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SUMMARY

Human life is governed by that which is invisible in the everyday; international, national, and regional policies constantly govern our lived experiences. They influence the way we live, work, grow, age and interact with each other, how we are educated and how we are cared for. Of interest to me, these policies influence our health in profound ways, be it directly, such as the food we eat or how we act during pandemics, or the impact of social factors such as gender or race on our wellbeing. At their best, health policies have great potential to mitigate social inequalities between people grounded in, inter alia, gender, race, and age. At their worst, when poorly or carelessly designed and executed, they may increase or ignore such social injustice.

My work is situated in the space between international, national and regional policy, and individual lives. I focus on how policies and their effects are experienced by people in the Global South and Global North; how policies govern practices and how both can be changed, and; how we, as academics, activists and individuals can contribute to these changes.

My background as a humanities graduate in psychology, subsequently trained in public health and medical sciences allows me to conduct innovative, multidisciplinary work with various team and individual partners across the globe. Having lived, trained and worked in South Africa, one of the most unequal countries in the world for 14 years, and moving from there to one of the arguably most happy but likely the most equal country in the world gives me a unique lens through which I view the everyday lives of people and how the setting in which they live and work influences their wellbeing. This experience has motivated me into work directed at redressing inequalities and furthering the wellbeing of especially the most vulnerable and marginalised.

Currently, I have two interlinked research streams that I continue to develop whilst maintaining an overall focus and practice of evidence to inform policy:

- 1) *Social protection and health and wellbeing*. Social protection is key to protecting the vulnerable from the economic risks of illness and can help to protect from poverty and potentially reduce the occurrence of particular infectious diseases. Here, I work with collaborators on bidirectional referral system between social grants and healthcare, examining barriers to access to social security and experiences of social protection interventions. Linked to this, I also conduct highly policy-relevant research on developing systems for extending social security pensions to informal workers.
- 2) *Examining health systems and services for the underserved*. This stream of work represents a health systems and policy stream implementation research, conducted using state-of-the-art social science methods. I examine the ways in which disadvantaged populations in different countries are served and have access to health services. I both examine the barriers and facilitators to access and develop innovative methods for expanding this access.

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A. PERSONAL RECORD

Name: Salla-Aija Ailikki Atkins
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Education:

6/2008 - 3/2011: PhD Karolinska Institutet, Sweden
1/2001 - 12/2002: MA University of Cape Town, South Africa
1-12/2000: BSocSci University of Cape Town, South Africa
1/1997 – 12/1999: BA University of South Africa, South Africa
1996: Matric, Mowat Park Girls' High School, Durban, South Africa

Qualifications:

PhD Medical Sciences, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden

Thesis: Improving adherence: Evaluating the Enhanced Tuberculosis Adherence programme in Cape Town, South Africa

MA Psychological Research, University of Cape Town, South Africa (2:1)

Thesis: International students' experiences at three universities in the Western Cape

BSocSci Psychology Honours, University of Cape Town, South Africa (2:1),

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Communications, University of South Africa, South Africa, (2:2 & 1)

Teaching qualifications:

15 ECTS in higher education pedagogy, ongoing course on supervision (5ECTS)

Languages:

- English (mother tongue)
- Finnish (mother tongue)
- German (intermediate)
- Afrikaans (conversational)
- Swedish (beginner)
- French (beginner)
- Portuguese (beginner)

Employment:

Feb 2018- ongoing

Associate professor, New Social Research and Global Health and Development Health Sciences/ Faculty of Social Sciences, Tampere University, Finland

Tasks: Leading and developing research projects, teaching master's and PhD students, developing university impact through mentoring others

Feb 2016-Jan 2018

Project manager, Faculty of Medicine and Life Sciences, Tampere University, Finland

Tasks: Scientific management and financial management of a 1,3 million € project, supervising students, sourcing additional funding.

Sept 2011-Jan 2016

Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden

Tasks: Scientific and financial coordination of two EU FP7 funded projects with 16 partners and combined €4 million budget.

Sept 2009-Dec 2011

Researcher, Finnish institute of occupational health, Helsinki, Finland

Tasks: Coordinating the implementation of a randomized trial in occupational healthcare, including collecting data.

Aug 2006-Aug 2009

Senior scientist, Health systems research Unit, South African Medical Research Council, Cape Town, South Africa

Tasks: Conducting research and managing a project in collaboration with health services in Cape Town, seeking funding

Apr 2006-Aug 2006

Scientist, Cochrane Centre, South African Medical Research Council, Cape Town, South Africa

Tasks: Completing a qualitative systematic review for publication, participating in funding proposals, training on qualitative systematic reviews and collecting data.

Oct 2004 – Mar 2006

Scientific officer, Primary health care directorate, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa

Tasks: Initiating and conducting a qualitative systematic review and sourcing funding for it; participating in funding proposals and conducting literature reviews.

Jan 2002-Dec 2004

Researcher, Unisa Institute of Social and Health Sciences, Cape Town, South Africa

Tasks: Conducting research on a project on childhood injury prevention, literature reviews and preparing for a randomized controlled trial.

Scholarly associations:

2019-

Co-founder: Women in Global Health Finland, a chapter of the International Women in Global Health organization and movement

2019-

Vice-member: Board of the Unipid (Finnish University Partnership for International Development) network.

2016-

Member of Health Systems Global, Social Science and Teaching and Learning working group and Social Science Approaches for Research and Engagement in Health Systems and Policy research (SHAPES) group.

2017-

SPARKS (Health and social protection action research knowledge) network, led by Karolinska Institutet and London School of Hygiene and Tropical medicine. Member of interventions working group.

B. RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL STANDING

Publication metrics

(Google Scholar - as of 28.10.2020):

- All citations – 3392
- h-index 17
- i-10 index 29

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Academic journal papers

2020

- "COVID-19 pandemic in Finland - preliminary analysis on health system response and economic consequences." Tiirinki, H., Tynkkynen, L.K., Sovala, M., Atkins, S., Koivusalo, M., Rautiainen, P., Jormanainen, V., Keskimäki, I. *Health Policy and Technology*. 2020 Aug 27:440. doi: 10.1016/j.hlpt.2020.08.005. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 32874860; PMCID: PMC7451008.
- "Frequent attenders at risk of disability pension: a longitudinal study combining routine and register data." Reho, T.T.M., Atkins, S.A., Talola, N., Sumanen, M.P.T., Viljamaa, M., Uitti, J. *Scandinavian Journal of Public Health*. 2020 Mar;48(2):181-189. doi: 10.1177/1403494819838663.
- "Experiences of conditional and unconditional cash transfers intended for improving health outcomes and health service use: a qualitative evidence synthesis (Protocol)." Atkins, S., Sidney-Annerstedt, K., Viney, K., Wingfield, T., Boccia, D., Lönnroth, K. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Issue 6. Art. No.: CD013635. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD013635.*
- "'Building on shaky ground'—challenges to and solutions for primary care guideline implementation in four provinces in South Africa: a qualitative study." Kredo, T., Cooper, S., Abrams, A.L., Muller, J., Schmidt, B.M., Volmink, J., Atkins, S. *BMJ Open* 10 (5), e031468
- "'Power plays plus push': experts' insights into the development and implementation of active tuberculosis case-finding policies globally, a qualitative study." Biermann, O., Atkins, S., Lönnroth, K., Caws, M., Viney, K. *BMJ Open* 10 (6), e036285

- “Improved recording of work relatedness during patient consultations in occupational primary health care: a cluster randomized controlled trial using routine data.” Atkins, S., Reho, T., Talola, N., Sumanen, M., Viljamaa, M., Uitti, J. *Trials* 2020; 21: 256. Published online 2020 Mar 12. doi: 10.1186/s13063-020-4168-8
- “High cost or frequent attender – both spend resources, but are they linked to work disability? A cohort study from occupational health primary care in Finland.” Reho, T.T.M., Atkins, S.A., Talola, N., Sumanen, M.P.T., Viljamaa, M., Uitti, J. *BMC Health Services Research*. 2020; 20: 456. Published online 2020 May 24. doi: 10.1186/s12913-020-05330-2
- “Using a mHealth system to recall and refer clients and community members with chronic conditions, to primary care facilities in South Africa: a feasibility study.” Odendaal, W., Lewin, S., McKinstry, B., Tomlinson, M., Jordaan, E., Mazinu, M., Haig, P., Thorson, A., Atkins, S. *Global Health Action*. 2020;13(1):1717410. doi: 10.1080/16549716.2020.1717410.
- “Provider perspectives of the introduction and implementation of care for drug-resistant tuberculosis patients in district-level facilities in South Africa: a qualitative study.” Vanleeuw, L., Atkins, S., Zembe-Mkabile, W., Loveday, M. *BMJ Open*. 2020 Feb 3;10(2):e032591. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2019-032591.

2019

- “Frequent attenders in occupational health primary care: A cross-sectional study.” Reho, T.T.M, Atkins, S.A., Talola, N., Viljamaa, M., Sumanen, M.P.T, Uitti, J. *Scandinavian Journal of Public Health*. 2019 Feb;47(1):28-36. doi: 10.1177/1403494818777436. Epub 2018 May 27.
- “Child Immunization App (CImA) study – A research protocol for a non-blinded randomized controlled pilot trial intervention study among Syrian refugees in Zaatari camp, Jordan.” Khader, Y. S., Laflamme, L., Schmid, D., El-Halabi, S., Abu Khadair, M., Sengoelge, M., Atkins, S., Tahtamouni, M., Derrough, T., El-Khatib, Z. *JMIR Research Protocols*. 2019 Oct 7;8(10):e13557. doi: 10.2196/13557.
- “Development and Validation of a Chinese Parental Health Literacy Questionnaire for Caregivers of Children 0 to 3 Years Old.” Zhang, Y., Li, M., Jiang, H., Shi, H., Xu, B., Atkins, S., Qian, X. *BMC Pediatrics*. 2019 Aug 22;19(1):293. doi: 10.1186/s12887-019-1670-9.
- “Do qualifications matter? A qualitative study of how villagers decide their health care providers in a developing economy.” Anand, G., Chhajed, D., Shah, S., Atkins, S., Diwan, V. *PLoS One*. 2019 Aug 1;14(8):e0220316. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0220316. eCollection 2019
- “Effect of a Community Health Worker-Delivered Parental Education and Counseling Intervention on Anemia Cure Rates in Rural Indian Children: A Pragmatic Cluster Randomized Clinical Trial.” Shet, A.S, Zwarenstein, M., Rao, A., Jebaraj, P., Arumugam, K., Atkins, S., Mascarenhas, M., Klar, N., Galanti, M.R. *JAMA Pediatrics*. 2019 Jul 22. doi: 10.1001/jamapediatrics.2019.2087.

- “Frequent attenders at risk of disability pension: a longitudinal study combining routine and register data.” Reho, T.T.M, Atkins, S.A., Talola, N., Sumanen, M.P.T., Viljamaa, M., Uitti, J. *Scandinavian Journal of Public Health, Online first: 9 Apr 11:1403494819838663. doi: 10.1177/1403494819838663.*
- Occasional and persistent frequent attenders and sickness absences in occupational health primary care: a longitudinal study in Finland. – Reho, T.T.M, Atkins, S.A., Talola, N., Sumanen, M.P.T., Viljamaa, M., Uitti, J. *BMJ Open, 19;9(2):e024980. doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2018-024980.*

2018

- “Using the behavior change wheel to identify barriers to and potential solutions for primary care clinical guideline use in four provinces in South Africa.” Kredo, T., Cooper, S., Abrams, A., Muller, J., Volmink, J., Atkins, S. *BMC Health Services Research, 14;18(1):965. doi: 10.1186/s12913-018-3778-2.*
- “Comparing occasional and persistent frequent attenders in occupational health primary care - a longitudinal study.” Reho, T., Atkins, S., Talola, N., Sumanen, M., Viljamaa, M., Uitti, J. *BMC Public Health, Nov 26;18(1):1291. doi: 10.1186/s12889-018-6217-8.*
- “National stakeholders' perceptions of the processes that inform the development of national clinical practice guidelines for primary healthcare in South Africa.” Kredo, T., Cooper, S., Abrams, A., Daniels, K., Volmink, J., Atkins, S. *Health Research Policy and Systems, Jul 31;16(1):68. doi: 10.1186/s12961-018-0348-3.*
- “Frequent attenders in occupational health primary care: A cross-sectional study.” Reho, T.T.M., Atkins, S.A., Talola, N., Viljamaa, M., Sumanen, M.P.T., Uitti, J. *Scandinavian Journal of Public Health, Feb;47(1):28-36. doi: 10.1177/1403494818777436. Epub 2018 May 27.*

2017

- “Lay health workers perceptions of an anemia control intervention in Karnataka, India: a qualitative study.” Shet, A.S., Rao, A., Jebaraj, P., Mascarenhas, M., Zwarenstein, M., Galanti, M.R., Atkins, S. *BMC Public Health. 2017 Sep 18;17(1):720. doi: 10.1186/s12889-017-4758-x.*
- “Doctoral Level Research and Training Capacity in the Social Determinants of Health in ARCADE RSDH partner institutions in India, China, Oman and Vietnam: A survey of needs.” Ali, F., Shet, A., Yan, W., Al-Maniri, A., Atkins, S., Lucas, H. *BMC Health Research Policy and Systems 15: 76.*
- “Impact of improved recording of work-relatedness in primary care visits at occupational health services on sickness absences: study protocol for a randomised controlled trial.” Atkins, S., Ojajarvi, U., Talola, N., Viljamaa, M., Nevalainen, J., Uitti, J. *Trials. 2017 Jul 26;18(1):352*

- “Use and Adaptation of Open Source Software for Capacity Building to Strengthen Health Research in Low-and Middle-Income Countries.” Hochwarter, S., Atkins, S., Diwan, V. K., & Zary, N. (2017) *Studies in health technology and informatics*, 235, 338.
- “Collaboration between employers and occupational health service providers: a systematic review of key characteristics.” Halonen, J., Atkins, S., Hakulinen, H., Pesonen, S., Uitti, J. (2017) *BMC Public Health*; 17:22.

2016

- “Multiple and mixed methods in formative evaluation: Is more better? Reflections from a South African study.” Odendaal, W., Atkins, S., Lewin, S. *BMC Medical Research Methodology*; 2016; 16:173.
- “Successes and challenges of north-south partnerships - key lessons from the African/Asian Regional Capacity Development projects.” Färnman, R., Diwan, V., Zwarenstein, M., Atkins, S. *Global Health Action*; 2016;9:30522.
- “The experiences of lecturers in African, Asian and European universities in preparing and delivering blended health research methods courses: a qualitative study.” Protsiv, M., Atkins, S. *Global Health Action*; 2016;9:28149.
- “Understanding collaboration in a multi-national research capacity-building partnership: a qualitative study.” Varshney, D., Atkins, S., Das, A., Diwan, V. *Health Research Policy and Systems*; 2016;14:64.
- “Blended learning across universities in a South-North-South collaboration: a case study.” Protsiv, M., Rosales-Klitz, S., Bwanga, F., Zwarenstein, M., Atkins, S. *Health Research Policy and Systems*; 2016;14:67.
- “Student experiences of participating in five collaborative blended learning courses in Africa and Asia: a survey.” Atkins, S., Yan, W., Meragia, E., Mahomed, H., Rosales-Klitz, S., Skinner, D., et al. *Global Health Action*; 2016;9:28145.
- “North-south collaboration and capacity development in global health research in low- and middle-income countries - the ARCADE projects.” Atkins, S., Marsden, S., Diwan, V., Zwarenstein, M. *Global Health Action*; 2016;9:30524.
- “A partial economic evaluation of blended learning in teaching health research methods: A three-university collaboration in South Africa, Sweden and Uganda.” Kumpu, M., Atkins, S., Zwarenstein, M., Nkonki, L. *Global Health Action* 2016;9:28149.
- “Research clinics: Online journal clubs between south and north for student mentoring.” Atkins, S., Meragia, E., Varshney, D., Zwarenstein, M., Diwan, V. *Global Health Action*. 2016;9.

2015

- ““The phone reminder is important, but will others get to know about my illness?” Patient perceptions of an mHealth antiretroviral treatment support intervention in the HIVIND trial in South India.” Rodrigues, R., Poongulali, S., Balaji, K., Atkins, S., Ashorn, P., De Costa, A. *BMJ Open. England; 2015;5:e007574.*
- “The Karnataka Anemia Project 2--design and evaluation of a community-based parental intervention to improve childhood anemia cure rates: Study protocol for a cluster randomized controlled trial.” Shet, A.S., Zwarenstein, M., Mascarenhas, M., Risbud, A., Atkins, S., Klar, N., et al. *Trials. England; 2015;16:599.*

2014

- “Internet-based health education in China: a content analysis of websites.” Peng, Y., Wu, X., Atkins, S., Zwarenstein, M., Zhu, M., Zhan, X.X., et al. *BMC Medical Education 2014;14:16.*

2013

- “Training for health services and systems research in Sub-Saharan Africa - a case study at four East and Southern African Universities.” Guwatudde, D., Bwanga, F., Dudley, L., Chola, L., Leyna, G.H., Mmbaga, E.J., et al. *Human Resources for Health. 2013;11:68.*

2012

- “Including mixed methods research in systematic reviews: Examples from qualitative syntheses in TB and malaria control.” Atkins, S., Launiala, A., Kagaha, A., Smith, H. *BMC Medical Research Methodology. 2012. p. 62.*
- “Towards an empowerment approach in tuberculosis treatment in Cape Town, South Africa: a qualitative analysis of programmatic change.” Atkins, S., Lewin, S., Ringsberg, K.C., Thorson, A. *Global Health Action. 2012;5:1–11. 4.*

2011

- “Lay health worker-supported tuberculosis treatment adherence in South Africa: An interrupted time-series study.” Atkins, S., Lewin, S., Jordaan, E., Thorson, A. *International Journal of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease 2011;15:84–9.*
- “Provider experiences of the implementation of a new tuberculosis treatment programme: A qualitative study using the normalisation process model.” Atkins, S., Lewin, S., Ringsberg, K.C., Thorson, A. *BMC Health Services Research 2011. p. 275.*

2010

- “Patients’ experiences of an intervention to support tuberculosis treatment adherence in South Africa.” Atkins, S., Biles, D., Lewin, S., Ringsberg, K., Thorson, A. J. *Health Services Research and Policy. 2010;15:163–70.*

- “Priorities for research into human resources for health in low- and middle-income countries.” Ranson, M.K., Chopra, M., Atkins, S., Dal Poz, M.R., Bennett, S. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* 2010;88:435–43.
- “South African TB nurses’ experiences of provider-initiated HIV counseling and testing in the Eastern Cape Province: a qualitative study.” Pope, D.S., Atkins, S., DeLuca, A.N., Hausler, H., Hoosain, E., Celentano, D.D., et al. *AIDS Care*. 2010.

2008

- “Effects of policy options for human resources for health: an analysis of systematic reviews.” Chopra, M., Munro, S., Lavis, J.N., Vist, G., Bennett, S. *Lancet*; 2008;371:668–74.
- “Conducting a meta-ethnography of qualitative literature: lessons learnt.” Atkins, S., Lewin, S., Smith, H., Engel, M., Fretheim, A., Volmink, J. *BMC Medical Research Methodology* 2008;8:21.
- “When the trivial becomes meaningful: reflections on a process evaluation of a home visitation programme in South Africa.” Odendaal, W.A., Marais, S., Munro, S., Van Niekerk, A. *Evaluation and Program Planning*. 2008;31:209–16.

2007

- “Patient adherence to tuberculosis treatment: A systematic review of qualitative research.” Munro, S.A., Lewin, S.A., Smith, H.J., Engel, M.E., Fretheim, A., Volmink, J.. *PLoS Medicine* 2007. p. 1230–45.
- “Promoting adherence to tuberculosis treatment.” Garner, P., Smith, H., Munro, S., Volmink, J. *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* 2007. p. 404–6.
- “A review of health behaviour theories: how useful are these for developing interventions to promote long-term medication adherence for TB and HIV/AIDS?” Munro, S., Lewin, S., Swart, T., Volmink, J. *BMC Public Health* 2007;7:104.

2006

- “Childhood unintentional injuries: the perceived impact of the environment, lack of supervision and child characteristics.” Munro, S.A., Van Niekerk, A., Seedat, M. *Child: Care, Health and Development* 2006: 32(3):269-270.

2005

- “The development of an instrument measuring unintentional injuries in young children in low-income settings to serve as an evaluation tool for a childhood home injury prevention program.” Jordaan, E.R., Atkins, S., Van Niekerk, A., Seedat, M. *Safety Research*. 2005;36:269–80.

2004

- “Home visitation: a South African process evaluation.” Odendaal, W., Atkins, S., Van Niekerk, A., Seedat, M. *African Safety Promotion: a Journal of Injury and Violence Prevention*. 2004;2:15–27.

2002

- “A review of best practice home visitation interventions for childhood injury reduction.” Bender, S., Van Niekerk, A., Seedat, M., Atkins, S.. *African Safety Promotion: a Journal of Injury and Violence Prevention*. 2002;1:46–54.

Commentaries

2020

- “Income security during public health emergencies: the COVID-19 poverty trap in Vietnam.” Tran, P.B., Hensing, G., Wingfield, T., Atkins, S., Sidney Annerstedt, K., Kazibwe, J., Tomeny, E., Biermann, O., Thorpe, J., Forse, R., Lönnroth, K.. *BMJ Global Health*. 2020 Jun;5(6):e002504. doi: 10.1136/bmjgh-2020-002504.

Letters to editor and participation in statements:

2019

- “Action to protect the independence and integrity of global health research.” Storeng, K, Abimbola, S., Babalanova, D., and signatories. *BMJ Global Health Vol 4 Issue 3*.

2016

- “Fair publication of qualitative research in health systems: a call by health policy and systems researchers. Social science approaches for research and engagement in health policy & systems (SHaPeS) thematic working group of Health Systems Global, Regional Network for Equity in Health in East and Southern Africa (EQUINET), and Emerging Voices for Global Health.” Daniels, K., Loewenson, R., George, A., Howard, N., Koleva, G., Lewin, S., Marchal, B., Nambiar, D., Paina, L., Sacks, E., Sheikh, K., Tetui, M., Theobald, S., Topp, S.M., Zwi, A.B. (As signatory) *International Journal of Equity in Health*. 2016 Jun 22;15:98. doi: 10.1186/s12939-016-0368-y.

2008

- “What about health system strengthening and the internal brain drain?” Larsson, E.C., Atkins, S., Chopra, M., Ekström, A.M. *Transactions of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene* . 2009 May;103(5):533-4; author reply 534-5. doi: 10.1016/j.trstmh.2008.12.015. Epub 2009 Feb 1.

Book chapters

2020

- “Access to Health Using Cell Phones by War Refugees.” El-Halabi, S., Atkins, S., Al-Soufi, L., Derrough, T., Laflamme, L., El-Khatib, Z. (2020) In: *Laheer I. (eds) Handbook of Healthcare in the Arab World. Springer, Cham.*
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-74365-3_73-1
- “The Potential of Telemedicine in the Rural Eastern Mediterranean Region for Noncommunicable Diseases: Case Study from Jordan.” El-Halabi, S., Atkins, S., Khader, Y.S., Taweel, A., Alrawabdeh, A., El-Khatib, Z. (2020) In: *Laheer I. (eds) Handbook of Healthcare in the Arab World. Springer, Cham.*
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-74365-3_74-1

2015

- “Qualitative process evaluations alongside randomised controlled trials.” Atkins, S., Odendaal, W., Leon, N., Lutge, E & Lewin, S. (2015). In book: *Complex Interventions in Health Care: a Research Handbook. (D.A. Richards, I Hallberg, eds). Routledge.*

Papers submitted/under review for publication

- “‘A double-edged sword’: Perceived benefits and harms of active case-finding for people with presumptive tuberculosis and communities – a qualitative study based on expert interviews.” Biermann, O., Klupperberg, R., Viney, K., Caws, M., Lönnroth, K. *PLoS One*.
- “Caregiver perceptions of injuries in Madhya Pradesh, India.” Ogunbayo, A., Atkins, S., Pathak, A., Diwan, V. *Submitted to BMC Public Health*.
- “Like filling a lottery ticket with quite high stakes – experiences of caregivers of children with long term illnesses about state provided support” Paajanen, A., Sidney-Annerstedt, K., Atkins, S. *BMC Public Health, in review*
- “Perceptions of immigrant parents on vaccinating their children in Finland” Haverinen, E, Sivelä, J., Atkins, S. *Qualitative Health Research*.
- “Factors associated with willingness to pay for health insurance and pension scheme among informal economy workers in low- and middle-income countries: A systematic review.” Miti, J., Perkiö, M., Metteri, A., Atkins, S. *International Journal of Social Economics. (In print)*
- “Pension Expansion as Social Innovation: Informal economy workers’ perceptions of being covered by a pension scheme in Zambia.” Miti, J., Perkiö, M., Metteri, A., Atkins, S. (2020). *International Social Security Review (In Print)*

- “The Informal Sector and Social Protection.” Miti, J., Perkiö, M., Metteri, A., Atkins, S. (2020). 26 s. In Book: *The Handbook on Social Protection Systems. Esther Schüring ja Markus Loewe (toim.) Edward Elgar Publishing. (In Print)*
- “Extension of the Contributory Pension Scheme for Small Scale Farmers.” Miti, J., Perkiö, M., Metteri, A., Atkins, S. (2020). 15 s. In book: *The Handbook on Social Protection Systems.. Esther Schüring ja Markus Loewe (toim.) Edward Elgar Publishing. (In Print)*

Work in progress for publication:

- “Experiences of conditional and unconditional cash transfers intended for improving health outcomes and health service use: a qualitative evidence synthesis.” Sidney-Annerstedt, K., Viney, K., Wingfield, T., Boccia, D., Lönnroth, K., Atkins, S..
- “What social and structural determinants act as barriers or enablers to TB diagnostic evaluation for patients in peri-urban and rural Uganda? A qualitative study.” Nalugwaa, T., Sidney Annerstedt, K., Nabwire, S., Atkins, S., Cattamanchid, A., Katambaa, A., Lönnroth, K., Shete, P. *To be submitted to BMJ Health Services Research.*
- “Using the COM-B structure to develop interventions for financial and social support of TB patients in Uganda: a qualitative study.” Atkins, S., Shete, P. *To be submitted to BMJ Open.*
- ““If you’re not that sick.. I won’t give you a grant”. Food insecurity and access to social grants for Tuberculosis (TB) patients in Cape Town South Africa.” Vanleeuw, L., Atkins, S. Zembe-Mkabile, W. *To be submitted to BMJ Global Health.*
- “Disappearing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights? An analysis of UN documents from 2014-2019.” Gilby, L., Atkins, S. Koivusalo, M. *To be submitted to The Lancet.*
- Qualitative evaluation of an mHealth programme in Eden district, South Africa.” Atkins, S. Odendaal, W., ...Lewin, S. Thorson A. *To be submitted to Global Health Action.*

Published research reports:

- “The baby box: Enhancing the wellbeing of babies and mothers around the world.” Koivu, A., Phan, YTH., Näsi, E., Abuhamed, J., Perry, B.L., Atkins, S., Perkiö, M., Koivusalo, M. (2020) *KELA Research: Helsinki*.
- “Evidence from Systematic Reviews of Effects to Inform Policy-Making About Optimizing the Supply, Improving the Distribution, Increasing the Efficiency and Enhancing the Performance of Health Workers. A policy brief prepared for the International Dialogue on Evidence-Informed Action to Achieve Health Goals in Developing Countries (IDEAHealth) Khon Kaen, Thailand.” Chopra, M., Munro, S., Visst, G., Oxman, A.D., Lavis, J, Bennett, S. (2006). *Geneva: WHO*.
- “Home visitation for childhood injury reduction: a review of the literature.” Atkins, S., Van Niekerk, A. & Seedat, M. (2002). *UNISA ISHS Occasional paper no. 3*.
- “Perceptions Of Child Injury Risk Factors In A Low-Income Community: Eldorado Park.” Atkins, S., Swart, L. & Van Niekerk, A. (2003). *UNISA ISHS Occasional paper no.2*

Professional journal papers:

2018

- “Kohti vaikuttavaa työterveystoimintaa.” [Towards effective occupational health services] Reho, T., Atkins, S., Talola, N., Hakulinen, H. & Pesonen, S. *Työterveyslääkäri [Occupational health physician], 36(3), 56-58*.

2010

- “Työterveyshuollon tietojen antaminen, neuvonta ja ohjaus” [Informing, advising and directing in occupational health care]. Atkins, S, Palmgren, H, Jalonen, P, Kaleva, S and Tuomi, K. *Työterveyslääkäri [Occupational health physician], 28(4):108-112*.

2002

- “Safety advice on your doorstep.” Atkins, S., Van Niekerk, A. and Seedat, M. *Children First, 6(44), 30-32*.

Teaching materials and guides:

2009

- “Chapter 3: Health Systems”. In: Primary Health Care: Fresh Perspectives. Atkins, S. & Chopra, M. (pp.49-80). Cape Town: Pearson Prentice-Hall

2005

- “Home visitation for childhood injury prevention: A preparation and implementation manual” Munro, S., Van Niekerk, A., Odendaal, W., Du Toit, N. and Swart, L. (eds.), Pretoria: UNISA Press.

ORGANISATION AND PROMOTION OF RESEARCH

Funded Research: Research funding as main applicant

2018

- € 566 953,85 (SEK 5 950 000) for four years: CHEST - Coordinating health and social protection for tuberculosis patients in Mozambique – funding from Vetenskapsrådet, Sweden
- € 70 035,48 (SEK 735 000) for three years: MIST – Migration as a social determinant of health”, Vetenskapsrådet, Sweden

2014

- € 37 713,40 (SEK 395 800) for one year: “Sector EE” Supporting evidence based policymaking through health research in Eastern Europe – funding from the Swedish Institute

2012

- € 70 035,48 (SEK 735000) for three years: “Enhancing Global Collaboration in Health Systems and Social Determinants of Health Research” –Vetenskapsrådet, Sweden

2009

- € 22 788,05 (443 904 ZAR) for one year: Lay health worker support for HIV and TB treatment in Cape Town – funding from South African National department of health

2005

- € 2874,79 (56 000 ZAR) Self initiated research grant on qualitative systematic review from South African Medical Research Council

Research funding as a co-applicant

2020

- € 1 287 000 - PI Jukka Uitti, Faculty of Medicine and Technology, Tampere University. TYKYTUO – work ability through coordinating services.

2019

- € 282 031,39 (SEK 2 960 625) – PI Vishal Diwan, Karolinska Institutet. Waste segregation in Ujjain, India: a pragmatic randomized controlled study.

2018

- € 74 979,74 (SEK 787100) – PI Knut Lönnroth, Research links project – social protection action research network, Vetenskapsrådet, Sweden
- € 371 516,97 (SEK 3 900 000) – PI Knut Lönnroth, Social protection for tuberculosis patients in Uganda – Vetenskapsrådet
- € 24500 – PI Professor Jukka Uitti. Identifying frequent users of public and occupational health primary care users. Pirkanmaa hospital district funding.

2017

- €50 000 – PI Professor Jukka Uitti. Characterising frequent users of occupational health primary care. Finnish Work Environment Fund

2013

- € 230 302 (SEK 2 418 000) – PI Professor Anna Thorson – Mobile phone intervention for lay health workers to improve continuity of care in South Africa – Vetenskapsrådet

2008

- € 59 801,76 (USD 67 532) – PI Dr Mickey Chopra – Integrating HIV and TB care in South Africa. Centers for Disease Control (Pepfar), US

Stipends for collaboration or students

2019

- Edufi – Finnish international scholarship funding for Yvonne Mwende to attend the International programme in Epidemiology in Tampere for 9 months.
- Finnceal funding for Lieve Vanleeuw to travel to Tampere for PhD courses

2018

- Finnceal funding for Wanga Zembe-Mkabile and Lieve Vanleeuw to travel to Finland from South Africa

Workshops and seminars organised:

2020

- Seminar: Experimentation in public policy basic income as an example. UBIEXP, New Social Research Tampere University, May 15-16 2020. (Cancelled due to COVID)

2019

- Session organizer, Nordic Science and Technology Studies Conference 2019, Tampere, June 2019
- Workshop: Pragmatic randomised controlled trials - philosophy, conduct, and combination with qualitative research, New Social Research - University of Tampere

2018

- Roundtable at the Basic Income Earth conference: Basic income and cash transfers. Participants: Getachew Kebede, Wanga Zembe-Mkabile, Knut Lönnroth, Emmanuel Lawrence Magoti. University of Tampere, Finland. Funded by UNIPID, University of Tampere, and EU-SPS project.
- September: Seminar, Migration as a social determinant of health. Speaker: Hannah Bradby, Uppsala University. Organised by the MIST project at Karolinska Institutet.
- Roundtable at Työelämän tutkimuskeskus: Työkyky keskiössä (Work life centre: Work ability at the centre). Työelämän tutkimuspäivät, 2018.
- Evidence-to-Policy seminar series, New Social Research - University of Tampere. Sept-Oct 2018. International presentation series of 4 sessions with speakers from outside Finland, including also policymakers to discuss the connection between evidence and policy.

2015

- November: Outcomes of ARCADE projects. Seminar, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China

2014-2015

- Research Clinics Seminar series – various PhD students presenting their work to international commentary. Online meetings. Organised as part of the ARCADE project.

Professional Advisory or Consultancy Work:

2020

- Expert reviewer, EC Marie Curie Individual Fellowships
- Expert reviewer, Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene Small Grants

2018-2020

- Expert reviewer, EC Marie Curie Sklodowska Innovative Training Network awards

2017

- Expert adviser, ECDC tuberculosis project, Latvia – reviewing project progress and reporting to funders

2016

- Expert adviser, ECDC tuberculosis project, Latvia – reviewing project progress and reporting to funders

2014

- Short-term consultancy (6 days), World Health Organization – designing a qualitative evaluation alongside a project proposal for teenage pregnancies in South America

2010

- April-May, Independent consultant, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine – analysis and writeup of two systematic reviews on quality of articles included in the reviews.

2006

- January – March, Independent Research Contractor – Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA. Conducting a qualitative evaluation of a cluster randomized trial in the Eastern Cape, South Africa.

Work as an Examiner

2019-2020

- Examiner, PhD thesis, Faculty of Medicine, Oslo University

Master's theses examined:

2019

- Msc Global and Public Health thesis examiner, Tampere University – Ms Lynda Gilby
- Msc Public Health, University of Western Cape, Kemi Dorcas Dele-Ijagbulu
- Msc Global Health, KI, Mathias Provst Andreasen

2018

- Msc Public Health, University of Western Cape, A.L. Maero
- Msc Global Health, KI, Norah Ana Burchart Piccoli
- Msc Global Health, KI, Christine Weaver

2017

- Msc Public Health, University of Western Cape, Alison Best
- Msc Global Health, KI, Julie Hechler

2015

- Master in International Social Welfare and Health Policy, Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences.

2014

- Msc Global Health thesis examiner, Caitlin Jackson

2011

- Msc Public Health, University of Kwazulu Natal

Work as a referee

Referee for the following journals:

- Social science and medicine
- Health Policy and Planning
- BMC Family practice
- BMC Infectious Disease
- BMC Health Services Research
- BMC Public Health
- Health policy and planning
- Evaluation and program planning
- Health Gesundheit SA
- PLoS One
- Globalization and Health
- BMJ Open
- International Journal of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
- Global Health Action
- Cochrane Database of systematic reviews

Work as abstract evaluator for conferences

2020

Organised session evaluator and abstract evaluator for Health Systems Global Symposium 2020

2019

Abstract evaluator for the Using Qualitative Evidence to Inform decisions in the SDG era: New Frontiers and Innovations, Brazil, November 2019

2018

Reviewer and abstract curator for Health Systems Global conference, Liverpool UK , October 2018

2016

Abstract evaluator for the Health Systems Global conference, Cape Town, South Africa

Editorial Board Membership

Since 2020

Associate editor, Trials

Since 2019

Associate editor, BMC Health Services Research

Since 2016

Member of editorial Board - Health SA Gesondheid

Since 2016

Associate editor, BMC Family practice

Public Service in a Professional Capacity

2019

Mentor: First time women authors from low- and middle-income countries, SHAPES Health Systems Global

2015

Mentor: Chinese PhD students aiming for publication in an international peer reviewed journal

2014-2016

International coordinator, Graduate women of Rauma (subsidiary organization to Graduate Women International)

PAPERS GIVEN/ACCEPTED:

Invited presentations:

2019

- Coordination of social and health care for tuberculosis in Mozambique. Organised session on tuberculosis and social protection. International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, Hyderabad, India, November 2019.
- Qualitative evidence synthesis with a focus on meta-ethnography. Invited speaker for a seminar series on qualitative evidence synthesis. Karolinska Institutet, October 2019.

2018

- Coordination of social and health care for tuberculosis in Mozambique. SPARKS international meeting, Stockholm, May 2018.

2017

- Uutta tutkimustietoa: työterveysneuvottelut yksityisellä palveluntuottajalla [Finnish: New Research: Collaborative occupational health negotiations at a private service provider]. Työterveyspäivät, 12.9.2017, Helsinki, Finland.
- Gender and cash transfers: what do we need to know? Atkins, S., Koivu, A. European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) Seminar, Tampere, March 2017

2015

- Odendaal, W., Atkins, S., Lutge, E., Leon, N., Lewin, S. Qualitative process evaluation alongside RCTs: What to consider to get relevant and valuable results. Researching complex interventions in health: The state of the art, Exeter, United Kingdom, 14 - 15 October 2015. (Oral – presented by Willem Odendaal due to inability to travel)

2011

- Atkins, S. The ARCADE projects. Presentation at the INTREC consortium kick-off meeting, October 2011, Umeå, Sweden.

2009

- Atkins, S. Barriers and facilitators to adherence. Medical Research Council TB Colloquium - Celebrating 40 years of TB research. 3-4 June 2009.

2008

- Atkins, S. Theoretical models for health behavior: How useful are these for adherence to TB or HIV treatment? International Association of Aids Physicians Conference, Adherence – New Jersey, United States, March 2008 (travel costs covered by the organizer).

2006

- Chair of session: 7th Advances in Qualitative Methods International Conference Surfers Paradise, Queensland, Australia 13-16 July 2006

2005

- Volmink, J. & Munro, S. Issues to consider when evaluating lay health worker interventions. Presentation at Walking the talk of community participation: Community-based lay health workers in TB and HIV/AIDS programmes in South Africa Workshop, Newlands, Cape Town, South Africa October 17 – 18, 2005.

Papers at national and international conferences (own presentations marked with *)

2019

- * South-South-North capacity building – what have we learned for sustainability? Atkins, S., for the ARCADE consortium. Presentation at the SANORD 12th International Conference, 11-13 September 2019, Gaborone, Botswana
- Frequent attendance of occupational health primary care is linked to sickness absences and disability pensions - better integration is needed for a comprehensive response. Reho, T., Atkins, S., Talola, N., Sumanen, M., Viljamaa, M., Uitti, J. Abstract presented at EHMA 2019 Annual Conference 18.6.2019, Espoo, Finland.

2018

- Using the Theoretical Domains Framework to explore barriers to and facilitators of South African primary care clinical guideline implementation: perspectives of primary care clinicians. Kredo, T., Cooper, S., Muller, J., Mokganyetji, T., Abrams, A., Daniels, K., Volmink, J., Atkins, S. Abstract of the Behaviour Change for Health: Digital and beyond, 21-22 February 2018, University College London, United Kingdom (late breaker poster)
- * Cash transfers for people with tuberculosis: What is the problem? Atkins, S., Vanleeuw, L., & Zembe-Mkabile, W. Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN) conference, Tampere, Finland August 24-26, 2018.

2017

- Using mHealth to strengthen continuity of care in primary health care services in low-income settings: A case study from rural South Africa. Odendaal, W., Lewin, S., Thorson, A., McKinstry, B., Jordaan, E., Tomlinson, M., Mazinu, M., Atkins, S. 1st International Symposium on Community Health Workers, Kampala, Uganda, 21-23 February 2017. (Oral)

2016

- * Key lessons from the ARCADE projects. Atkins, Diwan, Marsden, Zwarenstein et al for the ARCADE consortium. Health Systems Global, Vancouver, Canada, 15-18 November 2016.
- Can mHealth improve the continuity of care in primary healthcare services? Odendaal, W., Thorson, A., Lewin, S., McKinstry, B., Jordaan, E., Tomlinson, M., Mazinu, M., Atkins, S. 4th Global Symposium on Health Systems Research, Vancouver, Canada, 14 - 18 November 2016. (Oral)

2014

- * Teaching and learning health systems and services research in low- to middle income contexts: Experiences from the ARCADE consortium. Atkins, Protsiv, Mahomed, Khondowe, Bwanga, Mukose, Skinner, Thomsen, Guwatudde, Young, Dudley, Obua, Tumwine, Mmbaga, Muula, Kumwenda, Leyna, Diwan, Zwarenstein. Next generation learning conference, Dalarna University, Sweden, 19-20 March 2014
- ARCADE – developing research capacity through synchronous blended courses across African and European university campuses. Protsiv, Atkins, Nkonki, Dudley, Zwarenstein, Diwan. Next generation learning conference, Dalarna University, Sweden, 19-20 March 2014
- * Teaching and learning qualitative methods through blended learning. Atkins, Skinner, Protsiv, Atuyambe, Thomsen, Obua, Tumwine, Dudley, Diwan Next generation learning conference, Dalarna University, Sweden, 19-20 March 2014
- Implementing blended courses: Lessons learnt in the ARCADE project. Protsiv, M., Meragia, E., Rosales-Klinz, S., Atkins, S. Karolinska Institutet Department of Public Health Sciences Open Doors day. Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden

2010

- * Tietojen antaminen, neuvonta ja ohjaus: Työterveyshuolto työhyvinvoinnin tukena. Atkins, S., Palmgren, H., Kaleva, S., Jalonen, P., Tuomi, K. Työelämän tutkimuspäivät, 4-5 Marraskuu 2010, Tampere.
- Health education and communication in occupational health services: An effectiveness study. Atkins, S., Palmgren, H., Kaleva, S., Jalonen, P., Tuomi, K. Presented at the 4th Symposium on Work Ability, Tampere 6-9 June.

2009

- * An evaluation of a new tuberculosis treatment support programme: Implications for integrating TB and HIV/AIDS treatment programmes. Atkins, S, Lewin, S., Jordaan, E., Caldwell, J., Jennings, K., Naidoo, P., Hausler, H., Grant, R., Thorson, A. 5th IAS conference on HIV pathogenesis, treatment and prevention, Cape Town, 19-22 July 2009.

2008

- * Improving adherence to tuberculosis medication: patient perspectives on a new lay-supported pilot programme in Cape Town. Atkins, S., Biles, D., Lewin, S., 1st South African TB Conference, Durban 1-4 July 2008.
- * Patients', carers' and providers' perspectives of adherence to tuberculosis treatment: a systematic review of qualitative studies. Atkins, S., Lewin, S., Smith, H., Engel, M., Fretheim, A., & Volmink, J. 1st South African TB Conference, Durban 1-4 July 2008.
- *Improving adherence to tuberculosis medication: Provider perspectives on a lay-supported self-management pilot programme in Cape Town. Atkins, S., Lewin, S., Naidoo, P., Caldwell, J. 4th Public Health Association of South Africa Conference, Cape Town, 3-4 June 2008.
- * Patients', carers' and providers' perspectives of adherence to tuberculosis treatment: a systematic review of qualitative studies. Atkins, S., Lewin, S., Smith, H., Engel, M., Fretheim, A., & Volmink, J. 4th Public Health Association of South Africa Conference, Cape Town, 3-4 June 2008.

2007

- * Patient adherence to tuberculosis treatment: a systematic review of qualitative research (Poster discussion). Munro, S., Lewin, S., Smith, H., Engel, M., Fretheim, A., & Volmink, J. 38th Union World Conference on Lung Health of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease "Confronting the challenges of HIV and MDR in TB prevention and care", Cape Town 8 to 12 November 2007.
- Enhanced TB Adherence: Pilot project to improve outcomes in Cape Town. Achievements and challenges in building universal access to antiretroviral therapy in South Africa. Caldwell, J., & Munro, S. Roundtable in Bloemfontein on The 22nd & 23rd Of October 2007.
- Acceptability of a lay health worker supported TB treatment model in Cape Town (poster presentation) Munro, S., Lewin, S., Caldwell, J., Naidoo, P. 3rd South African AIDS conference "Building Consensus on Prevention, Treatment and Care", Durban 5-8 June 2007

2006

- * Abstract quality: a "spoke in the wheel" of meta-syntheses of qualitative studies. Munro, S., Lewin, S., Smith, H., Engel, M., Fretheim, A., & Volmink, J. Cochrane Qualitative Methods Group Regional Symposium, Adelaide, Australia, 10-11 July, 2006.
- * Interpreting interpretations: accounting for primary authors' views in qualitative meta-syntheses. Munro, S., Lewin, S., Smith, H., Engel, M., Fretheim, A., & Volmink, J. Cochrane Qualitative Methods Group Regional Symposium, Adelaide, Australia, 10-11 July, 2006.

- Stakeholder perceptions of factors influencing tuberculosis medication adherence: a meta-ethnography. Munro, S., Lewin, S., Smith, H., Engel, M., Fretheim, A., & Volmink, J. International Institute for Qualitative Methodology: 7th international interdisciplinary conference, advances in qualitative methods, Surfers Paradise, Australia, 13-16 July, 2006.
- Conducting a meta-ethnography of qualitative tuberculosis treatment adherence studies: a reflection on the process (poster presentation). Munro, S., Lewin, S., Smith, H., Engel, M., Fretheim, A., & Volmink, J. International Institute for Qualitative Methodology: 7th international interdisciplinary conference, advances in qualitative methods, Surfers Paradise, Australia, 13-16 July, 2006.
- * Would we know what to do in future? Analysing a home visitation programme in low-income contexts in South Africa that offers positive outcomes. Odendaal, W., Munro, S., Bulbulia, S., & Lekoba, R. 8th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion, Durban, South Africa, 02-05 April, 2006.
- "Evaluating and evaluation: What did we learn?" Odendaal, W., Marais, S., Munro, S. & Van Niekerk, A. 2006 Social Sciences Conference, Johannesburg, South Africa, 27 – 29 September 2006

2005

- * Efficacy of interventions for enhancing adherence to medication. Volmink, J., Arendorf, G., & Atkins, S. Presentation at the 9th Conference of the International Society of Travel Medicine, Lisboa, Portugal, May 1 – 5.

2004

- * Home Visitation: a South African case study. Odendaal A., Atkins, S., van Niekerk, A., Seedat M. Presented at the 10th national PSYSSA conference, Durban, October 2004.

2003

- * Parental perceptions of the problem of child injury in a low-income community: The causes, solutions, and implications for prevention. Swart, L., Atkins, S. & van Niekerk, A. The first Indian Ocean and 3rd African Safe Communities Conference-IOA 2003, Mauritius, 8-9 October 2003.
- Child Injuries in council flats: Perceptions of Risk. Atkins, S., Swart, L. & Van Niekerk, A. Presentation at the Public Health 2003 conference, 25 March 2003.
- Childhood Safety hazards in a low-income neighbourhood in South Africa. Atkins, S., Van Niekerk, A., Lekoba, R., Jordaan, E., & Seedat, M. Presentation at the Safe Communities conference, Mauritius, 11 October 2003.
- Home visitation for childhood injury prevention: A best practice? Atkins, S., van Niekerk, A., Lekoba, R., & Mdaka, T. Presentation at the Safe Communities conference, Mauritius, 11 October 2003.

2002

- * Community perceptions of childhood injury risk factors. Atkins, S, Van Niekerk, A., Ndayi, L., Lekoba, R. & Seedat, M. Presentation at the 8th annual national PSYSSA conference, 24 September 2002.
- Utilising home visitation in low-income settings: Conceptual and implementation issues. Atkins, S., Ndayi, L., Van Niekerk, A., & Seedat, M. Presentation at the MRC-UNISA Crime, Violence and Injury Lead Programme Seminar Series, 14 August 2002
- A review of best practice home visitation interventions for children at risk. Van Niekerk, A., Atkins, S., Bender, S. Presentation at the 11th International and 5th National Conference on Safe Communities, Rainy River District Northwestern Ontario, Canada. 7th to 9th May, 2002.

International collaborations

I have extensive international networks that result in co-publications and collaborative grant applications. By nature my work is global. My current main collaborators are based in Sweden, Ukraine, Kenya, the Netherlands, United Kingdom, South Africa, Mozambique, China and India. In addition I have work together with, for example, individuals and institutes from Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi, Vietnam, Canada, Australia, Poland and United States of America.

In October 2020 I await results from collaborative grants applications from Academy of Finland, the Swedish Research Council/China National Research council and the United Kingdom Medical Research Council.

Below are examples of my invited visits and collaborations at different institutions globally.

2019

May: Erasmus+ staff exchange, Fudan University (one week)
Host: Associate Professor Hong Jiang

A research visit to the Maternal and Child Health group and the Epidemiology group to work on collaborative funding proposals to Chinese government based on existing EU H2020 proposal and to lecture on tuberculosis and social protection.

2017

Invited research visits to South African Medical Research Council, Cape Town, South Africa to work on collaborative research proposals

2016- current

Affiliated researcher, Karolinska Institutet.

Part of the Social Medicine, Infectious disease and migration research group, led by Prof Knut Lönnroth. Involves supervising students, applying for funding, and occasional teaching.

C. SECTION C: PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND IMPACT ACTIVITIES:

An integral part of my research, which is designed to impact policy and practice, is to engage extensively with publics and policymakers.

Practical work

In 2005-2006, I was on the committee commenting on the development of PALSA Plus Lung health guidelines in South Africa. In the past few years, I have supervised a PhD student in South Africa who has examined the development and implementation of primary care clinical guidelines in South Africa.

My PhD project completed in 2011 evaluated a model of care for tuberculosis that did not involve daily directly observed therapy, but allowed patients to take their treatment at home, with counselling and an identified “treatment buddy” to support a patient in their daily lives. This practice became usual care in the Western Cape following the project completion.

The mHealth application developed in South Africa that I was part of (led by Professor Anna Thorson), which helped lay health workers in their daily work and communication with health centres, was since given to the Western Cape health department, who implement it together with the private sector mobile application developer. It is now in use in the Western Cape to support lay health workers.

Work with Mari Kähäri, a master’s student in Global Health together with Manipal University in India was well received. Manipal University considered a centre for care of disabled children partly as a consequence of this work.

I am involved in a group in the Medical Faculty at Tampere University that use routine healthcare registers to identify individuals at risk of work disability. We work collaboratively, combining routine records with national records. I have recently published the results of a randomized controlled trial on improving recording of work disability and work ability risk at occupational health primary care consultations. This work is being developed further in projects to improve coordination of care across primary care and other healthcare sectors in Finland in order to detect potential work disability problems early and to reduce the need for disability pensions.

Collaboration with public institutions

I collaborate closely with THL (Finnish Institute of Health and Welfare), the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health (FIOH) and the Finnish Social and Health Ministry (MSAH). With THL, I collaborate in coursework, and in supervising master’s students, as well as the recent Health Systems Monitor effort to monitor the policy and impacts of COVID-19. With FIOH we work on projects on occupational health services. I collaborate with MSAH in my work in Women in Global Health Finland.

Blogs, webinars and media are a key area of social engagement:

2020

- (June) – Seurannassa – series (Finnish). Discussions with experts at Tampere University on the societal impact of the Covid-19 epidemic:
<https://www.tuni.fi/fi/ajankohtaista/koronasta-selviava-yhteiskunta-tampereen-yliopiston-tutkijoiden-seurannassa>
- May 26: Speaker, COVID-19 response in Finland. In the Women in Global Health Sweden, Norway, Finland and Germany webinar – Europe’s strategy to fight COVID-19: Reflections on different response strategies and the need for a gender sensitive approach.
- April 6th: Finland’s response to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Tynkkynen, L., Atkins, S., Keskimäki, I., Koivusalo, M., Rautiainen, P., Sinervo, T.
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/blog/2020/04/06/finlands-response-to-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>
- April 4th: Speaker, Women in Global Health Finland Launch
- March 17th. Covid19: A challenge not only to health systems but to expertise and politics. Atkins, S., Koivusalo, M.. <https://alusta.uta.fi/2020/03/17/covid-19-a-challenge-not-only-to-health-systems-but-to-expertise-and-politics/>

2019

- December 23rd: Happy Christmas, you have tuberculosis! Atkins, S., Nhassengo, P., Vanleeuw, L.. <https://alusta.uta.fi/2019/12/23/happy-christmas-you-have-tuberculosis/>

2018

- December 20th: What constitutes evidence for Policy? The New Social Research seminar series. <https://alusta.uta.fi/2018/12/20/what-constitutes-evidence-for-policy-new-social-research-seminar-series/>

SECTION D: TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

My teaching focuses on a range of issues including health, social protection, poverty and inequality. I am active in teaching in the Health Sciences department in the Faculty of Social Sciences at Tampere University, particularly the master's degree in Public and Global Health. I am also frequently invited to Karolinska Institutet to teach e.g. undergraduate students in radiology and PhD students in Medical Sciences.

I strive to align my teaching activities to my research interests and focus areas – thus the topics that I teach include evaluation methods, migration, and social protection and health. I see teaching as a key part of my activities as a researcher and scholar, guiding students to engage in issues that I consider interesting and important in furthering wellbeing, while also learning from them.

The students that I teach are many already professionals, with different demands in learning than undergraduate students. To facilitate their learning, I strive to use innovative and participatory methods in teaching. During my postdoctoral years I designed and implemented courses using blended learning and eLearning approaches, including flipped classroom methods, on which I also published extensively (see publication record). During the COVID-19 epidemic I have made use of the skills I already had, and augmented them. I have considered and experimented with different ways of engagement in online studies.

In other areas, international collaboration and also universities' international reputation in teaching is important. One of the areas in which I have succeeded in building an international course is in this vein I initiated and developed together with colleagues a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) (<https://www.coursetalk.com/providers/edx/courses/pragmatic-randomized-controlled-trials-in-health-care>) on pragmatic approaches to randomized controlled trials. I have been part of this course's faculty since 2015. The PractihX course is used also as a basis of face to face courses at Karolinska Institutet.

I am involved in the curriculum development work for the Global and Public Health master's programme for the next period starting from 2021. I will also participate in the selection committee for the next intake of the International Doctoral Programme in Epidemiology and Public Health, IPPE, which is one of the key training programmes in health sciences at Tampere University.

I recently obtained a grant (€ 6000) for developing a new international course on social protection and health, in collaboration with Global South actors, including University of Zambia, the Medical Research Council and University of Kwazulu-Natal, with Karolinska Institutet. The grant for online studies was awarded from the UniPid network (Finnish

University Partnership for International Development) for course implementation over three years. The funding was granted as an extra course to be funded due to savings from the Unipid implementation budget and because our suggested course was considered to be high quality.

Courses designed include: Qualitative evaluation in healthcare; pragmatic randomized controlled trials; Health and health systems in developing Asia (2019-2020), Social Protection and Health (2021-2023)

Courses coordinated include:

- Pragmatic randomized controlled trials, which focused on the methods of pragmatic randomized controlled trials with an aim to help student prepare high quality protocols for such trials – together with Stellenbosch University, South Africa and Western University, Canada;
- Practical approaches to qualitative research, which focused on training health researchers in principles of qualitative data collection analysis, together with Stellenbosch University, South Africa;
- Qualitative evaluation in healthcare, which detailed the methodology of evaluating healthcare interventions. This was conducted in collaboration with Institute of Development Studies, UK; and the Norwegian Institute of Public Health
- Migration and health, with collaboration from THL (Finnish Institute of Health and Welfare); Nordic welfare systems, which described the key principles of welfare systems in Nordic countries, in collaboration with the Faculty of Social Sciences;
- Health and health systems in developing Asia, with a focus on examples from different Asian countries (India, China, Philippines, North Korea) and their health systems and key health issues, including examples from collaborators from Fudan University, China, RD Gardi Medical College, India, and the Asia Network.

Lecture topics include:

Mixed methods research methodology; qualitative evaluations alongside randomized controlled trials; using theory in evaluating interventions; human resources for health; social protection and health; social protection and gender; social protection and tuberculosis; health promotion for childhood injury; and global health.

DOCTORAL STUDENTS CURRENTLY/RECENTLY SUPERVISED

Graduated:

2014-2019

Tamara Kredo, registered at Stellenbosch University South Africa, working at the Medical Research Council of South Africa.

Topic: Barriers and facilitators to clinical guideline implementation and use in South Africa

2014-2019

Arun Shet, registered at Karolinska institutet, working at St John's Medical College, India.

Topic: Childhood anemia control in Karnataka, India.

2017-2020

Tiia Reho, registered at Tampere University.

Topic: Frequent attenders in occupational health care

Ongoing:

2019-2023

Pedroso Nhassengo, registered at Karolinska Institutet, working at Instituto Nacional de Saude, Mozambique.

Topic: The poverty-tuberculosis cycle: sequelae of TB infection in Mozambique.

2019-2023

Yvonne Mwende, registered at Tampere University.

Topic : Evaluating a cloud-based maternal and child health register in Kenya

2018-2022

Lieve Vanleeuw, registered at Tampere University, working at the Medical Research Council of South Africa.

Topic: Supporting patients with tuberculosis in Cape Town, South Africa.

2017-2022

Jairous Miti, registered at Tampere University, working at University of Zambia.

Topic: Extending social security for informal workers in Zambia

Master's students supervised

Year	Name	Main/Co Supervisor	Course programme	University
2020	Robert de Meijere	Main	Masters in Global Health	Karolinska Institutet
2020	Raina Kluppelberg	Main	Masters in Global Health	Karolinska Institutet
2020	Marian Ismail	Main	Master's in Global and Public Health	Tampere University
2020	Akindayo Ogunbayo	Main	Master's in Global and Public Health	Tampere University
2019	Elsi Haverinen	Main	Master's in Global and Public Health	Tampere University
2019	Anna Paajanen	Main	Masters's in Global Health	Karolinska Institutet
2019	Maresa Du Plessis	Main	Masters in Health Systems and Services Research	Stellenbosch University
2018	Daiana Vlad	Main	Masters's in Global Health	Karolinska Institutet
2017	Lana Al Soufi	Co-supervisor	Masters's in Global Health	Karolinska Institutet
2014	Minna Kumpu	Co-supervisor	Masters's in Global Health	Karolinska Institutet
2014	Dinansha Varshney	Co-supervisor	Masters in Health Management	IIHPG

D. MANAGEMENT AND ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

From February 2018 to present: Associate Professor, *Tampere University*

In February 2018 I started as one of the New Social Research associate professors at Tampere University. The process was highly competitive and the resulting group is highly interdisciplinary, with humanities, social science, and IT/communications experts. During this tenure track position I lead and manage scientifically and financially as Principal Investigator ongoing projects on migration and health and social protection and tuberculosis. I also lead and collaborate in national and international research grant applications. I supervise students at PhD level and master's level at both Tampere University and Karolinska Institutet, and teach mainly on the master's degree in Global and Public Health.

I also manage international networks, coordinating an Erasmus+ exchange programme between Fudan University, Shanghai and Tampere University, and the Kyiv-Mohyla University, Kyiv, Ukraine and Tampere University from 2020 onwards.

To date, I have supervised one Erasmus Global intern from Italy, who assisted me in managing websites and writing a H2020 application. I also recruited a research assistant from the Global and Public health programme to conduct a scoping review on migration in Finland.

In 2018 and 2019 I hosted two visiting professors, one from Western University, Canada, and one from the Norwegian Institute of public health. In addition to these visitors, I also had collaborators on the above mentioned Horizon 2020 application in Tampere in a workshop. Collaborators from South Africa, China, India, Sweden, and Spain attended this workshop.

Overall, I am active in internationalization of the university, hosting and recruiting international visitors and students. I work closely with our international office, for example in participating with initiatives to connect with Fudan University and their Nordic centre, in the commentary round on the Africa strategy in 2020, as part of the SANORD network connecting Nordic and Southern African universities where Tampere University is a member, and as a representative in the Nordic Global Health Master's Network. I am also vice-board member of the Unipid (Finnish Universities development network) as a Tampere University representative, covering the actual member when not available and actively participating in relevant working groups. I also participate in faculty/department level initiatives in internationalization, for example by leading the working group of the internationalization pilot of all degree programmes in the Health Sciences department.

2016 (December) to 2018 (January) Project manager, *Faculty of Medicine, Tampere University*

During this position I was responsible for the overall management of a European Social Fund project, ensuring that financial and scientific reporting was timely to the Social and Health Ministry and organizing and documenting project activities and meetings. I was responsible for ensuring that the project met funder requirements and proceeded in time. I was also responsible for presenting data and for planning research activities within this project, which translated into academic journal articles and supervising a PhD student.

During this time, I consolidated research from my postdoctoral period and continued collaborations with Karolinska Institutet.

2011 (September) – 2016 (January) Postdoctoral researcher, *IHCAR Global Health, Department of Public Health Sciences, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden*

During this position I was manager to two EUFP7 projects on capacity building in Asia and Africa. The projects had in total funding of €4 million, and 16 partners in 13 different countries. My responsibility was innovating different ways of achieving project goals and adding value to research activities while ensuring that project protocols were followed. I was responsible for reporting on the project to funders and ensuring that work package leaders followed project plans, verifying and querying expenditure, and reporting back to the European Commission.

During this time I supervised a team at Karolinska Institutet, which included a research assistant and an information technology professional. I conducted team meetings and we reviewed project goals and worked together to ensure obligations to the funder were met.

The outcomes and implementation of the project were lauded by the EU scientific officers and it has featured as an innovative and successful example in EU publications.

2009 (September) to 2011 (December) Researcher – *Health and Work Ability, Research and Development in Occupational Health Services, Finnish Institute for Occupational Health, Helsinki*

During this project I was responsible for timelines of the project, and coordinating and planning data collection for the project from participating organisations. I was the main contact point between the researchers and the participating occupational health units.

2008 (June) - 2009 (August) Senior Scientist – *Health Systems Research Unit, Medical Research Council, Cape Town and*

(Sept 2006- June 2008) Scientist – *Health Systems Research Unit, Medical Research Council, Parow, Cape Town*

During this role I was responsible for initiating, managing and implementing an evaluation project for the City of Cape Town. This project formed by PhD thesis. I wrote

protocols for evaluation, participated in obtaining funding for the project, implemented it and reported to funders. I managed field staff, volunteers and transcribers and translators responsible for the project. I was responsible for communicating with stakeholders, and implementing and disseminating the project.

2006 (April – August): Qualitative Researcher (scientist level) – *South African Cochrane Centre, Medical Research Council, Parow, Cape Town*

This was a short term research role. This short term contract continued the management and leadership of the qualitative systematic review initiated during work at University of Cape Town.

2004 (October) – 2006 (March): Scientific Officer – *University of Cape Town Primary Health Care Directorate. Seconded back to UNISA Institute for Social and Health Sciences two days a week from October to December 2004.*

During this project I was responsible for initiating and managing a qualitative systematic review on adherence to tuberculosis treatment, and another systematic review on health behavior theories. I also obtained a research grant for this work.

2003 (January) - 2004 (December): Junior Researcher – *UNISA Institute for Social and Health Sciences. Based at the MRC-UNISA Crime, Violence and Injury Lead Programme, Cape Town*

Here, I was responsible for the logistics of a childhood injury prevention cluster randomized controlled trial's pilot. I supervised research interns conducting the process evaluation of the pilot and coordinated the implementation of the project across two low-income communities, in Cape Town and Johannesburg. I trained and managed a team of volunteers in Cape Town and coordinated and managed data collection processes in the communities. I was also editorial assistant for the African Safety Promotion Journal.

2002 (January – December): Research Intern - *UNISA Institute for Social and Health Sciences*

Here, I conducted a qualitative study on caregiver perceptions of childhood injury, which led to a peer reviewed publication. I designed interview schedules and questionnaires and conducted a literature review.