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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My current focus is on research that improves access to high-quality abortion services, and public health and pregnancy. My interdisciplinary training leads me to use a range of different research methods to achieve our aims- from service evaluations of our clinical service, to qualitative research with service users.

EDUCATION

MPH, Master's in Public Health (Global Health Stream)	2017 - 2018
Imperial College London	
BA Hons, Social Anthropology	2010 - 2013
University of Cambridge	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

ACTIVE PROJECTS

- **The WRISK Project:** Co-investigator, funded by the Wellcome Trust, www.wrisk.org
- **Women's perspectives on the quality of abortion care in Britain:** Co-investigator, funded by BPAS
- **Family planning during the COVID-19 Pandemic:** Co-PI, funded by BPAS and the University of Illinois, Chicago
- **Women's experiences of ultrasound scanning in abortion care:** Co-investigator, funded by the European Society for Contraception

PAST PROJECTS

- **Examining the quality of early abortion services provided in low- and middle-income country primary care clinics and extending its application in the UK context – a systematic review and narrative synthesis:** Supervisor, MPH student thesis
- **MPH Thesis:** "Prevalence of and factors associated with repeat adolescent childbearing in Ethiopia: an analysis of the 2016 Demographic and Health Survey"
- **Undergraduate Dissertation:** "Gaps, Connections and Local Idioms in NGO Interventions in Udaipur District, South Rajasthan"

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- **British Pregnancy Advisory Service**
 - Research and Engagement Lead Jan 2020 – present
 - Research and Engagement Officer Oct 2018 – present

- **Imperial College London**
 - Graduate Teaching Assistant Sept 2018 – Oct 2018
 - MPH Student Sept 2017 – Sept 2018
 - Institute Manager, Institute for Molecular Science & Engineering Nov 2016 – Oct 2017
 - Management Trainee Aug 2015 – Nov 2016

- **Clare College, University of Cambridge**
 - Schools Liaison Coordinator Sept 2013 – Aug 2015

AWARDS AND FUNDING

- European Society for Contraception (Co-investigator): €6,000
- School of Public Health Academic Scholarship, Imperial College London: £10,000
- Lady Clare Alumni Fund to support MPH study: £2,000
- Lady Clare Travel Grant to support UG dissertation research: £1,000
- CURE Research Grant to support UG dissertation research: £500

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Graduate Teaching Assistant:** Global MPH (Epidemiology course), Imperial College London
- **Supervisor:** Master's in Public Health, Imperial College London

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

- **Royal College of Midwives Research Conference:** March 2020 (poster)
- **Generations Network Conference:** April 2020 (oral presentation)
- **RCOG World Congress:** postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic (accepted for oral presentation)
- **British Society of Abortion Providers (BSACP) Annual Scientific Meeting:** October 2020 (poster)
- **UCL Qualitative Health Research Network Conference:** March 2021 (accepted for oral presentation)

PUBLICATIONS

- Zhou, J., **Blaylock, R.** & Harris, M. Systematic review of early abortion services in low- and middle-income country primary care: potential for reverse innovation and application in the UK context. *Global Health* **16**, 91 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12992-020-00613-z>

- [preprint] Meurice, M., Whitehouse, K., **Blaylock, R.**, et al. Client satisfaction and experience of home use of mifepristone and misoprostol for medical abortion up to 10 weeks' gestation at British Pregnancy Advisory Service: a cross-sectional evaluation. *Authorea*. December 02, 2020. DOI: 10.22541/au.160691768.87050587/v1
 - Sanders, J., **Blaylock, R.** Users' experiences of COVID-19 maternity service changes. The WRISK Project. December 2020. DOI: [10.13140/RG.2.2.25698.96966](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.25698.96966). https://wrisk.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/WRISK-COVID-Report_Dec20_V2.pdf
 - *Several publications on abortion and maternity care forthcoming*
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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, ADVOCACY, AND COMMUNICATION

- Embedded within the External Affairs team at BPAS and have worked on several successful high-profile campaigns, including the campaign to permit telemedical abortion services during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Extensive experience of facilitating public engagement, public involvement, and project advisory groups.
- Member of the EPOCH Study Advisory Board (<https://epoch.blogs.bristol.ac.uk/>)
- Member of project advisory group for an NIHR-funded doctoral research project on contraception.
- External member of CORTH, University of Sussex
- Manage WRISK project social media accounts and blogs (www.wrisk.org; @WRISK_project)
- I regularly write blogs and editorials. Here are two examples:
 - [Communicating health risks: whose responsibility is it?](#)
 - [COVID-19 may have changed abortion care access for the better. Help us keep it that way.](#)