

# Mira Grieser

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## Education

Masters of Health Science, International Health

- Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore MD
- May 1999

Bachelor of Arts, Biology

- Goshen College, Goshen IN
- May 1995

## Employment

Measurement, Recruitment, and Process Evaluation Coordinator

Feb 2001-current University of Maryland College Park, MD  
"Trial of Activity for Adolescent Girls"

- Trained and supervised staff in body composition measurements, survey administration, and other data collection on over 400 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls at six schools in a national study to increase physical activity in adolescent girls
- Participated in formative assessment and process evaluation instrument development and data collection, including conducting in-depth interviews and focus groups
- Designed, implemented and tracked the recruitment of 1800 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls during the final two years of the study

Supervisor: Deborah Rohm Young, PhD

Research Assistant

July 1999-Dec 2000 Johns Hopkins University Baltimore, MD

- Analyzed and managed qualitative data on reproductive decision making in Zimbabwe

Supervisor: Kenneth Hill, PhD

Project Coordinator

Aug 1998-June 1999 Johns Hopkins University Harare, Zimbabwe

- Managed all aspects of a qualitative study on reproductive decision making in Zimbabwe, including hiring and training 11-member staff, developing instruments, coordinating data collection, tracking budgets and personnel management

Supervisor: Kenneth Hill, PhD

Consultant

Jan-Feb 1999 University of Montreal Dakar, Senegal

- Assisted with project planning on reproductive decision making in Senegal, including qualitative research methods training

Supervisor: Thomas K. LeGrand, PhD

Graduate Student Assistant

Nov 1997-Aug 1998 Johns Hopkins University Baltimore, MD

- Conducted and analyzed focus groups and in-depth interviews on teen smoking with Baltimore high school students and faculty

Supervisor: Joel Gittelsohn, PhD

Caseworker

Aug 1996-Aug 1997 Bread for the City Washington, DC

- Assisted clients with money management, referrals, and applications for benefit programs

Supervisor: Susan Koehne, MSW

Development Coordinator

Aug 1995-Aug 1996 Bread for the City Washington, DC

- Coordinated major fundraising events and edited quarterly newsletter

Supervisor: Tom Martin

Publications

**Grieser M**, Neumark-Sztainer D, Saksvig B, Lee J.S, Felton G, Kubik M. Black, Hispanic and White girls' perceptions of environmental and social support and enjoyment of physical activity. *Journal of School Health* (in press).

Young DR, Felton GM, **Grieser M**, Elder J, Johnson C, Lee J, Kubik M. Policies and opportunities for physical activity in middle school environments. *Journal of School Health*. 2007; 77(1):41-7.

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Gittelsohn J, McCormick L, Allen P, **Grieser M**, Crawford M, Davis S. Inter-Ethnic Differences in Youth Tobacco Language and Cigarette Brand Preference. *Ethnicity and Health*. 1999; 4(4): 285-303.

Presentations

**Grieser M**, Bedimo-Rung A, Neumark-Sztainer D, Moody J, Pratt C, Vu MB, Young DR. "Qualitative assessment of attitudes towards physical activity in African American, Hispanic, and Caucasian girls," Poster prepared for American College of Sports Medicine, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, May 28-31, 2003.

Shankar AV, **Grieser M**, Gittelsohn J, Koppenhaver T, Mavhu WM. "Understanding reproductive decision making in Zimbabwe," Prepared for Population Association of America, Annual Meeting, Washington DC, March 29-31, 2001.

**Grieser M**, Gittelsohn J, Shankar AV, Koppenhaver T, LeGrand TK, Marindo R, Mahvu W,

Hill K. "Reproductive Decision Making and the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Zimbabwe," Prepared for the Third Africa Population Conference, Durban, South Africa, December 6-10, 1999.

Editorial Activity Ad Hoc Editorial Consultant, *Social Science and Medicine*, 2000.

Study Abroad May-Aug 1993 Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa

- Studied French language and Ivorian culture
- Taught English, math, and science in a primary school for Liberian refugees

Languages French (proficient), Spanish (basic), Shona (basic)