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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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NAME: Konda, Kelika

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POSITION TITLE: Assistant Professor, UCLA

EDUCATION/TRAINING (Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable. Add/delete rows as necessary.)

| INSTITUTION AND LOCATION | DEGREE(if applicable) | Completion DateMM/YYYY | FIELD OF STUDY |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Barnard College, Columbia University | BA | 05/2000 | Environmental Science |
| Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health | MHS | 05/2005 | Social and Behavioral Interventions in International Health |
| Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health | PhD | 05 /2010 | Infectious Disease Epidemiology |
| School of Medicine, University of California, Los Angeles | Post-Doc | 07/2013 | Global Health |

# Personal Statement

I am an Assistant Professor at the University of California at Los Angeles. I have extensive experience in HIV and STI epidemiologic research, with background in social and behavioral interventions, HIV/STI research, epidemiology, and biostatistics. As a trained epidemiologist and experienced HIV/STI prevention researcher, I have worked on HIV/STI prevention intervention studies with MSM and transgender women in Latin America for the past 14 years. My work in this field has led to multiple scientific publications and a better understanding of the epidemiology of HIV and STIs among this population. My master’s degree in Social and Behavioral Interventions in International Health has been key in my ability to work on the development of interventions to address HIV prevention for MSM and TW. This proposal will capitalize on my past experience to now work toward improving linkage to and engagement in HIV care among people living with HIV. As the study PI, I will oversee the implementation of all of the data collection and analysis. I will also work with Dr. Lescano to interpret results and work toward improving engagement in care and the care of co-infections at the Regional Hospital in Iquitos and use the results to inform care elsewhere. I will oversee protocol development and the project implementation to assure scientific integrity and data quality for this study. My training in social and behavioral interventions, epidemiology and past work in the design and implementation of formative research, process evaluation, and epidemiologic studies will help with the proposed research. As a doctoral student at Johns Hopkins, a Post-Doctoral Fellow and now as an Assistant Professor at UPCH, I have extensive experience with survey design, intervention development, sampling and recruitment methods, the implementation of HIV/STI prevention interventions with MSM and transgender women in Latin America and conducted substantial data analysis on these topics. I will use my past experience to inform the proposed research.

**B. Positions and Honors**

**Positions**

2001 – 2003 Peace Corps Volunteer, Dominican Republic

2004 – 2008 Research Associate, UCLA, School of Medicine

2007 – 2008 Research Associate, Johns Hopkins, School of Public Health

2013 – Present Assistant Professor, Program in Global Health, David Geffen School of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, University of California, Los Angeles

# Academic and Professional Honors and Awards

2006 – 2008 Mary B. Meyer Memorial Fund, stipend and tuition for doctoral program. Johns Hopkins School of Public Health

2008 – 2010 Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, stipend and tuition to complete doctoral program. National Institute of Mental Health, grant 1F31MH084765-01.

 2010 - 2013 Postdoctoral Fellowship through NIH NIMH grant T32MH080634-03, Program in Global Health, David Geffen School of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, University of California, Los Angeles.

**C. Contribution to Science**

1. **Epidemiology of HIV among MSM and Transgender women in Peru**

**My work on the epidemiology of HIV in Peru has led to our in-depth understanding of the distribution of these infections by a variety of socio-demographics and sexual risk behaviors among MSM and Transgender Women.**

* 1. Chow JY, **Konda KA,** Borquez A, Caballero P, Silva-Santisteban A, Klausner JD, et al. Peru's HIV care continuum among men who have sex with men and transgender women: opportunities to optimize treatment and prevention. Int J STD AIDS. 2016. PMID 27099168. NIHMS ID: NIHMS789407. PMCID in process.
	2. Castillo R, **Konda KA,** Leon SR, Silva-Santisteban A, Salazar X, Klausner JD, et al. HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infection Incidence and Associated Risk Factors Among High-Risk MSM and Male-to-Female Transgender Women in Lima, Peru. J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr. 2015;69(5):567-75. PMCID: PMC4501868.
1. **The difficulties surrounding HIV testing and HIV status communication for MSM and Transgender women in Peru.**
2. **Konda KA, Castillo R, Leon SR, Silva-Santisteban A, Salazar X, Klausner JD, et al. HIV Status Communication with Sex Partners and Associated Factors Among High-Risk MSM and Transgender Women in Lima, Peru. AIDS Behav. 2016. PMCID in process. NIHMS ID: NIHMS793246.**
3. **Herrera MC, Konda KA, Leon SR, Deiss R, Brown B, Calvo GM, et al. Impact of alcohol use on sexual behavior among men who have sex with men and transgender women in Lima, Peru. Drug and alcohol dependence. 2016;161:147-54. PMCID: PMC4807690.**
4. **Bustamante MJ, Konda KA, Joseph Davey D, Leon SR, Calvo GM, Salvatierra J, et al. HIV self-testing in Peru: questionable availability, high acceptability but potential low linkage to care among men who have sex with men and transgender women. Int J STD AIDS. 2016. PMCID in process. NIHMS ID: NIHMS785764.**
5. **Brown SE, Vagenas P, Konda KA, Clark JL, Lama JR, Gonzales P, et al. Men Who Have Sex With Men in Peru: Acceptability of Medication-Assisted Therapy for Treating Alcohol Use Disorders. American journal of men's health. 2015. PMCID: PMC4573823.**
6. **Evidence for combination HIV prevention interventions**

**Our work with MSM has highlighted the need for combination HIV prevention approaches that address prevention across the cascade of care. This included the development of a combination HIV intervention for MSM and TW.**

* 1. **Maiorana A, Salazar X, Konda K, Silva-Santiesteban A, Cáceres C, Kegeles S. "‘Proyecto Orgullo’, an HIV Prevention, Empowerment and Community Mobilization Intervention for Gay Men and Transgender Women in Callao/Lima, Peru". Global Public Health. 2016. PMCID in process. NIHMS ID: NIHMS789407.**

**Complete List of Published Work in MyBibliography (over 50 peer reviewed publications):** <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/myncbi/kelika.konda.1/bibliography/48332866/public/?sort=date&direction=ascending>.

**D. Research Support**

Ongoing Research Support

K01 MH098698 (PI) Konda (PI) 07/01/2013 – 6/30/2018

NIH/NIMH 9 calendar months

Title: *Relating Sexual Partnerships of Men Who Have Sex with Men with HIV Prevention*

Goals: This grant supports mixed methods research on sexual relationships between gay men in Lima, Peru and how relationships affect HIV prevention.

R01MH109401 (Co-I) Kegeles (PI) 02/01/2016-01/31/2021

NIH/NIMH 2.4 calendar months\*

Title: Combination HIV Prevention, Linking Prevention and Care, for Hispanic Men

Goals: This grant aims to test a combination HIV prevention intervention for men across the HIV prevention and care cascade.

\* Effort until 6/30/2018 is considered as part of the 9 calendar months dedicated to the K01, from 7/1/2018 onwards 2.4 calendar months.

Completed Research Support

NIH Fogarty (Trainee) 07/01/2013 – 12/31/2014

University of California Global Health Institute (UCGHI) GloCal Health Fellowship

Goals: This grant supports research on adapting couples voluntary counseling and testing for MSM in Peru.

T32 MH080634 (Trainee) 07/01/2010 – 06/30/2013

NIMH

*Postdoctoral Training in Global Aids Prevention Research*

Goals: This grant is a Post-Doctoral Training support for continuing research on HIV prevention among men who have sex with men in Peru.

R34 MH086330 (Post-Doctoral Fellow) 11/01/2010 - 06/30/2013

NIMH

*The Development of a Multilevel HIV Prevention Intervention for Latin American Men*

Goals: The goal of this research is to develop and test the feasibility and acceptability of an HIV prevention intervention that will be relevant to Peruvian gay men and transwomen.

NIH/NIAID. 1R01AI099727 (unfunded Co-I) Caceres (PI) 07/1/2012 - 06/1/2017

Title: Syphilis: Translating technology to understand a neglected epidemic

Goal: Increase research capacity in Lima, Peru, through studying syphilis in high-risk men

UCLA CFAR (PI) Konda (PI) 04/1/2015 – 10/31/2017

Title: *Alternative Venues for HIV Testing with MSM and TW in Lima, Peru*

Goals: This grant supports mixed methods research on rapid HIV testing in alternative venues frequented by MSM and trans women in Lima, Peru.