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EDUCATION

PhD	Emory University Rollins School of Public Health <i>Behavioral, Social & Health Education Sciences</i> <i>Advisor: Whitney Rice, DrPH, MPH</i>	2024 – present
MPH	Emory University Rollins School of Public Health <i>Behavioral, Social & Health Education Sciences</i> <i>Certificate in Maternal and Child Health</i>	2019 – 2021
BA	Stanford University <i>International Relations</i> <i>Minor in Creative Writing</i> <i>Honors in Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law</i> Study Abroad: University of Oxford, Oxford, United Kingdom	2013 – 2017

WORK EXPERIENCE

CENTER FOR REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH RESEARCH IN THE SOUTHEAST (RISE), Atlanta, Georgia

Doctoral Fellow

Sep. 2024 – present

- Co-lead qualitative study design, recruitment and analysis portion of the Care for Miscarriage and Pregnancy-Loss After Dobbs Surveillance (COMPASS) study, under the direction of Dr. Anna Newton-Levinson
- Conduct inferential statistical analyses to assess trends in abortion incidence in Georgia utilizing state level data from 2010-2022 under the direction of Dr. Sara Redd
- Support data collection and recruitment tracking for a community-needs assessment project focused on caregivers with ARC-Southeast under the direction of Dr. Whitney Rice

Graduate Research Assistant

Sep. 2019 – May 2020

- Provided qualitative analysis support on the Evaluating the Impact of Gestational Age Policies on Reproductive Healthcare Systems in the Southeast project
- Coded interviews with emergency department staff across Georgia as part of the Pregnancy Related Care in Georgia's Emergency Departments (PRECEDE) project

IBIS REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Research Consultant, Remote

Dec. 2019 – present

- Manage mixed-methods research portfolio on medication abortion with misoprostol-only in the United States
- Establish and maintain relationships with partner organizations
- Lead the implementation and data analysis of longitudinal studies assessing the medication abortion experiences and outcomes of people who contact safe abortion hotlines in Kenya and Poland
- Lead qualitative data collection and analysis on projects documenting self-managed abortion experiences
- Support impact evaluations of community trainings and interventions led by safe abortion hotlines and accompaniment groups in Latin America, Africa and Southeast Asia
- Co-lead the writing of manuscripts, research briefs, presentations, and other dissemination materials
- Oversee the tasks assigned to the Research Coordinator under the misoprostol-only portfolio

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Research Assistant, Oakland, California

Jun. 2017-Jun. 2019

- Provided research and coordination support on U.S. and international quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods studies on topics such as abortion stigma, quality of care and safety
- Managed partner relationships and research portfolio with key research partner in Argentina
- Led in-person study trainings for research projects with partners in Argentina and Mexico
- Drafted and prepared research protocols, consent forms and study instruments for submission to both U.S. and international Institutional Review Boards
- Conducted in-depth interviews and focus group discussions in Spanish and English
- Prepared research findings for dissemination, including reports, manuscripts, posters and oral presentations
- Coordinated logistics and budget for international study meetings with research partners

PLANNED PARENTHOOD GLOBAL (PPG), Remote

Aug. 2021 – Sep. 2023

Data & Research Manager, *Evaluation, Learning & Impact Team*

- Led evaluation efforts to assess the implementation and impact of the sexual and reproductive health programs of PPG and its partners in Africa and Latin America
- Supported the development of PPG’s internal strategy, including drafting of SMART goals and objectives, evaluation indicators, logic models and a theory of change
- Managed quantitative and qualitative research projects in partnership with abortion accompaniment groups and advocacy organizations in Latin America
- Provided training on research methodology, data visualization and study design to PPG partners
- Reviewed and cleaned quarterly programmatic data reported by PPG’s partners on the DHIS-2 platform
- Prepared dissemination materials, including presentations, reports and manuscripts

EMORY UNIVERSITY - ROLLINS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, Atlanta, Georgia

Jan. 2021 – May 2021

Teaching Assistant, *Behavioral, Social and Health Education Sciences Department*

- Supported Dr. Sydney Spangler in teaching the course “Introduction to Qualitative Methods” to first-year Master of Public Health students
- Reviewed, provided feedback on and graded student assignments; held weekly office hours and review sessions

SISTERLOVE, INC., Atlanta, Georgia

Sep. 2019 – May 2020

Graduate Research Assistant

- Provided research and administrative support on the community-based participatory research study titled “Georgia Access to Medication Abortion (GAMA)”
- Coded interviews with abortion providers and community activists on Dedoose
- Conducted in-depth interviews and focus groups with Black and Latinx medication abortion patients
- Presented findings at the Society of Family Planning 2020 Annual Meeting

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, Stanford University, California

Apr. 2015 – Jun. 2017

Research Assistant

- Supported Dr. Jane Esberg’s dissertation research on authoritarian repression in Chile
- Extracted and coded data from The National Commission for Truth and Reconciliation Report on over 2,000 victims of human rights abuses

HONORS THESIS FIELD RESEARCH, Sololá, Guatemala

Jun. 2016 – Aug. 2016

Independent Researcher

- Collaborated with thesis advisor, Dr. Paul Wise, to design and conduct independent qualitative research on the factors influencing Guatemalan indigenous women’s motivations to act collectively to demand better public sector family planning services
- Designed and prepared in-depth interview guides and consent forms

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- Received two research grants from Stanford University to support field research
- Partnered with three local reproductive health and rights organizations to conduct 53 in-depth interviews with indigenous women from various communities in Sololá
- Developed codebook, coded transcripts using Dedoose and prepared code summaries
- Wrote and presented honors thesis findings to faculty and students at Stanford and partners in Guatemala

FSI FIELD RESEARCH INTERNSHIP, San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala

Jun. 2016 – Jul. 2016

Field Research Assistant

- Worked with students, faculty and local health promoters to research health and economic disparities among San Lucas' indigenous communities
- Served as Spanish-English interpreter during medical consults at mobile clinics
- Collaborated to conduct interviews on Conditional Cash Transfer programs in Guatemala

AWARDS AND HONORS

- ***Centennial Scholars Fellowship*** 2024
Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health
- ***George W. Woodruff Fellowship*** 2024
Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health
- ***Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health*** 2021
Phi Chapter
Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health
- ***Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award*** 2021
Behavioral, Social and Health Education Sciences Department
Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health
- ***Maternal and Child Health Fellowship*** 2019
Center of Excellence in MCH Education, Science and Practice
Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health
- ***Mary Anne Lanier Scholarship*** 2019
Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health
- ***CDDRL Award for Outstanding Thesis*** 2017
Fisher Family CDDRL Honors Program
Stanford University, Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law
- ***Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society Small Research Grant*** 2016
Stanford University, Center of Philanthropy and Civil Society
- ***Freeman Spogli Institute Small Research Grant*** 2016
Stanford University, Freeman Spogli Institute
- ***Dean's Award for Academic Excellence*** 2015
Stanford University

MEMBERSHIPS

2024 – present Society of Family Planning, *Member*

2019- 2020 Emory Reproductive Health Association, *Co-President*

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PUBLICATIONS

1. **Filippa, S.**, Jayaweera, RT., Blanchard, K., Grossman, D. Do miscarriage care practice recommendations align with individuals' needs? : a scoping review. *Contraception* (2024). Apr 6:110448. doi: 10.1016/j.contraception.2024.110448. Epub ahead of print.
2. Keefe-Oates, B., **Filippa, S.**, Janiak, E., Zurbriggen, R., Grosso, B., Chen, JT., Gerdts, C., Gottlieb, B. Seeking abortion accompaniment: experiences and self-managed abortion preferences of hotline callers in Argentina. *BMJ Sexual & Reproductive Health* (2024). Published Online First: 18 June 2024. doi: 10.1136/bmjshr-2023-202209
3. Villar, K., Diaz, A., Atienzo, E., **Filippa, S.**, Baum, S., Santana, D., Tebbets, C. Abortion perceptions and practices among traditional healers in Peru. *International and Multidisciplinary Journal in Social Sciences*, 1–18 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.17583/rimcis.14158>
4. Ramirez, AM., Tabassum, T., **Filippa, S.**, Katz, A., Chowdhury, R., Bercu, C., Baum, SE. Clients' expectations and experiences with providers of menstrual regulation: a qualitative study in Bangladesh. *BMC Women's Health* 24, 291 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12905-024-03137-5>
5. Baum, SE., Jacobson, L., Ramirez, AM., Katz, A., Grosso B., Bercu, C., Pearson, E., Gebrehanna, E., Chakraborty, N., Dirisu, O., Chowdhury, R., Zurbriggen, R., **Filippa, S.**, Tabassum, T., Gerdts, C. Quality of care from the perspective of people obtaining abortion: a qualitative study in four countries. *BMJ Open* 13:e067513 (2023). doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2022-067513
6. Bercu, C., **Filippa, S.**, Ramirez, AM., Katz, A., Grosso, B., Zurbriggen, R., Vazquez, S. Baum, SE. Perspectives on high-quality interpersonal care among people obtaining abortions in Argentina. *Reproductive Health* 19, 107 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12978-022-01401-1>
7. Bercu, C., **Filippa, S.**, Jayaweera, R., Egwuatu, I., Nmezi, S., Zurbriggen, R., Grosso, B., Kristianingrum, IA., Maneiro M., Liparelli, MS., Sandoval, S., Tapia, I., Soria, G., Moseson, H. A qualitative exploration of how the COVID-19 pandemic shaped the experiences of self-managed medication abortion with accompaniment group support in Argentina, Indonesia, Nigeria and Venezuela. *Sexual & Reproductive Health Matters* 30, 1:2079808 (2022). doi: 10.1080/26410397.2022.2079808
8. Bercu, C., Jacobson, LE., Gebrehanna, E., Ramirez AM., Katz, AJ., **Filippa, S.**, Baum, SE. "I was afraid they will be judging me and even deny me the service": Experiences of denial and dissuasion during abortion care in Ethiopia. *Frontiers in Global Women's Health*, 3, 984386 (2022).<https://doi.org/10.3389/fgwh.2022.984386>
9. Katz, AJ., Ramirez, AM., Bercu, C., **Filippa, S.**, Dirisu, O., Egwuatu, I., Nmezi, S., Palmer, L., Baum, SE. "I just have to hope that this abortion should go well": Perceptions, fears and experiences of abortion clients in Nigeria. *PLoS ONE* 17, 2: e0263072 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0263072>
10. Mosley, EA., Ayala, S., Jah, Z., Hailstorks, T., Hairston, I., Rice, WS., Hernandez, N., Jackson, K., Scales, M., Gutierrez, M., Goode, B., **Filippa, S.**, Strader, S., Umbria, M., Watson, A., Faruque, J., Raji, A., Dunkley, J., Rogers, P., Ellison, C., Suarez, K., Diallo, DD., Hall, K. "I don't regret it at all. It's just I wish the process had a bit more humanity to it...a bit more holistic": a qualitative, community-led medication abortion study with Black and Latinx Women in Georgia, USA. *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*, 30, 1 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1080/26410397.2022.2129686>
11. Baum, SE., Ramirez, AM., Larrea, S., **Filippa, S.**, Egwuatu, I., Wydrzynska, J., Piasecka, M., Nmezi, S., Jelinska, K. "It's not a seven-headed beast": abortion experience among women that received support from helplines for

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medication abortion in restrictive settings. *Health Care for Women International* 41,10 (2020).
<https://doi.org/10.1080/07399332.2020.1823981>

12. Moseson, H., Jayaweera, R., Raifman, S., Keefe-Oates, B., **Filippa, S.**, Motana, R., Egwuatu, I., Grosso, B., Kristianingrum, I., Nmezi, S., Zurbriggen, R., Gerdts., C. Self-managed medication abortion outcomes: results from a prospective pilot study. *Reprod Health* 17, 164 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12978-020-01016-4>
13. Moseson, H., Keefe-Oates, B., Jayaweera, R., **Filippa, S.**, Motana, R., Bercu, C., Egwuatu, I., Grosso, B., Kristianingrum, I., Nmezi, S., Zurbriggen, R., Friedman, E., Gerdts, C. Studying Accompaniment model Feasibility and Effectiveness (SAFE) Study: study protocol for a prospective observational cohort study of the effectiveness of self-managed medication abortion. *BMJ Open* 10:e036800 (2020). doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2020-036800
14. Moseson, H., Herold, S., **Filippa, S.**, Barr-Walker, J., Baum, SE., Gerdts, C. Self-managed abortion: A systematic scoping review. *Best Practice & Research Clinical Obstetrics and Gynaecology* 63, 87-110 (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bpobgyn.2019.08.002>
15. Moseson, H., **Filippa, S.**, Baum, SE., Gerdts, C., Grossman, D. Reducing underreporting of stigmatized pregnancy outcomes: results from a mixed-methods study of self-managed abortion in Texas using the list-experiment method. *BMC Women's Health* 19, 113. (2019). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12905-019-0812-4>

PRESENTATIONS

Oral Presentations

1. "Reviewing the evidence on misoprostol-only for abortion." **Sofia Filippa**. *American Public Health Association Annual Meeting 2023*
2. "Listen Up! Black and Latinx perspectives on medication abortion." Zainab Jah, Tiffany Hailstorks, Natalie Hernandez, **Sofia Filippa**. Moderated by Elizabeth Mosley. *Society of Family Planning Annual Meeting 2020*

Poster Presentations

1. "Developing a smartphone application for information about abortion and reproductive health in the United States." Ana Maria Ramirez, Steph Herold, Ruvani Jayaweera, Sarah Baum, **Sofia Filippa**, Caitlin Gerdts. *National Abortion Federation Annual Meeting 2018*

VOLUNTEER WORK

Tutoring for Community, Stanford University, California

Sep. 2013-Jun. 2017

Volunteer Tutor and Co-Director

- Tutored the children (K-12) of Stanford's custodial staff on math and reading skills
- Served as liaison and Spanish-English interpreter between tutors and parents
- Led outreach efforts, tutor recruitment and training sessions

Volunteers in Latin America, Quito, Ecuador

Jul. 2015-Sept. 2015

Student Volunteer

- Worked with two local organizations to organize summer camp activities for children

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- Created lesson plans, led field trips and workshops

SKILLS

- **Languages:**
 - Native Spanish
 - Bilingual English
 - Intermediate Portuguese
- **Software:**
 - Analysis and data management in STATA 18, SAS 9.4 and R statistical software packages
 - Analysis and data management in Dedoose, MAXQDA qualitative software packages
 - Data collection and management in DHIS-2
 - Proficient in Qualtrics and Podio survey design software
 - Proficient in MS Office, Adobe, Outlook, Endnote, Zotero