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Education

- Feb 2003 – Feb 2007** **PhD in Health Psychology**
University of the West of England, Bristol
'The psychosocial impact of conditions altering appearance during adolescence'
- Sep 2001 – Sep 2002** **MSc in Health Psychology**
University of London (UCL and King's College)
'Understanding responses to negative HIV test results: an exploratory study'
- Jan 1993 – Dec 1996** **B Soc Sci (Hons): Psychology and English Literature**
University of Cape Town, South Africa
'A comparison of male and female experiences of infertility: a qualitative study'

Additional Training

- June 2013** **London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine**
2 week full-time course on Adolescent Health in low and middle income countries
- Sept 2011 – Dec 2011** **Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health, New York City**
Fogarty Fellowship award to study Epidemiology of HIV/AIDS and NIH Grant Writing

Employment

- May 2015 – present** **CANSA (Cancer Association of South Africa)**
Head of Research
Oversight of research awards granted by CANSA; management of research conducted by CANSA
- Strategic management of CANSA Research
 - Oversight of CANSA research awards
 - Conceptualisation and management of CANSA research projects
 - Managing and facilitating cancer research outcomes and cancer control information internally and externally
 - Nurturing of all research stakeholder and partnership relationships
 - Budget management
- Nov 2016 – present** **University of Cape Town**
Honorary Senior Lecturer, School of Public Health and Family Medicine
- April 2008- April 2015** **Desmond Tutu HIV Centre, University of Cape Town**
Project Leader for Adolescent Division and Psychosocial Division
Management of adolescent prevention and treatment research projects; Management of Psychosocial Research
- Strategic management of Adolescent and Socio-Behavioural Divisions
 - Conceptualisation and Project management of Adolescent and Socio-behavioural studies
 - Grant writing for funding
 - Preparation of study protocols to pass ethical review
 - Design of data collection materials
 - Development of staff training materials
 - Staff recruitment, training and management
 - Monitor study progress, troubleshoot and problem-solve
 - Data analysis and dissemination of findings through published papers, presentations and reports
 - Budget management
 - Liaison with study funders

- Mar 2006 – Mar 2008 University College London
Research Fellow
Management of Department of Health funded research project**
- Recruitment of patients through NHS genetics clinics
 - Data collection and analysis
 - Critical review of past literature
 - Dissemination of research findings through published papers and presentations
 - Budget and project management
 - Ad-hoc teaching and student supervision
- Mar 2004 – Feb 2006 Social Services, Bristol, UK
Part-time Support Worker**
- Provision of practical and emotional support to client with mental health difficulties
 - Advocacy for client
 - Management of team of support workers
 - Liaison with mental health services
- Feb 2003 – Feb 2006 University of the West of England
Part-time Visiting Lecturer**
- Teaching, seminar facilitation and assessment of psychology undergraduate and postgraduate students
- Sep 2000 – Oct 2002 The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths, London
Part-time Helpline Adviser**
- Providing evidence-based information to parents and healthcare professionals, and emotional support to bereaved families
 - Communicating scientific findings to a variety of audiences
- Mar 2000 – Sept 2001 Senator Recruitment Ltd., London
Project Co-ordinator**
- Marketing and developing the recruitment of overseas nurses by NHS Trusts
 - Building relationships with recruiters
 - Developing proposals for large scale and individual recruitment
 - Assisting in facilitating the cultural integration of foreign nurses in the UK
- Sep 1999 – Feb 2000 British Nursing Association
Recruitment Co-ordinator, St Mary's Hospital, London**
- Sourcing and co-ordinating nursing staff for several wards
 - Solving staffing shortages at short notice
 - Communication and liaison with ward managers
- Dec 1998 – Sep 1999 International travelling**
- Jun 1998 – Nov 1998 Christie's Auctioneers, London
Assistant – Client Development**
- Assisting in identifying and developing new Christie's clients
- Apr 1997 – May 1998 Nortel plc, UK
Assistant to Facilities Manager**
- Organisational role

Consultancy Work

- 2007: University of the West of England: Consultant on adolescent research project
- 2004: University of Bristol: Developed online psychology module for national Doctorate in Dental Science programme

Voluntary Work

- 2009 – present: Co-founder and Trustee of registered charity, the *Sisanda FunDaytion*, providing fun, inspirational events and activities to vulnerable and disadvantaged children and adolescents in the Western Cape:
<http://www.sisanda.org.za/>

Professional Positions

- Member of Public Health Association of South Africa
- Chartered Health Psychologist
- Co-Chair of HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN) Southern African Socio-behavioural Working Group (2014-2015)
- Honorary Secretary for the Division of Health Psychology (DHP) of the British Psychological Society (BPS) (2008)
- Chair of the Postgraduate Subcommittee of the DHP of the BPS (2006 – 2007)
- Representative for the Psychology Postgraduate Affairs Group (PsyPAG) on the Publications and Communications Board of the BPS (2004 - 2007)
- South West Regional Co-ordinator for the Higher Education Academy Postgraduate Psychology Network (2006)
- Press Officer for the South West Branch of the BPS (2005-2006)
- Representative for PsyPAG on the South West Branch of the BPS (2004-2006)
- Reviewer for *British Journal of Health Psychology*, *Psychology and Health*, *Journal of Health Psychology*, *Southern African Journal of HIV Medicine*, *Public Library of Science (PLoS)*, and *Cancer Epidemiology*

Publications and Presentations

Publications:

Book chapters:

Wallace, M. (2012). Body image issues amongst individuals with HIV and AIDS. In T. Cash (Ed). *Encyclopedia of Body Image and Human Appearance*. Oxford: Elsevier

Williamson, H. and **Wallace, M.** (2012). Medically induced (iatrogenic) adverse changes in appearance. In T. Cash (Ed). *Encyclopedia of Body Image and Human Appearance*. Oxford: Elsevier

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Journal Publications:

Atujuna, M., Newman, P.A., **Wallace, M.**, Eluhu, M, Rubincam, C, Brown, B, and Bekker, L-G. (2018). Contexts of vulnerability and the acceptability of new biomedical HIV prevention technologies among key populations in South Africa: A qualitative study. *PLoS ONE*, **13**(2).

Smith, P., Marcus, R., Bennie, T, Nkala, B., Nchabeleng, M., Latka, M., Gray, G. **Wallace, M.** and Bekker, L-G (accepted). What do South African adolescents want in a sexual health service? Evidence from the South African Studies on HIV in Adolescents (SASHA) project (accepted). *South African Medical Journal*.

Wallace M., Middelkoop K, Smith P, Pike C, Bennie T, Gray G, Nchabeleng M, Churchyard G, Slack C, Strode A, Bekker L-G (accepted). Feasibility and acceptability of conducting HIV vaccine trials in adolescents in South Africa: going beyond willingness to participate towards implementation (accepted). *South African Medical Journal*

Smith, P. **Wallace, M.** and Bekker, L-G. (2016). Adolescents' experience of a rapid HIV self-testing device in youth-friendly clinic settings in Cape Town South Africa: a cross-sectional community based usability study. *Journal of the International AIDS Society*, **19** (1).

Wallace, M. and Pentz-Kluyts, M. Addressing obesity as a risk factor for cancer in South Africa: Size does matter. *Cancer Control* (2016).

Kung, T. H., **Wallace, M. L.**, Snyder, K. L., Robson, V. K., Mabud, T. S., Kalombo, C. D., & Bekker, L. G. (2016). South African healthcare provider perspectives on transitioning adolescents into adult HIV care. *South African Medical Journal*, **106**(8), 804-808.

Amico, K. R., **Wallace, M.**, Bekker, L. G., Roux, S., Atujuna, M., Sebastian, E., & Grant, R. M. (2016). Experiences with HPTN 067/ADAPT Study-Provided Open-Label PrEP Among Women in Cape Town: Facilitators and Barriers Within a Mutuality Framework. *AIDS and Behavior*, 1-15.

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Griffith, D. C., Adler, D., **Wallace, M.**, Bennie, T., Abar, B., & Bekker, L. G. (2015). Knowledge of HPV among HIV-Infected and HIV-Uninfected Adolescent Women in South Africa. *Journal of women's health, issues & care*, **4**(5).

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- Adler, D., **Wallace, M.**, Bennie, T., Abar, B., Sadeghi, R., Meiring, T., Williamson, A-L and Bekker, L-G. (2015). High Risk Human Papillomavirus Persistence Among HIV-infected Young Women in South Africa. *International Journal of Infectious Diseases*, **33**, e219-221
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Presentations and posters:

- British Psychological Society Division of Health Psychology Annual conference, 3rd – 5th September, 2003, Stafford
- Teenage Cancer Trust 3rd International conference on cancer and the adolescent – 1st-2nd March 2004, London
- Psychology Postgraduate Affairs Group conference, 26th–28th July 2004, Manchester
- British Psychological Society Division of Health Psychology Annual conference, 8th – 10th September 2004, Edinburgh
- 19th Annual Conference of the European Health Psychology Society, 31st Aug – 3rd Sept 2005, Galway, Ireland
- The Centre for Appearance Research 'Appearance Matters 2' conference, 6-7th June 2006, Bath
- Meningitis Trust Staff Training Day, 19th October 2006, Stroud
- King's College London Psychology and Genetics Group, 13th March 2007, London
- UK Cancer Genetics Group and Dutch Cancer Society and 10th International Meeting on Psychosocial Aspects of Genetic Testing, 22nd-24th May 2007, Manchester
- 21st Annual Conference of the European Health Psychology Society, 15th – 18th Aug 2007, Maastricht, Netherlands
- British Psychological Society Division of Health Psychology Annual conference, 12th – 14th Sept, Nottingham
- University of Bedfordshire Seminar Series, 28th November 2007
- UCL Centre for Behavioural and Social Sciences in Medicine seminar series, 5th December 2007, London
- UK Cancer Genetics Group Winter meeting, 7th December 2007, London
- British Psychological Society Division of Health Psychology Annual conference, 2008, Bath
- Williamson, H., Harcourt, D., Frith, H., Wallace, M. and Halliwell, E. (2008) Using photography as a tool for exploring adolescent experiences of appearance change during treatment for cancer. In: Fifth International Conference on Teenage and Young Adult Cancer Medicine, London, 9-10 June 2008.
- South African AIDS Conference, 31st March – 3rd April 2009, Durban
- European and Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) Forum, 13th October 2009, Arusha, Tanzania
- South African AIDS Conference, 7th-10th June 2011, Durban
- International AIDS Society Conference, 17th-20th July 2011, Rome
- World Association of Infant Mental Health, 19th April 2012, Cape Town
- HVTN Full Group Meeting, Washington DC, 29th May-1st June 2012
- HIV/AIDS Network Co-ordination Behavioural Science Working Group meeting, 6-7th June 2012, Miami
- AIDS Vaccine 2013, Barcelona, 7-10 October: Attracting, Equipping and Retaining Young Investigators in HIV Vaccine Research in South Africa. Danna Flood, Melissa Wallace, Kimberly Racow, James Kublin, Linda-Gail Bekker, and the NIAID HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN).
- AIDS Vaccine 2013, Barcelona, 7-10 October: A Mixed-Methods Assessment of Understanding (AoU) Tool for HIV Vaccine Trials: Results From a Comparative Study in South Africa and Uganda. Sabrina Welsh, Graham Lindegger, Michael Quayle, Daniella Mark, Melissa Wallace, Linda-Gail Bekker, Surita Roux, Ubaldo Bahemuka, Eugene Ruzagira, Tsedal Mebrahtu, Frances Priddy, Pat Fast, Sagri Singh, Judie Mbogua, Prince Bahati and Bonnie Bender
- International AIDS Society Conference 2014, Melbourne: Transitioning HIV+ve youth into adult care: evaluating the need and potential for a model in a South African ART clinic. Kate Snyder, Tiffany Kung, Victoria Robson, Melissa Wallace and Linda-Gail Bekker
- Targeted Approach in HIV Prevention: Analysis of behavior patterns in adolescent women in Masiphumelele, South Africa. Rokhsanna Sadeghi, Beau Abar, Thola Bennie, Melissa Wallace, David Adler. Accepted for presentation at the Global Health and Innovation Conference, Yale University, March 2015.

- Tailored Family Planning and Reproductive Health Services for HIV Infected Adolescent Women: analysis of adolescent women's childbearing intentions in Masiphumelele and Gugulethu, South Africa. Rokhsanna Sadeghi, Melissa Wallace, Thola Bennie, Beau Abar, Linda-Gail Bekker, David Adler. Submitted for presentation at Consortium of Universities for Global Health conference March 2015.
- High Risk HPV Persistence Among HIV-infected Young Women in South Africa. David Adler, Melissa Wallace, Thola Bennie, Beau Abar, Tracy Meiring, Anna-Lise Williamson, Linda-Gail Bekker. Submitted for presentation at Consortium of Universities for Global Health conference March 2015.
- HPTN 067: 'PrEP Ubuntu' and experiences with open-label PrEP among African women. Melissa Wallace, Linda-Gail Bekker, Surita Roux, Millicent Atujuna, Elaine Sebastian, Bonnie J. Dye, Vanessa Elharrar, Robert Grant, K. Rivet Amico. International AIDS Society Conference, Vancouver, 19-22 July 2015
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References

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