

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Research Officer

**DATE OF BIRTH:** 29/05/74

**NATIONALITY:** British

**LANGUAGES:** English (Fluent), French (Fair) German (Fair)

**THEMATIC EXPERTISE:** Sexuality and Development, LGBTI human rights activism, Sexuality and Poverty, Gender, Digital Citizenship, Knowledge Platforms

**GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE:** UK, Philippines, Nigeria, Germany, Uganda, Ethiopia, Brazil

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## OVERVIEW

Current research interests:

- Convening research working group examining how gender and sexual rights activists engage with digital spaces to develop political strategies, engage as citizens with state actors and contribute to creation of innovative digital methodologies and spaces. (2015-Present)
- Examination the intersections between sexuality and poverty, with the aim of improving economic policy and programming to support people marginalised as a result of their sexuality. Working closely with established networks and movements, basing our strategies drawn from local communities that are most affected. (DFID Accountable Grant 2012 – 2016, convening poverty stream - Present)
- Developing quantitative online participatory methodologies and examining the wider use of digital and online platforms for sexual minorities to build community and access livelihoods. (DFID Accountable Grant 2014 – 2016)
- Promoting reflection and analysis amongst key stakeholders within Nigeria working to improve the lives and life chances of adolescent girls and women by strengthening the enabling environment to overcome gender inequality. (Voices for Change programme 2014 – 2017)

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## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1998 - 2000                      **MA Cultural Studies** University of East London

1993 – 1996                      **BA (Hons) Social Sciences 2:1** (specialisation: Women's Studies) Middlesex University

1990 – 1993                      **A Level English Literature, Chemistry & French** Queen Elizabeth 6<sup>th</sup> Form College, Darlington

1985 – 1990                      **GCSE (9 subjects including Maths and English)** Longfield Comprehensive School, Darlington

**Practical Project Management**, Institute of Management

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## RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2012 - Present                      **Research Officer**, Institute of Development Studies, UK

2009 – 2014                      **Team Administrative Coordinator**, Institute of Development Studies

2008	<b>Campaign Support Officer</b> , Friends of the Earth UK
2000 – 2008	<b>Science Programme Officer</b> , The Wellcome Trust
1997 – 2000	<b>Examinations Officer</b> , London South Bank University
1996 – 1997	<b>Data Management Officer</b> , University of East London

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## SELECTED EXPERIENCE

### RESEARCHER AND PROJECT LEADER, IDS, UK

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2017 - 2018	Working on the Citizen Engagement Programme in Mozambique to support the provision of online services and improve programme level communication to ensure empowerment and accountability efforts aimed at improving quality of health and education services through citizen monitoring and engagement have effective online impact.
2014 – 2017	Working on the creation of Gender Hub, a platform for Nigerian gender academics, activists and practitioners to find country-specific resources and academic publications and build in-country capacity and communities of practice. Convenor of Knowledge Products and Networking and Engagement work streams (Voices4Change project)
2014 - 2015	Investigating the intersections of gender, sexuality and other structural and cultural forms of disadvantage through an analysis of how organisations with a focus on one of these elements account for the complexities of their relationship with the other. (LaTrobe University Transforming Human Societies grant 2014 – 2015)
2012 – 2016	DFID Accountable Grant: Sexuality and Poverty stream convenor.
2012 – 2014	Sida Gender, Power and Sexuality (GPS) programme, Research Officer

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND OUTPUTS

### JOURNAL ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

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- Fletcher, G, Dowsett, G, Wood, S and Henry, N (2016) "Gender, sexuality and disadvantage: intimately entwined, but perpetually divorced within international development?" Development Bulletin No 77, page 85-89, Australian National University  
<https://crawford.anu.edu.au/rmap/devnet/dev-bulletin.php>

### WORKING PAPERS, REPORTS & RESOURCES

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- Fraser, E and Wood, S (2018) "VAWG Legislation" Helpdesk Research Report No. 156, London, UK: VAWG Helpdesk  
<http://www.sddirect.org.uk/media/1520/vawg-helpdesk-156-legislation.pdf>
- Wood, S (2016) "Migration, Mobility and Marginalisation: Consequences for Sexual and Gender Minorities"  
<https://www.ids.ac.uk/publication/migration-mobility-and-marginalisation-consequences-for-sexual-and-gender-minorities>
- Haste, P, Mills, E, Wood, S (2014) "Sexuality and Social Justice: A Toolkit"  
<http://www.spl.ids.ac.uk/sexuality-and-social-justice-toolkit>
- Hawkins, K, Wood, S, et al (2014) "Sexuality and Poverty Synthesis Report" *IDS Evidence Report*  
<http://www.ids.ac.uk/publication/sexuality-and-poverty-synthesis-report>
- Hawkins, K, Wood, S, Aboud, G (2013) "ELDIS Key Issue Guide: Heteronormativity"  
[http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/gender/key-issues/heteronormativity#.VHBsdEvGI\\_u](http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/gender/key-issues/heteronormativity#.VHBsdEvGI_u)

### BLOGS

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- Engaging LGBTIQ communities for research  
<http://www.ids.ac.uk/opinion/engaging-lgbtqi-communities-for-research>
- Ripping aside the Global Gag and speaking out on reproductive justice  
<https://www.ids.ac.uk/opinion/ripping-aside-the-global-gag-and-speaking-out-on-reproductive-justice>

- Responding to the UK parliamentary report on global LGBT rights  
<https://www.ids.ac.uk/opinion/responding-to-the-uk-parliamentary-report-on-global-lgbt-rights>
- Fighting for Sexual Equality? Why we must engage the aid industry  
<https://www.ids.ac.uk/opinion/fighting-for-sexual-equality-why-we-must-engage-the-aid-industry>
- LGBT rights, life and health in Ethiopia  
<https://www.ids.ac.uk/opinion/lgbt-life-rights-and-health-in-ethiopia>
- Why women's rights lie at the heart of Nigerian 2015 elections  
<https://www.ids.ac.uk/opinion/why-women-s-rights-lie-at-the-heart-of-the-2015-nigerian-elections>
- Digital Battlegrounds: the growing struggle to contest LGBT online spaces  
<https://participationpower.wordpress.com/2014/10/15/digital-battlegrounds-the-growing-struggle-to-contest-lgbt-online-spaces/>
- Bridging the Gap: strengthening the sexuality and poverty evidence base  
<https://participationpower.wordpress.com/2014/06/11/bridging-the-gap-strengthening-the-sexuality-and-poverty-evidence-base/>
- The Development Prison: escaping gender, LGBT and sexuality silos  
<https://participationpower.wordpress.com/2014/03/04/the-development-prison-escaping-gender-lgbt-and-sexuality-silos/>
- What are the emerging funding challenges for international LGBT activists and their donors?  
<https://participationpower.wordpress.com/2013/12/17/what-are-the-emerging-funding-challenges-for-international-lgbti-activists-and-their-donors/>

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## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- Speaker at the ESRC-funded "Conducting Research on HIV/AIDS in Challenging Environments" workshop held in Durban, South Africa in February 2018, presenting on "Ethical And Methodological Challenges of Researching Difficult To Reach Populations"
- Panellist at the IDS public event "Sex education in the digital era" in February 2017.
- Chair at the IDS public event "Global and domestic sex work: what can and should Britain be doing?" in January 2017.
- Panellist at the IDS public event "How can we make British aid work to reduce poverty and marginalisation of LGBT communities?" on November 2016.
- Panellist at the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) conference talking about the connections between sexuality and development and the practical implications for INGOs in June 2015.
- Featured as a panellist on the Guardian's Live Q&A "Rethinking Sexuality and Development" in Feb 2014.  
<http://www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2014/jan/31/sexuality-and-development-live-chat>
- Named by the Guardian as one of the Top 10 Tweepers on Sexuality and Development in Feb 2014.  
<http://www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2014/feb/04/top-10-tweepers-on-sexuality-and-development>
- Speaker at the Berlin conference organised by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Lesbian and Gay Federation in Germany (LSVD) "Increasing Support and Resources for LGBT rights" in Dec 2013

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## OTHER EXPERIENCE

### ADMINISTRATIVE, ORGANISATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- Strategic manager: able to translate organisational priorities into programmes of work that relate directly to the day to day activities of my team
- Inclusive networking: able to engage, influence, and listen to senior members of staff, external partners and academic community in line with organisation's needs and objectives
- Decisive leadership skills: proven record of taking forward major projects and instilling enthusiasm with other members of staff, as well as being trusted by senior management
- Skilled at analysing organisational systems and presenting options for improving efficiency, whilst strengthening intra-departmental working.
- Presentation skills: experience of presenting in many contexts and a number of audiences
- Project management: can deliver events and contracts in a pro-active, cost effective way, whilst ensuring partners have participation in key decisions.
- Comfortable with editing and proof reading academic publications
- Supervisor of MA Development Studies student dissertations
- Developed IT skills and experience of database management, spreadsheets, web writing and internet research.

## REVIEWER AND AFFILIATIONS

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- Member of the UK LGBT Themes in International Development Roundtable 2014 – Present
- Peer reviewer for the Journal of Gender Studies 2017
- Peer reviewer for the International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture and Society (ISAACS) conference “Breaking Boundaries: Sexuality, Gender, Reproduction, Health and Rights” 2017
- Peer reviewer for the IDS Bulletin in 2016
- Peer reviewer for ‘Global Public Health’ journal in 2015
- Member of the Conference Organising Committee for the International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture and Society (IASSCS) from 2014 - 2015.
- Board Member for the Institute of Development Studies 2009-2013