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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Biocultural and socioeconomic determinants of health and related disparities; Gender equity; Youth inclusion; Psychosocial stress and coping; Food security; Minority health disparities; Rural/Farmworker health disparities; Immigrant health disparities; Qualitative and quantitative research methods

**EDUCATION**

- Dec. 2014 **Ph.D., Biocultural Medical Anthropology**, The University of Alabama  
Dissertation: *A Model Guadalupan: Devotion to the Virgin of Guadalupe and Psychosocial Stress among Mexican Immigrants to the Southern United States.*  
Committee: J DeCaro, (Chair), W Dressler, M Gabarrot Arenas, M Murphy, K Oths.
- 2009 **M.A., Applied Anthropology**, Mississippi State University  
Thesis: *The Virgin of Guadalupe comes to Mississippi: Hispanic Immigrants in the Rural South.*  
Chair: K Ragsdale.
- 2001 **B.A., Spanish and B.B.A., International Business**, Mississippi State University

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 2017-Current **Assistant Research Professor**, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2017-Current **Affiliate Faculty**, Department of Anthropology, Mississippi State University.
- 2014-Current **Lecturer**, Department of Religious Studies, The University of Alabama.
- 2014-Current **Research Fellow**, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2015-2017 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2014-2015 **Visiting Scholar**, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2012-2014 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Religious Studies, The University of Alabama.
- 2009-2012 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Anthropology, The University of Alabama.
- 2009 **Research Associate**, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2008-2009 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2008-2009 **Lecturer**, Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Culture, Mississippi State University.

**GRANTS & RESEARCH FUNDING**

- 2021 **Senior Research Scientist.** USDA -Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA-FAS). Research and Learning from the McGovern-Dole Food for Education Program in Africa.
- 2021 **PI.** Teen Health Mississippi. Mind Elevation – Evaluation, **\$13,000.**
- 2020-2021 **PI.** CDC 1 NU58DP006142-01-00, Mississippi First / Teen Health Mississippi. Choose Your Method (CYM) Campaign – Evaluation, **\$12,540.**
- 2020-2021 **PI.** USAID 7200AA18CA00030, Mississippi State University. *GRADA–FIL Year 2: Gender-Youth Responsive Aquaculture/Fisheries Development Assessment–Fish Innovation Lab*, **\$53,153.**
- 2019-2022 **Co-PI.** USAID, Mississippi State University. *FishFirst! Zambia*, **\$501,009.** Kathleen Ragsdale (PI).
- 2019-2020 **PI.** USAID 7200AA18CA00030, Mississippi State University. *GRADA–FIL Year 1: Gender-Youth Responsive Aquaculture/Fisheries Development Assessment–Fish Innovation Lab*, **\$53,153.**
- 2019-2020 **Co-PI.** USAID, Mississippi State University. *Fish4Zambia: Assessing Facilitators and Barriers to Fish Consumption in Zambia: Feed the Future Fish Innovation Lab Quick Start*, **\$99,879.** Kathleen Ragsdale (PI).
- 2019-2020 **Co-PI.** CDC-RFA-DP15-1508, *Mississippi First, Focus 4 Teens: Focused Pregnancy Prevention for Mississippi Teens Evaluation-YR5*, **\$115,000.** Kathleen Ragsdale (PI).
- 2018-2021 **Co-PI.** USAID RFA-OAA-12-000036, *Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab 2.0: Scaling for Success – Socioeconomic and Gender Equity Research*, **\$536,850.** Kathleen Ragsdale (PI).
- 2018-2019 **Co-PI.** CDC-RFA-DP15-1508, *Mississippi First, Focus 4 Teens: Focused Pregnancy Prevention for Mississippi Teens Evaluation-YR4*, **\$115,000.** Kathleen Ragsdale (PI).
- 2018-2019 **Co-PI.** USAID Bureau of Food Security, University of Illinois. *Feed the Future Analytic Literature Review: Harnessing the Potential for Rural Youth-Inclusive Agri-Food Systems Livelihoods – A Landscape Analysis*, **\$59,782.** Kathleen Ragsdale (PI).
- 2017-2018 **Co-PI.** CDC-RFA-DP15-1508. *Mississippi First, Focus 4 Teens: Focused Pregnancy Prevention for Mississippi Teens Evaluation-YR3*. **\$115,036.** Kathleen Ragsdale (PI).
- 2016-2017 **Co-PI.** CDC-RFA-DP15-1508. *Mississippi First, Focus 4 Teens: Focused Pregnancy Prevention for Mississippi Teens Evaluation-YR2*. **\$110,677.** Kathleen Ragsdale (PI).
- 2015-2016 **Co-PI.** CDC-RFA-DP15-1508. *Mississippi First, Focus 4 Teens: Focused Pregnancy Prevention for Mississippi Teens Evaluation-YR1*, **\$71,812.** Kathleen Ragsdale (PI) .
- 2015-2018 **Co-PI.** USAID AID-OAA-L-14-00001, University of Illinois G0002310. *Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab: Socioeconomic and Gender Equity Research: Year 2-5*. **\$576,646,** Kathleen Ragsdale (PI).
- 2011-2012 **Graduate Council Research Fellow,** The University of Alabama. **\$42,800.**

**PUBLICATIONS****Peer-Reviewed Manuscripts**

- In Revision K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, QM Zhou, K Clark, M Asigbee, C Tamimie, & P Goldsmith. Can a Low-Cost Soybean Intervention Improve the Gender Gap in Agricultural Productivity? Evidence from Smallholder Farmers in Northern Ghana. *Food Security*.
- In Revision K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, P Marinda, L Pincus, E Torell & R Kolbila. Adapting the WEAI to Explore Gender Equity among Fishers, Processors, and Sellers/Traders at Zambia's Lake Bangweulu. *World Development*.
- In Prep. **MR Read-Wahidi**, K Ragsdale, A Brittain, HD Tevendale, Parents as Bridges and Barriers: Insights from Adolescents and Parents on Adolescents' Access to Sexual and Reproductive Health Services. *Journal of Adolescent Health*.
- 2019 AW Brittain, HD Tevendale, T Mueller, AD Kulkarni, D Middleton, ML Garrison, **MR Read-Wahidi**, & E.H. Koumans. (2019). The Teen Access and Quality Initiative: Improving Adolescent Reproductive Health Best Practices in Publicly Funded Health Centers. *Journal of Community Health*, 1-11. (<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10900-019-00781-z>).
- 2019 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, GR Méndez, & K Lower. (2019). Why gender and land matter: Examples from rural Ghana. *African Journal of Food Agriculture Nutrition and Development*; 19(5): 15155-15158.
- 2018 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, T Wei, E Martey. Using the WEAI+ to explore gender equity and agricultural empowerment: Baseline evidence among men and women smallholder farmers in Ghana's Northern Region. *Journal of Rural Studies*; 64(2): 123-134. doi: 10.1016/j.jrurstud.2018.09.013
- 2017 **MR Read-Wahidi** & J DeCaro. Guadalupan Devotion as a Moderator of Psychosocial Stress among Mexican Immigrants in the Rural Southern United States. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, 31(4): 572-591.
- 2015 **MR Read-Wahidi**. A Narrow Lens: Seeing Beyond the Religious Symbol. *Medicine Anthropology Theory*, April.
- 2012 K Ragsdale, J Porter, B Zamboanga, J St. Lawrence, **MR Read**, & A White. High Risk Drinking among Female College Drinkers at Two Reporting Intervals: Comparing Spring Break to the 30 Days Prior. *Sexuality Research & Social Policy*, 9(1), 31-40. doi: 10.1007/ s13178-011-0071-0.

**Book Chapters**

- 2006 R Loewe & **MR Read**. *Mayans*. In (WM Clements, Ed.) The Greenwood Encyclopedia of World Folklore and Folklife. Westport CT: Greenwood Press, 4:1750-1754.

**Technical Reports**

- 2021 **MR Read-Wahidi** & K **Ragsdale**. *GRADA-FIL Results at a Glance: Fish Innovation Lab Quick Start Successes and Challenges*. USAID, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Fish. Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.

- 2020 R Kolbila, K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, & K Clark. (2020, May). *Women's Thresher Project Evaluation: Preliminary Results Report*. USAID and the Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab.
- 2020 R Kolbila, K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, & K Clark. (2020, May). *Women's Thresher Project Evaluation: Benefits of Women-Led Thresher Micro Enterprises in Ghana*. USAID and the Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab.
- 2020 **MR Read-Wahidi**, K Ragsdale, K Lower, & M Jinka. (2020, March 2). *Sexual and Reproductive Health Referrals and Linkages: Facilitators and Challenges in Rural Mississippi*. CDC, Teen Health Mississippi, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2019 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, GR Méndez, & K Lower. *The State of Soybean in Africa Series: Why Gender and Land Matter – Examples from Rural Ghana*. FarmDoc Daily (9):204, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
- 2019 **MR Read-Wahidi** & K Ragsdale. (2019, November 26). *GRADA-SIL: Gender Responsive Agricultural Development Assessment, 2019 Results from Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab Implementing Partners*. USAID, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Soybean Value Chain Research, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2019 K Ragsdale, P Marinda, **MR Read-Wahidi**, L Pincus, E Torell, R Kolbila, M Jinka, R Sakapaji, M Tembo, & L Ingouf. (2019, October 29). *Fish4Zambia Report: Gender Disaggregated WEFI Results: Research in Zambia's Lake Bangweulu Region among Fishers, Processors and Traders*. USAID, Feed the Future Fish Innovation Lab for Fish, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2019 **MR Read-Wahidi**, K Ragsdale, & K Lower. (2019, May 10). *Focus4Teens: YR3 Youth Focus Group & Youth Survey Results*. Teen Health Mississippi and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2019 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, K Lower, & T Yarbrough. (2019, February 12). *Focus4Teens: YR3 Parent/Caregiver Focus Group & Survey Results*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Teen Health Mississippi, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2018 **MR Read-Wahidi**, K Ragsdale, K Lower, & T Yarbrough. (2018, December 21). *WEAI+ Wave II Preliminary Results: Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index & Smallholder Soybean Farmers in Ghana*. USAID, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Soybean Value Chain Research, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2018 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, T Yarbrough, & K Lower. (2018, March 22). *Focus4Teens YR2 Evaluation Results: Aaron E. Henry Health Center Staff*. CDC, Teen Health Mississippi, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2018 K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**. (2018, March 7). *WEAI+: Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index Specialized for Smallholder Soybean Farmers in Ghana*. USAID, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Soybean Value Chain Research, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.

- 2018 **MR Read-Wahidi**, K Ragsdale, A Reid, & K Swiderski. (2018, February 14). *Focus4Teens YR2 Evaluation Results: Youth Serving Organizations*. CDC, Teen Health Mississippi, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2017 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, Q Zhou, & A Reid. (2017, November). *Soybean Uptake & Network Survey (SUNS): 2016 Preliminary Results from the Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab*. USAID, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Soybean Value Chain Research, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2017 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, & A Reid. (2017, July). *GRADA-SIL 2016: Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab, Gender Responsive Agricultural Development Assessment for SIL Implementing Partners*. USAID, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Soybean Value Chain Research, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2017 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, & A Reid. (2017, April). *ICT4AgD & Soybean Farmers in Rural Ghana: Focus Group Discussion Results among Men and Women Smallholder Soybean Farmers in Ghana's Northern Region*. USAID, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Soybean Value Chain Research, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2017 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, A Gochanour, & A Reid. (2017, January). *Focus4Teens YR1 Needs Assessment: YR1 Parent Interviews and Surveys*. CDC, Mississippi First, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.

## **DIGITAL RESEARCH FOOTPRINT**

### **Webpages, Webinars, & Online Courses**

- 2021 **MR Read-Wahidi** & K Ragsdale. (In Development). *Gender Impacts Lab Toolkit: How to Design Your Own GRADA (Gender Responsive Agricultural Development Assessment [Online Certification Course]*. USAID, Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab, Gender Impacts Lab, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2021 K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**. (In Development). *Gender Impacts Lab Toolkit: How to Plan and Conduct Gender Responsive Enumerator Trainings [Online Certification Course]*. USAID, Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab, Gender Impacts Lab, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2021 K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**. (2021, January). *Gender Impacts Lab Toolkit: How to Increase Your Gender Responsive Agricultural Development Capacity [Online Certification Course]*. USAID, Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab, Feed the Future Fish Innovation Lab, Gender Impacts Lab, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2020 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, & R Kolbila. (2020, August 27). *SIL's Multi-Crop Thresher Initiative: Promoting Gender Equity and Ownership [Webinar]*. SIL Multi-Crop Thresher Webinar Symposium. USAID, Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab.

- 2020 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, T Hernandez, & MSU Public Relations & Integrated Student Media Team. (2020, February). Gender Impacts Lab [Website]. Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University. <https://genderimpactslab.ssrc.msstate.edu/>
- 2019 K Ragsdale, GR Méndez, **MR Read-Wahidi**, & M Asigbee. (May 2, 2019). *Why Gender and Land Matter in Rural Ghana and the World: Importance of Closing the Gender Gap in Agricultural Development* [Webinar]. USAID, Feed the Future Lab Soybean Innovation Lab, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2018 K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**. (Producers). *Focus Groups 101 Manual: Brief Guide to Conducting Focus Groups in Village Settings* [Webinar and Companion Manual]. USAID and the Feed the Future Lab Soybean Innovation Lab. Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2018 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, K Swiderski, & A Reid. (Producers). *Soybean Uptake and Network Survey Results – Ghana* [Video]. USAID and the Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab. Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University.
- 2010 K Ragsdale, A Robertson, C Baird-Thomas, & **MR Read**. *STDs and HIV Prevention: Keep you and your partner safe from HIV and other STDs*. Educational DVD and Companion Guide for Community Mental Health Staff in Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Treatment Centers. Delta Health Alliance, USDA NIFA, MSU Social Science Research Center.

### Online Articles, Blog Posts, & other Multimedia

- 2020 E Creel, K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**. (2020, December 9). *Addressing Inequalities at Home and Abroad: How the Gender Impacts Lab's Work Covers Continents* [Online annual report article]. Annual Report 2020, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University. <https://ssrc.msstate.edu/2020-annual-report/>.
- 2020 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, P Marinda, L Pincus, E Torell & R Kolbila. (2020, November 10). *Fish4Zambia: Gender Disaggregated WEFI Results among Lake Bangweulu Fishers, Processors, and Traders*. [Online presentation]. USAID, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Fish - Quick Start Final Presentations. <https://www.fishinnovationlab.msstate.edu/node/191>
- 2020 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi** & E Torell. (2020, July 30). *Gender Mainstreaming in Fisheries and Aquaculture Sectors: The Fish Innovation Lab's Framework* [Online article]. USAID, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Fish. <https://www.fishinnovationlab.msstate.edu/newsroom/2020/07/gender-mainstreaming-fisheries-and-aquaculture-sectors-fish-innovation-labs>.
- 2018 A Burns, K Ragsdale, & **MR Read-Wahidi**. (2018, October 26). *Gender Equity in Northern Ghana* [Online annual report article]. Annual Report 2018, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University'
- 2015 **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Are You 'American' American? Studying Religion in Culture: Ongoing Discussions at the University of Alabama*. UA Department of Religious Studies Blog Post.
- 2014 **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Expat or Immigrant? Studying Religion in Culture: Ongoing Discussions at the University of Alabama*. UA Department of Religious Studies Blog Post.
- 2013 **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Can Anything be a Ritual? Studying Religion in Culture: Ongoing Discussions at the University of Alabama*. Department of Religious Studies Blog Post.

2008 **MR Read.** *The Virgin of Guadalupe in my Backyard.* Anthropology News, 49(5), 20.

### Research Highlighted in the Media

- 2021 Agrilinks. (2021, March 29). *Gender Mainstreaming in Fisheries and Aquaculture Sectors* [Web log post]. USAID Feed the Future, Agrilinks. <https://www.agrilinks.org/post/gender-mainstreaming-fisheries-and-aquaculture-sectors>
- 2021 Adams, S. (2021, March 25). *Free Online Course Explains the Role of Gender in Agricultural Development* [Web log post]. USAID Feed the Future, Agrilinks. <https://www.agrilinks.org/post/free-online-course-explains-role-gender-agricultural-development>
- 2021 Zselezky, L. (2021, March 15). *Quick Start Projects Yield Lessons for Gender-Responsive Aquaculture and Fisheries Activities* [Web log post]. USAID, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Fish. <https://www.fishinnovationlab.msstate.edu/newsroom/2021/03/quick-start-projects-yield-lessons-gender-responsive-aquaculture-and-fisheries>
- 2020 K Dechert. (2020, December 15). *Researchers Present at International Conference on Global Food Security* [Web log post]. USAID, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Fish. <https://www.fishinnovationlab.msstate.edu/newsroom/2020/12/researchers-present-international-conference-global-food-security>
- 2020 K Ragsdale. (2020, January 6). *Fish4Zambia Builds Capacity through Student Fieldwork Training.* <https://www.fishinnovationlab.msstate.edu/blog/2020/01/fish4zambia-builds-capacity-through-student-fieldwork-training>
- 2019 K Dechert. (2019, August 30). *Fish4Zambia: Assessing Facilitators and Barriers to Aquaculture and Fish Consumption in Zambia.* Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Fish. <https://www.fishinnovationlab.msstate.edu/research/projects/assessing-facilitators-and-barriers-aquaculture-and-fish-consumption-zambia>
- 2019 Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Fish. (2019, August 12). *Improving the Fish Value Chain in Zambia* [Online video]. <https://www.fishinnovationlab.msstate.edu/blog/2019/08/improving-fish-value-chain-zambia>
- 2018 R Keane. (2018, September 13). *SIL SoyBytes: Dr. Kathleen Ragsdale and Dr. Mary Read-Wahidi on gender equity and agricultural development* [SoundCloud podcast]. Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Soybean Value Chain Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. <https://soundcloud.com/user-948098783/sil-soybytes-dr-kathleen-ragsdale-and-dr-mary-read-wahidi>
- 2018 CGIAR / A4NH. *Gender-Nutrition Idea Exchange: SIL Research Identifies Challenges, Constraints Experienced by Women Smallholder Farmers.* CGIAR Research Program on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health (A4NH) Web Log. (September 5<sup>th</sup>).
- 2018 R Keane. (2018, July 26). *SIL Newsletter: Notes from the Field: SIL Students Conduct On-Site Focus Groups in Ghana* [Online newsletter post]. Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Soybean Value Chain Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. <https://mailchi.mp/illinois/check-out-sils-july-news>

- 2018 R Keane (2018, July 17). *Students Gain Insight into Gender Equity and Land Tenure during Fieldwork in Tolon and Karaga* [Web log post]. Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Soybean Value Chain Research, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. <http://soybeaninnovationlab.illinois.edu/students-gain-insight-gender-equity-and-land-tenure-during-fieldwork-tolon-and-karaga>
- 2018 USAID Agrilinks. (2018, May 17). *Land Tenure Research Shows Men's Role in Households Impacts Women's Access to Land*. (May 17<sup>th</sup>). United States Agency for International Development, Agrilinks Web Log. <https://www.agrilinks.org/post/soybean-innovation-lab-land-tenure-research-shows-mens-role-household-impacts-womens-access>
- 2018 R Keane. (2018, May 9). *Focus Groups 101: Brief Guide to Conducting Focus Groups in Village Settings*. Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Soybean Value Chain Research Web Log. <http://soybeaninnovationlab.illinois.edu/focus-groups-101-brief-guide-conducting-focus-groups-village-settings>
- 2017 E Beeson. *Improved Care for Teens: Reducing Teen Pregnancy in the Mississippi Delta*. MAFES Discoveries Magazine, December. Mississippi State University. <http://www.mafes.msstate.edu/discovers/article.asp?id=105>
- 2017 G Garrison. (July 21<sup>st</sup>). *Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe Means Less Stress for Immigrants, Bama Study Says*. AL.com [https://www.al.com/living/2017/07/devotion\\_to\\_our\\_lady\\_of\\_guadal.html](https://www.al.com/living/2017/07/devotion_to_our_lady_of_guadal.html)
- 2017 A Jones. (July 18<sup>th</sup>). *Devotion to National, Religious Symbol Alleviates Stress of Immigration*. The University of Alabama News. <https://www.ua.edu/news/2017/07/devotion-to-national-religious-symbol-alleviates-stress-of-immigration/>
- 2017 M Konner. (June 30<sup>th</sup>) *In Tough Times, Religion Can Offer a Sturdy Shelter*. The Wall Street Journal. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/in-tough-times-religion-can-offer-a-sturdy-shelter-1498829765>
- 2017 K Norman. (April 17<sup>th</sup>) *MSU Researchers Work to Eliminate Food Insecurity in Ghana*. The Reflector, Mississippi State University. [http://www.reflector-online.com/news/article\\_c9e03ad6-23c9-11e7-9a08-ef14e92b4391.html](http://www.reflector-online.com/news/article_c9e03ad6-23c9-11e7-9a08-ef14e92b4391.html)
- 2016 D Thompson. (June 13<sup>th</sup>). *She Just Laughed: Understanding Culture and Ghanaian Women Farmers*. International Agricultural Development Leadership, Seed World. <https://seedworld.com/she-just-laughed/>

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Organized Sessions**

- 2011 **MR Read** & K Ragsdale. *SMA/NAPA Mentoring Program Special Session: Making the Short-List and Landing the Job*. Session Organizer/Chair, American Anthropological Association 110th Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- 2010 **MR Read** & K Ragsdale. *Translated Immigration: Beyond Borders, Beyond Boundaries*. Session Organizer/Chair. Society for Applied Anthropology, 70th Annual Meeting, Merida, Mexico.



**Invited Presentations**

- 2021 **MR Read-Wahidi**, Invited Discussant. *Gender Lensed Curricula for Development (GLCD) Dissemination Seminar*. Texas A&M University and United States Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture. May 19, 2021.
- 2020 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, P Marinda, L Pincus, E Torell & R Kolbila. Invited Presentation. *Fish4Zambia: Gender Disaggregated WEFI Results among Lake Bangweulu Fishers, Processors, and Traders*. Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Fish – Quick Start Final Presentations, November 10, 2020.
- 2020 **MR Read-Wahidi** & K Ragsdale. Invited Speaker. *Lessons Learned: Qualitative Assessments with Mississippi Delta Parents, Teens, Health Providers and Youth-Serving Organizations. Learn. Grow. Evolve*. Increasing Access for Mississippi Delta Teens: Focus4Teens Virtual Partnership Meeting, August 5, 2020.
- 2020 P Marinda, K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, R Kolbila, L Pincus & E Torell. Invited Presentation. *Fish4Zambia: Research to Close Fish Consumption and Nutrition Gaps in Zambia's Lake Bangweulu Region*. Nutrition-Sensitive Fish Agri-Food Systems Workshop, Lusaka, Zambia, February 24, 2020.
- 2020 K Ragsdale, & **MR Read-Wahidi**. Invited Speaker. *What's the (BIG) Win?! How SIL's Approach to Gender Equity Can IS IMPACTING Agricultural Development, Food Security, Productivity and Profits*. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab Researcher Retreat and Board Meeting. University of Illinois, February 18, 2020.
- 2019 K Ragsdale, P Marinda, **MR Read-Wahidi**, L Pincus, & E Torell. *Fish4Zambia: Research to Close Fish Consumption and Nutrition Gaps in Zambia*. Feed the Future Innovation Labs PI Meeting, Washington, DC, September 12, 2019.
- 2019 K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Can a Low-Cost Soybean Intervention Improve the Gender Gap in Productivity? Evidence from Smallholder Farmers in Northern Ghana*. Gender across the Innovation Labs Workshop, Washington, DC, June 6, 2019.
- 2019 K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Why Gender Equity Matters for Food Security in Rural Ghana and the World: Importance of Closing the Gender Gap in Agricultural Development*. Research & Technology Advisory Council Spring 2019 Meeting. Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, May 17, 2019.
- 2018 K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**. *'Life is not fair, but we can make it more fair': Assessing Gender Responsive Agricultural Development in the Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab*. International Development (CO 4253), Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Cultures, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, March 20, 2018.
- 2017 K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Gender Responsive Agricultural Development in the Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab*. USAID/External Review Team. September 29, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

- 2017 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, & A Reid. *'Life is not fair, but we can make it more fair': Assessing Gender Responsive Agricultural Development in the Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab*. USAID/Ghana Mission, American Embassy. September 5, Accra, Ghana.
- 2017 K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**, *'Life is Not Fair, But We Can Make It More Fair': Assessing Gender Responsive Agricultural Development in the Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab*. USAID TOPS Program/Food Security & Nutrition (FSN) Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting (KSDC17). July 19, Washington, DC.
- 2017 K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**, *Gender Empowerment in Agricultural Development: Soybean Innovation Lab*. USAID Joint Meeting of the Feed the Future Innovation Labs: Soybean Innovation Lab, Nutrition Innovation Lab & Post-Harvest Loss Innovation Lab. National Press Club. June 28, Washington, DC.
- 2016 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, A Gochanour, & A Reid. *Soybean Uptake in Rural Ghana: Ghana SUNS-Wave I Preliminary Results*. 3rd Annual Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab Researcher Retreat. December 12-14, 2016. Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS.
- 2016 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, A Reid, E Feher, Miller, N Burse, M Coleman, K Schlanger, T Mueller, & H Tevendale. *Focus4Teens YRI Results: Using Teen Focus Groups to Inform Pregnancy Prevention among Mississippi Delta Teens*. Breakout Session Panel. 2016 National Reproductive Health Conference, July 24-27, Chicago, IL.
- 2016 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, A Reid, E Feher, S Miller, N Burse, M Coleman, K Schlanger, T Mueller, & H Tevendale. *Family Planning in Action: Snapshots from the Field*. Invited Discussant, National Reproductive Health Conference, July 24-27, Chicago, IL.
- 2016 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, & A Reid. *WEAI+ Final Results: Gender Equity in Soybean Production in Rural Ghana*. USAID/Ghana Mission, American Embassy. Accra, Ghana.
- 2016 K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Assessing Gender Equity in Northern Ghana's Agric Sector*. USAID, Washington, DC.
- 2016 K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**. *What Numbers Tell Us (and Don't) About Men and Women Farmers in Rural Ghana*. Invited Breakout Session. USAID Technical and Operational Performance Support (TOPS) Program/Food Security & Nutrition (FSN) Network Knowledge Sharing Meeting, January 27-28, 2016. Washington, DC.
- 2015 K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Health, Wealth & Empowerment: Assessing Gender Equality in Northern Ghana's Agricultural Sector*. Savanna Agricultural Research Institute, Tamale, Ghana.
- 2015 K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Health, Wealth & Empowerment: Assessing Gender Equality in Northern Ghana's Agricultural Sector*. Catholic Relief Services-Tamale, Ghana.
- 2015 K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Health, Wealth & Empowerment: Assessing Gender Equality in Northern Ghana's Agricultural Sector*. University for Development Studies, Tamale, Ghana.
- 2015 K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Health, Wealth & Empowerment: Assessing Gender Equality in Northern Ghana's Agricultural Sector*. University of Ghana Business School, Accra, Ghana.
- 2015 K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Health, Wealth & Empowerment: Assessing Gender Equality in Northern Ghana's Agricultural Sector*. Catholic Relief Services-Accra, Ghana.

- 2015 K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Health, Wealth & Empowerment: Assessing Gender Equality in Northern Ghana's Agricultural Sector*. USAID/Ghana Mission- Accra, Ghana.
- 2014 **MR Read-Wahidi**. *A Model Devotee: Being a Guadalupan in Rural Mississippi*. Brown Bag Lunch Series, Department of Anthropology, Mississippi State University.

### Peer-reviewed Conference Presentations

- 2021 K Ragsdale, R Kolbila., P Marinda, **MR Read-Wahidi**, L Pincus, & E Torell. *Fish4Zambia Preliminary Results: Exploring Food Insecurity Among Men and Women in Zambia's Lake Bangweulu Region*. Accepted Oral Presentation. 81st Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, March 23-27. Norfolk, VA. [Converted to virtual meeting due to Covid-19 pandemic.]
- 2021 **MR Read-Wahidi**, K Ragsdale, T Wei, R Kolbila, L Ingouf, M Asigbee P Atiim, C Tamimie, & P Goldsmith. *Using the Household Hunger Scale to Explore Food Insecurity among Men and Women Smallholder Farmers in Rural Ghana*. Accepted Oral Presentation. 81st Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, March 23-27, Norfolk, VA. [Converted to virtual meeting due to Covid-19 pandemic.]
- 2021 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, M Zhou, K Clark, M Asigbee, C Tamimie, & P Goldsmith. *Can a low-cost soybean intervention improve the productivity gender gap in food insecure regions? Evidence from smallscale women farmers in Ghana*. Accepted Poster Presentation. 2021 Women and Gender in International Development Conference, February 23-26. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA. [Converted to virtual meeting due to Covid-19 pandemic.]
- 2021 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, P Marinda, L Pincus, E Torell, & R Kolbila. *Using the Household Hunger Scale to explore food insecurity among smallscale fishers, processors, and fish traders at Zambia's Lake Bangweulu*. Accepted Poster Presentation. 2021 Women and Gender in International Development Conference, February 23-26. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA. [Converted to virtual meeting due to Covid-19 pandemic.]
- 2020 K Ragsdale, P Marinda, **MR Read-Wahidi**, L Pincus, E Torell, & R Kolbila. *Fish4Zambia: Exploring food insecurity among fishing value chain actors at Lake Bangweulu*. Poster Presentation. Fourth International Conference on Global Food Security, December 7-9, Montpellier, France. [Converted to virtual meeting due to Covid-19 pandemic.]
- 2020 **MR Read-Wahidi**, K Ragsdale, M Asigbee, P Atiim, R Kolbila, C Tamimie, & P Goldsmith.. *Exploring household-level hunger among smallholder farmers in Ghana's Northern Region across three 'hunger seasons.'* Poster Presentation. Fourth International Conference on Global Food Security, December 7-9, Montpellier, France. [Converted to virtual meeting due to Covid-19 pandemic.]
- 2020 L Pincus, P Marinda, K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, E Torell. *Barriers to Fish Consumption in Zambia's Luapula Fishing Communities: Fish4Zambia Preliminary Results*. Accepted Poster Presentation. Fifth Annual Agriculture, Nutrition & Health (ANH) Academy Week, June 29-July 3, Lilongwe, Malawi. [Postponed due to Covid-19 pandemic.]
- 2020 L Ingouf, K Ragsdale, & **MR Read-Wahidi**, R Kolbila, P Marinda, L Pincus, & E Torell. *Fish4Zambia: Exploring Household-Level Hunger Among Men and Women Engaged in Fishing Activities at Zambia's*

- Lake Bangweulu. Accepted Poster Presentation.* 2020 MSU Undergraduate Research Symposium, Mississippi State University, MS, April 15, 2020. Community-Engagement Research Track. [Symposium cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic.]
- 2020 K Clark, J Appiagyei, E Martey, R Kolbila, P Aryee, K Ragsdale, & **MR Read-Wahidi**. Introduction of Multi-Crop Threshers Leads to Sustainability of Soybean Production for Smallholder Farmers. Accepted Oral Presentation. International Symposium on Soybean Development for Sustainable Agriculture in Africa, March 31-April 1, Cape Town, South Africa. [Postponed due to Covid-19 pandemic.]
- 2020 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, M Jinka., H Crenshaw, W French, M Coleman, & P Williams. *Stuff You Need to Know. For Real! Culturally Relevant Sexual and Reproductive Health Outreach for Teens in the Mississippi Delta.* Accepted Oral Presentation. 80th Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, March 19, Albuquerque, NM. [Meeting postponed due to Covid-19 pandemic.]
- 2020 K Ragsdale, R Kolbila., P Marinda, **MR Read-Wahidi**, L Pincus, & E Torell. *Fish4Zambia Preliminary Results: Exploring Food Insecurity Among Men and Women in Zambia's Lake Bangweulu Region.* Accepted Oral Presentation. 80th Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, March 18, Albuquerque, NM. [Meeting postponed due to Covid-19 pandemic.]
- 2020 **MR Read-Wahidi**, K Ragsdale, T Wei, R Kolbila, L Ingouf, M Asigbee P Atiim, C Tamimie, & P Goldsmith. *Using the Household Hunger Scale to Explore Food Insecurity among Men and Women Smallholder Farmers in Rural Ghana.* Accepted Oral Presentation. 80th Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, March 18, Albuquerque, NM. [Meeting postponed due to Covid-19 pandemic.]
- 2019 R Kolbila, K Ragsdale, P Marinda, **MR Read-Wahidi**, L Pincus, & E Torell. *Using Fish4Zambia Preliminary Results to Explore Food Insecurity among Men and Women in Zambia's Lake Bangweulu Region.* Oral Presentation. 2019 Mississippi State University Graduate Research Symposium, October 5, Mississippi State, MS. [Third Place Award].
- 2019 K Lower, K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, R Kolbila, & L Ingouf. *Exploring Household-Level Hunger among Smallholder Farmers in Northern Ghana across Three Large-Scale Surveys: Household Hunger Scale Results.* Poster Presentation. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mississippi Academy of Sciences Summer Student Science Symposium, July 11, Mississippi State, MS.
- 2019 L Ingouf, K Ragsdale, & **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Using the Household Hunger Scale to Explore 'Hunger Periods' among Farming Families in Rural Ghana: Results from Three Large-Scale Annual Surveys.* Poster Presentation. 2019 Spring Undergraduate Research Symposium, Mississippi State University, April 16, 2019. [First Place Award, Social Sciences Research].
- 2019 G Rico Méndez, K Ragsdale, K Lower, & **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Customary Land Tenure Systems and Gendered Land Rights in Ghana's Northern Region: Results from Phase II Gender Equity and Land Tenure Focus Groups.* Oral Presentation. World Bank 20<sup>th</sup> Land & Poverty Conference, Washington, DC, March 25-29, 2019.
- 2019 G Rico Méndez, **MR Read-Wahidi**, K Ragsdale. *Harnessing the Potential for Rural Youth-Inclusive Agri-Food Systems Livelihoods: A Landscape Analysis.* Oral Presentation. World Bank 20<sup>th</sup> Land & Poverty Conference, Washington, DC, March 25-29, 2019.

- 2019 K Lower, K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, G Rico Méndez, T Yarbrough, M Asigbee, P Atiim, & R Kolbila. (2019). *Exploring Gender and Women's Land Tenure: Focus Groups with Men and Women Farmers in Ghana's Northern Region*. Oral Presentation. 79<sup>th</sup> Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, March 19-23, 2019.
- 2019 G Rico Méndez, K Ragsdale, K Lower, & **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Customary Land Tenure Systems and Gendered Land Rights in Ghana's Northern Region: Results from Phase II Gender Equity and Land Tenure Focus Groups*. Accepted Oral Presentation. World Bank 20<sup>th</sup> Land & Poverty Conference, Washington, DC, March 25-29, 2019.
- 2019 G Rico Méndez, **MR Read-Wahidi**, & K Ragsdale. *Harnessing the Potential for Rural Youth-Inclusive Agri-Food Systems Livelihoods: A Landscape Analysis*. Oral Presentation. World Bank 20<sup>th</sup> Land & Poverty Conference, Washington, DC, March 25-29, 2019.
- 2019 K Lower, K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, G Rico Méndez, T Yarbrough, M Asigbee, & P Atiim, R Kolbila. *Exploring Gender and Women's Land Tenure: Focus Groups with Men and Women Farmers in Ghana's Northern Region*. Oral Presentation. 79<sup>th</sup> Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, March 19-23, 2019.
- 2018 S Miller, K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, K Lower, T Yarbrough, E Feher, P Williams, T Mueller, H Tevendale, A Brittain, & E Koumans. *Revitalizing Title X in Mississippi: Partnership Building with Focus4Teens, Mississippi State Department of Health, and Aaron E. Henry Community Health Center*. Oral Presentation. 2018 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, November 10-14, San Diego, CA.
- 2018 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, M Asigbee, P Atiim, R Kolbila, K Lower, & T Yarbrough. *Exploring Household-Level Hunger among Smallholder Farmers in Rural Ghana: Comparing Household Hunger Scale Results across Two Large-Scale Surveys*. Oral Presentation. 2018 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, November 10-14, San Diego, CA.
- 2018 **MR Read-Wahidi**, K Ragsdale, K Lower, T Yarbrough, E Feher, H Crenshaw, S Miller, M Coleman, P Williams, T Mueller, H Tevendale, A Brittain, & E Koumans. *The Teen Health MS and CDC Focus4Teens Initiative to Reduce Pregnancy among Mississippi Delta Teens: Results from YRI Youth Focus Groups*. Oral Presentation. 2018 Delta Directions Regional Forum, Clarksdale, MS, July 18-19, 2018.
- 2018 L Herring, K Ragsdale, & **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Exploring Food Insecurity Congruence among Husband-Wife Dyads Using the Household Hunger Scale: Occasional, Moderate, and Severe Hunger among Small-scale Men and Women Farmers in Rural Ghana*. Poster Presentation. Spring 2018 Undergraduate Research Symposium, Mississippi State University, April 13.
- 2018 T Yarbrough, K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, K Lower, E Feher, S Miller, & MS Hines. *Perspectives from Parents in the Mississippi Delta: How Parents Engage Teens in Sexual and Reproductive Health Communication*. Poster Presentation. Spring 2018 Undergraduate Research Symposium, Mississippi State University, April 13, 2018.
- 2018 K Lower, K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, & T Yarbrough. *CDC Focus4Teens Initiative: Focus Groups with Mississippi Delta Youth Assess Barriers to Sexual & Reproductive Health Services*. Oral

- Presentation. 2018 MSU Graduate Research Symposium, Mississippi State University, MS, February 17, 2018.
- 2018 G Rico Mendez, K Ragsdale, & **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Exploring Gender-Biased Customary Land Tenure Systems in Ghana: Results from Focus Groups with Men and Women Farmers in the Northern Region*. Oral Presentation. World Bank 19th Annual Conference on Land & Poverty, March 19-23, Washington DC.
- 2017 **MR Read-Wahidi**, K Ragsdale, A Gochanour, A Reid, E Feher, S Miller, N Burse, M Coleman, D Middleton, T Mueller, & H Tevendale. *Do Parents Feel Comfortable Talking to Their Children about Sexual and Reproductive Health? Perspectives from Parents in the Mississippi Delta*. Poster Presentation. 2017 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, November 4-8, Atlanta, GA.
- 2017 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, A Reid, E Feher, S Miller, N Burse, M Coleman, D Middleton, T Mueller, & H Tevendale. *MS First and CDC Focus4Teens Initiative: YRI Youth Focus Groups Reveal Entry Points to Reduce Teen Pregnancy in the Mississippi Delta*. Oral Presentation. 2017 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, November 4-8, Atlanta, GA.
- 2017 K Ragsdale K, **MR Read-Wahidi**, T Wei, A Reid, & A Gochanour. *Occasional, Moderate, and Severe Hunger among Small-scale Men and Women Farmers in Rural Ghana: Exploring Food Insecurity Congruence among Husband-Wife Dyads Using the Household Hunger Scale*. Oral Presentation. 2017 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, November 4-8, Atlanta, GA.
- 2017 D Middleton, K Ragsdale, AS Tetteh, **MR Read-Wahidi**, E Feher, S Miller, N Burse, M Coleman, H Crenshaw, C Cox, A Reid, T Mueller, & H Tevendale. *Through Their Eyes: Process Mapping with Teens and Healthcare Staff as a Promising Approach to Enhancing Youth-Friendly Sexual and Reproductive Health Care*. Oral Presentation. 2017 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, November 4-8, Atlanta, GA.
- 2017 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, A Reid, E Feher, S Miller, M Coleman, & K Swiderski. *The Focus4Teens Initiative: Developing Theory-Driven YRI Needs Assessment Tools for Teen Pregnancy Prevention in the Mississippi Delta*. Poster Presentation. 2017 Mississippi State University Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium. July 28, Mississippi State University.
- 2017 D Byrne, V Bauza, A Lardizabal, J Trimmer, K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, A Reid, & JS Guest. *Elucidating links between agricultural intensification and exposure to chemical and biological contamination in rural villages of Northern Ghana*. Poster Presentation. 23rd Annual Environmental Engineering & Science Symposium, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. April 14, Urbana, IL.
- 2016 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, A Reid, E Feher, S Miller, N Burse, M Coleman, K Schlanger, T Mueller & H Tevendale. *Focus4Teens YRI Results: Using Teen Focus Groups to Inform Pregnancy Prevention among Mississippi Delta Teens*. Poster Presentation. National Reproductive Health Conference, July 24-27, Chicago, IL.
- 2016 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, SK Harper, & A Reid. (2016). *Can Mobile-Responsive Resources Help Optimize Infant Feeding Outcomes Among Rural Minority Teen Mothers? Results from the eBaby Phase II Survey*. Oral Presentation. 144<sup>th</sup> American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, October 29-November 2, 2016.

- 2015 **MR Read-Wahidi.** *Continuity and Change in Guadalupan Devotion.* Oral Presentation. Society for Applied Anthropology, 75th Annual Meeting, Pittsburg, PA.
- 2013 **MR Read-Wahidi.** *Poor and Living in a Foreign Land: Mexican Immigrants Coping with Life in Mississippi.* Oral Presentation. American Anthropological Association, 112th Annual Meeting. Chicago IL.
- 2012 **MR Read.** *Resilience in Rural Mississippi.* Oral Presentation. Society for Applied Anthropology, 72nd Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- 2011 K Ragsdale, F Baker, **MR Read** & J Husain. *Health Center Staff on the 'Frontline' of Secondary HIV Prevention: Using PAR to Normalize Rapid HIV Testing for Clients in Substance Abuse Treatment in the Mississippi Delta.* Oral Presentation. Society for Applied Anthropology 71st Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- 2011 K Ragsdale, A Robertson, C Baird-Thomas, **MR Read-Wahidi**, J Husain, K Taite, & B Kasu. (2011). *Engaging Frontline Substance Abuse Treatment Center Staff in Integrating Rapid HIV Testing (RHT) into Rural Non-Medical Setting in the Mississippi Delta.* Poster Presentation. 139<sup>th</sup> American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 6-10, 2011.
- 2011 K Ragsdale, A Robertson, C Baird-Thomas, **MR Read-Wahidi**, J Husain, K Taite, & B Kasu. (2011). *Engaging Frontline Substance Abuse Treatment Center Staff in Integrating Rapid HIV Testing (RHT) into Rural Non-Medical Setting in the Mississippi Delta.* Poster Presentation. 139<sup>th</sup> American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 6-10, 2011.
- 2010 **MR Read.** *The Virgin of Guadalupe Comes to Mississippi: Results from a Study of Social Stress among Hispanic Immigrants to the Rural South.* Oral Presentation. Society for Applied Anthropology, 70th Annual Meeting, Merida, Mexico.
- 2010 K Ragsdale, **MR Read**, K Mason & J St Lawrence. *Is Spring Break Really that Risky?: Comparison of High Risk Drinking and Sexual Risk Behaviors among College Women at Two Reporting Intervals.* Oral Presentation. Society for Applied Anthropology, 70th Annual Meeting, Mérida, Mexico.
- 2009 **MR Read.** *Hispanic Migrants in Rural Mississippi: A Community-Based Needs Assessment.* Oral Presentation. Society for Applied Anthropology, 69th Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM.
- 2009 K Ragsdale & **MR Read.** *Conducting Rapid Assessments in High Risk Venues: Pilot Research among Tourist Women on Spring Break.* Poster Presentation. Society for Medical Anthropology Conference, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- 2009 K Ragsdale, A White, & **MR Read.** *High Risk Drinking among U.S. College Women: Preliminary Results from the Spring Break 2008 Survey.* Oral presentation, Society for Applied Anthropology, 69th Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM.
- 2008 **MR Read.** *Contested Spaces and Transnational Migration: Latin Americans Celebrate the Feast Day of the Virgin of Guadalupe in the Rural South.* Oral Presentation. American Anthropology Association, 107th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- 2008 **MR Read.** *¡Viva Guadalupe!: Latino Migrants in Mississippi.* Poster Presentation. Gender Studies Research Forum, Mississippi State University.

- 2008 **MR Read.** *The Virgin of Guadalupe and Latino/as in Rural Mississippi*. Oral Presentation. Society for Applied Anthropology, 68th Annual Meeting, Memphis, TN.

### **TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED / FACILITATED**

- 2019 K Ragsdale, L Pincus, **MR Read-Wahidi**, P Marinda, E Torell, & T Mulilo. *Fish4Zambia WEFI: Training Workshop for Enumerators: Closing Fish Consumption and Nutrition Gaps in Zambia*. USAID Feed the Future Fish Innovation Lab, Samfya, Zambia, July 18, 2019. (Full-day training workshop for Zambian Department of Fisheries Field Agents).
- 2019 K Ragsdale, G Rico Méndez, **MR Read-Wahidi**, & M Asigbee. *Why Gender and Land Matter in Rural Ghana and the World: Importance of Closing the Gender Gap in Agricultural Development*. USAID Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab, May 2, 2019.
- 2018 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, M Asigbee, P Atiim, R Kolbila, K Lower, & T Yarbrough. *Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab: Ghana Soybean Uptake & Network Survey (SUNS)-Wave II: Enumerator Training Workshop II for Tolon and Karaga Districts*. USAID Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab, Tamale, Ghana, July 10-11, 2018.
- 2018 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, M Asigbee, P Atiim, R Kolbila, K Lower, & T Yarbrough. *Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab: Ghana Soybean Uptake & Network Survey (SUNS)-Wave II: Enumerator Training Workshop II for Saboba and Chereponi Districts*. USAID Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab, Yendi, Ghana, July 5-6, 2018.
- 2018 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Focus Groups 101: Brief Guide to Conducting Focus Groups in Village Settings*. Webinar. USAID Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab, May 9, 2018. (Registrants: 160; Attendees: 73).
- 2017 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, G Rico Méndez, M Asigbee, P Atiim, & R Kolbila. *Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab: WEAI+ Wave II: Ghana Enumerator Training Workshop II for Tolon and Karaga Districts*. USAID Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab, Tamale, Ghana, August 29-30, 2017.
- 2017 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, G Rico Méndez, M Asigbee, P Atiim, & R Kolbila. *Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab: WEAI+ Wave II: Ghana Enumerator Training Workshop I for Saboba and Chereponi Districts*. USAID Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab, Yendi, Ghana, August 24-25, 2017.
- 2016 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, & A Reid. *Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab: Ghana Soybean Uptake & Network Survey (SUNS)-Wave I: Enumerator Training Workshop II for Tolon and Karaga Districts*. USAID Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab, Tamale, Ghana, June 27-28, 2016.
- 2016 K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, & A Reid. *Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab: Ghana Soybean Uptake & Network Survey (SUNS)-Wave I: Enumerator Training Workshop I for Saboba and Chereponi Districts*. USAID Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab, Yendi, Ghana, June 20-22, 2016.



- 2011 K Ragsdale & **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Society for Medical Anthropology & National Association for the Practice of Anthropology Mentoring Program Series: Making the Short-list & Landing the Job*. Society for Medical Anthropology and National Association for the Practice of Anthropology. 2011 American Anthropological Association, Montréal, Canada, November 16-20, 2011.

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

- 2018-current **Instructor**, *Religion in Popular Culture*, on-line course, Department of Religious Studies, University of Alabama.
- 2013-current **Instructor**, *Introduction to the Study of Religion*, on-line course, Department of Religious Studies, University of Alabama.
- 2017- current **Instructor**, *Religion in the Media*, on-line course, Department of Religious Studies, University of Alabama.
- 2014 **Teaching Assistant**, *Introduction to the Study of Religion*, Department of Religious Studies, The University of Alabama.
- 2013 **Teaching Assistant**, *Religions of the World*, Department of Religious Studies, The University of Alabama.
- 2012 **Teaching Assistant**, *Introduction to the Study of Religion*, Department of Religious Studies, The University of Alabama.
- 2010-11 **Teaching Assistant**, *Introduction to Biological Anthropology*, Department of Anthropology, The University of Alabama.
- 2009-10 **Teaching Assistant**, *Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*, Department of Anthropology, The University of Alabama.
- 2008-09 **Instructor**, *Introduction to Anthropology*, Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Culture, Mississippi State University.
- 2008-09 **Instructor**, *Introduction to Cultural Anthropology*, Department of Anthropology and Middle Eastern Culture, Mississippi State University.
- 2008 **Teaching Assistant**, *Ethnographic Methods*, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, Mississippi State University.
- 2005 **Instructor**, *Contemporary Women*, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, Mississippi State University Meridian Campus.
- 2005 **Instructor**, *Societies of the World*, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, Mississippi State University.

### **GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEES**

- Current PhD. Committee Member, R, Kolbila. Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University.
- 2017-19 M.A. Committee Member, S. Miller. Department of Religious Studies, The University of Alabama.

**AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

- 2020 First Place Award - Lantern Award, Gender Impacts Lab [Website]. Southern Public Relations Federation. <https://genderimpactslab.ssrc.msstate.edu/>
- 2020 PRism Award of Excellence, Gender Impacts Lab [Website]. Public Relations Association of Mississippi. <https://genderimpactslab.ssrc.msstate.edu/>
- 2019 Third Place Award – R Kolbila, K Ragsdale, P Marinda, **MR Read-Wahidi**, L Pincus, & E Torell. *Using Fish4Zambia Preliminary Results to Explore Food Insecurity among Men and Women in Zambia’s Lake Bangweulu Region*. Oral Presentation. 2019 Mississippi State University Graduate Research Symposium, October 5, Mississippi State, MS.
- 2019 First Place Award, Social Sciences Research – L Ingouf, K Ragsdale, & **MR Read-Wahidi**. *Using the Household Hunger Scale to Explore ‘Hunger Periods’ among Farming Families in Rural Ghana: Results from Three Large-Scale Annual Surveys*. Poster Presentation. 2019 Spring Undergraduate Research Symposium, Mississippi State University, April 16, 2019.
- 2018 First Place Award, Social Sciences Research – K Lower, K Ragsdale, **MR Read-Wahidi**, & T Yarbrough. *CDC Focus4Teens Initiative: Focus Groups with Mississippi Delta Youth Assess Barriers to Sexual & Reproductive Health Services*. Oral Presentation. 2018 MSU Graduate Research Symposium, Mississippi State University, MS, February 17, 2018.

**RESEARCH INSTRUMENTS | DEVELOPED & ADAPTED****Gender Impacts Research, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Fish (Fish Innovation Lab)**

- 2021 Post-harvest loss Assessment (PHLA) for Smallscale Fishers, Fish Processors, and Fish Sellers, adapted from the QLAM (In Development)
- 2021 FishFirst! Zambia - Minimum Dietary Diversity for Women of Reproductive Age (WRA; 15-49 years) (MDD-WRA) Questionnaire, adapted from FAO & FHI 360, 2016
- 2021 FishFirst! Zambia - Minimum Dietary Diversity-Infant & Young Children (MDD-IYC), adapted from USAID et al, 2010
- 2020 FishFirst! Zambia Women's Empowerment in Fisheries Index (WEFI-FFZ), adapted from Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI)
- 2020 Gender Responsive Aquaculture/Fisheries Development Assessment for project PI-s and project leads (GRADA-FIL)
- 2019 Fish4Zambia Women's Empowerment in Fisheries Index (WEFI-F4Z), adapted from Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI)
- 2019 Fish4Zambia - Focus Group Discussion Guide for Men and Women Ages 30+ Years
- 2019 Fish4Zambia - Focus Group Discussion Guide for Youth Ages 18-29 Years
- 2019 Fish4Zambia - Key Informant Interview Guide for Ministry of Health and/or NGO Senior Personnel Serving Samfya District and/or Luapula Province
- 2019 Fish4Zambia - Key Informant Interview Guide for Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock Senior Personnel Serving Samfya District and/or Luapula Province

**Gender Impacts Research, Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab (SIL)**

- 2019 Women's Thresher Project Evaluation - Key Informant Interview Guide for Female Leaders of Women's Thresher Groups
- 2019 Women's Thresher Project Evaluation - Key Informant Interview Guide for Thresher Operators
- 2019 Women's Thresher Project Evaluation - Focus Group Discussion Guide for Female Members of Women's Group of Women's Thresher Groups
- 2018 Soybean Uptake & Network Survey-Wave II (SUNS-II)
- 2018 Gender Equity and Land Tenure Focus Group Discussion Guide, Wave II (GELT-Wave II)
- 2018 Gender Responsive Agricultural Development Assessment for Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab Researchers & Implementing Partners, Wave II (GRADA-SIL Wave II)
- 2017 Gender Responsive Agricultural Development Assessment for Extension Agents & Field Staff (GRADA-EA)
- 2017 Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index + Soybean Modules, Wave II (WEAI+ Wave II)
- 2017 Gender Equity and Land Tenure Focus Group Discussion Guide-Wave I (GELT-I)
- 2016 Soybean Uptake & Network Survey-Wave I (SUNS-I)
- 2016 Information & Communication for Agricultural Development Focus Group Discussion Guide for Soybean Farmers in Ghana (ICT4AgD)
- 2016 Gender Responsive Agricultural Development Assessment for Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab Researchers & Implementing Partners, Wave I (GRADA-SIL Wave I)
- 2015 Soybean Innovation Lab - Soybean Success Kit Focus Group Discussion

**Focus4Teens Evaluation**, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Mississippi First/Teen Health Mississippi

- 2019 All-Grantee In-Depth Interview Guide – Parents of Teens
- 2019 All-Grantee In-Depth Interview Guide for ‘Served’ Teens: Received Served Sexual and Reproductive Health Services
- 2019 All-Grantee In-Depth Interview Guide – for ‘Non-Served’ Teens: Not Received Served Sexual and Reproductive Health Services
- 2018 Focus4Teens YR3: Parent/Caregiver Focus Group Discussion Guide
- 2018 Focus4Teens YR3: Parent/Caregiver Focus Group Debriefing Form
- 2018 Focus4Teens YR3: Parent/Caregiver Survey
- 2018 Focus4Teens YR3: Youth Focus Group Discussion Guide
- 2018 Focus4Teens YR3: Youth Focus Group Debriefing Form
- 2018 Focus4Teens YR3: Youth Survey
- 2018 Focus4Teens YR3: Aaron E. Henry Health Center – Administrator In-Depth Interview Guide
- 2018 Focus4Teens YR3: Youth-Serving Organization – Administrator In-Depth Interview Guide
- 2018 Focus4Teens YR3: School – Administrator In-Depth Interview Guide
- 2018 Focus4Teens YR3: Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) – Administrator In-Depth Interview Guide
- 2017 Focus4Teens YR2: Youth Exit Survey
- 2017 Focus4Teens YR2: Aaron E. Henry Health Center – Staff In-Depth Interview Guide
- 2017 Focus4Teens YR2: Youth-Serving Organization – Staff In-Depth Interview Guide
- 2016 Focus4Teens YR1 Needs Assessment: Youth Focus Group Discussion Guide
- 2016 Focus4Teens YR1 Needs Assessment: Youth Focus Group Debriefing Form
- 2016 Focus4Teens YR1 Needs Assessment: Youth Demographics Form
- 2016 Focus4Teens YR1 Needs Assessment: Youth Satisfaction Survey
- 2016 Focus4Teens YR1 Needs Assessment: Parent/Caregiver In-depth Interview Guide
- 2016 Focus4Teens YR1 Needs Assessment: Parent/Caregiver Survey
- 2016 Focus4Teens YR1 Needs Assessment: In-Depth Interview Guide for Health Care Providers

2016 Focus4Teens YR1 Needs Assessment: In-Depth Interview Guide for Youth-Serving Organizations

### **PROGRAM EVALUATION**

- 2021 Evaluation, Teen Health Mississippi, *Mind Elevation*.
- 2020-2021 Evaluation, Teen Health Mississippi, *Choose Your Method Evaluation*.
- 2020-2021 Internal Assessment, USAID Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Fish. *Gender Responsive Aquaculture/Fisheries Development Assessment (GRADA-FIL)*.
- 2019-2020 Evaluation, USAID, Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab, *Women's Thresher Project Evaluation: Benefits and Challenges of Women-Led Thresher Micro-Enterprises in Ghana*.
- 2017-2020 Internal Assessment, USAID Feed the Future Soybean Innovation Lab. *Gender Responsive Agricultural Development Assessment (GRADA-SIL Wave I & Wave II)*.
- 2016-2020 Evaluation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Mississippi First / Teen Health Mississippi, *Focus4Teens Evaluation-Years 1-5*.

### **SERVICE**

**Journal Reviewer**, Journal of Rural Development, 2020.

**Program Reviewer**, American Public Health Association, Public Health Education and Health Promotion, 2020 Annual Meeting & Expo.

**Host**, Visiting International Scholar, Steven Cole, Senior Scientist and Gender Specialist, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, for the Fish Innovation Lab and the Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University, February 2020.

**Program Reviewer**, American Public Health Association, Public Health Education and Health Promotion, 2019 Annual Meeting & Expo.

**Program Reviewer**, American Public Health Association, Caucus on Refugee and Immigrant Health, 2018 Annual Meeting & Expo.

**Program Reviewer**, American Public Health Association, Public Health Education and Health Promotion, 2018 Annual Meeting & Expo.

**Program Reviewer**, American Public Health Association, PHEHP Student Award Contest, 2018 Annual Meeting & Expo.

**Journal Reviewer**, Medical Anthropology Quarterly

**Executive Board Member**, 2010-2013 Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA)

**Chair**, 2010-2013 Medical Anthropology Student Association (MASA)

**Committee Chair**, 2013 MASA Dissertation Award

**Committee Chair**, 2013 MASA Graduate Student Mentor Award

**Committee Chair**, 2012 MASA Graduate Student Mentor Award

**Committee Chair**, 2011 MASA Graduate Student Mentor Award

**Committee Co-chair**, 2013 SMA Program Committee, American Anthropological Association (AAA)

**Committee Co-chair**, 2013, SMA Student Travel Fellowship, AAA Chicago Meeting

**Committee Co-chair**, 2013, SMA Student Travel Fellowship, SMA/EASA Spain Meeting

**Committee Member**, 2014 SMA Career Award

**Committee Member**, 2013 SMA Future of Publishing

**Committee Member**, 2010 MASA Graduate Student Mentor Award Selection

**Committee Member**, 2008 MASA Graduate Student Mentor Award Selection

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