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## EDUCATION

- Current **Pre-doctoral NRSA Fellow**, Health Behavior, Grad Certificate in Participatory Research  
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health
- 2006 **Master of Public Health**, Global Health  
Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, New York, NY
- 2006 **Master of International Affairs**, Human Rights  
Columbia University School of International & Public Affairs, New York, NY
- 2000 **Bachelor of Arts**, Politics with minor in Literature (Honors in the major)  
University of California, Santa Cruz, CA
- 1999 **Education Abroad Program**  
University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Adolescent and young women's sexual and reproductive health; biomedical, behavioral, and structural HIV prevention; resilience; participatory research; global health.

## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2016 – 2018 Technical Head: Good Participatory Practice/Researcher, Wits RHI,  
Johannesburg, South Africa
- 2010 – 2015 Programme Manager: Clinical Research Consortium, Wits RHI, South Africa
- 2007 - 2010 Senior Programme Officer, Microbicides Media & Communications Initiative,  
PATH, South Africa
- 2006 - 2007 Policy and Advocacy Associate, Global Health Strategies, New York NY
- 2005 Intern, Clinton HIV/AIDS Initiative, Clinton Foundation, New York, NY
- 2005 Program Coordinator (Volunteer), Partners in Health, Rwinkwavu, Rwanda
- 2004 Intern, MTCT-Plus Initiative, Columbia University, New York, NY
- 2001- 2003 Program Director, Artists for a New South Africa, Los Angeles, CA

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2022 Awardee, SPH Student Travel Expendable Travel Award
- 2020 Scholarship recipient, International AIDS Conference 2020
- 2020 Awardee, Center for UNC's Global Initiatives' Pre-Dissertation Exploratory Award
- 2020 Seed grant recipient, Grad Certificate in Participatory Research program, UNC-CH
- 2018 Merit Award from Gillings School of Global Public Health, UNC-CH
- 2014 Scholarship to attend 3-week course, Research Methods in Sexual and Reproductive Health, HIV and Gender-Based Violence. SA MRC and Wits RHI.
- 2009, 2010 Community educator scholarship, Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Manuscripts in Review:**

12. Munthali, R; Stangl A; **Baron D**; Barré I; Harvey S; Ramskin L; Colombini M; Naicker N; Kapiga S; Delany-Moretlwe, S. "Prevalence and risk factors of PrEP use stigma among adolescent girls and young women in Johannesburg, South Africa and Mwanza, Tanzania participating in the EMPOWER trial" *AIDS and Behavior* (Accepted and in production).

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters:**

11. Donnell, D., Beesham I, Welch J, Heffron R, Pleaner M, Kidoguchi L, Palanee-Phillips T, Ahmed K, **Baron D.**, Bukusi E, Louw C, Mastro T, Smit J, Batting J, Malahleha M, Bailey V.C., Beksinska M, Rees H, Baeten J & the ECHO Trial Consortium. "Incorporating oral PrEP into standard prevention services for South African women: a nested interrupted time-series study", *Lancet HIV*, Vol8, Issue 8: E495-E501, August 01, 2021.
10. Gafos M., Beattie T., Stoebenau K., **Baron D.**, Weiner R., Wamoyi J., Letsela L., Hargreaves J., Mshana G., Kapiga S., Stangl A., Remme M., Heise L. and Seeley, J. Chapter 7: Addressing Structural Drivers of HIV Among Youth in Eastern and Southern Africa: Evidence, Challenges and Recommendations for Advancing The Field. In Govender, K., & Poku, N. K. (Editors). *Preventing HIV Among Young People in Southern and Eastern Africa*. 1st edition. London: Routledge; December 2020.
9. Reyes HLM, Graham L, Chen M, **Baron D**, Gibbs A, Groves A, Kajula L, Bowler S, & Maman, S. "Adolescent Dating Violence Prevention Programs: A Global Systematic Review of Evaluation Studies", *Lancet Child and Adolescent Health*, 19:S2352-4642(20)30276-5. November 2020.
8. **Baron D**, Scorgie F, Ramskin L, Khoza N, Schutzman J, Stangl A, Harvey S, Delany-Moretlwe S, & the EMPOWER study team. "*You talk about problems until you feel free*": South African adolescent girls' and young women's narratives on the value of HIV prevention peer support clubs" *BMC Public Health* 20 (1016), June 2020.
7. Beesham I, Welch JD, Heffron R, Pleaner M, Kidoguchi L, Palanee-Phillips T, Ahmed K, **Baron D**, Bukusi E, Louw C, Mastro T, Smit J, Batting J, Malahleha M, Bailey V, Beksinska M, Donnell D, Baeten J, & ECHO Trial Consortium. "Integrating oral PrEP delivery among African women in a large HIV endpoint-driven clinical trial", *Journal of the International AIDS Society*, 23(5), e25491, May 2020.
6. Scorgie F, Khoza N, **Baron D**, Lees S, Harvey S, Ramskin L, Stangl A, Colombini M, Mashauri E, Delany-Moretlwe S, & EMPOWER study team. "Disclosure of PrEP use by young women in South Africa and Tanzania: qualitative findings from a demonstration project", *Cul Health Sex*, March 2020.
5. Delany-Moretlwe S, Lombard C, **Baron D**, Bekker L, Nkala B, Ahmed K, Sebe M, Brumskine W, Nchabeleng M, Palanee-Phillips T, Ntshangase J, Sibiyi S, Smith E, Panchia R, Myer L, Schwartz J, Marzinke M, Morris L, Brown E, Doncel G, Gray G, Rees H. "Tenofovir 1% vaginal gel for prevention of HIV-1 infection in women in South Africa (FACTS-001): a phase 3, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial", *The Lancet Infectious Diseases*, Vol18, Issue 11:1241-1250, November 2018.
4. **Baron D**, Essien T, Pato S, Magongo M, Mbandazayo N, Scorgie F, Rees H, Delany-Moretlwe S. "Collateral benefits: how the practical application of Good Participatory Practice can strengthen HIV research in sub-Saharan Africa." *Journal of the International AIDS Society* 21(1):e25175, October 2018.

3. Scorgie F, Stadler J, **Baron D**, Ju S, Ikaneng T, Mabude Z, Makgopa S, Malefo M, Manenzhe K, Mazibuko T, Ntjana H, Nkala B, Palanee-Phillips T, Gray G, Rees H, Delany-Moretlwe S. “It Was Not My Aim to Sleep There’: The Impact of Timing and Location of Sex on Adherence to Coitally-Dependent HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis.” *AIDS and Behavior* 22(11), 3692-3704, 16 June 2018.
2. Scorgie F, **Baron D**, Stadler J, Venables E, Brahmbhatt H, Mmari K, Delany-Moretlwe S. “From fear to resilience: Adolescents' experiences of violence in inner-city Johannesburg, South Africa.” *BMC Public Health* 17(S3):51-64, July 2017.
1. Robinson ET, **Baron D**, Heise LL, Moffett J, Harlan SV. *Communications handbook for clinical trials: strategies, tips, and tools to manage controversy, convey your message, and disseminate results*. Research Triangle Park (NC): Family Health International, PATH; 2010.

### **PRESENTATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED):**

10. Delany-Moretlwe S, Chersich M, Harvey S, Stangl A, **Baron D**, Columbini M, Scorgie F, Naicker N, Kapiga S. “Empowerment clubs did not increase PrEP continuation in AGYW in South Africa & Tanzania-results from EMPOWER trial”. Late-breaker abstract at International AIDS Conference, Amsterdam, 27 July 2018.
9. Ramskin L, **Baron D**, Schutzman J, Stangl A, Sievwright K, Scorgie F, Watts C & Delany-Moretlwe S, “EMPOWER clubs for young women using oral PrEP as part of an HIV prevention package: What we’ve learned so far” Presentation at AIDS Impact 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference, Cape Town, SA, 14 November 2017.
8. **Baron D**, Ramskin L, Ndwandwe D, Imrie J, Delany-Moretlwe S. “Getting the Package Right – Developing Practical, Scalable & Desirable Tools to Support PrEP Delivery Models for Adolescent Girls & Young Women” Presentation at South African AIDS Conference, Durban, SA, 15 June 2017.
7. **Baron D**. “Using Good Participatory Practice (GPP) to guide biomedical HIV prevention trial design and implementation” Invited speaker at Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI), Seattle, WA, USA, 13 February 2017.
6. **Baron D**. “Impact of violence on women’s access, use and adherence to services and biomedical prevention options” Invited speaker at Greentree II: High-level consultation on the evidence and implications of violence against women and girls, and HIV, Greentree Estate, NY, 12 May 2015.
5. Rees H, Delany-Moretlwe S, Lombard C, **Baron D**, Panchia R, Myer L, Schwartz J, Doncel G and Gray G on behalf of the FACTS 001 study group. “FACTS 001: a multi-centred phase III randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial of pericoital tenofovir 1% gel for HIV prevention in women” Late-breaker abstract at CROI, Seattle, US, 24 February 2015.
4. Pato S, **Baron D**, Delany-Moretlwe S, Nkala B, Mzizi P, Mdluli J, Mosewu I, Ngooyi L, Lembete D, Mabude Z, Moate R, Ngema I, Malamatsho R, Dlamini C, Gray R and Rees H, “Assessing GPP in Action: How FACTS 001 Formalised the Implementation of Stakeholder Engagement in a Large-scale Prevention Trial” Presentation at R4P for HIV Conference, Cape Town, SA, 29 October 2014.
3. Saxon-Medeossi BJ, Hannah S and **Baron D**. “Putting the GPP Guidelines to work: Achievements and Challenges for the FACTS Consortium” Oral presentation at Microbicides 2012 Conference, Sydney, Australia, 16 April 2012.

2. **Baron D**, Robinson E, Harlan S, Heise L, and Moffett J. “Communications Challenges: How the Internet and 24-hour Media Affect Local Dissemination of Trial Results” Oral presentation at International Microbicides Conference, Pittsburgh, PA USA, 24 May 2010.
1. **Baron D**, Heise, L. “Managing expectations and unexpected results: The role of the microbicides media and communications initiative” Oral presentation at Microbicides 2008 conference, Feb 2008, New Delhi, India.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2022           **Qualitative Research Consultant:** Implementation science research to improve PrEP services for people at risk for HIV Funder: NIMH K24.
- 2021- current   **Principal Investigator:** A Mixed-Methods Study of Socio-ecological Resilience Among Young ACE-exposed Women in South Africa. Funder: NIMH F31.
- 2021           **Researcher:** IGHID 12113 - I'm Fully Empowered4PrEP Intervention on HIV PrEP Uptake by Southern African American Women Formative Study. Funder: Gilead Sciences.
- 2013-2019      **Protocol Team Member (Committees: Protocol Implementation; Site Selection; Good Participatory Practice/Communications):** The Evidence for Contraceptive options and HIV Outcomes (ECHO) Trial: A Multi Center, Open-Label, Randomised Clinical Trial Comparing HIV Incidence and Contraceptive Benefits in Women using DMPA, Levonorgestrel Implant, and Copper Intrauterine Devices. Funders: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; USAID; and SA MRC.
- 2016-2018      **Sub-grantee Project Director (Developing Good Participatory Practice Centre of Excellence):** Coalition to Accelerate & Support Prevention Research under the HIV Vaccine and Biomedical Prevention Research Project Objective 3. Funder: USAID.
- 2015-2018      **Protocol Team Member (Project Manager, Qualitative Data Team):** EMPOWER: An evaluation of a combination HIV prevention intervention that includes oral PrEP for adolescent girls and young women in South Africa and Tanzania. Funder: DFID.
- 2013-2018      **Researcher (Biomedical Working Group, Responsible for Research Uptake):** STRIVE Structural Drivers Research Programme Consortium. Funder: DFID.
- 2011-2015      **Consortium Programme Manager:** FACTS: A Phase III, Multi-Centre, Randomised Controlled Trial to Assess the Safety and Effectiveness of the Vaginal Microbicide 1% Tenofovir Gel in the Prevention of Human Immunodeficiency Virus Type 1 Infection in Young Women, and to Examine Effects of the Microbicide on the incidence of HSV Type 2 Infection. Funders: BMGF; USAID; SA Department: Science and Technology.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Guest Lectures:**

- 2021           Invited panelist on “Funding your PhD through an F31 NRSA Fellowship” HBEH 812: Professional Development I Health Behavior, Gillings School of Global Public Health, UNC Chapel Hill.

- 2019 - 2021 Guest lecturer on “Feminist Theory, Gender & Power, and Health Inequities”  
HBEH 730: Theoretical Foundations of Behavioral and Social Science  
Health Behavior, Gillings School of Global Public Health, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2020 Invited panelist on “Student author experiences from papers read during the course”  
HBEH 754: Advanced Qualitative Research Methods  
Health Behavior, Gillings School of Global Public Health, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2019 - 2020 Invited speaker, “Developing and Managing (Public Health Research) Budgets”  
HBEH 752: Public Health Evaluation  
Health Behavior, Gillings School of Global Public Health, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2019 Guest lecturer on “Community Mobilization and Organizing”  
HBEH 730: Theoretical Foundations of Behavioral and Social Science  
Health Behavior, Gillings School of Global Public Health, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2016 Guest Lecturer, Good Participatory Practice: Stakeholder and Community  
Engagement. Presented at COMH7265: Adapting, Implementing and Evaluating  
Evidence Based Interventions course at SPH, Witwatersrand University, South Africa.
- 2015 Guest lecturer, Evolving narratives on violence against women and health.  
Presented at Wits SOCL 1012: Human Behavioural Sciences course for health  
workers, Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- 2014, 2015 Guest Lecturer, HIV Prevention Biomedical Research: Advances and Challenges.  
Presented (via skype) for International MPH course MIPH5118: Global  
Perspectives of HIV, School of Public Health, University of Sydney, Australia.

#### **Teaching Assistantships:**

- 2019 – 2021 Teaching Assistant, HBEH 753: Qualitative Research Methods, Health Behavior  
Gillings School of Global Public Health, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
- 2019, 2020 Teaching Assistant, HBEH 730: Theoretical Foundations of Behavioral and Social  
Science, Health Behavior, Gillings School of Global Public Health, UNC Chapel Hill.

#### **LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE**

##### **Service to Gillings School of Global Public Health and UNC Chapel Hill**

- 2022 Member, Tarheel Teaching and Learning Collaborative
- 2021-current Member, Course Development Committee for new Community and Global  
Health Bachelor in Science Public Health (BSPH) degree
- 2021-current Member, Gillings Inclusive Excellence Council and Research Sub-committee
- 2018-2020 Member & Faculty Liaison, Health Behavior Doctoral Student Advisory Committee
- 2019 Member, Inclusive Excellence Action Team: Curriculum

##### **Service to academic journals and professional societies**

- 2016, -20, -22 Abstract Reviewer, International AIDS Conference: Track C–Prevention Research
- 2020 Manuscript peer reviewer for AIDS & Behavior
- 2019 Manuscript peer reviewer for PLOS One
- 2017, 2019 Abstract Reviewer, International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Science: Track C
- 2014-2015 Member, 7th SA AIDS Conference Programme Committee; abstract reviewer
- 2011-2012 Member, Microbicides Conference Scientific Program Committee

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

2002-Current Member, International AIDS Society

2015-2018 Member, SA National DOH's Technical Working Group on PrEP