health training at KU Medical Center)
- Gathered KU faculty and staff interested in health or development to share their work and find points of connection and possible collaboration with our visitors

### **World Health Organization Regional Office for Africa Meeting on Health Promotion**

Gaborone, Botswana (Summer 2013) University of Kansas Center for Community Health & Development, A World Health Organization Collaborating Center

- Invited by WHO Regional Office for African to provide training on the core competencies from the Community Tool Box as a Health Promotion Strategy to be used in Africa
- Provided a training on how to use the Community Tool Box to train trainers on how to carryout public health work

### **University of Kansas Center for Community Health & Development—a World Health Organization Collaborating Center Lawrence, Kansas (Fall 2011 to Summer 2012)**

- Played a key role in adapting the Community Tool Box to the African context by featuring examples from the WHO internship in Kenya
- Communicated with global partners—WHO Regional Office for Africa, American University in Beirut, and Arab Resource Collaborative; explored focus areas to assist and support and supported their efforts in building capacity for public and community health work



## **Kansas Health Foundation Fellow**

### **University of Kansas Center for Community Health & Development, A World Health Organization Collaborating Center, Lawrence, Kansas (Fall 2011 to Summer 2012)**

- Played key role in adapting the Community Tool Box curriculum to better reflect community health work in an African setting (ctb.ku.edu)
- Reached out to community partners and organizations in Africa to support capacity building using the Community Tool Box
- Promoted health and wellness through collaborations with community partners
- Highlighted best community health intervention practices as examples on the Community Tool Box website

## **Model United Nations Secretary**

### **University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas (Spring 2008 to Spring 2012)**

- Organized the first World Health Day event at the University of Kansas 2009
- Attended the University of Pennsylvania Model UN Conference in 2008 (Represented the Republic of Korea)
- Assisted in preparing meeting reports for fellow delegates
- Organized volunteering opportunities of Model UN at the Douglas County Hunger Project, where food was sent to Somali refugees in Northern Kenya
- Attended Model UN Conference in New York in April 2012 (Represented Mauritania) and was a key member to pass a resolution on the Famine in Somalia

## **Global Health Consultantships**

### **Consultation to the World Health Organization African Regional Offices Congo (September 2016)**

University of Kansas Center for Community Health & Development, A World Health Organization Collaborating Center

- Launched the Action Toolkit on Addressing Social Determinants of Health
- Contributed to discussions around preparing a diverse and distributed workforce for service delivery and emergency preparedness
- Met with Regional Director and WHO staff to discuss the rollout of the Action Toolkit in English-speaking African countries
- Discussed the development of a proposal for a ‘train the trainer’ seminar for 20 of the 47 African countries for WHO to fund in the future



## **Evaluation and Technical Support to the World Health Organization African Regional Office's Ebola Social Mobilization Response Effort (Summer 2014 to March 2016)**

University of Kansas Center for Community Health & Development, A World Health Organization Collaborating Center

- Led the development of the Ebola M&E system
- Provided trainings to the evaluation consultant based in Liberia
- Provided evaluation support and guidance on coding, capturing, characterizing, and communicating social mobilization (community engagement) activities implemented in Liberia to address Ebola
- Developed and published collaborative manuscripts related to the Ebola response effort and emergency preparedness

## **Technical Support to the World Health Organization Regional Office for Africa's Health Promotion Cluster (Fall 2011 to Fall 2017)**

University of Kansas Center for Community Health & Development, A World Health Organization Collaborating Center

- Provided support and guidance on culturally appropriate tools, frameworks, and field case studies of how people are doing community health and development work in Africa
- Contributed to the Framework used to address development through online materials
- Implemented a Mash-up of relevant online tools for WHO Regional Office for Africa's health practitioners

## **Community Service**

### **St. Thomas Episcopal Church's Thursday Conversations to End Racism**

Virtual from Dallas, Oregon (*Fall 2020 to Current*)

- Participate in a weekly discussion on racism and shares strategies on how to end it
- Advises facilitators based on previous diversity, equity, and inclusion related work

### **Zagawa Association Center (ZAC)**

ZAC in Faisal, Egypt (*Summer 2018*)

- Delivered a four-hour training to 30 refugees from Darfur, Sudan, specifically of *Zagawa* ethnic background on leadership and time management
- Included culturally-sensitive strategies of building leadership and time management
- Invited to deliver a training on child development





## **St. Andrews Refugee Services (StARS)**

American University in Cairo, Tahrir Campus, Egypt (*Spring 2018*)

- Delivered an 8-week course to 27 refugees (community leaders) from 6 different countries on leadership, creating partnerships, community assessment program planning, implementation, evaluation, and sustainability
- Worked directly with the students to address an issue facing refugees in Egypt (e.g., education, health, cultural barriers)
- Honored by students in the last class with a beautiful painting and kind words from all

## **Curriculum Development Committee**

American University in Cairo, Department of Psychology, New Cairo, Egypt (*Fall 2017 to Fall 2018*)

- Worked on a course proposal with the Department of Architecture to create a joint course between the psychology and architecture departments
- Contributed to course ideas related to the built environment and health behavior

## **Hiring Committee for Senior Coordinator. American University in Cairo, Department of Psychology**

New Cairo, Egypt (*Fall 2017 to Present*)

- Developed interview evaluation criteria and scores with two other committee members
- Wrote interview questions for each of the five evaluation criteria
- Selected seven applicants out of 40 based on specific evaluation criteria
- Interviewed seven candidates, selected top three candidates, and sent our recommendations to Human Resources

## **Library Liaison**

American University in Cairo, Department of Psychology, New Cairo, Egypt (*Fall 2017 to Fall 2018*)

- Coordinated communication between the psychology department and library teams to order books and materials for research and course work
- Monitored the wish list of faculty's requested scholarly materials and encouraged faculty to add to the list
- Notified faculty about library-related services for their courses

## **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Chair**

Department of Applied Behavioral Science [ABS], University of Kansas (*Spring 2016 to Spring 2017*)

- Led the development of the ABS Department Climate Survey that was administered to all undergraduate and graduate students in the department
- Met with committee members to review survey results
- Coordinated and implemented diversity and inclusion trainings for both staff and students
- Coordinated and implemented activities to assure inclusion of all people, especially those with disabilities to address some of the concerns reported by survey participants



## **Developing an Action Toolkit to Address Social Determinants of Health in the Africa Region**

University of Kansas Center for Community Health & Development, A World Health Organization Collaborating Center (*Summer 2014 to August 2016*)

- Designed and developed the Action Toolkit for addressing social determinants of health as a result of the collaborative evaluation effort with WHO Regional Office for Africa
- Developed Key Questions to Consider, Core Activities, collected and summarized Africa-based Field Case Studies, and included WHO and Community Tool Box Resources for each section of the framework (e.g., Mobilize, Assess, Plan, Act, Evaluate, and Sustain). Action Toolkit: <https://www.mycctb.org/wst/who-afro-supports/Pages/Default.aspx>
- Launched the Action Toolkit in Brazzaville, Congo in September 2016

## **Curriculum Committee Student Representative at the School of Preventative Medicine and Public Health**

The University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas (*Fall 2014 to Spring 2017*)

- Provided input on improving public health curriculum materials from the student's perspective
- Voted on whether students are able to transfer credit

## **Community Health Improvement Plan: Poverty Working Group**

Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, Lawrence, Kansas (*Fall 2012 to Spring 2014*)

University of Kansas Center for Community Health & Development, A World Health Organization Collaborating Center

- Contributed to the implementation of the Community Needs Assessment in Douglas County
- Supported the facilitation of meetings in the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department related to the effort
- Completed a literature review and highlighted evidence-based poverty reduction strategies
- Developed poverty reduction strategies for the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department Poverty Working Group
- Facilitated the vote on three poverty reduction strategies and those were incorporated as a five-year plan for Douglas County's Community Improvement Plan

## **Strong Girls Leader**

Youth Leadership and Development Program, Lawrence, Kansas (*Fall 2010 to Summer 2012*)

- Mentored a group of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls at the University of Kansas Campus that focused on physical activity and life-skills
- Organized Diversity Day for the 40 girls, where they had the opportunity to attend presentations by university students from around the world and appreciate diversity



## Internally Displaced Peoples Camp

Mai Mahiu, Kenya (*Summer 2011*)

- Mentored young girls attending Mai Mahiu Secondary School by collaborating with Mary's Circle, a community-based organization
- Spoke to students on the importance of education and perseverance
- Visited families displaced by post-election violence in need and listened to their concerns

## Peer Reviewed Publications

- Watson-Thompson, J., Jessop, N., **Hassaballa, I.**, Vanchy, P., Henderson, J., Moore, C. (2020). Together Helping Reduce Youth Violence for Equity (ThrYve) : Examining the Development of a Comprehensive Multisectoral Approach to Youth Violence Prevention. *American Journal of Community Psychology*.
- **Hassaballa, I.**, Hassaballa, H., & Hassaballa, R. (2020). Migration. Bloomsbury Education and Childhood Studies: Childhood: Egypt (Web). *London: Bloomsbury*.
- **Hassaballa, I.**, Fawcett, S., Sepers, C., DiGennaro Reed, F., Schultz, J., Munodawafa, D., Phori, P., Chiriseri, E., Kouadio, K.I. (2019). Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation of Ebola Response Activities in Lofa County, Liberia: Some Lessons Learned. *International Quarterly of Community Health Education*.
- **Hassaballa, I.** & Hassaballa, R. (2019). Health, Wellbeing, and Welfare. In W. Corsaro (Series Ed) & M. Toprak (Vol. Ed.), Bloomsbury Education and Childhood Studies: Childhood: Egypt (Web). *London: Bloomsbury*.
- Hassaballa, R & **Hassaballa, I.** (2019). Poverty. In W. Corsaro (Series Ed) & M. Toprak (Vol. Ed.), Bloomsbury Education and Childhood Studies: Childhood: Egypt (Web). *London: Bloomsbury*.
- **Hassaballa, I.**, Davis, L., Francisco, V., Schultz, J., & Fawcett, S. (2019). Examining the implementation and effects of a comprehensive community intervention addressing Type 2 diabetes among high-risk minority patients in Durham County, NC. *Journal of Prevention and Intervention in the Community*. Special Issue Social Inequality: Challenges, Consequences and Action.
- Sepers, C., Fawcett, S., **Hassaballa, I.**, DiGennaro Reed, F., Schultz, J., Munodawafa, D., Phori, P., Chiriseri, E. (2018). Evaluating Implementation of the Ebola Response in Margibi County, Liberia. *Health Promotion International*.
- Munodawafa, D., Moeti, M.R., Phori, P., Fawcett, S., **Hassaballa, I.**, Sepers, C., DiGennaro Reed, F., Schultz, J., Chiriseri, E. (2017). Capturing and Communicating Effects of Ebola Response Efforts in Two Liberian Communities. *Journal of Community Health*.
- **Hassaballa, I.**, Ebekoziem, O, Ogunbadero, A., Williams, F., Schultz, J., Hunter-Skidmore, J., Fawcett, S., & Watson-Thompson, J. (2015). Evaluation of a Diabetes Care Coordination Program for African American Women Living in Public Housing. *Journal of Clinical Outcomes Management*.



## Technical Reports

### Together on Diabetes Grantee Evaluation Reports

- **Hassaballa, I.**, Camden Partners, & the Center for Community Health & Development Evaluation Team (2017). *Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers*. Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation's Together on Diabetes Case Study.
- **Hassaballa, I.**, Duke Partners, & the Center for Community Health & Development Evaluation Team (2017). *Duke University Medical Center*. Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation's Together on Diabetes Case Study.
- **Hassaballa, I.**, Johns Hopkins Partners, & the Center for Community Health & Development Evaluation Team (2016). *Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health*. Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation's Together on Diabetes Case Study.
- **Hassaballa, I.**, Feeding America Partners, & the Center for Community Health & Development Evaluation Team (2015). *Feeding America's Diabetes Initiative*. Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation's Together on Diabetes Case Study.
- **Hassaballa, I.**, Whittier Street Partners, & the Center for Community Health & Development Evaluation Team (2014). *Whittier Street Health Center: Diabetes Care Coordination Program*. Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation's Together on Diabetes Case Study.
- **Hassaballa, I.**, United Neighborhood Partners, & the Center for Community Health & Development Evaluation Team (2014). *United Neighborhood Health Services: Connecting Women in the Community Program*. Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation's Together on Diabetes Case Study.

## Community Toolbox Field Cas Studies

- **Hassaballa, I.** (2013). Influencing Policy Development. Elevating Local Policies: A Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation Policy.
- **Hassaballa, I.** (2013). Sustaining the Work or Initiative. Uhuru Child: Sustainable Farming in Jikaze.
- **Hassaballa, I.** (2013). Developing an Intervention. Sanitation in Kenya: An Intervention Developed by The Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation.
- **Hassaballa, I.** (2011). Increasing Participation and Membership. PeacePlayers International South Africa.
- **Hassaballa, I.** (2011). Advocating for Change. Together for Girls: Working to end sexual violence.





## Selected Conference Presentations

- **Hassaballa, I.**, Watson-Thompson, J., Schultz, J., Thompson, V., Esiaka, C. “Together helping reduce youth violence for equity (ThrYve): A systems-level community-based approach to youth violence prevention.” APHA American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference. Virtual Annual Meeting & Expo (Fall 2020).
- **Hassaballa, I.**, Davis, L., Francisco, V., Schultz, J., & Fawcett, S. “Examining Implementation and Effects of a Comprehensive Community Intervention Addressing Type 2 Diabetes Among High-Risk Patients in North Carolina, U.S.A.” World Non-Communicable Disease Congress. *Chandigarh, India* (Fall 2017).
- **Hassaballa, I.**, Sepers, C., & Holt, C. “Using the Community Tool Box for Advocacy Efforts.” Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) Conference. *Wichita, Kansas* (Fall 2016).
- **Hassaballa, I.**, Sepers, C., Fawcett, S., DiGennaro Reed, F., Munodawafa, D., Phori, P., Chiriseri, E., & Schultz, J. “Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation of Ebola Response Activities and Associated Disease Outcomes in Lofa, County Liberia.” Kansas African Studies Center Graduate Research Workshop (KASC) Conference. *University of Kansas* (Spring 2016).
- **Hassaballa, I.**, Sepers, C., Fawcett, S., DiGennaro Reed, F., Munodawafa, D., Phori, P., Chiriseri, E., & Schltz, J. “Testing a Monitoring and Evaluation System to Capture and Communicate the Ebola Response Effort in Selected Areas in Liberia.” American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference. *Chicago, Illinois* (Fall 2015).
- **Hassaballa, I.**, Sepers, C., Fawcett, S., DiGennaro Reed, F., Munodawafa, D., Phori, P., Chiriseri, E., & Schultz, J. “Using Behavioral Science to Help Assure Conditions for Health and Wellbeing.” International Association for African Educators (IAAE) Conference. *Lawrence, Kansas* (Fall 2015).
- **Hassaballa, I.**, Fawcett, S., Munodawafa, D., Phori, P., & Schultz, J. “Preparing the Workforce for Public Health and Development Efforts in the African Region.” American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference. *New Orleans, Louisiana* (Fall 2014).
- **Hassaballa, I.**, Ebekozi, O., Hunter-Skidmore, J., & Schultz, J. “A Community-based Participatory Evaluation of a Diabetes and Health Disparities Initiative among Boston Public Housing Residents.” American Public Health Association (APHA) Conference. *New Orleans, Louisiana* (Fall 2014).
- **Hassaballa, I.**, Fawcett, S., Munodawafa, D., & Phori, P. “Kansas-Based Global Capacity Building: Working with WHO Africa.” Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) Conference (Poster Presentation). *Topeka, Kansas* (Fall 2014)
- **Hassaballa, I.** Fawcett, S., & Holt, C. “Disseminating Public Health Knowledge Through the Community Tool Box.”
- Mid America Alliance for African Studies (MAAAS) Conference. *University of Kansas* (Fall 2014)
- **Hassaballa, I.** World Health Organization Consultative Meeting of Technical Resources on Addressing Key Determinants of Health in the African Region. *Port Louis, Mauritius* (Summer 2014)

- Was invited by WHO Regional Office for Africa to present the Community Tool Box—a free online resource for capacity-building—and delivered a training on the M&E System to track health efforts in Africa
- **Hassaballa, I.** Fawcett, S., Holt, C., & Smith, C. “Adaptation of the Community Tool Box to the African Context.” Society for Research and Community Action (SCRA) Conference (Poster Presentation). *Miami, Florida* (Summer 2013)
- **Hassaballa, I.** Fawcett, S., Holt, C., Collie-Akers, V., Dvorske, E., & Tilden, C. “Collaborative Planning for Reducing Poverty in a Community Health Improvement Plan.” Society for Research and Community Action (SCRA) Conference (Poster Presentation). *Miami, Florida* (Summer 2013)
- **Hassaballa, I.** “The New Face of Sudan: Patterns of Belief and Behavior Regarding Skin-Whitening Creams.” Mid America Alliance for African Studies (MAAAS) Conference. *St. Louis, Missouri* (Fall 2012)
- **Hassaballa, I.** “Health Promotion in Nairobi: Development of the Community Tool Box.” Kansas African Studies Center (KASC) Brownbag Presentation. *University of Kansas* (Fall 2012)
- **Hassaballa, I.** “Masomo: A Six Week Study Abroad Program, Mombasa, Kenya.” Kansas African Studies Center (KASC) Brownbag Presentation. *University of Kansas* (Fall 2011)

## Selected Invited Lectures & Workshops

### **Hassaballa, I. Evaluating the Ebola Response Effort in Liberia: Some lessons Learned.”**

University of California Merced (Spring 2020)

- Delivered a virtual presentation on lessons learned from the Ebola response effort and how this can be used to address the COVID-19 challenges.

### **Hassaballa, I. Developing an Intervention. Graduate and Honors Students of the Building Healthy Communities Course**

University of Kansas (Spring 2017)

- Delivered a workshop on how to develop community interventions using evidence-based interventions, adapting interventions to fit local context, and ethical considerations when implementing interventions.

Hassaballa, I. Advocating for Change. Advocacy for Social Change Students

University of Kansas (Spring 2016)

- Delivered a training on how to advocate for change from the Community Tool Box’s Module 10 on advocacy.



## **Hassaballa, I. Global Medicine Students**

University of Kansas (Fall 2015)

- Presented a lecture the Community Tool Box as a tool to address global health

## **Hassaballa, I. Dole Institute of Politics: Pizza and Politics Lecture Series**

University of Kansas (Fall 2013)

- Presented a lecture about the WHO Collaborating Centre and its global connections

## **Hassaballa, I. World Health Organization African Regional Meeting on Health Promotion**

Gaborone, Botswana (Summer 2013)

- Was invited by WHO Regional Office for Africa to present the Community Tool Box as a Health Promotion Strategy to be used in Africa.
- Provided training on how to use the Community Tool Box to train trainers on how to implement public health projects.

## **Hassaballa, I. “World Health Organization Internship: Health Promotion in Nairobi, Kenya.” University of Kansas Center for Community Health & Development Brownbag Lecture**

University of Kansas (Fall 2012)


## **Hassaballa, I. “Health Promotion in Nairobi: Development of the Community Tool Box.” Honors Program Lecture**

University of Kansas (Fall 2012)

## **Honors & Awards**

- The American University in Cairo Faculty Travel Award (Fall 2017)
- KU Medical Center Bookstore Scholarship (Fall 2016)
- KU Medical Center Masters of Public Health Leadership Scholarship (Fall 2014 to Spring 2015)
- Society for Research and Community Action [SCRA] Travel Award (Spring 2013)
- African Community Health Fellowship (Summer 2012)
- Undergraduate Research Award (Summer 2012)
- Kansas Health Foundation Fellow (Fall 2011 to Spring 2012)
- Tanaka Miller Scholarship to Study Abroad (Summer 2011)
- Foreign Language Area Studies Undergraduate Fellowship to Study Abroad (Summer 2011)
- Undergraduate Award for Excellence in Research (Spring 2011)



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- Recipient of the first Foreign Language Area Studies Undergraduate Fellowship in an African Language (Swahili) at the University of Kansas (Fall 2010 to Spring 2012)
  - Research Experience Program Award (Spring 2010)

## Memberships

- American Evaluation Association [AEA] (Fall 2015)
- American Public Health Association [APHA] (Spring 2014)
- Kansas Public Health Association [KPHA] (Spring 2014)
- International Union for Health Promotion and Education [IUHPE] (Fall 2013)
- Society for Research and Community Action [SCRA] (Spring 2013)

## Selected Research & Content Expertise

### Youth Violence Prevention, Intervention, & Evaluation (Summer 2019 to Fall 2020)

Center for Community Health and Development, Kansas City, Kansas

ThrYve [Together Helping Reduce Youth Violence through Equity]

- Conducting evaluation research on the effects of the ThrYve youth program within four implementation sites on youth positive development, and violence prevention through addressing social determinants of health such as educational supports, social supports, and increased leadership opportunities.

### Health Policy in Egypt (Fall 2018 to Spring 2019)

American University in Cairo, New Cairo, Egypt


- Conducting research on the effects of various policies on children's health and wellbeing in Egypt through interviews and document and literature reviews, focusing on poverty and violence towards children
- Wrote and published collaborative manuscripts on how policies have positively and negatively affected children's health and wellbeing with recommendations for implementing effective policy and program implementations

### Dissemination of Research Findings from Type 2 Diabetes Community Interventions (Fall 2017 to Summer 2019)

University of Kansas Center for Community Health & Development, A World Health Organization Collaborating Center

- Writing manuscripts on the type 2 diabetes community intervention in collaboration with Duke University



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- Conducting sense-making sessions with partners, where Community Check Box Evaluation System data is reviewed and discussed with stakeholders
  - Gathering additional project information through interviews

### **Type 2 Diabetes Community Intervention (Fall 2012 to May 2017)**

University of Kansas Center for Community Health & Development, A World Health Organization Collaborating Center

- Provided training, technical assistance, and evaluation consultation for Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation's Together on Diabetes Population Cluster using the Community Check Box
- The Population Cluster includes six community partners or grantees with 20 different sites, within 15 States working with vulnerable populations (Native Americans, African Americans, those with clinical and social barriers and suffer uncontrollable diabetes, rural residents, and urban residents). The Population Health Grantees included Johns Hopkins American Indian Health, Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers, Feeding America, Mississippi Public Health Institution, Duke University, and Marshall University.
- Focused consultation on the translation of evidence-based research into community change (new programs, policies, and organizational practices)
- Created intervention logic models for each grantee
- Worked with the evaluation team to create an evaluation plan
- Provided training at the annual grantee Summit in Atlanta, Georgia
- Gathered information by conducting site visits, interviews, and document and literature reviews
- Conducted sense-making sessions with partners, where Community Check Box implementation data was reviewed and discussed with stakeholders
- Analyzed implementation and clinical outcome data
- Wrote and disseminated grantee-specific Together on Diabetes technical reports and peer-reviewed publications

### **World Health Organization Health Promotion Internship (Summer 2012)**

Development of the Community Tool Box, WHO office, Nairobi, Kenya

- Collaborated with Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to explore public health initiatives within different communities
- Identified initiatives with best practice interventions, conducted site visits and interviews, and wrote WHO reports summarizing the initiatives
- Played a key role in adapting the Community Tool Box to the African context by featuring examples from the WHO internship in Kenya on the website ([ctb.ku.edu](http://ctb.ku.edu)) as technical reports
- By featuring these examples, I provided support to the WHO Kenya Office with tools to build capacity of a diverse and distributed public and community health workforce



## **The Social Aspect of Medical Treatment in the Sudan. Independent Research Project. (Summer 2008)**

African & African American Studies 496. University of Kansas, White Nile State, Sudan Advisor: Peter Ukpokodu, PhD

- Conducted interviews and focus groups to identify how society affects health treatment
- Focused on ways of treatment by using religious and traditional healers as well as herbs
- Found that treatment is a collective process and effective health communication is important to assure the delivery of timely healthcare

