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**PROFESSIONAL DATA**

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**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

ScD   2012	<b>Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health</b> Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences Maternal and Child Health Concentration Dissertation: “Gender-based violence along the Thai-Burma border”
MHS   2007	<b>Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health</b> Department of Population, Family, and Reproductive Health Reproductive, Perinatal, and Women’s Health Concentration Certificate in Health and Human Rights
BS   2004	<b>University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign</b> Community Health Major   Spanish Minor

*Postdoctoral Training*

2012-2014	<b>Yale School of Public Health</b> Chronic Disease Epidemiology
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*Other Relevant Trainings*

2021	<b>Yale School of Public Health</b> Climate Change & Health Certificate
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### *Johns Hopkins University*

Assistant Professor, Center for Humanitarian Health, Center for Global Women's Health and Gender Equity, Department of International Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 2023-Present

Affiliate, Center for Humanitarian Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 2021-2023

### *Other Non-JHU Professional Experience*

Gender-Based Violence Information Management System External Reviewer (GBVIMS), United Nations Population Fund, July 2024 – November 2024

- Led an external evaluation of the interagency GBVIMS system, with a focus on identifying key opportunities for financial and technical sustainability
- Methodologies included conducting in-depth key informant interviews, focus groups, and document reviews through a consultative process across five agencies

Research Director, International Rescue Committee (IRC), December 2021 – August 2023

- Oversaw a 30+ person multidisciplinary research practice that produces high impact, relevant research for the humanitarian sector and IRC programming
- Ensured all IRC research adheres to quality, equity, and ethical standards
- Cultivated a culture of support and curiosity for a geographically dispersed research team, including the establishment of professional development opportunities
- Supported the growth and fundraising of emergent areas of IRC research, such as responsive information and predictive analytics in humanitarian emergencies
- Served as research advisor on strategic long-term research grants, such as the five-year, 30M Euro Re:Build program that seeks to improve economic wellbeing for urban refugees in Nairobi and Kampala
- Continued leading violence against women and girls research, including academic coordination of a 50M£, 7-year What Works to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls: Impact at Scale contract for the implementation consortium funded by the United Kingdom Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

Research Community of Practice Lead, International Rescue Committee, March 2019 – December 2021

- Led the development of five humanitarian organizational research and learning agendas across economic wellbeing, governance, safety, health, and education sectors in collaboration with practitioners
- Oversaw a research community of practice comprised of over 30 multi-disciplinary researchers, with specific deliverables of:
  - Revamped research quality standards and systematized quality assurance and governance procedures across all research studies, including the establishment of a new research standard focused on equity in research
  - Designed professional development program and learning opportunities for research team
  - Ensured shared visions and strategies across research agendas
- Supervised directly a team of multi-disciplinary researchers and supported workforce planning, including the establishment of career development pathways for researchers
- Supported successful business development totaling over \$100M alongside our technical practitioner colleagues and external partners.

Visiting Scientist and Senior Fellow, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, Harvard University, 2015-2017

Senior Violence Researcher, International Rescue Committee, 2014-2021

- Joined IRC in 2014 as a Research Advisor and promoted to Senior Violence Researcher in 2017
- Led design and implementation of violence against women and children research in collaboration with internal and external partners, including serving as principal or co-investigator of mixed methods studies
- Presented and published research findings in academic journals, practitioner focused outlets, and ensured uptake of evidence into influential policies and practices
- Proactively developed and managed partnerships and business development opportunities to deliver women's empowerment, inclusion, and violence against women and children research agenda

Research Program Manager for the Health Rights of Women and Children, FXB Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard T.H. School of Public Health, 2011-2012

Gender-based Violence Research Assistant, Department of Society, Human Development and Health, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, 2009-2011

Community and Military Family Mental Health Education, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County, 2008-2009

Community Health Education Coordinator, American Refugee Committee - Thailand, 2007-2008

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### *Society Membership and Leadership*

United States Institute of Peace Missing Peace Young Scholars Network Member, approx.. 2015-Present

Society for Social Work and Research, 2024-Present

### *Participation on Advisory Panels and Boards*

Sexual Violence Research Initiative Leadership Council Member, 2020

Violence against Children Technical Advisory Group Member, World Health Organization, 2025 - 2027

## **EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES**

### *Journal Peer Review Activities*

BMJ Global Health; Conflict & Health; Culture, Health, and Sexuality; Health and Human Rights; International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics; Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes; Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health; Journal of Women's Health; Lancet Global Health; Maternal and Child Health Journal; Social Science and Medicine; Trauma, Violence, and Abuse

### *Journal Editorial Board Membership*

Conflict and Health Editorial Board Member (2023 – Present)

BMC International Health and Human Rights Editorial Board Member (approx. 2015 - 2018)

### *Proposal Peer Reviews*

What Works to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls: Impact at Scale, Grant Reviewer (2022 -2023)

Innovations for Poverty Action Intimate Partner Violence Initiative, Grant Reviewer (~2017-2019)

### *Review of Reports and Other Documents*

Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum Abstract Reviewer (2017, 2019, 2022, 2024)

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

### *Honors*

2024-2025      Lancet Commission on Humanitarian Health Next Generation Scholar  
2023-2027      Chair: Leon S Robertson Faculty Development Chair in Injury Prevention

### Awards

2013      Award: Best Young Researcher Presentation, Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, Bangkok, Thailand  
2012      Award: Harvard Hero for Extraordinary Staff Achievement, Harvard University  
2010      Scholarship: South Asia Initiative, Harvard University  
2010      Scholarship: Michael von Clemm Traveling Fellowship, Harvard School of Public Health  
2009 - 2012      Scholarship: CDC Maternal and Child Health Epidemiology Doctoral Training Grant, Harvard School of Public Health  
2009 - 2010      Scholarship: Social & Behavioral Sciences, Harvard School of Public Health  
2006      Scholarship: Bill and Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles

1. **Falb KL**, Peterman A, Nordas R, Field A, Porat R, Stark L. Violence against women and girls research: leveraging gains across disciplines. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 2025; 122(4):e2404557122.
2. Spiller E\*, Blackwell A, Ayella C, **Falb KL**. Displacement and menstrual shame for adolescent girls in South Sudan's humanitarian crises: A cross-sectional analysis. *International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics*. 2024. Epub ahead of print.
3. Meinhart M, Seff I, **Falb KL**, Deitch J, Roth D, Poulton C, et al. Humanitarian-specific recommendations for gender-transformative parenting programming: lessons from the field to address gender-based violence. *EClinicalMedicine*. 2024;78:102954.
4. **Falb KL**, Blackwell A, Hagekimana JDD, Sifat M, Roth D, O'Connor M. Co-occurring intimate partner violence and child abuse in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo: the influence of early life experiences of abuse. *Violence Against Women*. 2024;30(3-4):873-89.
5. **Falb KL**, Kullenberg S, T Yuan C, Blackwell A. Five recommendations to advance implementation science for humanitarian settings: the next frontier of humanitarian research. *Conflict and Health*. 2024;18(1):41.
6. Balachander M\*, Hagekimana JDD, Roth D, Asghar K, Bourey C, **Falb KL**. Effectiveness of a family violence prevention program on mental health outcomes for adult men and women in North Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo: Insights from a pilot trial. *Cambridge Prisms: Global Mental Health*. 2024;11:e99.

7. Gurbuz Cuneo A, Vaillant J, Koussoubé E, Pierotti RS, **Falb KL**, Kabeya R. Prevention, Cessation, or harm reduction: Heterogeneous effects of an intimate partner violence prevention program in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. *PLoS One*. 2023;18(3):e0282339.
8. **Falb KL**, Asghar K, Blackwell A, Baseme S, Nyanguba M, Roth D, et al. Improving family functioning and reducing violence in the home in North Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo: a pilot cluster-randomised controlled trial of Safe at Home. *BMJ Open*. 2023;13(3):e065759.
9. **Falb KL**, Blackwell A, Hagekimana JDD, Roth D, O'Connor M. Preventing co-occurring intimate partner violence and child abuse in eastern democratic republic of congo: the role of family functioning and programmatic reflections. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. 2023;38(1-2):183-211.
10. Blackwell AH,\* Hagekimana JDD, Bauma D, Roth D, Thivillier P, O'Connor M, et al. Violent Discipline in North Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo: the role of child gender and disability status in cross-sectional analysis. *Maternal and Child Health*. 2023;27(5):861-72.
11. Blackwell AH,\* Asghar K, Hagekimana JDD, Roth D, O'Connor M, **Falb KL**. Family functioning in humanitarian contexts: correlates of the feminist-grounded family functioning scale among men and women in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*. 2023;32(1):197-210.
12. Blackwell AH,\*Agengo Y, Ozoukou D, Wendt JU, Nigane A, Goana P, et al, **Falb KL**. Drivers of 'voluntary'recruitment and challenges for families with adolescents engaged with armed groups: Qualitative insights from Central African Republic and Democratic Republic of the Congo. *PLOS Global Public Health*. 2023;3(5):e0001265.
13. Blackwell A,\* Colleen G\*, Scharf J\*, Hussein T, Lomena AP, Ayella C, et al., **Falb KL**. Children's schooling experiences and child hope in South Sudan. *International Journal of Educational Development*. 2023;97:102717.
14. **Falb KL**, Asghar K, Pardo NM, Hagekimana JDD, Kakay H, Roth D, et al. Developing an inclusive conceptual model for preventing violence in the home in humanitarian settings: Qualitative findings from Myanmar and the Democratic Republic of Congo. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. 2022;37(3-4):1076-105.
15. Seff I, **Falb KL**, Yu G, Landis D, Stark L. Gender-equitable caregiver attitudes and education and safety of adolescent girls in South Kivu, DRC: A secondary analysis from a randomized controlled trial. *PLoS Medicine*. 2021;18(9):e1003619.
16. Murray SM, Lasater ME, Guimond M-F, Poku O, Musci R, Al-Fataftah M, et al. **Falb KL**. Measuring sexual violence stigma in humanitarian contexts: assessment of scale

psychometric properties and validity with female sexual violence survivors from Somalia and Syria. *Conflict and Health*. 2021;15(1):96.

17. Landis D, **Falb KL**, Nyanguba M, Stark L. The role of gender attitudes in shaping girls' participation in formal education in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: A matched of analysis of girls' and caregivers' perspectives. *Children and Youth Services Review*. 2021;126:106025.
18. **Falb KL**, Annan J. Pre-positioning an evaluation of cash assistance programming in an acute emergency: strategies and lessons learned from a study in Raqqa Governorate, Syria. *Conflict and Health*. 2021;15:1-6.
19. Willie TC, Bastida C, Olavarrieta CD, Scolese A, Campos PA, **Falb KL**, et al. Socioecological determinants of community resource utilisation among low-income women in Mexico City who experienced male-to-female intimate partner violence. *Global Public Health*. 2020;15(11):1627-38.
20. Willie T, Olavarrieta CD, Scolese A, Campos P, **Falb KL**, Gupta J. Intimate partner violence and reproductive coercion against a clinic-based sample of low-income women in Mexico City: a latent class analysis. *International Journal of Gynaecology and Obstetrics*. 2020;150(3):412.
21. Vaillant J, Koussoubé E, Roth D, Pierotti R, Hossain M, **Falb KL**. Engaging men to transform inequitable gender attitudes and prevent intimate partner violence: a cluster randomised controlled trial in North and South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo. *BMJ Global Health*. 2020;5(5):e002223.
22. Seff I, Williams A, Hussain F, Landis D, Poulton C, **Falb KL**, et al. Forced sex and early marriage: Understanding the linkages and norms in a humanitarian setting. *Violence Against Women*. 2020;26(8):787-802.
23. Scolese A\*, Willie TC, **Falb KL**, Sipsma H, Campos PA, Olavarrieta CD, et al. Intimate partner violence against low-income women in Mexico City and associations with child school attendance: A latent class analysis using cross-sectional data. *Maternal and Child Health*. 2020;24:360-8.
24. Scolese A\*, Asghar K, Pla Cordero R, Roth D, Gupta J, **Falb KL**. Disability status and violence against women in the home in North Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo. *Global Public Health*. 2020;15(7):985-98.
25. **Falb KL**, Blackwell AH, Stennes J, Annan J. Cash assistance programming and changes over time in ability to meet basic needs, food insecurity and depressive symptoms in Raqqa Governorate, Syria: evidence from a mixed methods, pre-posttest. *PloS One*. 2020;15(5):e0232588.

26. Donald A, Koolwal G, Annan J, **Falb KL**, Goldstein M. Measuring women's agency. *Feminist Economics*. 2020;26(3):200-26.
27. Scolese A\*, Roth D, OConnor M, De Dieu Hategekimana J, **Falb KL**. In-law-perpetrated abuse against women in North Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo. *International Journal of Gynaecology and Obstetrics*. 2020;148(3):405-6.
28. Noble E,\* Ward L, French S, **Falb KL**. State of the evidence: a systematic review of approaches to reduce gender-based violence and support the empowerment of adolescent girls in humanitarian settings. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*. 2019;20(3):428-34.
29. Landis D, Yu G, Tanner S, Karungu C, Mallinga P, **Falb KL**, et al. The school participation effect: investigating violence and formal education among girls in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. *Compare: A Journal of Comparative and International Education*. 2019.
30. **Falb KL**, Laird B, Ratnayake R, Rodrigues K, Annan J. The ethical contours of research in crisis settings: five practical considerations for academic institutional review boards and researchers. *Disasters*. 2019;43(4):711-26.
31. **Falb KL**, Blackwell A, Stennes J, Hussein M, Annan J. Depressive symptoms among women in Raqqa Governorate, Syria: associations with intimate partner violence, food insecurity, and perceived needs. *Global Mental Health*. 2019;6:e22.
32. Blackwell A, Casey J, Habeeb R, Annan J, **Falb KL**. Women's status and qualitative perceptions of a cash assistance programme in Raqqa governorate, Syria. *Gender & Development*. 2019;27(2):253-71.
33. Bermudez LG, Yu G, Lu L, **Falb KL**, Eoomkham J, Abdella G, et al. HIV risk among displaced adolescent girls in Ethiopia: the role of gender attitudes and self-esteem. *Prevention Science*. 2019;20:137-46.
34. Wachter K, Horn R, Friis E, **Falb KL**, Ward L, Apio C, et al. Drivers of intimate partner violence against women in three refugee camps. *Violence Against Women*. 2018;24(3):286-306.
35. Stark L, Seff I, Assezenew A, Eoomkham J, **Falb KL**, Ssewamala FM. Effects of a social empowerment intervention on economic vulnerability for adolescent refugee girls in Ethiopia. *Journal of Adolescent Health*. 2018;62(1):S15-S20.
36. Stark L, Seff I, Asghar K, Roth D, Bakamore T, MacRae M, et al. **Falb KL**. Building caregivers' emotional, parental and social support skills to prevent violence against adolescent girls: findings from a cluster randomised controlled trial in Democratic Republic of Congo. *BMJ Global Health*. 2018;3(5):e000824.

37. Stark L, Asghar K, Seff I, Yu G, Gessesse TT, Ward L, et al. **Falb KL.** Preventing violence against refugee adolescent girls: findings from a cluster randomised controlled trial in Ethiopia. *BMJ Global Health.* 2018;3(5):e000825.
38. Stark L, Asghar K, Seff I, Cislaghi B, Yu G, Gessesse TT, et al. **Falb KL.** How gender- and violence-related norms affect self-esteem among adolescent refugee girls living in Ethiopia. *Global Mental Health.* 2018;5:e2.
39. Sommer M, Muñoz-Laboy M, Williams A, Mayevskaya Y, **Falb KL**, Abdella G, et al. How gender norms are reinforced through violence against adolescent girls in two conflict-affected populations. *Child Abuse & Neglect.* 2018;79:154-63.
40. Sommer M, Munoz-Laboy M, Wilkinson Salamea E, Arp J, **Falb KL**, Rudahindwa N, et al. How narratives of fear shape girls' participation in community life in two conflict-affected populations. *Violence Against Women.* 2018;24(5):565-85.
41. Murray S, Augustinavicius J, Kaysen D, Rao D, Murray L, Wachter K, Annan J, **Falb KL**, et al. The impact of Cognitive Processing Therapy on stigma among survivors of sexual violence in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo: results from a cluster randomized controlled trial. *Conflict and Health.* 2018;12:1-9.
42. Landis D, **Falb KL**, Michelis I, Bakomere T, Stark L. Violence, well-being and level of participation in formal education among adolescent girls in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo: the role of child marriage. *Studies in Social Justice.* 2018;12(2):273-90.
43. Gupta J, Willie TC, Harris C, Campos PA, **Falb KL**, Moreno CG, et al. Intimate partner violence against low-income women in Mexico City and associations with work-related disruptions: a latent class analysis using cross-sectional data. *J Epidemiol Community Health.* 2018;72(7):605-10.
44. Asghar K, Mayevskaya Y, Sommer M, Razzaque A, Laird B, Khan Y, Qureshi S, **Falb KL**, et al. Promoting adolescent girls' well-being in Pakistan: A mixed-methods study of change over time, feasibility, and acceptability, of the COMPASS program. *Prevention Science.* 2018;19:1030-42.
45. Stark L, Sommer M, Davis K, Asghar K, Assazenew Baysa A, Abdela G, Tanner S, **Falb KL**. Disclosure bias for group versus individual reporting of violence amongst conflict-affected adolescent girls in DRC and Ethiopia. *PLoS One.* 2017;12(4):e0174741.
46. Stark L, Asghar K, Yu G, Bora C, Baysa AA, **Falb KL**. Prevalence and associated risk factors of violence against conflict-affected female adolescents: a multi-country, cross-sectional study. *Journal of Global Health.* 2017;7(1).
47. Gupta J, **Falb KL**, Ponta O, Xuan Z, Campos PA, Gomez AA, et al. A nurse-delivered, clinic-based intervention to address intimate partner violence among low-income women

in Mexico City: findings from a cluster randomized controlled trial. *BMC Medicine*. 2017;15:1-12.

48. **Falb KL**, Asghar K, Laird B, Tanner S, Graybill E, Mallinga P, et al. Caregiver parenting and gender attitudes: Associations with violence against adolescent girls in South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo. *Child Abuse & Neglect*. 2017;69:278-84.
49. Campos PA, **Falb KL**, Hernández S, Díaz-Olavarrieta C, Gupta J. Experiences of street harassment and associations with perceptions of social cohesion among women in Mexico City. *Salud Pública De México*. 2017;59(1):102-5.
50. Annan J, **Falb KL**, Kpebo D, Hossain M, Gupta J. Reducing PTSD symptoms through a gender norms and economic empowerment intervention to reduce intimate partner violence: a randomized controlled pilot study in Côte D'Ivoire. *Global Mental Health*. 2017;4:e22.
51. Shuman SJ, **Falb KL**, Cardoso LF, Cole H, Kpebo D, Gupta J. Perceptions and experiences of intimate partner violence in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. *PLoS One*. 2016;11(6):e0157348.
52. Fong S, Gupta J, Kpebo D, **Falb KL**. Food insecurity associated with intimate partner violence among women in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. *International Journal of Gynaecology and Obstetrics*. 2016;134(3):341-2.
53. **Falb KL**, Tanner S, Ward L, Erksine D, Noble E, Assazene A, et al. Creating opportunities through mentorship, parental involvement, and safe spaces (COMPASS) program: multi-country study protocol to protect girls from violence in humanitarian settings. *BMC Public Health*. 2016;16:1-10.
54. **Falb KL**, Tanner S, Asghar K, Souidi S, Mierzwa S, Assazene A, et al. Implementation of Audio-Computer Assisted Self-Interview (ACASI) among adolescent girls in humanitarian settings: feasibility, acceptability, and lessons learned. *Conflict and Health*. 2016;10:1-8.
55. Cardoso LF, Gupta J, Shuman S, Cole H, Kpebo D, **Falb KL**. What factors contribute to intimate partner violence against women in urban, conflict-affected settings? Qualitative findings from Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. *Journal of Urban Health*. 2016;93:364-78.
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using latent class analysis. *BMJ Open*. 2015;5(4):e006299.

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59. McCauley HL, **Falb KL**, Streich-Tilles T, Kpebo D, Gupta J. Mental health impacts of reproductive coercion among women in Côte d'Ivoire. *International Journal of Gynecology & Obstetrics*. 2014;127(1):55-9.
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## PRACTICE ACTIVITIES

### *Practice-Related Reports*

1. Falb KL. (2024). External review of the Gender-based Violence Information Management System (GBVIMS) global interagency initiative. UNFPA. (*Role: External Lead Consultant*).
2. International Rescue Committee. Protection challenges for internally displaced populations in Mexico. Mexico City: International Rescue Committee. (\**Role: Lead Author and Principal Investigator*).
3. Gurbuz Cuneo A, **Falb KL**, Kabeya R, Koussoube E, Pierotti RS, Vaillant J. (2023). Breaking the cycle of intimate partner violence: harm reduction by engaging men in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Gender Innovation Lab. Washington DC: World Bank Group.
4. Blackwell A, Hussein T, Ayella C, Njoka S, Kulelemba JA, Mansi E, Mathew A, **Falb KL**. (2022). Safer schools for the wellbeing of children in South Sudan: research findings from the quasi-experimental evaluation of a teacher training component to reduce violence and improve child wellbeing. Juba: International Rescue Committee. (*Role: Principal Investigator*).
5. Roth D, Blackwell A, Canavera M, **Falb KL**. (2021). Cycles of displacement: understanding violence, discrimination, and exclusion of LGBTQI people in humanitarian contexts. New York: International Rescue Committee. (*Role: Principal Investigator*).
6. Roth D, Blackwell A, Canavera M, **Falb KL**. (2021). When ‘we know nothing’: recommendations for ethical research and learning with and for LGBTQI people in humanitarian settings. New York: International Rescue Committee (*Role: Principal Investigator*).
7. **Falb KL**, Blackwell A, Stiennes J, Annan J. (2020). Cash transfers in Raqqa Governorate, Syria: changes over time in women’s experiences of violence and wellbeing. London: International Rescue Committee. (*Role: Co-Principal Investigator*)
8. International Rescue Committee. (2020). Gender-based violence case management: outcome monitoring toolkit. New York: International Rescue Committee. (*Role: Lead*

*Author and Principal Investigator).*

9. International Rescue Committee (2020). Northwest Syria non-medical mask use survey. Washington, DC. *(Role: Principal Investigator)*
10. **Falb KL**, Hossain M, Kabeya R, Koussoube E, Lake M, Lewis C, Pierotti RS, Roth D, Vaillant J. (2020). Engaging men to transform gender attitudes and prevent intimate partner violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo. World Bank: Washington DC. *(Role: Advisor)*
11. International Rescue Committee. (2019). Safer Cash: ensuring risk mitigation and inclusion in multipurpose cash assistance. Washington, DC. *(Role: Advisor)*
12. Fulu E, McCook S, **Falb KL**. (2017). Intersections of violence against women and violence against children. London: What Works Evidence Review – International Rescue Committee.
13. International Rescue Committee and Global Women's Institute. (2015). Responding to Typhoon Haiyan: women and girls left behind. London and New York: IRC and Washington DC: George Washington University. *(Role: Lead Author and Co-Principal Investigator).*

*Presentations to Policymakers*

Mission to Denmark Security Council Meeting. “Gender-based violence and the Women, Peace, and Security, Agenda”. December 2, 2024

*Traditional Media (e.g., newspaper, broadcast networks, magazine, etc.)*

Newsweek. “How whisper networks and safe spaces help teen girls overcome sexual violence in conflict zones.” December 6, 2017.

Thomas Reuters Foundation. “Friends and family, not fighters, drive rape scourge in war-torn Congo.” November, 17, 2017.

National Public Radio “Who threatens you? Researchers asked teen girls affected by conflict.” June, 2, 2017.

ABC News. “Study: schoolyard bullies four times more likely to become abusive men.” June 15, 2011. \**Study covered in over 80 outlets, including TIME, CBS, etc.*\*

*Social Media, Podcasts, Blog Posts, Videos*

Asghar K and **Falb KL**. “The humanitarian sector is failing LGBTQ survivors of conflict.” DevEx. July 15, 2021.

**Falb KL**, Tromans E, Creighton J. "Cash assistance in humanitarian emergencies: an immediate intervention to meet basic needs with long-term potential." Medium. May 13, 2020.

**Falb KL**. "Learning from adolescent girls in emergencies." Medium. June 29, 2018.

Women's Protection & Empowerment Podcast. "Adolescent girls and what we've learned about mentoring, parental involvement and safe spaces". November 30, 2017.

Women's Protection and Empowerment Podcast: Giving Space. 'Adolescent girls and what we've learned about mentoring, parental involvement and safe spaces'. December 1, 2017.

#### *Other Practice Activities*

Humanitarian Research Toolkit. Airbel Impact Lab, International Rescue Committee: New York, NY. <https://www.humanitarianresearch.rescue.org/> (Role: Research Director; cited as best practice in numerous humanitarian research donor requests for proposals)

## CURRICULUM VITAE

Kathryn Falb

### PART II

## TEACHING

#### *Academic Advisees*

Blaine Mengistu-Gunn, MSPH, 2024-

Noah Michael Trudeau, MSPH, 2024-

Julia Taft, DrPH, 2024 -

Camila Polinori Castro, PhD (co-advising with Prof Spiegel), 2024 -

Blythe Beecroft, DrPH (co-advising with Prof Doocy), 2024 -

Lyllian Le, MSPH, 2023-2024, Mapping health equity indicators: a review and gap analysis in refugee health systems

#### *Capstone Advisees*

Ellen Spiller, MPH, 2024

Ashley Smith, MSPH, 2022-2024

Manya Balanchander, MPSH, 2022-2024

*Schoolwide Oral Participation*

Callie Kaplan, DrPH, Committee member, 2024 -

*Final Oral Exam Participation*

Khudejha Asghar, PhD, Alternate committee member, 2023

*Classroom Instruction*

Gender in Emergencies Summer Institute Course, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Co-Instructor 2024 – onwards; Enrollment: 5

Introduction to Humanitarian Emergencies, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Co-Instructor 2024 – onwards; Enrollment: 59 (29 in-person; 30 online)

Health Systems Research and Evaluation, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Co-Instructor 2025 – onwards;

*Other Teaching*

Violence Prevention in Low- and Middle-Income Countries Guest Lecture, BSPH

Gender-Based Violence in Humanitarian Emergencies Guest Lecture, BSPH

*Teaching Excellence Recognition*

Introduction to Humanitarian Emergencies, Term 1 2024

**RESEARCH MENTORSHIP**

Alexandra Blackwell, Post-doctoral T32 Trainee, 2024 –

**RESEARCH AND PRACTICE FUNDING**

**EXTERNAL SPONSORED GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**

**Evaluating the impact of Growing Strong Together on children's 'voluntary' engagement with armed groups, 2024-2025, JPAL**

Principal Investigator: Falb KL and Peterman A

\$350,000

This study uses a randomized controlled trial in Central African Republic to evaluate a parenting program on overall children's wellbeing, with a primary focus on prevention of engagement with armed groups.

**Understanding the interconnected SRH/GBV needs and priorities of older women and women and girls with disabilities in humanitarian settings, 2024-2026, FCDO**

Principal Investigator: Falb KL

\$100,000

This study employs qualitative and human-centered design methods to understand the priorities and needs of older women and women and girls with disabilities in relation to gender-based violence in humanitarian settings.

**PRIME: Psychometric Refinement to Improve Measurement of Engagement, 2024, Innovations for Poverty Action**

Principal Investigator: Falb KL and Fabbri C

\$15,000

This psychometric study employs qualitative and quantitative methods to improve outcome measurement for programs that seek to support adolescents to refrain from voluntary engagement in armed groups in Central African Republic.

**LACLearn: Understanding violence and displacement in Mexico, 2022-2023, USAID**

Principal Investigator: Falb KL

\$100,000

This qualitative study sought to understand the drivers of internal displacement across different regions in Mexico and across different diverse subgroups of the population.

**Safe at Home: A family violence program model to prevent respond to violence against women and children in the home in humanitarian settings, 2017-2022, USAID Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance**

Principal Investigator: Falb KL

\$1,199,975.00 (includes program implementation costs)

This multi-country study seeks to understand, develop and evaluate a family violence program model to prevent the co-occurrence of intimate partner violence and child maltreatment in the home. A randomized controlled trial is currently being undertaken in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Additional qualitative research to better understand violence against people with disabilities and older persons to ensure an inclusive family violence prevention model is occurring in Myanmar.

**Safe to Learn: Testing comprehensive models to reduce corporeal punishment in Unity State, South Sudan, 2020-2021, End Violence.**

Principal Investigator: Falb KL

\$1,111,580 (includes program implementation costs)

This mixed methods study seeks to understand the potential influence of a comprehensive and holistic approach on reducing teacher-perpetrated corporeal punishment in South Sudan.

Secondary questions examine whether such approaches reduce gender-based discrimination for girls in schools.

**SPARC: Strengthening parenting and resilience for children formerly associated with armed forces and armed groups, 2019-2021, USAID Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance**

Principal Investigator: Falb KL

\$600,000 (includes program implementation costs)

This qualitative study seeks to better understand the 'voluntary' recruitment drivers and re-engagement of children and adolescents within armed forces and armed groups in the Central African Republic and Democratic Republic of Congo.

**Safer Cash: Ensuring effective identification, targeting and risk mitigation for vulnerable groups in multipurpose cash assistance, 2017-2019, Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance**

Principal Investigator: Kelly J and Sharma V

\$999,614 (includes program implementation costs)

This mixed methods study sought to understand the potential safety risks within cash transfer programming via qualitative research in Cameroon and Afghanistan and developed and pilot tested a Safer Cash Toolkit to help aid safe cash transfer programming in Afghanistan.

Role: Research Advisor

**Evaluating the Impact of Cash Transfer Programming on Women's Empowerment and Protection Outcomes in Raqqa Governorate, Syria, 2014-2019, UK Department for International Development**

Principal Investigators: Falb KL and Annan J

\$520,000

This mixed method pre-posttest sought to understand the potential influence of cash transfers on women's experience of violence and well-being in the home in Raqqa Governorate, Syria. This study also pre-positioned several evaluation models in an effort to conduct rigorous research in acute emergency settings.

**Raising the Bar for Routine M&E in GBV programs: Measuring psychosocial well-being and stigma outcomes, 2017-2019, Humanitarian Innovation Fund.**

Principal Investigator: Falb KL

\$61,722.53

This psychometric study sought to develop and pilot measurement tools that improve the humanitarian community's ability to validly and reliably assess the impact of GBV case management programming on psychosocial well-being and stigma amongst refugee women in Jordan and Kenya.

**Engaging Men in Accountable Practices Impact Evaluation, 2016-2017, World Bank**

Principal Investigator: Valliant J

\$1,096,226.00

This cluster-randomized controlled trial sought to understand the impact of a gender transformative program focusing on male engagement and accountability on preventing intimate partner violence. Over 2,000 men and their female partners participated in the study in North and South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Role: Advisor

**COMPASS: Creating Opportunities through Mentorship, Parental involvement, and Safe Spaces, 2014 – 2017, UK Department for International Development**

Principal Investigator: Stark L

\$15,353,000.00 (includes program implementation costs)

This multi-country study (Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Ethiopia, and Pakistan) evaluated the COMPASS program which sought to improve the prevention of and response to violence against adolescent girls in humanitarian settings. Within this program, two waitlist cluster-randomized controlled trials were conducted in DRC and Ethiopia and a pre-posttest was implemented in Pakistan to bolster evidence of how best to address the safety needs of adolescent girls in emergencies.

Role: Co-Investigator

**Evaluating Violence against Women Health Sector Response in Mexico, 2012 – 2015, Wellspring**

Principal Investigator: Gupta J

\$1,000,000

This evaluation in Mexico City investigated the effectiveness of a comprehensive screening and counseling program on reduction of intimate partner violence and reproductive coercion and increases in safety planning and use of community resources. This cluster-randomized controlled trial involved 42 health clinics and over 900 women of reproductive age.

Role: Co-Investigator

**Adapting Innovative Programs for Women's Social and Economic Empowerment and Reduction of Gender-based Violence in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 2013 – 2014, United States Institute of Peace**

Principal Investigators: Gupta J and Falb KL

\$100,000

Despite widespread concern regarding gender-based violence (GBV) against urban refugee women, there is little systematic data on such experiences. Through analysis of quantitative survey data and qualitative research, this study will advance current understanding of GBV experiences and will assess the feasibility and acceptability of socio-economic programs aimed to prevent GBV and improve economic well-being among urban Ivorian women.

**Reduction of Gender-based Violence in Côte d'Ivoire, 2010 – 2013, World Bank Group State and Peacebuilding Fund**

Principal Investigators: Gupta J and Annan J.

This cluster-randomized controlled trial evaluated the incremental impact of adding a gender transformative programming component to village savings and loans associations programming on reduction of intimate partner violence. Over 1,200 adult women across 24 rural, conflict-affected villages in Côte d'Ivoire participated in the trial.

Role: Postdoctoral Research Associate

## **INTERNAL JHU FUNDING**

### **Advancing the wellbeing, safety, and connectedness of American Indian adolescent girls through the IMAGEN (Indigenous Adolescent Girl Empowerment Network) approach, 2024-2025, Bloomberg American Health Initiative**

Principal Investigator: Falb KL

\$60,000

This qualitative and quantitative study seeks to assess the feasibility, acceptability, and preliminary efficacy of the IMAGEN Girl Societies program in accordance with tribally-driven participatory research principles.

### **Advancing humanitarian frontiers: Bridging climate, conflict and displacement analytics for lifesaving anticipatory action, 2024 – 2025, JHU Nexus Award**

Principal Investigator: Spiegel P

\$100,000

This convening award will be used to bring together internal and external experts to improve data science and predictive analytics to improve anticipatory action for humanitarians to address the needs of populations before a crises strikes.

Role: Co-investigator

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

PhD Student Admission Committee, 2024

IRB Chair, International Rescue Committee, 2022-2023

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### *Scientific Meetings (select presentations)*

1. **Falb KL**, Asghar K, Blackwell A, Baseme S, Nyanguba M, Roth D, Hategekimana JDD. “Impact of a family violence prevention trial in eastern DRC.” Society for Social Work Research, 2024.
2. Blackwell A, Asghar K, Hategekimana JDD, Roth D, O’Connor M, **Falb KL**. “Feminist-grounded family functioning: incorporating gender and power dynamics into a measure of family functioning among men and women in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo: Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, 2022.
3. **Falb KL**, Mosely S, Asghar K, Blackwell A, Baseme S, Nyanguba M, Roth D, Hategekimana JDD. “Impact of a family violence prevention trial in eastern DRC.” Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, 2022.
4. Mushi D, Ellsberg M, Mahenge B, Karnely E, **Falb KL**, Garcia Moreno C, Murphy M, Bourassa A. “Adaptation of an empowerment counseling intervention for IPV in Tanzania”.

Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, 2022.

5. Roth D, Asghar K, Pardo N, Hategekimana JDD, Kakay H, O'Connor M, **Falb KL**. "Safe at Home! Towards building a conceptual model and program approach that addresses the co-occurrence of intimate partner violence and child maltreatment in humanitarian contexts." Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, 2019.
6. **Falb KL**, Kossoube E, Vaillant J, Roth D. "Engaging men to reduce IPV and transform gender inequitable attitudes: results from a cluster RCT in eastern DRC." Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, 2019.
7. Bungaard S, Cornish-Spencer S, **Falb KL**, Guimond M, Lwambi M, Fataftah M, Kasina A, Salaimeh A, Francis A. "Raising the bar for routine GBV M&E in humanitarian settings: felt stigma and psychosocial wellbeing." Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, 2019.
8. **Falb KL**, Blackwell A, Casey J, Hess T, Annan J. Cash transfers in Raqqa Governorate, Syria: changes over time in women's experiences of violence and wellbeing. Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, 2019.
9. Sharma V, Kelly J, Blackwell A, **Falb KL**. "Safer cash: mitigating protection risks associated with cash distribution in Afghanistan." Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, 2019.
10. Ozler B, Hallman K, Guimond M, Kelvin EA, Rogers M, Karnley E, **Falb KL**. "Girl empower – a gender transformative mentoring and cash transfer intervention to promote adolescent wellbeing." Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, 2019.
11. Hoover A, Ellsberg M, Blackwell A, **Falb KL**, Garcia Moreno C. "Identification of and support for women suffering abuse during pregnancy: a pilot study in humanitarian settings." Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, 2019.
12. Roth D and **Falb KL**. "Developing meaningful academic and practitioner partnerships for violence against women and girls research". Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, 2017.
13. Stark L, Asghar K, Eoomkham J, Baysa AA, Bora C, Bakemore T, **Falb KL**. "Preventing violence against conflict-affected adolescent girls: findings from cluster-randomized trials in Ethiopia and the DRC." Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, 2017.
14. Gupta J, **Falb KL**, Ponta O, Xuan Z, Campos P, Gomez A, Valadez G, Diaz Olavarrieta C. "A nurse-delivered clinic-based intervention to address intimate partner violence among low income women in Mexico City: findings from a cluster randomized controlled trial." Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, 2017.
15. Mallinga P, Roth D, Rudahindwa N, Graybill E, **Falb KL**. "Using cash transfers to reduce risk of violence among internally displaced girls in North Kivu, Democratic Republic of

Congo.” Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, 2017.

16. Annan J, Ellsberg M, Hess T, **Falb KL**, Murphy M, Pattni T, Hossain M, Izugbara C. “Preventing violence against women and girls in conflict and humanitarian crises: lessons learned from the What Works research programme.” Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, 2017.
17. **Falb KL**, Horn R, Apio C, Kimaathi R, Friis E, Wachter K, Ward L, Puffer E. “Intimate partner violence in displaced populations: drivers and recommendations for the humanitarian community”. Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, 2015.
18. Gupta J and **Falb KL**. “Addressing gender norms within economic programming: results from a randomized controlled trial in Côte d’Ivoire.” Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, 2013.
19. **Falb KL**, Annan J, Kpebo D, Gupta J. “Child marriage and associations with lifetime sexually transmitted infections in Côte d’Ivoire.” American Public Health Association, 2013.
20. Yamin AE, Boulanger V, **Falb KL**. “Counting what we know; knowing what to count: sexual and reproductive rights, maternal health and millennium development goal 5.” American Public Health Association, 2013.