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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Research Fellow at IDS (2017-present)

DATE OF BIRTH: 19/01/1976

NATIONALITY: American/British

LANGUAGES: English (native); Spanish (fluent); Portuguese (basic literacy)

THEMATIC EXPERTISE: global health governance, social accountability in global/public health, community engagement and involvement in global health research, participatory approaches, community-based public health interventions, sexual and reproductive health

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: Latin America; UN institutions and bilateral funding bodies with international presence; additional experience supporting research in Bangladesh, Uganda, Mozambique, Brazil.

OVERVIEW

Erica Nelson is historian and anthropologist with a strong background in community engagement, social accountability research, and the politics of public health in Latin America and globally. She has been engaged in qualitative research on/in community-based public health programmes and health policy-making processes for the past 15 years, with specialist knowledge of accountability theory and practice. Currently, she is a Research Fellow at The Institute of Development Studies with a focus on inclusive research practices in global health, accountability and governance of health systems and community-based public health response and resilience post-COVID. She is a member of the NIHR's Community Engagement and Involvement Expert Advisory Committee and of the WHO's CoP on Social Accountability in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. From 2018-2021 she combined work at IDS with a position as a research fellow at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine's Centre for History in Public Health with a project focussing on the historical development of community health worker programmes in Colombia. From 2010 to 2014 she was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Amsterdam's Institute for Social Science Research, responsible for the qualitative research component of a European Commission FP7-funded adolescent sexual and reproductive health intervention in Bolivia, Nicaragua and Ecuador. For her PhD, she researched the politics of population, motherhood and family planning in Bolivia, c1964-2006. She also has experience in knowledge translation, strategy development, and communities of practice facilitation at Marie Stopes International, Options Consultancy, at the WHO's RHR department and on behalf of the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2008	PhD Latin American History University of Wisconsin-Madison, United States
2003	MA Latin American History University of Wisconsin-Madison, United States
1999	BA (hons) Latin American Studies and History Wesleyan University, Connecticut, United States

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2017-Present	Research Fellow (previous post-doctoral Research Officer), Institute of Development Studies Co-I on AHRC-funded 'Remembering and Acting on Malnutrition'; ethics and community health research lead for T-AP-funded 'Building Back Better from Below'; Accountability
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and governance lead for Digital Health T-Labs; collaborating partner on forthcoming IDRC-funded 'Equitable Partnerships' Project; academic steering committee member for the Wellcome-trust funded British Library of Development Studies Legacy Collection project. Led on the development of a learning programme on Community Engagement and Involvement in Global Health Research for the NIHR; co-led the implementation of an Open Society-funded expert workshop on Accountability for Health Equity and lead editor of IDS Bulletin special issue on same topic. Contributor to Social Accountability components of DFID-funded Future Health Systems research consortia and to the ESRC-DFID funded Unequal Voices project.

2018-2021

Research Fellow/Lecturer, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Developed an original sub-project within Dr. Martin Gorksy's Wellcome Trust-funded Investigator award, focusing on the history of health systems development, health planning strategies, and community health worker programmes in Colombia, c1957-1993

2015 - 2017

Research Consultant, University College London and the World Health Organization

Mapped "gender" in global health as part of a commissioned Lancet series on the topic. Conducted a rapid historical review on the evolution of approaches to gender in global health. Co-author (together with Dr. Sarah Hawkes of UCL) of "Identifying Alliance's Strategic Edge: An Analysis of Key Players in the HPSR Field" on behalf of the WHO Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research program

2010 - 2014

Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Medical Anthropology, Institute for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

Qualitative work package lead on a EU-funded project to improve adolescent sexual and reproductive health in three Latin American cities: Managua, Nicaragua; Cuenca, Ecuador; and, Cochabamba, Bolivia. Provided training, supervision and management of research assistants at each site. Designed and led participatory ethnographic research component.

2009 - 2010

Research Consultant, World Health Organization and Options Consultancy Ltd., London

Lead author of "Knowledge Networking and Virtual Collaboration: A Framework for Success" in collaboration with the Reproductive Health and Research (RHR) and Knowledge Management and Sharing (KMS) departments of the WHO; Developed a knowledge translation strategy for the CARISMA project (Caribbean Social Marketing Alliance).

2008 – 2009

Global Knowledge Manager, Marie Stopes International, London

Developed learning materials and platforms to encourage the sharing of innovative practices and research for MSI country programmes and international development partners. Conducted qualitative research in Mexico and Romania to inform programmatic decision-making.

AFFILIATIONS & PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Affiliate, Reclaiming Comprehensive Public Health initiative, Healthy Societies 2030 (2020 – present)

Co-Lead of History in Health Systems SHAPES sub-group, Health Systems Global (2018-present)

Committee Member, NIHR Community Engagement and Involvement Expert Advisory Group (2019-present)

Member, WHO RHR-led CoP on Social Accountability in Sexual and Reproductive Health Research (2019 – present)

Visiting Lecturer and external examiner, Brighton Sussex Medical School, MSc in Global Health (2015-present)

Visiting Lecturer, UCL, MSc in Global Health and MA in Anthropology (2018 – present)

Visiting Lecturer and Distance Learning Tutor, LSHTM, MSc in Public Health (2018-present)

SELECTED EXPERIENCE

2020 – June 2021	Post-doctoral Research Officer, IFPRI priority research on COVID19 (IDS) Researcher and lead author on historical analysis of past global nutrition sector responses to global disease outbreaks and periods of high political instability. Publication and webinar forthcoming.
2020 – September 2021	Post-doctoral Research Officer and Project Lead, NIHR Community Engagement and Involvement in Global Health Research Learning Programme (IDS) Leading development of learning package for the NIHR on 'CEI' in global health research, comprising a series of three webinars and related communications and learning materials, to be delivered online January – September 2021. See: https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/empowering-meaningful-community-engagement-and-involvement-in-global-health-research-critical-reflections-and-guiding-questions/27361 and https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/ethical-dimensions-of-community-engagement-and-involvement-in-global-health-research/28258
2017 – 2018	Post-doctoral Research Officer, The Accountability Politics of Reducing Health Inequities: Learning from Brazil and Mozambique, ESRC (IDS) Contributed to the development of an accountability framework, to the design of qualitative research protocol, to the authorship of related articles, to the editorial development of issue 49 (2) of the IDS Bulletin, and to the "Accountability for Health Equity" workshop held at IDS, July 2017.
2017 – 2018	Technical Advisor, Future Health Systems, DFID (IDS) Provided research inputs to the design, implementation and analysis of a Community Scorecard health intervention carried out in Uganda and Bangladesh as part of the FHS programme of research.
2010 - 2014	Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Medical Anthropology, Project CERCA (Community Embedded Reproductive Health Care for Adolescents), EC FP7 (University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam Institute of Social Science Research) Designed and managed a qualitative work package component within a large, multi-country research consortia, with the aim of improving adolescent reproductive health in Managua, Nicaragua; Cochabamba, Bolivia; and Cuenca, Ecuador. Developed an innovative participatory ethnographic research strategy that brought adolescent voices and experiences to bear on intervention design and implementation. Co-produced two documentary films with community involvement, later used to influence policy change at sub-national level.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND OUTPUTS

Under review:

Nelson, E., Quevedo, E., and Gorsky M. (provisionally mid-2023), "Localizing the Global: Piloting Health Systems in the Department of Cauca Valley, Colombia, ISBN: 9780192848758/1957-1978", *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*.

Published:

Nelson, E., Waiswa P., Schattan Coelho V., Sarriot E. (2022) "Social Accountability and Health Systems' Change, Beyond the Shock of Covid-19: Drawing on Histories of Technical and Activist Approaches to Rethink a Shared Code of Practice" *International Journal of Health Equity* 21(Suppl 1) 14 <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12939-022-01645-0>

Gorsky M. and **Nelson, E.** (February 2022), "SDG 3: Historical Perspectives on Health and Well-being as International Policy Goals" in Guttman M., ed, *Before the SDGs: A historical companion to the UN sustainable development goals*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780192848758

Hickey, G., Porter, K., Tembo, D., Rennard, U., Tholanah, M., Beresford, P., Chandler, D., Chimbari, M., Coldham, T., Dikomitis, L., Dziro, B., Ekiikina, P.O., Khattak, M.I., Montenegro, C.R., Mumba, N., Musesengwa, R., **Nelson E.**, Nhunzvi, C., Ramirez, C.M. and Staniszevska, S. (2022) "What Does "Good" Community and Public Engagement Look Like? Developing Relationships With Community Members in Global Health Research". *Front. Public Health* 9:776940. doi: 10.3389/fpubh.2021.776940

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Nelson, E. (2019) "A Resource Guide for Community Engagement and Involvement in Global Health Research", *National Institute of Health Research*, <https://www.nihr.ac.uk/documents/researchers/manage-your-funding/NIHR%20Community%20Engagement%20Involvement%20Resource%20Guide%202019.pdf> November 2019)

Nelson, E. (2019) "I'm not that Kind of Doctor': on being In-between in a Global Health Intervention", *Anthropology in Action* 26.1: 12-20, doi: <https://doi.org/10.3167/aia.2019.260102>

Nelson, E.; Shankland A. and Bloom G. (2018) 'Introduction: Accountability for Health Equity: Galvanising a Movement for Universal Health Coverage', *IDS Bulletin* 49.2: 1-16, doi:10.19088/1968-2018.127

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Nelson, E.; Rodriguez, O.; Encalada, D.; Ballesteros, M. and Edmonds, A. (2014) 'The Unintended Consequences of sex Education: an Ethnography of a Development Intervention in Latin America', *Anthropology & Medicine* 21.2: 189-201, doi:10.1080/13648470.2014.918932

Decat, P.; **Nelson, E.**; Meyer, S.; Jaruseviciene, L.; Orozco, M.; Segura, Z.; Gorter, A.; Vega, B.; Cordova, K.; Maes, L.; Temmerman, M.; Leye, E. and Degomme, O. (2013) 'Community Embedded Reproductive Health Interventions for Adolescents in Latin America: Development and Evaluation of a Complex Multi-centre Intervention', *BMC Public Health* 13.31: 1-10, doi:<https://doi.org/10.1186/1471-2458-13-31>

Nelson, E. and Howitt, D. (2013) 'When Target Groups Talk Back: at the Intersection of Visual Ethnography and Adolescent Sexual Health', *Reproductive Health Matters* 21: 45–48, doi:10.1016/S0968-8080(13)41706-8