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**OBJECTIVE:** To provide low income and vulnerable people with access to fair, high quality financial tools and services that enable them to make the most effective use of their incomes and build assets.

**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D. Social Anthropology, Yale University, 2010

M.Sc. Political Economy of Development, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, 2001 (Distinction)

B.Sc. Economics/Social Anthropology, London School of Economics, 1993 (First Division)

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

**Associate Research Scientist/Project Manager Financial Health**, 10/13 – Present

Employer: Program for Recovery and Community Health, Yale School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry and Connecticut Mental Health Center, New Haven, CT

Lead a program to integrate financial health into mental health care service delivery at a facility providing care to 5,000 low-income clients annually. Involves assessment of client needs, using qualitative and quantitative data collection methods, designing interventions to meet those needs, working with multiple stakeholders across the organization to implement change, preparing presentations for decision makers, and designing and implementing research to assess impact.

**Project Manager**, 12/11 – present

Employer: Yale University Community Carbon Fund

Coordinate a project providing low-income residents of New Haven with access to residential energy efficiency services. Has included direct provision of services, coordinating activities with local utilities, non-profits, contractors and municipality. Provide state level policy input regarding improving outreach to and impact on low-income households and strategic direction to City of New Haven on improving local energy efficiency programing and uptake. Facilitate academic research into overcoming barriers to reaching low-income groups.

**Consultant/Project Manager Financial Health**, 10/12 – 10/14

Employer: Connecticut Mental Health Center Foundation, New Haven CT

Prepared background study into potential for incorporating financial health into delivery of services at mental health care facility. Oversaw technical assistance from Corporation of Enterprise Development as part of the Asset Building Integration Project with Community Health Centers. Conducted stakeholder needs assessment and landscape analysis of local financial service availability.

**Masters level course designer/tutor**, 01/11 – 11/13

Employer: Center for Development and Environmental Planning, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, UK

Designed and tutored on-line course in International Rural Finance module offered as part of course in Rural Development.

**Assistant Professor**, 09/10 – 06/11

Employer: Trinity College, Hartford, CT

Taught courses in Urban Anthropology and Global Politics

**Assistant Private Sector Development Advisor and Second Secretary,** 09/00-09/01

Employer: UK Department for International Development, Harare, Zimbabwe

Developed strategies for support to private sector/enterprise development projects in Zimbabwe, including focus on private and informal sector responses to HIV/AIDS crisis.

**Project Manager**, Women and Microfinance Project, 06/97 – 04/98

Employer: United Nations Development Program/First Women Bank, Islamabad, Pakistan

Established project to improve access of poor women to banking services appropriate to their needs through developing bank/NGO linkages, conducting research, and lobbying for government support and policy change.

**Independent Consulting, Microfinance/Social Development**, 1/95-06/97

Providing consultancy support to organizations including Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), South Asia Network for Microfinance Initiatives (SANMFI), Solidarite Afghanistan, CARE International (Afghanistan), and Aga Khan Rural Support Program (AKRSP).

**Research Officer**, 1/94-1/95

Funded through ODA’s ‘ESCOR’ scheme conducted research into the internal dynamics of village based savings and credit groups used to channel financial services to the poor.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

2014 Harper, A., and Rowe, M., 2014, Financial Health and Social Recovery, Psychiatric Services Taking Issue, accepted for publication.

2014 Harper, A., Foss-Kelly, L., Clayton, A., Bailey, M. and Rowe, M. 2014, Financial Health and Mental Health: Making the Connections, manuscript under review.

2012 Harper, A., 2012, Metal detectors and higher walls won’t make our children safer, New Haven Independent newspaper.

2011 Harper, A., 2011, Islamabad and the Promise of Pakistan, in Kalia, R. (ed) Pakistan: From the Rhetoric of Democracy to the Rise of Militancy, Routledge, New Delhi, 2011.

2002 Bell, R., Harper, A. and Mandivenga, D. 2002. Can commercial banks do microfinance? Lessons from the Commercial Bank of Zimbabwe and the Co-operative Bank of Kenya, Small Enterprise Development, 13(4).

1998 Harper A., 1998. Group-Based Management of Savings and Credit; the Case of AKRSP in Pakistan, Small Enterprise Development, 9 (2).

**AWARDS AND HONORS:**

2009 John F. Enders Fellowships & Research Grant, Yale Graduate School of Art and Sciences

2005 MacMillan Center (formerly YCIAS), Dissertation Research Fellowship

2004 Yale Centre for International and Area Studies (YCIAS) Pre dissertation Grant

2004 Agrarian Studies Award for Pre-dissertation Research, Yale University Program

2003 Sterling Prize Fellowship, Yale University

2000 UK Department for International Development Associate Professional Officers Scholarship: full tuition and stipend for Masters degree.

1997 UK Overseas Development Administration ESCOR grant for research: full salary and travel expenses for a year of field research and writing.

**COMMUNITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

2014 Prepared materials for and taught session on financial health for Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) funded ‘Citizens Project’ course for ex-offenders with mental health problems, New Haven

2013 Prepared and taught session on ‘Understanding Financial Health’ for psychiatric nurses attending Yale University Department of Psychiatry month long ‘Psychiatric and Acute Care’ course

**SERVICE ACTIVITIES:**

2013-present Steering Committee Member of the New Haven Healthy City Healthy Climate Challenge, a collective effort of local organizations responding to the challenge of climate change and to improve the health of the community

2013-present Member of New Haven Energy and Healthy Homes Workgroup, formed to improve collaboration and maximize resources targeting residential environmental conditions in low-income homes

2013-present Steering Committee member for the Connecticut Asset Building Collaborative, a newly formed organization with the goal of increasing effective services and resources available for low-income residents of the state to become more financially secure and build assets

2012-present Advisory Board member and member of evaluation committee, Women and Girls Fund of the Greater New Haven Community Foundation, providing support and funding for the economic and social advancement of women

2012-2014 Board member of New Haven Youth Soccer, a youth program providing sports opportunities to all urban children regardless of ability to pay

2012-present Member of the Economic Security Workgroup of the Greater New Haven Regional Alliance to End Homelessness, charged with developing strategies and activities that will lead to fostering housing acquisition and retention through access to employment, income supports and childcare systems.