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EDUCATION

McGill University, Montreal, QC

PhD Sociology **2009-current**

- Supervisor: Prof. Shelley Clark, Canada Research Chair in Youth, Gender, and Global Health
- Comprehensive exams: Population Dynamics (sub-areas: family and migration); Development & Social Change (sub-areas: gender & development and population/urbanization)
- Dissertation (in progress): The effects of women's migration on family dynamics and child well-being: Experiences from the informal settlements of Nairobi, Kenya

Coady International Institute, Antigonish, NS

Development Leadership Certificate **2008**

- Completed Development Leadership Workshop

Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB

B.A. First Class Honours in International Relations **2008**

- Dean's List Standing 2004-2008 (Cumulative GPA 3.7)
- Minor in Sociology
- Honours Topic: "Where Development Begins: Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights as a Means of Achieving Development"

Moncton High School, Moncton, NB

High School Diploma **2004**

- Graduated with Distinction

WORK HISTORY

McGill University, Montreal QC

Course Instructor **September 2012-December 2012**

- SOCI 365 Health & Development

Research Assistant **August 2009-current**

- Shelley Clark, Dept. of Sociology

Teaching Assistant **September 2009-April 2012**

- SOCI 234 Population & Society (Professor Jack Sandberg), Winter 2012
- SOCI 365 Health & Development (Professor Shelley Clark), Winter 2010/Fall 2010/Fall

2011

- SOCI 222 Urban Sociology (Professor Donald Hinrichs), Winter 2011
- SOCI 254 Development & Underdevelopment (Professor Donald Von Eschen), Fall 2009

Data Coder

October 2010-December 2011

- Life Histories, Health & HIV/AIDS Data Laboratory (run by Professor Shelley Clark).

*Association Rwandaise Pour le Bien-Etre Familial (ARBEF)/Coady International Institute,
Kigali, Rwanda*

Reproductive Health Program Assistant

July 2008- January 2009

AWARDS

- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), \$40,000: Sept. 2012-Sept. 2014.
- Arts Graduate Student Travel Award (Faculty of Arts, McGill) \$1,000: Sept. 2011.
- Report on Adolescent Girls' Migration (The Population Council: Better World Fund), \$5,000: August-Dec. 2011.
- Arts Graduate Research Travel Award (Faculty of Arts, McGill), \$3,500: April, 2011.
- Provost's Graduate Fellowship (McGill), \$5,000: August 2009-May 2010.
- McCall MacBain Fellowship (McGill), \$2,500: August 2009-May 2010
- Principal's Graduate Fellowship (McGill), \$5,000: August 2009-May 2010.
- Millennium Bursaries (Fondation canadienne des bourses du millenaire), \$8,000: May 2007 & May 2008.
- Entrance Scholarship (Mount Allison University), \$6,000: Sept. 2004- May 2006.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- Cotton, C. In progress. "The effects of mother's migration on family dynamics and child residence: Evidence from the informal settlements of Nairobi."
- Clark, S., C. Cotton & L. Marteleto. In progress. "Parenting arrangements of young mothers and fathers in South Africa: How important are consanguineous and conjugal ties?"
- Clark, S. & C. Cotton. Under review. "The effects of migration and family structure on transitions to adulthood in urban Kenya." Presented at the 6th African Population Conference, Dec. 5th – 9th, 2011, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.
- Cotton, C. "‘First as Masters... Always as Friends:’ The Colonial Legacy, Neocolonialism and the Impact on African Development." *Atlantic International Studies Journal*. Volume 5, Spring 2008, 55-60.
- Cotton, C. "‘Where Radio is King:’ Rwanda's Hate Radio and the Lessons Learned." *Atlantic International Studies Journal*. Volume 4, Spring 2007, 4-11.

LANGUAGES

- English: native language
- French: speak, read, and write at an intermediate level