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## **RESUME**

Samuel Habimana holds Ph.D. in Social Welfare and Social Research at the School of Behavioral Health at Loma Linda University in California, USA. He also holds a master's in public health and a bachelor's degree in clinical psychology from the University of Rwanda. Dr. Habimana is also the founder and executive director of the Rwanda Resilience and Grounding Organization (RRGO), a non-governmental organization dedicated to supporting Rwandan communities by fostering trauma recovery, resilience-building, and social function.

With over a decade of experience, Habimana has worked extensively in resilience-building and mental health promotion, particularly in regions affected by war and political conflicts. His expertise extends beyond Rwanda, as he has served as an international consultant for community-based mental health interventions in several African countries, including Tanzania, Sierra Leone, Angola, Nigeria, Kenya, and Niger. His research integrates both qualitative and quantitative methodologies, focusing on the Community Resiliency Model (CRM), the role of green spaces in mental health, addiction treatment, trauma recovery, resilience, and post-traumatic growth. Additionally, his research interests span public health issues such as HIV, cancer, malnutrition, laughter yoga, and family functioning. Passionate about working with underserved and marginalized communities, he applies statistical modeling to inform decision-making and effectively communicate data-driven insights.

Beyond his research, Habimana provides leadership in coordinating research and training programs while collaborating with various partners. He has extensive experience designing and implementing monitoring and evaluation projects, conducting baseline and impact assessments, and developing scalable, evidence-based interventions. Habimana has contributed to numerous research projects in Rwanda and internationally.

His statistical and analytical expertise includes proficiency in software such as **SPSS, R, SAS, STATA, JASP**, and **JAMOV**I for quantitative data analysis, as well as NVivo and ATLAS for qualitative research. Additionally, he has an intermediate understanding of **Python** for computing and data analysis. Habimana is also skilled in research collaboration tools, utilizing platforms such as **Git, GitHub**, and **Zenhub, OSF** to enhance teamwork efficiency and productivity among researchers.

## ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Institution	Degree	Start Date	Completion Date	Field of Study
Loma Linda University	PhD	09/2021	06/2025	Social Welfare and Social Research
University of Rwanda	Masters	09/2017	11/2019	Public Health
University of Rwanda	Bachelor	01/2011	08/2014	Clinical Psychology

## POSITION AND RESPONSABILITIES

**Research Assistant: VA Palo Alto Health Care in California, Affiliated to Stanford University January 2025 till now/**

- Quantitative data analyst
- Modeling To Learn (MTL)
- Grant development and Participatory systemic Dynamic
- Systematic thinking and simulation

**Graduate Research and Teaching Assistance: Interdisciplinary studies, School of Behavioral Health, Loma Linda University, January- 2022 till now**

- Teaching assistant for SPSS lab
- Teaching summer interns statistics
- Development of quantitative survey
- Data analysis

**Community Based Protection Officers, United Nation of High Commission of Refugees (UNHCR) contracted by Prison Fellowship Rwanda (PFR), December 2019-September 2021**

- Establish and maintain strong relationships with refugee communities to understand their protection needs
- Mediate conflicts between refugee groups and host communities to promote coexistence
- Identify vulnerable groups (e.g., women, children, persons with disabilities, elderly, and survivors of violence) and support targeted intervention
- Work in coordination with UNHCR, government agencies, and humanitarian partners to ensure holistic refugee protection

**Founder and Executive Director Rwanda Resilience and Grounding Organization (RRGO), Match 2015 till now**

- Develop strategic partnerships and foster collaborations with local and international stakeholders to support the organization's mission
- Design and implement training programs and community-based projects aligned with the organization's vision of trauma recovery, resilience building, and mental health support
- Represent and promote RRGO at conferences, meetings, and networking events to strengthen visibility and advocacy efforts

- Lead organizational development, including fundraising initiatives, grant proposal writing, and donor engagement
- Oversee program implementation, monitoring, and evaluation to ensure impact and sustainability

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Psychological Association (APA): Provisional Member
- International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies (ITSS): Member
- Community Resiliency Model (CRM): Research Committee Member
- Rwanda Psychological Society (RPS): Co founding Member
- Catalyst 2030: Member of Mental Health Chapter

## VOLUNTEERING POSITION

- Vice President of Afrinet student association, Loma Linda Student Association: 2024/2025
  - a. Role: Awareness and preserving African culture
  - b. Preparing renewal week and recreation events like bowling
- Vice President of Afrinet student association, Loma Linda Student Association: 2023/2024
  - a. Role: Awareness and preserving African culture
  - b. Representing Afrinet in different meeting organized by loma Linda student administration
  - c. Preparing renewal week and recreation events like bowling
- Secretary of Afrinet student association, Loma Linda Student Association: 2022/2023
  - a. Role: Recruiting and registering new students
  - b. Role: Awareness and preserving African culture
  - c. Preparing renewal and recreation events like bowling

## REVIEWING JOURNALS

- International Journal of Mental Health: From 2024-current
- BMC Public Health: From 2023-current
- Cambridge Prisms: Global Mental Health: From 2022-current

## PUBLISHED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- 1) Biracyaza E & **Habimana, S (2025)**. Parenting practices in occupational justice lens in the post-genocide context: more than 31 years after a genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. *Frontiers in Rehabilitation Sciences - Disability, Rehabilitation, and Inclusion*.
- 2) **Habimana, S**, Lister, Z., Jansen, S., Biracyaza, E., Ndagijimana, A., Kagaba, K., Rutembesa, E., & Montgomery, S. (2024). Profile of risk factors for injecting drug use among the sample at high risk of HIV/AIDS in Kigali, Rwanda. Springer Science and Business Media LLC. 2004. <https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-5278497/v1>
- 3) **Habimana, S.**, & Biracyaza, E. (2024). Sociocultural practices for resilience and recovery. In P. Waldron-Moore (Ed.), *Designing knowledge economies for disaster resilience: Case studies from the African diaspora* (1st ed., Vol. 7, pp. 130). Berghahn Books. <https://doi.org/10.2307/jj.6879752>

- 4) Kubana, E., Munyaneza, A., Sande, S., Nduhuye, F., Karangwa, J.B., Mwesigye, D., Ndagijimana, E., **Habimana, S.** and Munyanshongore, C., (2023). "A comparative analysis of risk factors of malaria" case study Gisagara and Bugesera District of Rwanda. RDHS 2014/2015. A retrospective study. BMC Public Health, 23(1), p.168.
- 5) **Habimana, S** and Draus, P., Qureshi, S., Roddy,J., Biracyaza, E., Rutembesa, E., Lacey, K., Montgomery, S.,(2023). Green Space and Mental Wellbeing in Rwanda: An Exploratory Cross-Sectional Study." Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4340408> or <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4340408>
- 6) **Habimana S**, Biracyaza E, Mpunga T, Nsabimana E, Kayitesi F, Nzamwita P, Jansen S. Prevalence and associated factors of depression and anxiety among patients with cancer seeking treatment at the Butaro Cancer Center of Excellence in Rwanda. Front Public Health. 2023 16th February; 11: 972360.doi: 10.3389/fpubh.2023.972360. PMID: 36875374; PMCID: PMC9978744.
- 7) **Habimana S**, Biracyaza E, Habumugisha E, Museka E, Mutabaruka J, Montgomery SB. Role of Community Resiliency Model Skills Trainings in Trauma Healing Among 1994 Tutsi Genocide Survivors in Rwanda. Psychol Res Behav Manag. 2021 30th July; 14: 1139-1148.doi: 10.2147/PRBM.S319057. PMID: 34354379; PMCID: PMC8331195.
- 8) Biracyaza E, **Habimana S**, Rusengamihigo D, Evans H. Regular antenatal care visits were associated with low risk of low birth weight among newborns in Rwanda: Evidence from the 2014/2015 Rwanda Demographic Health Survey (RDHS) Data." F1000Res. 2021 19th May; 10:402. doi: 10.12688/f1000research.51969.2. PMID: 36406958; PMCID: PMC9641107.
- 9) Biracyaza E, **Habimana S**, Rusengamihigo D. Psychometric Properties of the Beck Depression Inventory (BDI-II) in Cancer Patients: Cancer Patients from Butaro Ambulatory Cancer Center, Rwanda." Psychology Research and Behavior Management. 2021; 14:665-674. Available from <https://doi.org/10.2147/PRBM.S306530>
- 10) Biracyaza, E., **Habimana, S.** "Contribution of community-based sociotherapy interventions for the psychological wellbeing of Rwandan youths born to genocide perpetrators and survivors: analysis of the storytelling of a sociotherapy approach." BMC Psychology 8, 102 (2020). Retrieved from <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40359-020-00471-9>
- 11) **Habimana S**, Biracyaza E. (2019). Risk Factors of Stunting Among Children Under 5 Years of Age in the Eastern and Western Provinces of Rwanda: Analysis of Rwanda Demographic and Health Survey 2014/2015. Pediatric Health Me. 2019 October 25; 10: 115-130.doi: 10.2147/PHMT.S222198. PMID: 31695558; PMCID: PMC6821046.
- 12) **Habimana S**, Biracyaza, E., Mutabaruka J, Habumugisha E, Museka E, Montgomery S (2020). Role of Community Resiliency Model (CRM) skills training in trauma healing among 1994 Tutsi genocide survivors in Rwanda. Pratiques Basées sur la Résilience. First edit. Marseille, Ionescu S, Hubert Mazurek.Aix-Marseille Université.

- 13) Biracyaza, E., Mutabaruka, J., **Habimana, S.** (2019). Validation of Anxiety Sensitivity Index (ASI-16) on a Nonclinical Sample of Rwandans: A cross-sectional study. *International Journal of Behavioral Sciences*, 12(4), 176-182. Available from [http://www.behavsci.ir/article\\_89156.html](http://www.behavsci.ir/article_89156.html)

## ONGOING RESEARCH

- 1) **Habimana, S.**, Rosalva Mejia and Susanne Montgomery (2025) Understanding Health Disparities Through Structural Equation Modeling: Cancer Experience and Mental Health Outcomes Among Patients Undergoing Treatment in Rwanda. **Manuscript in preparation**
- 2) **Samuel Habimana**, Susanne Montgomery, Kimberly Freeman, Truong Sophia, Lister Zephon (2025). The Mediating Role of the Community Resiliency Model (CRM) in the Relationship between Trauma Exposure and PTSD: Enhancing Social Function through Compassion, Social Cohesion, and Forgiveness in Rwanda. **Manuscript in preparation**
- 3) Alfonso Fior, C., **Habimana, S.**, Lister, Z., Samacumbi, L., Freeman, K., Oloo, W., Montgomery, S. (2025). Evaluating a Youth-Led Community Resilience Model (CRM) Mental Health Intervention Within the Safeguard Young People Program (SYP) in Angola: A Hybrid Type II Effectiveness-Implementation Study. Manuscript development. **Manuscript in preparation**
- 4) Murphy, N., **Habimana, S.**, Kelley, V., Guerrero, J., & Montgomery, S. B. (2025). The effectiveness of intensive outpatient program treatment for teens experiencing suicidal ideation in comparison with their parents from the Hispanic community. **Manuscript in preparation**
- 5) Fernandez,J, **Habimana ,S.**, Biracayza E,Montgomnery S (2025). Exploring the Association Between Depression, Cancer Medication, and Trust Among Cancer Patients Toward Their Healthcare Providers in Post-Genocide Rwanda. **Manuscript in preparation**
- 6) Brown Ishea, **Habimana, Samuel**, Zephon Lister, Montgomery Susanne (2025). Enhancing Quality of Life for Adult Sickle Cell Patients and Their Caregivers: A Comparative Evaluation of Intervention Outcomes and Resiliency-Based Recommendations. **Manuscript in preparation**
- 7) **Samuel Habimana**, Draus Paul, Tristan Nighswander , Roddy Juliette, Biracyaza Emmanuel, Susanne Montgomery. Categorizing Urban Green Spaces, Their Valuation, and Impact on Housing Prices in Kigali, Rwanda: Application of Hedonic pricing models. **Manuscript in preparation**
- 8) **Samuel Habimana**, Hycente Mushumbawiza, Emmanuel Biracyaza, Alemi Quai, Ortis Larry, Suanne Montgomery. "The effects of stigma Moderating by knowledge and misconception of HIV/AIDS on depression among refugee and host communities living with HIV/AIDS in Rwanda. **Manuscript in preparation**
- 9) **Samuel Habimana**, Ineza M.C., Nsabimana U., Uwayezu D., Rutayisire R., Nyirazinyoye L., Stefan J., Gillian I., Johnson L., Zelalem H. "Assessment of the association of maternal domestic violence on the initiation of breastfeeding in Rwanda: Secondary data analysis of Rwanda Demographic and Health Survey 2014-15. **Manuscript in preparation**

- 10) Emmanuel Biracyaza, **Samuel Habimana**, Susanne Montgomery (2024). Barriers and pathways to reconciliation and psychosocial reconstruction after 1994 genocide against the Tutsis in Rwanda: a comprehensive analysis. **Manuscript in review**
- 11) **Samuel Habimana**, Lister Zephone, Emmanuel Biracyaza, Freeman Kimberley Susanne Montgomery (2025). Addressing Mental Health Challenges Together via Community Resiliency Model: A Longitudinal Study with Survivors and Perpetrators in Rwanda. **Manuscript in Review**
- 12) **Samuel Habimana**, Freeman Kimberly, Emmanuel Biracyaza, Lister zephone, Susanne Montgomery (2025). Promoting social cohesion, compassion and forgiveness among Rwandan survivors and perpetrators through Community Resiliency Model trainings. **Manuscript in Review**

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

- 1) **Samuel Habimana**, Susanne Montgomery, Kimberly Freeman, Truong Sophia, Lister Zephon (2025). The Mediating Role of the Community Resiliency Model (CRM) in the Relationship between Trauma Exposure and PTSD: Enhancing Social Function through Compassion, Social Cohesion, and Forgiveness in Rwanda. ***International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS), September 2025 Baltimore.***
- 2) **Habimana, S.**, Lister, Z., Biracyaza, E., Freeman, K., & Montgomery, S. (2025, April). Addressing mental health challenges together via Community Resiliency Model: A longitudinal study with survivors and released genocide prisoners in Rwanda. Poster presented at the Biopsychosocial Conference, School of Behavioral Health, Loma Linda University, USA.
- 3) Fernandez, J., **Habimana, S.**, Biracyaza, E., & Montgomery, S. (2025, April). Exploring the association between depression, cancer medication, and trust among cancer patients toward their healthcare providers in post-genocide Rwanda. Poster presented at the Biopsychosocial Conference, School of Behavioral Health, Loma Linda University, USA
- 4) Aimable Ngendahimana and **Samuel Habimana** (2024). Do 1<sup>st</sup> Year Pharmacy Students Have Full Confidence in the Use of Artificial Intelligence? A Case Study in Pharmaceuticals Looking at CHatGPT, Gemini, and Perplexity AI Tools – Year 2024. Loma Linda University School of pharmacy and Loma Linda University School of Behavioral Health.
- 5) **Samuel Habimana**, Emmanuel Biracyaza, Zephon Lister, Kimberly Freeman, Susanne Montgomery. The Predictability and Changing Over Time of Psychosocial Problems: Community Resiliency Model Intervention on Genocide Survivors and Perpetrators in Rwanda. *International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) conference held in Boston, MA from September 24th to 28th, 2024.* <https://istss.org/meetings-events/istss-40th-annual-meeting>
- 6) **Samuel Habimana** and Lindsey Zimmerman (2024). Eliciting Trends in the Psychosocial Impact of Genocide-Related Policies in Rwanda: Convergence Among Survivors and Perpetrators Over Time. *International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) conference held in Boston, MA from September 24<sup>th</sup> to 28th, 2024.* <https://istss.org/meetings-events/istss-40th-annual-meeting/>



- 7) **Samuel Habimana** (2024). Improving forgiveness and social cohesion: a longitudinal study of the community resiliency model (CRM) for Rwanda. *Community Resiliency Model global monthly calls*. Trauma Resource Institute, August 2024.
- 8) Kaitlin Anderson, **Samuel Habimana**, Susanne Montgomery (2024). If you Treat Your Anger, What Happens to Forgiveness? Dynamics of Healing Together from Opposing Sides of Genocidal Conflict. NIH Summer Conference, Loma Linda University, Summer 2024.
- 9) **Samuel Habimana**, Emmanuel Biracyaza, Kimberly Freeman, Zephon Lister, and Susanne Montgomery (2024) The Potential Effect of Community Resiliency Model (CRM) Training for Mental Health Healing, Resilience, and Social Cohesion among Rwandan Survivors and Perpetrators. *Resilience and Trauma: Conceptual Development, Challenges, and Perspectives. 6th World Congress on Resilience, held in Kigali, Rwanda. From June 12-16<sup>th</sup> 2024.* <https://resilience2024.rw>
- 10) **Samuel Habimana**, Peter Badimak Yaro and Joy Bittner (May 2024): Navigating Scale: Challenges and Evidence-Based strategies for impact in rural area. Glasswing International virtual mental Health Conference 2024. <https://glasswing.org/glasswings-fourth-annual-mental-health-conference/>
- 11) **Habimana, S., & Yaro, P. B.** (2024). Mental health collaboration: Perspectives in community mental health in Rwanda and Ghana in Africa. Catalyst 2023. Mental health collaboration <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JpRckpuhbnc>
- 12) **Habimana, S.**, Biracyaza, E., Truong, S., Freeman., Lister, Z., & Montgomery, S. (2023, September 20-22). Improving Mental Health, Resilience, and Social Cohesion in Rwandan Survivors and Perpetrators with a Community Resilience Model Intervention plus Laughter Yoga. *Conference presentation: Advancing Evidence -Based intervention for mental health, Child Development and parenting.* 3rd Regional Research Symposium 2023, Kigali, Rwanda. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSu-El9l3Hk>.
- 13) **Habimana, S.**, Biracyaza, E., Lister, Z, Freeman, K, Montgomery, S. B (2023). Moving from Collective Trauma towards Community Resiliency for Rwandan Genocide Survivors and Perpetrators: Implications for Mental Health Policy. *International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) conference held in Los Angeles from November 1st to 4th, 2023.*
- 14) Truong. S., Lister, Z., Freeman., **Habimana, S.**, & Montgomery, S. (2023, September 20-22). *Emotional Regulation, Resiliency, and Family Dynamics on Parental and Children's Mental Health in Sierra Leone.* Conference presentation: Advancing Evidence -Based intervention for mental health, Child Development and parenting. 3rd Regional Research Symposium 2023, Kigali, Rwanda. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSu-El9l3Hk>.
- 15) Lister, Z., Freeman., Turay, P.A., Truong. S., **Habimana, S.**, & Montgomery, S. (2023, September 20-22). *Using a Task-shifting Family and School-based Intervention to Improve Emotional Regulation and Family Functioning Among Parents and Children in Sierra Leone.* Conference presentation: Advancing Evidence -Based intervention for mental health, Child Development and parenting. 3rd Regional Research Symposium 2023, Kigali, Rwanda. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSu-El9l3Hk>.

- 16) **Habimana S (2023).** Working with Trauma in Rwanda After 29 Years of Genocide: The Impact of Community Resilience Model on Healing Trauma, Building Resilience, and Enhancing Social Cohesion Among Rwandans. *Presented at the Glasswing Conference 2023, "Reimagining Mental health" Online on May 30, 2023.*
- 17) **Habimana S, Draus P, Qureshi S, Roddy J, Biracyaza E, Rutembesa E, Lacey K.K, Montgomery S.** The potential of green space to address community trauma and mental wellbeing: A study post-genocide circumstantial in Kigali, Rwanda. **Presented in International Conference of Faculty of Health and Life Sciences: Coventry University:** United Kingdom. Conference book: Page:19. On 16—18 March 2022".
- 18) **Habimana S, Biracyaza E, Museka E, Habumugisha E, Mutabaruka J, Montgomery S.** Role of Community Resiliency Model Skills Trainings in Trauma Healing Among 1994 Tutsi Genocide Survivors in Rwanda. Poster Presentation in Loma Linda University” Alumni Research Event, Loma linda, February 27th 2022.
- 19) **Habimana S, Lister Zephon, Aprodiz Kagaba, Jansen Stefan, Eugene Rutembesa, Emmanuel Biracyaza, Albert Ndagijimana, Montgomery Susanne.** The risk factors of depression symptomatology among Injecting Drug users in Rwanda. Snowballing sampling. Poster Presentation in Alumni Research Event, Loma Linda University of Health. Feb 27, 2022.
- 20) **Habimana S, Emmanuel Biracyaza, Lister Zephon, Aprodiz Kagaba, Jansen Stefan, Eugene Rutembesa, Albert Ndagijimana, Montgomery Susanne (2021).** *The risk factors of depression symptomatology among injecting drug users in Rwanda. Snowballing sampling.* Presented at the 9th Interdisciplinary Forensic Summer School under the theme "Forensic science: fostering evidence-based practice in the East African region- A South-South/ South-North partnership between Rwanda, Uganda, and Germany. Kigali, 4th November 2021.
- 21) **Habimana S, Biracyaza E, Museka E, Habumugisha E, Mutabaruka J, Montgomery S. (2021)** Role of Community Resiliency Model Skills Trainings in Trauma Healing Among 1994 Tutsi Genocide Survivors in Rwanda. Presented at the Congress of Rwanda Psychological Society under the theme "*Mbwira Ndumva (Tell me, I listen) symposium. Domestic & Gender-Based Violence during COVID-19 Pandemic. The University of Rwanda, Kigali, June 5, 2021.*
- 22) **Habimana S, Emmanuel Biracyaza, Lister Zephon, Aprodiz Kagaba, Jansen Stefan, Eugene Rutembesa, Albert Ndagijimana, Montgomery Susanne (2021).** The risk factors of depression symptomatology among injecting drug users in Rwanda. Snowballing sampling. *Presented at the 9th Interdisciplinary Forensic Summer School under the theme "Forensic science: fostering evidence-based practice in the East African region- A South-South/ South-North partnership between Rwanda, Uganda, and Germany. Kigali, 4th November 2021.*
- 23) **Habimana S, Paul Draus, Salman Qureshi, Juliette Roddy, Emmanuel Biracyaza, & Eugene Rutembesa (2020).** Green Space, Trauma and Mental Health in Kigali City, Rwanda: A Cross-sectional Comparative Study with Implications for Detroit. *Presented at the 17th International Conference on Urban Health: Transforming our Collective Urban Future: Learning from COVID-19. July 6-8, 2021.*
- 24) **Habimana S, Mutabaruka J, Habimana S, Biracyaza E, Museka E, Habumugisha E.** From Trauma to Reconstruction: Learning from Community Resiliency Model skills training in Rwanda. *The 8th*



*Interdisciplinary Forensic Summer School under the theme "Forensic Science: Fostering Evidence-based Practice in the East African Region- A South-South/ South-North Partnership between Rwanda, Uganda, and Germany. Kigali, 4th July 2019.*

- 25) **Habimana S**, Rukinga Ernest (2019). Presented on the importance of laughter yoga for emotion regulation in the Rwandan community at an international conference in Melbourne, Australia, on October 25, 2019.

## CONSULTANT

Samuel Habimana: Worked as the principal investigator and head of the consultant for the project "Building Resilience and Mental Health First Care among World Concern Workers in Niger" from July 2019 to 2021. World Concern funded the project. More information about World Concern can be found at <https://worldconcern.org/>.

Samuel Habimana: Engaged in the "Transformation of Justice and Mental Health in Rwanda" project funded by Dr. Blerina Këllezi, Associate Professor in Social and Trauma Psychology at the University of Nottingham. The project took place in December 2021. More information about Dr. Blerina Këllezi can be found at <https://www.ntu.ac.uk/staff-profiles/social-sciences/blerina-kellezi2>.

Samuel HABIMANA. Introducing Community Resiliency Model in Nigeria with Community Leaders. September - October 2024.

## AWARDS, GRANTS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS WIN

- 1) **Samuel Habimana** awarded *Presidents Award*, Loma Linda University, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- 2) **Samuel Habimana** awarded *Excellent student research award for academic year 2025*. Loma Linda University, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- 3) Pilot study on Families, Schools and Community Engaged Together (FASCET): A Community Resiliency Model (CRM) Based Family Resiliency Program for 5th Grade Students in Nyamagabe District, Southern Province of Rwanda. Loma Linda University, School of behavioral Health. Role: Leader of evaluation: 2024: Current status: On going Research Project
- 4) **Samuel Habimana**, September 2024: Awarding "Underrepresented Scholar Award. *International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) conference held in Boston, MA from September 24th to 28th, 2024.* <https://istss.org/meetings-events/istss-40th-annual-meeting>
- 5) **Samuel Habimana**, December 2023: Awarding the Trauma Resource Institute ambassador of the year 2023. <https://www.traumaresourceinstitute.com/blog/ambassadors-of-the-year-2023#:~:text=This%20year%2C%20we%20have%20selected,Inez%20Tiger%2C%20and%20EdCamp%20Ukraine.>

- 6) Categorizing Urban Green Spaces, Their Valuation, and Impact on Housing Prices in Kigali, Rwanda: Application of Hedonic Pricing Models. **Samuel Habimana**, June 2023: Northern Arizona University. **Role: Co investigator**
- 7) Restoration of peace and compassion among Rwandan genocide survivors and ex-prisoners: Project, awarded by Rotary Club International in collaboration with Victoria Park Rotary Club and Butare Rotary Club. **Role: PI (2021-2023)**
- 8) **Samuel Habimana**, June 2021-September 2025: Awarded a Ph.D. scholarship by Loma Linda University School of Behavioral Health, Department of Social Work and Social Ecology
- 9) Facilitating children with physical Handicap for reuniting their extend families: Wheelchairs for Children Program provided funding for awarding 116 wheelchairs. Role; PI
- 10) **Samuel Habimana**, September 2021: Granted a Ph.D. scholarship from Loma Linda University in social welfare and social research.
- 11) Funding for the Green Space and Mental Health project, a collaborative effort between Michigan and Northern Arizona universities.CO-Investigator 2019-2020
- 12) **Samuel Habimana**, June 2019: Awarded the Johnson & Johnson scholarship for the master's program in global mental health at King's College London and the University of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine for 2019-2020.
- 13) Travels funding for presentation the impact of CRM skills training on the healing of 1994 genocide survivors in Rwanda in Marseille, France.
- 14) Implemented the Laughter Yoga Project, aimed at improving the wellness of genocide survivors through laughter yoga in Huye District. Funded Australia Rotary Club
- 15) Education and training of the CRM Skills Training Project on genocide survivors by the Trauma Resource Institute and Unitarian Universal Service Committee. The recipient served as the Principal Investigator.
- 16) Educational training on CRM skills training for community health workers in Huye District, funded Trauma Resource Institute, Role PI
- 17) **Samuel Habimana**, August 2010: Awarded Rwandan government scholarship for a bachelor's degree in clinical psychology for a year program.

## COLLABORATIVE GRANT APPLICATION

- 1) *Family Strengthening Intervention for Refugees (FSI-R)* to promote mental health and adjustment and strengthen relationships and resilience among resettled Congolese families with minor children in California and Boston. Partnership with Loma Linda University and Boston College. Grant under preparation. Role. Co- investigator
- 2) Randomized control trial for improve productivity of small-holder rice farmers in Malawi affected by climate change with a low-cost, scalable package targeting vision and MSK pain partnership with Queen's University Belfast, University of Malawi and University of Ibadan Nigeria and Rwanda Resilience and Grounding organization. Grant size. US\$1.9 million. Role: Co- Applicant, Grant submitted.
- 3) Enhancing Green Space for Environmental and Social Resilience Using an Urban Acupuncture Approach with partnership with The Ostrava city government, Peking University, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Rwanda Resilience and Grounding Organization (Kigali), Rescue MI Nature Now (Detroit). Role: Co- Applicant, Grant submitted.

## INVITED TALKS

- 1) **Habimana, S.**, Lister, Z., Freeman, K., & Montgomery, S. (October 2024). *Psycho-social factors in survivors and perpetrators of the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi: The role of the Community Resiliency Model in building resilience and social cohesion*. Chalk Talks Speaker Series, Center for Health Disparities and Molecular Medicine, Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Mortensen Hall Amphitheater, California, USA
- 2) **Habimana S.** and Andre Port (April 2024). Remembering the Rwandan Genocide: International Response and National Recovery. University of Michigan-Dearborn and Holocaust Survivor and Oral History Archive, Detroit, Michigan, US.
- 3) **Habimana Samuel** (2020). Transition for Justice: Learning from Gacaca court in Rwanda. University of Michigan-Dearborn. Remote Talk, KIGALI, Rwanda.

## LANGUAGES

- English: Proficient in reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
- French: Very good in reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
- Kiswahili: Very good in reading, listening, writing, and speaking.
- Kinyarwanda: Excellent in reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
- Kiganda: Good in reading, writing, listening, and speaking.
- Kirundi: Very good in reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

## PERSONAL SKILLS

- Hardworking
- Humble
- Empathetic
- Flexible

## REFERENCE

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