**Gashaye Melaku Tefera, PhD, MSW, MA**

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| **CORE COMPETENCIES** |
| Social work research with a focus on underserved populations (women, immigrants, refugees, indigenous people, and older adults). Research on healthcare access and disparities in disadvantaged communities. Research on decolonization, indigenization, and culturally relevant practice. Teaching social work courses and mentoring students. Program development, coordination, and evaluation. International social work: academic experiences and perspectives connecting three continents (Africa, Europe, and North America). |
| ***Characters:*** Inquirer, lifelong learner, educator, team player, traveler, and music lover |
| ***Values:*** Open-mindedness, genuineness, humility, and family |
| ***Languages:*** English (Fluent, professional), Amharic (native speaker), Kafigna (Elementary proficiency), Geez (Elementary proficiency) |
| ***Talent:***Poet and Songwriter (in Amharic) |
| **EDUCATION** |
| 2023 | **Ph.D. in Social Work,** School of Social Work, University of Missouri Dissertation Title: Exploring Perceptions, Barriers, and Facilitators of Access to Primary Health Services among African Immigrant Women in the U.S.: A Study of Ethiopian Immigrant WomenDissertation chair: Mansoo Yu, Ph.D. |
| 2018 | **Global MA in Advanced Development in Social Work,** Erasmus Mundus Scholarship, University of Lincoln, UK; Aalborg University, Denmark; University of Lisbon, Portugal, University of Warsaw, Poland and University of Paris Nanterre, France.Thesis title: Toward Culturally Relevant Practice: Combating Gender-based Violence among Refugees.Thesis Chair: Kjeld Hogsbro, Ph.D. |
| 2010 | **Master of Social Work (MSW)**Addis Ababa UniversityThesis title: Power Relations in the Family: A Case StudyThesis chair: Wassie Kebede, Ph.D. |
| 2006 | **BA in Sociology,** University of GondarSenior essay title: The Role of Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Reducing Divorce: The Case of Gondar CityAdvisor: Solomon Abraha, Ph.D. |
| **SHORT-TERM TRAINING**  |
| 2022 | Online Teaching Certification Seminar: Excellence in Online Teaching |
| 2013 | Knowledge Management for Organizational Effectiveness |
| 2013 | Leadership Skills |
| 2012 | Grant and Financial Management |
| 2012 | Microenterprise Selection, Planning, and Management  |
| 2011 | Mental Health and HIV/AIDS Counseling Training of Trainers |
| 2010 | Training of Trainers: Psychosocial Care Workers for People Affected by HIV/AIDS |
| 2008 | Distance Education Module Writing |
| 2007 | Instructional Skills |
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| **ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH POSITIONS** |
| 2023 - present | **Assistant Professor**College of Social Work, Florida State University |
| 2019 - 2023 | **Graduate Research Assistant**School of Social Work and Center for Eldercare and Rehabilitation Technology, University of Missouri |
| 2015-2016 | **Trainer and Researcher**Reach out: Family Consultancy, Counselling, and Training Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia |
| 2016 (January – March) | **Research Associate, Part-time**Evaluation Research: Growth and Transformation Plan, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia |
| 2015 (June-December) | **Researcher, Part-time**YEGNA Women Empowerment Program, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia |
| 2010-2011 | **Lecturer**Department of Sociology and Social Work, Ambo University, Ambo, Ethiopia |
| 2006-2010 | **Lecturer**Department of Sociology and Social Work, Jimma University, Jimma, Ethiopia |
| **RESEARCH PROJECTS** |
| 2024-present | *Exploring Healthcare-Related Services of Refugee Resettlement and Support Organizations: Challenged and Implications*College of Social Work, Florida State University (STUDY00004690)PI: Gashaye M TeferaCo-Is: Mansoo Yu and Wilson Majee |
| 2024-present  | *Vulnerability and Resilience During a Natural Disaster: Exploring the Experiences of Foster Children in Florida*PI: Gashaye Melaku TeferaCo-PIs: John Mathias and Ellen Piekalkiewicz |
| 2024-present | *Lack of trust in healthcare services among African immigrants in Florida: Exploring the impact, contributing factors, and potential solutions*PI: Gashaye Melaku Tefera |
| 2023-present | *Exploring Weight Stigma, Perceived Body Image, and Healthcare Utilization: Perspectives of Black Women*School of Health Professions, University of Missouri (P# 2096159)PI: Virginia Ramseyer WinterCo-Is: Gashaye M Tefera and Antoinette Landor |
| 2023-present | *Higher education in post COVID-19 era: Experiences and perspectives of American health professions students, faculty and other professionals.*School of Health Professions, University of Missouri (P#2094514)PI: Omoshola Kehinde Co-Is: Gashaye M Tefera, Wilson Mjaee, Ifeolu David |
| 2021 | *COVID-19 pandemic on international higher education: Experiences and perspectives from international students in the Midwest USA*School of Health Professions, University of Missouri (P# 2049642)PI: Majee WilsonCo-Is: Gashaye M Tefera, Ifeolu David, Kelechi Onyeaka, Omoshola Kehinde, Nameri Conte |
| 2020 | *Older adult stress, isolation, and adaptation during COVID-19*School of Social Work, University of Missouri (p# 20255808)PI: Erin RobinsonCo-Is: Gashaye M Tefera and Geunhye Park |
| 2020 | *Family caregiving stress and adaptation during COVI-19*School of Social Work, University of Missouri (p# 2024988)PI: Erin Robinson, PCo-Is: Gashaye M Tefera and Geunhye Park |
| **TEACHING EXPERIENCE** |
| 2023 - Present2020 - 2023 | **College of Social Work, Florida State University, FL**Human Behavior in the Social Environment (HBSE) (SOW4104)Human Behavior in the Social Environment (HBSE) (SOW5105)**School of Social Work, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO**Theory and practice of social work groups (SW 4760), co-instructor Understanding Personality in a Social Context (SW 3320), sole instructorHuman Behavior in the Social Environment (SW 2220) |
| 2010 - 2011 | **Department of Sociology and Social Work, Ambo University, Ambo, Ethiopia**Introduction to Social WorkSocial Welfare and RehabilitationPerspectives in Sociological Theory ISocial Research I. |
| 2006 - 2010 | **Department of Sociology and Social Work**Social Research I Social Research IISocial Welfare and RehabilitationSocial DevelopmentIntroduction to Social WorkIntroduction to SociologyPerspectives in Sociological Theory IPerspectives in Sociological Theory IISocial Institutions |
| **Training and Workshop Facilitator** |
| 2016 | Parenting Skills, Reach Out Family Consultancy, Counseling, and Training Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia |
| 2015 | Leadership Skills, GPSDO, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia |
| 2014 | Training of Trainers for Psychosocial Counseling and Support for HIV/AIDS Patients, Gambella, Ethiopia |
| 2007 | Social Work Practice with Children, Jimma, Ethiopia |
| **NON-ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE** |
| 2018-2019 | **Operations Fellow**United Way Worldwide, Head Quarter, Alexandria, Virginia |
| 2012-2015 | **Executive Director and CRM officer**Guraghe Peoples’ Self-help Development Organization (GPSDO), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia |
| 2012 (February-November) | **Executive Director**Wegen Aden Association, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia |
| 2011-2012 | **Project Officer**Ethiopian Society of Sociologists Social Workers and Anthropologists, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia |
| 2011 (April-October) | **Monitoring and Evaluation Officer**Lambadina Institute Health and Development Communication, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia |
| **GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS** |
| 2023-20252024202320232022 Fall2022-20232022 Spring | Disaster Vulnerability and Resilience, PI role, FICW, $107, 000First Year Assistant Professor Grant, PI, $20, 000Service Engagement Recognition of Valued Excellence (SERVE) Award, University of MissouriResearch Council Grant, University of Missouri, Co-I role, $9, 341School of Social Work Doctoral Student Conference Travel GrantMU Graduate School GAG Dissertation Year Fellowship, $9, 148School of Social Work Doctoral Student Conference Travel Grant |
| 2022  | SSWR Doctoral Student Travel Award |
| 2019-2024 | Graduate Assistantship, School of Social Work, University of Missouri |
| 2018-2019 | Atlas Corps Fellowship |
| 2016-2018 | Erasmus Mundus Scholarship |
| 2016-17 | Chevening Scholarship (Not attended) |
| 2016-2018 | Central European University Scholarship (Not attended) |
| 2011-2016 | Multiple project grants for non-profits I worked for |
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| **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS** |
| ***Published*** |
| 1. Mamed, G., **Tefera, G.M.,** Bitew, M., Ngondwe, P, and Wolde, A. (In press). Conflict, Trauma, and Coping: The Experiences of Internally Displaced People in Northern Ethiopia. Journal of Traumatic Stress.
2. **Tefera, G.M.,** Dickey, S., Ai, A., & Ngondwe, P. (In press) Post-Traumatic Growth Following a Category-5 Hurricane: An Exploratory Study of Black Communities in Florida. Applied Research in Quality of Life.
3. Ngondwe, P. and **Tefera, G.M** (2025). Barriers and facilitators of access to healthcare among immigrants with disabilities: A qualitative meta-synthesis. Health Care
4. **Tefera, G.M.,** Onyeaka, K., David, I., Kehinde, O., Yu, K. & Majee, W. (2025). The Forgotten Minority: Qualitative Exploration of Stressors Experienced by African International Students in the United States during COVID-19. *Journal of Human Rights and Social Work.* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41134-024-00360-w>
5. Florence, M., Adonis, TA., Yu, M., Botha, C., Mpisane, N., **Tefera, G.M.** (2024). A Scoping Review of Interventions Focusing on Improving the Quality of Life of Marginalized Women Who Use Substances During Their Pregnancy. In: Florence, M., Vanderplasschen, W., Yu, M., De Maeyer, J., Savahl, S. (eds) *Handbook of Addiction, Recovery and Quality of Life. International Handbooks of Quality-of-Life.* Springer, Cham. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-65873-0_11>
6. **Tefera, G.M.,** Kehinde, O.B., Yu, M., Florence, M., Adonis, TA., Mpisane, N. (2024). Khat Use and Its Impacts on Quality of Life: A Theory Generating Qualitative Meta-Synthesis. In: Florence, M., Vanderplasschen, W., Yu, M., De Maeyer, J., Savahl, S. (eds) *Handbook of Addiction, Recovery and Quality of Life. International Handbooks of Quality-of-Life.* Springer, Cham. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-65873-0_6>
7. Kehinde, O.B., **Tefera, G.M.,** Yu, M., Florence, M., Adonis, TA., Mpisane, N. (2024). Improving Quality of Life Among Substance Users in Nigeria: Implications for Evidence-Based Practice. In: Florence, M., Vanderplasschen, W., Yu, M., De Maeyer, J., Savahl, S. (eds) *Handbook of Addiction, Recovery and Quality of Life. International Handbooks of Quality-of-Life.* Springer, Cham. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-65873-0_21>
8. **Tefera, G.M.** (2024) Exploring Lack of Trust and its Impact on Access and Utilization of Primary Healthcare Services among African Immigrant Women in the United States: A Qualitative Study of Ethiopian Immigrant Women. BMC Health Services Research. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12913-024-11798-z>
9. **Tefera, G.M**., Omoshola Kehinde, Olajire, Abigail, David, I, Odongo, D., Onyeaka, K., Dickson-Amagada, M, & Majee, W. (2024) Mental wellbeing in pre and post-pandemic era: Perspectives of Midwestern college students, faculty, and administrators. Applied Research in Quality of Life. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11482-024-10409-7>
10. Mamed, G., Tefera, G.M., Bitew, M., Yu, M. (2024). The Overlooked War in Northern Ethiopia: Examining Psychological Capital, Mental Distress, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Among Internally Displaced People in Amhara Region. International Journal of Social Psychiatry. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00207640241299357>
11. **Tefera, G.M.,** Yu, M., Robinson, E., Ramseyer Winter, V. & Bloom, T. (2024). Transition, Adjustment, and Healthcare Avoidance: African Immigrant Women’s Experiences and Perceptions of Navigating Primary Healthcare in the U.S. *Healthcare. 12(5)*  [*https://doi.org/10.3390%2Fhealthcare12151504*](https://doi.org/10.3390/healthcare12151504)
12. David, I., **Tefera, G.M.,** and Majee, W. (2024) Beyond the needle: A qualitative exploration of Sierra Leonean healthcare workers’ post-vaccination experiences. *Health Promotion International*. 39(4). <https://doi.org/10.1093/heapro/daae092>
13. **Tefera, G.M.,** David, I. & Majee, W. (2024) A social-ecological perspective to understand facilitators of access to healthcare among African immigrant women: Experiences of Ethiopian immigrant women in the United States. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved. 35 (2).*  [*https://muse.jhu.edu/article/928641*](https://muse.jhu.edu/article/928641)
14. David, I.J., Lembani, M., **Tefera, G.M.** & Majee. W. (2024). COVID-19 and immigrant status: A qualitative study of Malawian immigrants living in South Africa. *Health and Social Care in the Community.* <https://doi.org/10.1155/2024/3417537>
15. Hailemariam, M., Bustos, T., Brown, G. **Tefera, G.M.,** Adaji, R., Taylor, B., Wencheko, H., Barajas, R., Najjar, V. Jackson, C. & Johnson. J. (2024). Evidence-based mental health interventions for justice-involved individuals with mental health needs: A systematic review. BMC Psychiatry. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12888-024-05612-7>
16. **Tefera, G.M.** (2024). Understanding Access and Utilization of Healthcare Services Among African Immigrant Women in the United States: The Application of Health Belief Model. *Applied Research in Quality of Life.*  <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11482-024-10283-3>
17. **Tefera, G.M.**, Lembani, M, David, I. & Majee W. (2023) COVID-19 and migrant coping strategies: A person in environment perspective on experiences of Malawian migrants living in South Africa, Journal of Social Service Research, 49(4), 447-460. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01488376.2023.2236140>
18. **Tefera, G.M**., Onyeaka, K., Conteh, N., David, I., Kehinde, O., Harvey, I.S. & Majee, W. (2023). COVID-19 and student life: Experiences and Perceptions of African international students – an Ubuntu and resilience perspective. *Journal of International Students.13(3),* 216-235. <https://doi.org/10.32674/jis.v13i3.4764>
19. **Tefera, G.M.** (2022). “We Feel Powerless”: A Social-Ecological Perspective on Challenges Experienced by Social Workers in Addressing GBV in Ethiopian Refugee Settings. Advances in Social Work, 22(3), <https://doi.org/10.18060/25994>
20. David, I., Kehinde, O., **Tefera, G.M**., Onyeaka, K., Harvey, I. & Majee, W. (2022). COVID-19 and higher education: A qualitative study on academic experiences of African international students in the Midwest. *Applied Research in Quality of Life, 18(1),* 543-559. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11482-022-10095-3>
21. **Tefera, G.M.** (2022). Toward culturally relevant practice: Combating gender-based violence among refugees in Ethiopia. *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work,32(6),* 304-315. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15313204.2022.2027311>
22. **Tefera, G.M.** & Yu, M. (2022). Immigrant women’s access to healthcare services: A qualitative meta-synthesis. Journal of Social Service Research, 48(2), 285-299. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01488376.2022.2035300>
23. **Tefera, G.M.** (2022). Decolonizing social work practice: A case from Ethiopian refugee settings. Journal of Social Service Research, 48)2), 273-284. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01488376.2022.2029800>
24. Kim, Y.K., Yu, M., Moon, S.S., Maleku, A., Um, M.Y., **Tefera, G.M.** (2022). Sociodemographic characteristics, preventive behaviors, and the mental health status of social work students in the US during the COVID-19 pandemic. Social Work in Mental Health, 20(5), 578-603. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15332985.2022.2047870>
25. Kjær-Rasmussen, L. Montes D’Oco, L., Edwards, J. & **Tefera, G.M.** (2019). Towards Indigenous social work practice: Addressing professional challenges in working with Homeless Greenlanders in Aalborg, Denmark. Journal of Indigenous Social Development, 8(1), 19-34. <https://hdl.handle.net/10993/49591>
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| ***Other Publications***  |
| 1. David, I., **Tefera, G.M.,** & Majee, W. (2024) Inoculating trust: The impact of post-vaccination experiences on vaccine advocacy among healthcare workers in Sierra Leone. *[Conference Proceedings]. APHA 2024 Annual Meeting and Expo.*
2. Onyeaka, K., David, I., Odongo, D., Kehinde, O., **Tefera, G. M.,** Olajire, A., Dickson-Amagada, M. & Majee, W. (2024) After the storm: Examining the influence of the COVID-19 pandemic on teaching, learning and professional development among university students, faculty, and administrators *[Conference Proceedings*] APHA 2024 Annual Meeting and Expo.
3. Yu, M., Florence, M., **Tefera, G.,** & Kehinde, O. Adonis, T.A., Mpisane, N., (2023). Psychosocial well-being and nicotine use during pregnancy in low-income South African communities [Conference Proceedings]. *International Journal of Psychology, 58* (S1), 20-20.
4. Florence, M., Yu, M., Adonis, T.A., Mpisane, N., **Tefera, G.,** & Kehinde, O. (2023). Psychometric properties of the prenatal psychosocial profile scale for a South African sample *[Conference Proceedings].* *International Journal of Psychology, 58* (S1), 94-94.
5. Park, G., Robinson, E. & **Tefera, G.M.** (2022) Family Caregiving for older adults in long-term care during the pandemic: stress, social support, and adaptation. *[Conference Proceedings]. Innovation in Aging. 6* (Suppl 1):29. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igac059.107>
6. **Tefera, G.M.,** Park, G. & Robinson, E. (2022) Family caregiving in ltc settings during the pandemic: communication challenges and leveraging technology. *[Conference Proceedings]. Innovation in Aging. 6* (Suppl 1):29. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igac059.107>
7. Robinson, E., **Tefera, G.M.,** Park, G., Skubic, M., Marchal, N., Popescu, M., Keller, J & Rantz, M. (2022) Deploying in-home sensors to community dwelling older adults: adoption of technology and lessons learned. *[Conference Proceedings]. Innovation in Aging.* 6 (Suppl 1): 741. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igac059.2698>
8. Robinson, E., Wu, W., Park, G., **Tefera, G.M.,** Lane, K., Skubic, M., Keller, J., Popescu, M. (2021) Comparison of Embedded Sensor Data for Long-Term Care Residents Before and After Onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic. *[Conference Proceedings]. Innovation in Aging. 5* (S1), 95.[*https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igab046.360*](https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igab046.360)
9. Park, G., Robinson, E. & **Tefera, G.M.** (2021) Older Adult Technology Use During a Global Pandemic: A Study of Mental Health, Social Supports, and Resiliency. *[Conference Proceedings]. Innovation in Aging, 5* (S1) 219. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igab046.841>
10. **Tefera, G.M.,** Park, G. & Robinson, E. (2021) Technology Use Among Older Adults to Manage their Health During a Global Pandemic. *[Conference Proceedings]. Innovation in Aging, 5* (S1) 737. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igab046.2741>
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| ***Under Review*** |
| 1. Majee, W., David, I., **Tefera, G.** and Lembani, M. (under review) Stay or return: A qualitative exploration of the experiences of Malawian migrants who returned from South Africa during COVID-19. *Health and Social Care in the Community*
2. **Tefera, G.M.,** Terhaar, A., Anderson, S., Trout, K., Ngondwe, P. and Ramseyer Winter, G. (in progress). Perceived Impacts of Weight Stigma on Black Women’s Wellbeing and Coping: A Qualitative Study. *Journal of Black Studies*
3. **Tefera, G.M.,** Yu, M., Sorkpor, S.K., Im. H, Kebede, S. (under review) Understanding the Impacts of Immigration Status on Access to Primary Healthcare Services: Evidence from the Lived Experiences of Ethiopian Immigrant Women in the United States. *Community Health Equity Research & Policy.*
4. **Tefera, G.M.,** Robinson, E. & Park, G. (under review). Social isolation and mental health among older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic: How technology can facilitate connectedness and improve health. *Aging and Mental Health*
5. Sorkpor, S; Yang, Y; Lane, B ; Amu, H; **Tefera, G**; Miao, H ; Wang, J (under review). Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia among Black Adults Stratified by Nativity. *American Journal of Alzheimers Disease & Other Dementias*
6. Florence, M., Yu, M., Adonis, T., Mispane, N., **Tefera, G**., Kehinde, O., Nell, J. & Botha, C. (under review). Examining the psychometric properties of the perinatal psychosocial profile in antenatal care facilities in the Cape Metropole, Western Cape, South Africa: Across sectional study. *Journal of Public Health*
7. Park, G., Robinson, E. & **Tefera, G.M**. (under review) Isolation, Mental Health, and Resilience among Older Adults during the Global Pandemic: Application of Strength and Vulnerability Integration (SAVI) Model. *Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine*.
8. Mamed, G., Wolde, A., Tadesse, E., Hasen, A., Bitew, M., **Tefera, G.M.,** Seid, A., & Zewude, G. (under review). Prevalence of gender-based violence during COVID-19 pandemic in sub-Saharan Africa: systematic review and meta-analysis. *Healthcare*
9. Mamed, G., Wolde, A., Tadesse, E., Hasen, A., Bitew, M., **Tefera, G.M.,** Seid, A., & Zewude, G. (under review). Attitude, knowledge and practice of health professionals towards mental illness in Sub-Sahara Africa: Meta-analysis and systematic review. *International Journal of Social Determinants of Health and Health Services.*
10. Mamed, G., Wolde, A., Tadesse, E., Bitew, M., **Tefera, G.M.,** Seid, A., Hasen, A., & Zewude, G. (under review). Prevalence of Common Mental Disorders and associated factor Among Orphan Children and Adolescents in Ethiopia: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. *Journal of Child Health Care.*
11. Ramseyer Winter, G., Tefera, G.M., Ngondwe, P., Anderson, S., and Trout, K. (under review) "I'd rather sit at home and suffer in silence”: Black women’s experiences with weight stigma. Body Image.
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| ***In progress*** |
| 1. **Tefera, G.M.** (in progress) Toward a structural approach: Exploring barriers of access to primary healthcare services among African immigrant women
2. **Tefera, G.M.** (in progress) From acculturation to intersectionality: understanding healthcare access disparities among African immigrant women in the United States.
3. **Tefera, G.M.** (in progress) “Deficit of credibility” as a framework to understand systemic discrimination in the U.S. healthcare system: A Case Study
4. **Tefera, G.**M., Ramseyer Winter, G., Terhaar, A., Ngondwe, P., Anderson, S., and Trout, K. (in progress). Weight Stigma and access to healthcare among African American women in Missouri.
5. Kehinde, O., Dickson-Amagada, M., **Tefera, G.M.,** Olajire, A., Odongo, D., Onyeaka, K., David, I, & Majee, W. (in progress). Is the new normal normal? A qualitative exploration of academic and social challenges experienced by Midwestern university students, faculty, and administrators post-COVID-19 pandemic
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| **BOOKS, REVIEWS, REPORTS, AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS** |
| 1. **Tefera, G. M** (2016)*Understanding Power in the Family.*Lap Publishers. Thesis
2. **Tefera, G.M.** (2010). *Shibolet*. A socio-spiritual book in Amharic language. Veronica, Addis Ababa: Ethiopia
 |
| ***Digital Productions*** |
| Lyrics: 2000+ Amharic songs (various years) |
| **PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS** |
| 1. Sorkpor, K.S., Yang., Y., **Tefera, G.,** Miao, H., & Wang, J. (April 2025) *lzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias in Black Adults: A Comparison Based on Nativity Status*. 2025 Southern Gerontological Society (SGS) Annual Meeting & Conference. Birmingham, Alabama.
2. Majee, W., Lembani, M., David, I., & **Tefera, G.M.** (September 2025). *COVID-19 and immigrant status: A qualitative study of Malawian immigrants living in South Africa.* World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health. Lisbon, Portugal.
3. Majee, W., Lembani, M., David, I., & **Tefera, G.M.** (September 2025). *Stay or return: A qualitative exploration of the experiences of Malawian immigrants who returned from South Africa during COVID-19.* World Congress on Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Health. Lisbon, Portugal.
4. **Tefera, G.M.,** Mamed, G., Bitew, M., Ngondwe, P. & Yu, M. (2025) *The Overlooked War in Northern Ethiopia: Examining Psychological Capital, Mental Distress, and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Among Internally Displaced People in Amhara Region*​. SSWR 2025. Seattle, WA.
5. **Tefera, G.M.,** Kehinde, O., Olajire, A., David, I., Odongo, D., Onyeaka, K., Dickson-Amagada, M., & Majee, W. (2025, January, Poster) *Exploring Mental Wellbeing in the Pre-and Post-Pandemic Era: Perspectives of Midwestern College Students, Faculty, and Administrators.* SSWR 2025, Seattle, WA.
6. Ngondwe, P. & **Tefera, G.M.** (2025, January) *Barriers and facilitators of access to healthcare among immigrants with disabilities: a qualitative meta-synthesis.* SSWR Seattle, WA.
7. David, I., **Tefera, G.M.,** & Majee. W. (October 2024) *Inoculating trust: The impact of post-vaccination experiences on vaccine advocacy among healthcare workers in Sierra Leone*. APHA 2024, Minneapolis, MN.
8. Dickey, S., **Tefera, G.M**.., Ai, A., & Ngondwe, P. (2025, March) *Post-Traumatic Growth Following a Category-5 Hurricane: An Exploratory Study of Black Communities in Florida.* Society of Behavioral Medicine 2025, San Fransisco, CA.
9. Onyeaka, K., David, I., Odongo, D., Kehinde, O., Dickson-Amagada, M., **Tefera, G.M.** & Olajire, A. Wilson, M. (2024, October) *After the storm: Examining the influence of COVID-19 pandemic on teaching, learning and professional development among university students, faculty, and administrators.* APHA 2024, Minneapolis, MN.
10. **Tefera, G.M.,** Mamed, G., Bitew, M., Ngondwe, P., Wolde, A. (2024, August) *Conflict, Trauma, and Coping: The Experiences of Internally Displaced People in Northern Ethiopia*. NARHC 2024, Minneapolis, MN.
11. **Tefera, G.M.,** Yu. M., Robinson, E., Bloom, T., & Ramseyer Winter, V. (2024, January). *Toward a structural approach: Exploring barriers of access to primary healthcare services among African immigrant women*. SSWR 2024, Washington DC.
12. **Tefera, G.M.,** Yu, M., Robinson, E., Ramseyer Winter, V. & Bloom, T. (2024, January). *The centrality of trust: Examining perceptions of African immigrant women on access and utilization of primary healthcare services in the United States*. SSWR, 2024, Washington DC.
13. **Tefera, G.M.**, Kehinde, O., Yu, M., Florence, M., Adonis, T. & Mpisane (2023, January). *Khat use and its impacts on quality of life: A theory generating qualitative meta-synthesis.* SSWR 2023, Phoenix, AZ.
14. **Tefera, G.M.,** Onyeaka, K., Conteh, N., David, I., Kehinde, O., Harvey, I.S. & Majee, W. (2023, January*). Exploring the Experiences and Perceptions of African International University Students on Their Mental and Emotional Well-Being during COVID-19: A Qualitative Study.* SWWR 2023, Phenix, AZ
15. David, I., Kehinde, O., **Tefera, G.M**., Onyeaka, K., Harvey, I. & Majee, W. (2022, November). *COVID-19 and higher education: A qualitative study on academic experiences of African international students in the Midwest*. APHA 2022, Boston, MA.
16. **Tefera, G.M**., Robinson, E. & Park, G. (2022, November). *Family caregiving in LTC setting during the COVID-19 pandemic: Communication challenges and leveraging technology.* GSA 2022, Indianapolis, Indiana.
17. Park, G., Robinson, E. & **Tefera, G.M**. (2022, November). *Family Caregiving for Older Adults in Long-Term Care During the Pandemic: Stress, Social Support, and Adaptation.*  GSA 2022, Indianapolis, Indiana.
18. Robinson, E., Tefera, GM., Park, G., Skubic, M., Marchal, N., Popescu, M., Keller, J. & Rantz, M. (2022, November).  *Deploying in-home sensors to community-dwelling older adults: Adoption of technology and lessons learned.*  GSA 2022, Indianapolis, Indiana.
19. Hailemariam, M., Bustos, Montgomery, B., **Tefera, G.M**., Brown, G., Adaji, R., Taylor, B., Eshetu, H., Barajas, C., Barajas, R., Najjar, V., Jackson, C., Felton, J. & Johnson, J.E. (2022, September). *Evidence-based mental health interventions for justice-involved individuals with serious mental illness: A systematic review.* Society for Implementation Research Collaboration Conference 2022, San Diego, California.
20. Adonis, T., Florence, M.; Yu, M., Mpisane, N.; **Tefera, G.M;** Kehinde, O.; Botha, C. (2022, August). *A photo-voice exercise to assess the quality of life of women who use substances in low-income rural contexts in South Africa*. ISQOLS 2022 Conference, Burlington, Vermont, USA.
21. Adonis, T., Florence, M.; Yu, M., Mpisane, N.; Kehinde, O.; **Tefera, G.M** (2022, August) . *Development of a sustainable intervention to address quality of life of pregnant women using substances in low-income rural communities in the Western Cape, South Africa: Phase 1 A needs assessment*. TUFH2022 Conference, Vancouver, Canada.
22. **Tefera, G, M.** & Yu, M. (2022, January). *Experiences and perspectives of immigrant women in accessing healthcare services in the United States: A qualitative meta-synthesis.* Society for Social Work and Research, Social Work Science for Racial, Social and Political Justice. Washington DC, USA.
23. **Tefera, G.M**., Robinson, E.L. & Park, G. (2021, November, Virtual Poster). *Technology Use Among Older Adults to Manage their Health During a Global Pandemic.* GSA 2021 Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, USA.
24. Robinson, E.L., Wu, W., Park, G., **Tefera, G.M**., Lane, K., Skubic, M., Keller, J. & Popescue, M. (2021, November). *Comparison of embedded sensor data for long-term care residents pre/post-onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.* GSA 2021 Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, USA.
25. Park, G., Robinson, E.L. & **Tefera, G.M.** (2021, November). *Older Adult Technology Use During a Global Pandemic: A Study of Mental Health, Social Supports, and Resiliency.* GSA 2021 Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, USA.
26. **Tefera, G.M**., Robinson, E.L. & Park, G. (2021, October). *Older Adult Technology Use During a Global Pandemic: A Study of Mental Health, Social Supports, and Resiliency.* Extension and Engagement Week: Connecting to Improve Missouri’s Economy, Education, and Health. University of Missouri, Columbia, USA.
27. Skubic, M., Robinson, E. Park, G., **Tefera, G.M.**, Markway, B., Marchal, N. & Hill, A. (2021, July). *USE CASE: Developing a user-centered interface for sensor-based health monitoring of older adults*. Washington DC, USA.
28. Florence, M.; Yu, M.; Adonis, T. and Mpisane, N.; Kehinde, O.; **Tefera, G.M** (2021) . Do psychosocial factors correlate with cigarette smoking among pregnant women in low-income Cape Town communities? SANCAAddiction 2021 Conference
29. Florence, M., Yu, M., Adonis, T., Mpisane, N., **Tefera, G.M.** & Kehinde, O. (2021, July). *Psychometric properties of the parental psychosocial scale for a South African sample*. 32nd International Congress of Psychology, Prague, Czech Republic.
30. Yu, M., Florence, M., **Tefera, G**., Kehinde, O., Adonis, T. & Mpsisane, N. (2021, July). Psychological wellbeing and nicotine use during pregnancy in low-income South African communities. 32nd International Congress of Psychology, Prague, Czech Republic.
31. **Tefera, G.M.** (2017, May). *Indigenizing social work education in Africa.* International Conference on Education. University of Riverside, Los Angeles, USA.
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| ***Invited Scholarly Presentations and Talks*** |
| 1. **Tefera, G.M.** (February 2025) Courageous Conversations Panel. FSU College of Social Work.
2. Abel, N., **Tefera, G.M.,** Lee, J.D., Thompson, M. & Souvenir, R. (November 2024) International social work panel. Homecoming Alumni Breakfast. FSU College of Social Work
3. Park, G., **Tefera, G.M.** & Robinson, E.L. (2021, March). Older adult technology use during a global pandemic: a study of mental health, social supports, and resiliency. Center for Eldercare Rehabilitation and Technology, University of Missouri, Columbia, USA.
4. **Tefera, G.M**. (2018, June) Combatting gender-based violence among refugees. ADVANCES Research Workshop, University of Paris Nanterre, Paris, France.
5. **Tefera, G.M.** (2016, November) Women empowerment through arts. University of Lincoln Social Work Conference, University of Lincoln, UK.
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| **JOURNAL/CONFERENCE REVIEWER** |
| 2022 - present  | **Manuscript Reviewer**Journal of Gerontology: Social SciencesArchives of Public HealthEthnicity and HealthJournal of Ethnic and Minority Health |
| 22022-present | **Abstract Reviewer**Gerontological Society of America Annual ConferencesSociety for Social Work and Research Annual Conferences |
| 2023 | **Book Chapter Reviewer** |
| **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICES** |
| **Member** |
| 2021 - present2021 - 20232019 - 20232019 - 20232011- 2023 | Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)The Gerontological Society of America (GSA)Center for Children and Families Across Cultures (CFAC), University of MissouriAfrican Graduate, and Professional Students Association (AGPSA), University of MissouriEthiopian Society of Sociologists Social Workers and Anthropologists (ESSSWA) |
| **Service** |
| 2022 - 20232020 - 20232020 - 20232019 - present2019 - present2017 | Mentor for first-year Ph.D. students, School of Social Work, MUStudent representative, Doctoral Program Committee, School of Social Work, University of MissouriVolunteer, Refugee and Immigration Services, Columbia, MissouriContributor, Prenatal substance exposure in Western Cape, South Africa: A prospective cohort studyContributor, Center for Children and Families Across Cultures (CFAC), University of MissouriVolunteer, International Conference on Social Work Research, Aalborg, Denmark |