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APPOINTMENTS

McGill University

Assistant Professor (full-time) Department of Psychiatry	2012-present
Assistant Professor (part-time) Department of Psychiatry	2011-present
Associate Member School of Social Work	2013-present
Faculty Member Center for Research on Children and Families	2011-present

Centre de Santé et de Services Sociaux (CSSS) de la Montagne

Scientific Advisor / Investigator Centre de Recherche et de Formation (SHERPA)	2012-present
Project Manager	2011-2012

EDUCATION

McGill University, Dept. of Psychiatry and Institute for Health & Social Policy

Postdoctoral Fellow	2006 - 2011
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Cornell University, College of Human Ecology, USA

Ph.D. in Policy Analysis and Management (Human Services Studies)	2002 - 2006
M.Sc. Program Planning and Evaluation	1999 - 2001

The George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs, USA

M.A. International Development	1994 - 1996
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Universidad Pontificia Comillas (ICADE), Spain

Licenciatura Law (LL.B.)	1989 - 1993
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RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERTISE

Alternative Care & Child Mental Health :	Orphan, Separated, Unsupervised Children International and Cross-Cultural Research
Program Planning & Evaluation :	Mixed Research Methods Ethics and methods in research with children Participatory & Action Research
Equity in Health & Social Services :	Refugees and Undocumented Migrants Gender

SCHOLARLY HONORS AND AWARDS

Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec (FRSQ)

Salary Award	2013-2017
Postdoctoral Fellowships	2008-2011

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

CIHR-IPPH Mentorship Award (Institute of Population and Public Health)	2013
IHDCYH Travel Award (Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health)	2010

McGill University

<i>CRCF</i> Graduate Student Travel Grant	2010 & 2011
International Travel Grant, CIHR Strategic Training Program	2007
<i>Richard H. Tomlinson</i> Postdoctoral Fellowship	2006-2008

Cornell University

Honoree, Women's Resource Center and International Students & Scholars Office	2005
Graduate Student Research Award(s), HumEc & PAM-HSS	2002-2004
International Travel Grant, College of Human Ecology, Graduate School and Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies	2000, 2001, 2003-2005
<i>Rebecca Quinn Morgan</i> Graduate Teaching Fellowship	2004
<i>Lucy Maltby</i> Fellowship	2001-2002
<i>Jean Warren</i> Fellowship	2001-2002
Fellowship (tuition), PAM-HSS	1999-2002 & 2004-2006

<i>Mable A. Rollins</i> Scholarship	2001-2002
<i>Anna Cora Smith</i> Graduate Fellowship	2001-2002
National Science Foundation	
Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship	2002-2004
American Association of University Women	
International Dissertation Fellowship	2002-2003
Woodrow Wilson Foundation	
J&J Doctoral Dissertation Grant on Children's Health	2002-2003
American Evaluation Association	
Type II Award	2005
Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars	
Honoree	1996

PUBLICATIONS

Peer reviewed articles

Cleveland, J. & **Ruiz-Casares, M.** (2013). Clinical assessment of asylum seekers: balancing human rights protection, patient well-being, and professional integrity. *The American Journal of Bioethics*, 13(7): 13–15.

Ruiz-Casares, M., Kolyn, L., Sullivan, R., & Rousseau, C. (2015). Parenting Adolescents from Ethno-Cultural Backgrounds: A National Scan of Community-Based Programs. *Child and Youth Services Review*.

Ruiz-Casares, M. & Thompson, J. (2014). Obtaining Meaningful Informed Consent: Preliminary Results of a Study to Develop Visual Informed Consent (VIC) Forms With Children. *Children's Geographies*, 1-11. DOI: 10.1080/14733285.2014.971713

Ruiz-Casares, M. (2014). Children's Rights: Building From a Sense of Fairness. An Interview with Landon Pearson. *Canadian Journal of Children's Rights*, 1(1), 6-17.

Ruiz-Casares, M. (2014). Tailor Informed Consent Processes. *Nature*, 513, 304.

Ruiz-Casares, M. (2014). Global Mental Health: Advancing Culturally Responsive Mental Health Research. *Transcultural Psychiatry*, 1-16.

Ruiz-Casares, M., Rousseau, D., Morlu, J., and Browne, C. (2013). Eliciting Children's Perspectives of Risk and Protection: How To Do It and Why Does It Matter. *Child and Youth Care Forum*, 42, 425–437. DOI 10.1007/s10566-013-9208-z.

Ruiz-Casares, M., Rousseau, C., Laurin-Lamothe, A., Rummens, J.A., Zekowitz, P., Crépeau, F., and Steinmetz, N. (2013). Access to Health Care for Undocumented Migrant Children and Pregnant Women: The Paradox Between Values and Attitudes of

Health Care Professionals. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 17(2):292-8. doi: 10.1007/s10995-012-0973-3.

- Ruiz-Casares, M.** (2012). “When it’s just me at home, it hits me that i’m COMPLETELY ALONE”: An online survey of adolescents in self-care. *Journal of Psychology: Interdisciplinary and Applied*, 146(1–2), 135–153 (Loneliness Special Issue).
- Ruiz-Casares, M.,** Rousseau, C., Currie, J., & Heymann, J. (2012). “I hold on to my teddy bear really tight”: Results from a Child Online Survey on Being Home Alone. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 82(1), 97–103.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.,** Trocmé, N., & Fallon, B. (2012). Supervisory Neglect and Risk of Harm: Evidence from the Canadian Child Welfare system. *Child Abuse & Neglect*.36, 471-480.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** (2010). Kin and Youths in the Social Networks of Youth-Headed Households in Namibia. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 72(5), 1408-1425.
- Ruiz-Casares, M. &** Rousseau, C. (2010). Between Freedom and Fear: Children’s Views on Home Alone. *The British Journal of Social Work*, 40(8), 2560-2577.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.,** Rousseau, C., Derluyn, I., Watters, C., and Crépeau, F. (2010). Right and Access to Health Care for Undocumented Children: Addressing the Gap Between International Conventions and Disparate Implementations in North America and Europe. *Social Science & Medicine*, 70, 329–336.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** (2009). Between Adversity and Agency: Child and Youth-Headed Households in Namibia. *Vulnerable Children & Youth Studies*, 4 (3), 238-248.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** (2009). Unintentional Childhood Injuries in Sub-Saharan Africa: an Overview of Risk & Protective Factors. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, 20, 51-67.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** and Heymann, J. (2009). Children Home Alone Unsupervised: Modeling Parental Decisions and Associated Factors in Botswana, Mexico, and Vietnam. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 33, 312-323.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.,** Thombs, B., and Rousseau, C. (2009). The Association of Single and Double Orphanhood with Symptoms of Depression Among Children and Adolescents in Namibia. *European Child & Adolescent Psychiatry*, 18(6), 369-376.
- Vanthuyne, K., Meloni, F., **Ruiz-Casares, M.,** Ricard-Guay, A., and Rousseau, C. (2013). Health workers perceptions of access to care for children and pregnant women with precarious immigration status: Health as a right or a privilege? *Social Science & Medicine*. 93, 78-85.

Books

- Ruiz-Casares, M.** et Barazangi, Nimat H. (comp.) 2002. Feminisms and Action Research. Ithaca, NY: Cornell Participatory Action Research Network (CPARN).

- Alvarez, B., et **Ruiz-Casares, M.** (Eds.) 1998. Evaluation and Education Reform: Policy options. Washington, DC: USAID/ABEL2/AED [Available in English and Spanish].
- Álvarez, B., et **Ruiz-Casares, M.** (Eds.) 1997. Paths of Change. Washington, DC: USAID/ABEL2/AED [Available in English and Spanish].

Book chapters

- Gertz, S. & **Ruiz-Casares, M.** (in press). Gender and HIV in Namibia. The Contribution of Social and Economic Factors in Women's HIV Prevalence. In *An Introduction to Gender Studies in Namibia and the SADC Region*. Edited by James Etim. New York: Edwin Meller Press.
- Heidenreich, F., **Ruiz-Casares, M.**, & Rousseau, C. 2010, Aug. The Psychosocial Consequences of Organized Violence on Children (pp. 234-241). In *The Impact of Early Life Trauma on Health and Disease: The Hidden Epidemic*, edited by Ruth Lanius, Eric Vermetten and Clare Pain. Cambridge University Press.
- Paccione, L., Measham, T., Kronick, R., Meloni, F., Ricard-Guay, A., Rousseau, C., and **Ruiz-Casares, M.** (2012). The Mental Health of Children Facing Collective Adversity. Poverty, homelessness, war, displacement. In Rey JM (ed), *IACAPAP e-Textbook of Child and Adolescent Mental Health*. Geneva: International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** (in press). HIV/AIDS and Women In Namibia: Policy Responses. In *HIV/AIDS Policies and Their Impact on Women* edited by A. Parrot and J. Allen. New York: Taylor Francis/Routledge.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.**, Guzder, J., Rousseau, C., and Kirmayer, L. (2013). Cultural Roots of Well-Being and Resilience in Child Mental Health (pp. 2379-2407). In *Handbook of Child Well-Being: Theory, Indicators, Measures and Policies*, edited by Asher Ben-Arieh, Ivar Frones, Ferran Casas, and Jill E. Korbin. Springer.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** (2013). Finding the balance between protection and participation: What do you do when follow services are not readily available? (pp. 132-133). In Graham, A., Powell, M., Taylor, N., Anderson, D. & Fitzgerald, R. *Ethical Research Involving Children*. Florence: UNICEF Office of Research - Innocenti.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** (2012) Undocumented. In *Encyclopedia of Immigrant Health*, edited by Sana Loue and Martha Sajatovic. Springer Science+Business
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** (2011). Building Trust, Enhancing Research: Carrying Out Fieldwork in Namibia. In *Research Beyond Borders: Multidisciplinary Reflections*, edited by Lise-Hélène V. Trouilloud and Anjana Narayan. Lexington, MA: Lexington Press.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** (2013) Knowledge without harm?: When follow-up support is not readily available . In *Negotiating ethical challenges in youth research*, edited by Kitty te Riele

& Rachel Brooks. New York : Routledge Press, pp. 84-95.

Ruiz-Casares, M. 2008. Namibia. In *The Encyclopedia of Africa and the Americas*, edited by Richard M. Juang and Noelle Morrisette. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, pp. 799-802.

Ruiz-Casares, M. 2007. How did I become the parent? Gendered Responses to New Responsibilities Among Namibian Child Headed-Households. In *Unraveling Taboos: Gender and Sexuality in Namibia*, edited by Dianne Hubbard and Suzanne LaFont. Windhoek, Namibia: Legal Assistance Centre, pp.18-166.

Ruiz-Casares, M. 2007. Namibia. In *Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations*, edited by Tim Gall and Susan Gall. Cleveland, OH: Thomson Gale.

Ruiz-Casares, M. 2005. Meeting Their Own Needs: A Study of Child-Headed Households in Namibia. In *3rd National Conference on Orphans and Vulnerable Children: "Are We Meeting the Needs of Our OVC?" Full Report*. Windhoek, Namibia: Ministry of Women Affairs and Child Welfare.

Ruiz-Casares, M. 1997. Reforma Educativa en España. In *Senderos de Cambio*, edited by Álvarez, B., and Ruiz-Casares, M. Washington, DC: USAID/ABEL2/AED [Available in English and Spanish].

Theses

Ruiz-Casares, M. 2006. Strengthening the Capacity of Child-Headed Households to meet Their Own Needs : A Social Networks Approach. Doctoral dissertation. Ithaca, NY : Cornell University.

Research and Evaluation Reports

Allen, J.A., Cihlar, C., and **Ruiz-Casares, M.** 2001. Family Resolutions Project Evaluation 1998-2000. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Cooperative Extension. [authors listed in alphabetical order]

Équipe de recherche et intervention transculturelles. 2012. Rapport de recherche. L'accès aux soins de santé pour les enfants et femmes enceintes à statut migratoire précaire. Montreal, QC : Centre de Santé et de Services Sociaux de la Montagne.

Fine, A. and **Ruiz-Casares, M.** 1997. The Prudential Youth Leadership Institute: Final Evaluation Report. Washington, DC: Innovation Network, Inc.

Fine, A. and **Ruiz-Casares, M.** 1996. The Family Place: Final Evaluation Report. Washington, DC: Innovation Network, Inc.

Fine, A. and **Ruiz-Casares, M.** 1996. The Family Place: Interim Evaluation Report. Washington, DC: Innovation Network, Inc.

Fine, A. and **Ruiz-Casares, M.** 1996. Ayuda: Final Evaluation Report. Washington, DC: Innovation Network, Inc.

Fine, A. and **Ruiz-Casares, M.** 1996. Ayuda: Interim Evaluation Report. Washington, DC:

Innovation Network, Inc.

- Tobis, D., **Ruiz-Casares, M.**, & Alcala Cortes, E. (2015). Evaluación rápida del sistema de asistencia social del Estado de Tabasco, México. Informe Final. Villahermosa, Mexico: Maestral Intl & GEA.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** (2014). Young People's Views on Mental Health and Access to Healthcare: Reflections on *Shaking the Movers VI* and Articles 23 and 24 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child : Standing Up for Children's Mental Health. In CRAN 5th Annual Meeting [Report]. Ottawa, ON: Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** (2013). *Alternative Care in Laos: An Exploratory Study With Children and Caregivers*. Vientiane, Lao P.D.R.: Save the Children, McGill University/CSSS de la Montagne, and National University of Laos. [Available in English and Lao]
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** (2013). *Some Thoughts Concerning Shaking the Movers V and Articles 37 and 40 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child* (pp. 61-65). In Study of Childhood and Children's Rights, Children Rights Academic Network. Ottawa, ON: Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** 2011. Child Protection Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices in Central and Western Liberia. [Final Report]. Monrovia, Liberia : Save the Children and USAID.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.**, Lach, L., Rousseau, C., Sullivan, R., Drummond, J., and Beeman, I., 2011. Parenting for the promotion of adolescent mental health : Review of the literature. Mental Health Commission of Canada.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.**, Lach, L., Rousseau, C., Sullivan, Drummond, J., and Kolyn, L. 2012. Parenting for the promotion of adolescent mental health : Environmental Scan. Mental Health Commission of Canada.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.**, Lach, L., Rousseau, C., Sullivan, and Drummond, J. 2012. Parenting for the promotion of adolescent mental health : [Parental Mental Health Education, Information, and Support] Framework. Mental Health Commission of Canada.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.**, Clément-Frenzia, M., & Radic, I. (2015). 60 Millions de Filles: Éduquer pour créer un monde equitable. Rapport final d'évaluation. 60 Millions de Filles et Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal.

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- Ruiz-Casares, M.** 2008. Annotated Bibliography: Forced Labor in Paraguay. Calverton, MD: Macro International (for the US Department of Labor).
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** 2008. Annotated Bibliography: Child Labor in Paraguay. Calverton, MD: Macro International (for the US Department of Labor).
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** 2007. Annotated Bibliography: Forced Labor in Burundi. Calverton, MD:

Macro International (for the US Department of Labor).

Non-technical publications for the general public

- Ruiz-Casares, M., & Radic, I.** (2015). Legal Age for Leaving Children Unsupervised Across Canada. CWRP Information Sheet #144E. Montreal, QC: McGill University, Centre for Research on Children and Families.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** (2010). The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: *What is in there for us?* *OYO*, 9(1), 2. Windhoek, Namibia: Ombetja Yehinga
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** (2010). Accès aux Soins Pour Enfants et Femmes Enceintes Sans Papiers. *Le Fil Conducteur*. Montreal, QC: Centre de Santé et de Services Sociaux de la Montagne.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** (2005). Youth Suicide, *OYO*, 4(5), 8. Windhoek, Namibia: Ombetja Yehinga.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** (2003). Masturbation and Law: Private Behavior or Public Order? *OYO*, 2(2), 2-3. Windhoek, Namibia: Ombeya Yehinga.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** (2000). Identifying and focusing Research Questions. In Research Methods Knowledge Base, <online>. Statistics Solutions Consulting.

Media

- In Africa, Children as Young as 9 Are Heading Households and Turning to Other Children for Help, Study Finds, Cornell Chronicle (by Susan S. Lang), 14 November 2005. [On-line]
- Interview 21 November 2005 with Joe De Capua in Voice of America: AIDS Forces Namibian Children to Become Heads of Families. [On-line]

PRESENTATIONS

Scientific Meetings

- Collins, T. and **Ruiz-Casares, M.** Defining Child Participation in International Child Protection Initiatives. International Conference 25 Years CRC. Leiden, The Netherlands: 17- 19 November, 2014.
- Hittleman, M. and **Ruiz-Casares, M.** Creating curricula: Participatory approaches to professional development within the university. *10th World Conference, Participatory Action Research (PAR) and 6th Action Learning, Action Research & Process Management (ALARPM) Conference*. Pretoria, South Africa, 21-24 September 2003.
- Kolyn, L, **Ruiz-Casares, M.**, Lach, L., and Drummond, J. Parenting for the Promotion of Adolescent Mental Health: Environmental Scan. *Child and Youth Mental Health Matters Conference*, Vancouver, BC, Canada May 6-8, 2012.

- Laurin-Lamothe, A., **Ruiz-Casares, M.**, and Rousseau, C. Access to health care for undocumented migrant children and pregnant women: Professional perceptions in Montreal. *Canadian Association of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) 2011: Human Rights Challenges*, Montreal, QC, May 12, 2011.
- Lemieux, G. & **Ruiz-Casares, M.** Élaboration d'une politique d'évaluation qui « rassemble » et qui « ressemble » au CSSS de la Montagne. *23ème Colloque Annuelle de la Société Québécoise d'Évaluation de Programmes*. Québec, QC 7 November, 2014.
- Rousseau, C., **Ruiz-Casares, M.**, Laurin-Lamothe, A., Rummens, J.A., Zerkowitz, P., Crépeau, F., and Steinmetz, N. Access to health care for undocumented migrant children and pregnant women: Professional perceptions in Montreal. *1st International Conference on Cultural Psychiatry in the French speaking world*, Paris, France, April 18-20, 2011.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Consenting (Not) to Participate: Challenges & Opportunities of Involving Young People in Research, Monitoring, and Evaluation. *American Evaluation Association Annual Conference*, Denver, CO October 15-18, 2014.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.**, Hirtle, M. & Fernandes, S. Navigating privacy, confidentiality, and information security in evaluation. Canadian Evaluation Society Annual Meeting, *35 Years: Celebrating Contributions to Canadian Evaluation*, Ottawa, ON June 15-18, 2014.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Building Evidence to Support Decision-Making in Child Protection in Liberia. *Joint Area Centers Symposium: "Children and Globalization: Issues, Policies and Initiatives"*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 10-12, 2014.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** *Insighting* Participation: Using Photography to Boost Young People's Involvement in Monitoring and Evaluation. *American Evaluation Association Annual Conference*, Washington, DC October 16-19, 2013.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Building Evidence to Evaluate Impact: Using Mixed-Methods to Assess Child Protection in Liberia. *Annual Conference of the Canadian Evaluation Society*, Toronto, Canada, June 9-12, 2013.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Alternative Care: Caregivers' Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices in Central and Western Liberia. *4th International Conference, International Society for Child Indicators*, Seoul National University, Republic of Korea, May 29-31, 2013.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Alternative Child Care and Wellbeing in Xayaboury and Luangprabang. *4th International Lao Studies Conference*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA, April 19-21, 2013.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** The Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire: Reflexions of Its Translation into Lao. *4th International Lao Studies Conference*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA, April 19-21, 2013.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Children's Right to Health: Legal & Moral Claims. Séminaire national

«*Enfants migrants et réfugiés: Droit et accès aux soins de santé au Canada*», Montreal, Canada, March 26-27, 2013.

Ruiz-Casares, M. Some Thoughts Concerning *Shaking the Movers V* and Articles 37 and 40 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. *Children's Rights Academic Network Annual Meeting*, Ottawa, ON, November 24, 2012.

Ruiz-Casares, M. Ecology of Evaluation in a Post-Conflict Country: Lessons from a Child Protection KAP Survey in Liberia. *American Evaluation Association Annual Conference*, Minneapolis, MN, October 27, 2012.

Ruiz-Casares, M & Rousseau, C. Supporting Parents for the Promotion of Adolescent Mental Health: A Framework. *Canadian Psychiatric Association Annual Conference*, Montreal, Canada, September 27, 2012.

Ruiz-Casares, M. The Power of an Image: Visual Research on Child Protection in Liberia. *The Centre for the Study of Childhood and Youth 4th International Conference*, University of Sheffield, UK, July 11, 2012.

Ruiz-Casares, M. Home Alone: What Do Children Do and Why Does it Matter. *Child and Youth Mental Health Matters Conference*, Vancouver, BC, Canada May 6-8, 2012.

Ruiz-Casares, M., Lach, L., Rousseau, C., Sullivan, Drummond, J., and Beeman, I. Parenting for the Promotion of Adolescent Mental Health: Review of the Literature. *Child and Youth Mental Health Matters Conference*, Vancouver, BC, Canada May 6-8, 2012.

Ruiz-Casares, M., Lach, L., Rousseau, C., Sullivan, and Drummond, J. Adolescent Mental Health Promotion: Developing and Testing a Framework for Supporting Parents. *Child and Youth Mental Health Matters Conference*, Vancouver, BC, Canada May 6-8, 2012.

Ruiz-Casares, M. & Trocmé, N. Failure to supervise and injuries in the Canadian child welfare system. *3rd International Society for Child Indicators Conference*, University of York, UK July 27-29, 2011.

Ruiz-Casares, M. Children's Experiences Home Alone: Results of a Canadian On-Line Survey. *International Conference, Centre for Research on Families and Relationships, University of Edinburgh. Edinburgh, UK, 16-18 June 2010*

Ruiz-Casares, M. Impact of HIV/AIDS Policies on Women in Namibia. Colloque sur les bonnes pratiques de recherche en santé mondiale, Réseau de recherche en santé des populations du Québec, Montréal, QC 1 June 2010

Ruiz-Casares, M. Migrant Access to Health Care: Canada and Other Countries. *12ème congrès national de Métropolis. Montréal, QC 18-21 March 2010*

Ruiz-Casares, M. Measuring (In)adequate Child Care: Early lessons for research & action 2nd conference, *International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI)*. Sidney, Australia, 4-5 November 2009

Ruiz-Casares, M. Children's Views on Self-Care & Domestic Tasks in Montreal. *Children as*

Experts in their Own Lives Symposium, Sidney. Australia, 3 November 2009

Ruiz-Casares, M. Factors Leading to Self-Care: Lessons Learned from Working Families in Botswana, Mexico, and Vietnam. *UNICEF & Egyptian Government--International Conference: "Child Poverty and Disparities: Public Policies for Social Justice"*. Cairo, Egypt, 19-20 January 2009.

Ruiz-Casares, M. Children Home Alone: Modeling parental decisions & associated factors in Botswana, Mexico, and Vietnam. *American Evaluation Association Annual Conference*. Denver, CO, 7 November 2008

Ruiz-Casares, M. Assessing Children's Psychological Wellbeing in Namibia: Lessons for Research, Policy & Service Delivery. *1st conference, International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI)*. Chicago, IL, 26-28 June 2007.

Ruiz-Casares, M. Struggling but not Alone: Social Networks of Children Heads of Household in Namibia. *XXVI International Sunbelt Social Network*. Vancouver, BC, 25-30 April 2006.

Ruiz-Casares, M. Wealth in People: Strengthening the Social Networks of Child-Headed Households in Namibia. *Joint Conference of the Canadian Evaluation Society and the American Evaluation Association*. Toronto, ON, 26-29 October 2005.

Ruiz-Casares, M. Strengthening the Capacity of Child-Headed Households to Meet Their Own Needs: A Social Networks Approach. *3rd African Conference SAHARA (Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS Research Alliance)*. Dakar, Senegal, 10-14 October 2005.

Ruiz-Casares, M. and Cihlar, C. Family Resolutions Project Evaluation. *15th Annual Edward F. Kelly Conference*. Toronto, ON, 31 March 2001.

Ruiz-Casares, M. Participatory Planning & Evaluation of PAR Learning. *9th World Conference, Participatory Action Research (PAR) and 5th Action Learning, Action Research & Process Management (ALARPM) Conference*. Ballarat, Australia, 10-13 September 2000.

Ruiz-Casares, M. The European Dimension in Education. *11th Annual Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars Conference*. Washington, DC, 3-5 April 1997.

Invited Lectures

Pelletier, D., Alexis, J-M., and **Ruiz-Casares, M.** Approaches for integrating the Right-to-Know (RTK) Project into the Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office's (ESARO) communication strategy. *UNICEF's East and South Africa Region (ESAR) Network Meeting*. Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, 11-15 March 2002.

Ruiz-Casares, M. & Cluver, L. Research on a Shoestring. Drs. Lucie Cluver and Monica Ruiz-Casares recount their experiences, challenges and lessons learned in gathering evidence for

child protection in South Africa and Liberia. Child Protection Monitoring and Evaluation Reference Group (CP MERG), Community Child Protection Exchange, Child Protection in Crisis Learning Network, and Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative (REPSSI) [Webinar], 17 March 2014.

- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Prévention de la violence en milieu scolaire: Comment savoir si nous faisons une différence? *Annual conference of the Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory on the Rights of the Child (IRLRC), Faculty of Law (Civil Law Section), University of Ottawa*, 13 March 2014.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Violent Discipline and Differential Treatment of Children in Liberia. *Culture & Mental Health Research Unit, Department of Psychiatry, Sir Mortimer B. Davis Jewish General Hospital*. Montreal, 29 January 2014.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Enfants au Libéria: risques et protection en contexte d'après-guerre. *SHERPA, CSSS de la Montagne*. Montréal, QC Janvier 20, 2014.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Global Mental Health: Advancing Culturally Responsive Mental Health Research. 2012 McGill Advanced Study Institute in Cultural Psychiatry, Montreal, QC, 5-7 July 2012.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Supporting parents for the promotion of adolescent mental health. *Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS)*, March 23, 2012.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** and Lach, L. Soutenir les parents pour la santé mentale des adolescents: Les leçons apprises et des pratiques novatrices dans un milieu multicultural. *Centre de recherche et de formation (CRF) du CSSS de la Montagne*. Montréal, QC December 13, 2011.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** "It Makes Our Children Loose": Children's Rights Challenges and Dilemmas in Liberia. Hans & Tamar Oppenheimer Chair in Public International Law, McGill Law School. Montréal, QC November 7, 2011.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Le manque de surveillance parentale: les perspectives des enfants seuls à la maison à Montréal. *Centre de recherche et de formation (CRF) du CSSS de la Montagne*, Montréal, QC September 23, 2010.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Supporting child-headed households in Namibia: Building on strengths and meaningful relations, *International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam*, The Hague, June 24, 2010
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Children home alone or inadequately supervised in Montreal and across Canada. *Center for Research on Children and Families (CRCF) Seminar Series, McGill University*, Montréal, QC March 31, 2010.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.,** Morantz, G. and Schrewe, B. New to Canada? Responding to the Needs of Undocumented Families and Refugee Claimants. *Paediatric Medical Grand Rounds, Montreal Children's Hospital, McGill University Health Center*. Montréal, QC February 3, 2010.

- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Troubles dépressifs et statut d'orphelin en Namibie: apports et limites de la psychiatrie transculturelle. *School of Social Work, Ottawa University*. Ottawa, 26 November 2009
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Les enfants seul(e)s à la maison: les expériences des parents et des enfants dans différents pays. *Transcultural Research and Intervention Team, McGill University*. Montréal, 7 December 2009
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Les soins de santé des enfants migrants en situation irrégulière: Écarts entre les droits et l'accès. *Centre de recherche et de formation (CRF) du CSSS de la Montagne*. Montréal, QC 11 June 2009.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Promoting child and adolescent mental health in the context of HIV/AIDS: Measuring Depression in Namibia. *Culture & Mental Health Research Unit, Department of Psychiatry, Sir Mortimer B. Davis Jewish General Hospital*. Montréal, 9 April 2008.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Strengthening Social Support & Wellbeing of Children Without Parental Care: Lessons for Policy and Practice. *Tomlinson Talks, McGill University*. Montréal, QC 2 April 2008.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Impact of AIDS & Orphanhood on Families in Namibia. *UNICEF Childhood & AIDS Conference*. La Villette, Paris, France. 15 June 2006.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Child-Headed Households in Namibia: Implications for Policy. *Institute for African Development, Cornell University*. Ithaca, NY, 2 February 2006.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Bridging the Gap Between Research, Policy & Intervention: Orphans and Vulnerable Children. *3rd African Conference SAHARA (Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS Research Alliance)*. Dakar, Senegal, 10-14 October 2005.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Perspectives on the Impact of the AIDS Pandemic: The case of Namibia. *Department of Policy Analysis & Management, Cornell University*. Ithaca, NY, 22 September 2005.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Gender Inequalities and AIDS in Africa. *Gender, Sexuality, and Women Studies Program, Cornell University*. Ithaca, NY, 6 September 2005.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Meeting Their Own Needs: A Study of Child-Headed Households in Namibia. *3rd National OVC Conference, Ministry of Women Affairs and Child Welfare*. Windhoek, Namibia, 9-11 February 2005. (Keynote)
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** Policy Implications of the AIDS pandemic, with a focus on children and families. *Department of Policy Analysis & Management, Cornell University*. Ithaca, NY, 31 August 2004.
- Ruiz-Casares, M.** "Are They Really Alone?" An Exploration of the Social Networks of Child-Headed Households in Northern Namibia. *Ministry of Women Affairs and Child Welfare*. Windhoek, Namibia, June 2004.

National Task Force on Educationally Marginalized Children, Ministry of Basic Education, Sports, and Culture. Windhoek, Namibia, June 2004.

Multidisciplinary Research and Consultancy Centre, University of Namibia. Windhoek, Namibia, May 2004.

Ruiz-Casares, M. HIV/AIDS and Orphanhood in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Department of Policy Analysis & Management, Cornell University. Ithaca, NY, 11 February 2004.*

Ruiz-Casares, M. Feminisms & Action Research (Roundtable). *Conférence "A Dialogue with Patricia McGuire: Feminisms and the Academy", Cornell Participatory Action Research Network (CPARN), Cornell University. Ithaca, NY, 26 January 2002.*

Rummens, J.A. (Invited Speaker & Session Planner), Rousseau, C., Chakkalackal, S., Kljucic, D. and **Ruiz-Casares, M.** "Migratory Status of the Child and Limited Access to Health Care: Initial Survey Findings Regarding Health Care Perspectives at Mount Sinai Hospital." "Uninsured Pregnant Women and Children: What Do We Know, What Do We Think, What We Should Do Next?" *Grand Rounds in Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, November 25, 2011.*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

McGill University : Faculty of Medicine

Summer Program in Social and Cultural Psychiatry	2012-
Global Mental Health Research	2013
— Wellness and resilience in global mental health	
— Ethics in global mental health research	
Medicine and Society (Physicianship IV)	2008-2010

Stanford University : School of Education & School of Medicine

Migration and Health	2012-
— Children's Right to Health	
— Migration and Healthcare Equity	
Introduction to Survey Research	2012
— Ethical Issues in Data Collection	

Cornell University: College of Human Ecology

Teaching Assistant	1999-2002
Social Welfare as a Social Institution (1999 and 2004)	&
Critical Issues in Policy Analysis & Management (1999 and 2004)	2004-2006
Contemporary Issues in Women's Health (2001 and 2005)	
Human Sexuality (2002 and 2006)	
Contemporary Issues in Human Sexuality and Research (2002 and 2006)	

Complementary Alternative Medicine (2001)

RESEARCH FUNDING

Soutien aux infrastructures de recherche des Instituts et des Centres affiliés universitaires du secteur social, Fonds de recherche Société et Culture du Québec (FRQSC), 2014-2019 (Co-Investigator; P.I.: C. Rousseau)

Mental Health and Social Adjustment of Children Without Parental Care in Culturally Diverse Populations. Fonds de Recherche du Québec—Santé (FRQS), 2013-2016. (P.I.)

Families First Home Visiting Programme (FFHVP). Children & Violence Evaluation Challenge Fund, European Network of Foundations, 2014-2016 (P.I.)

Accessibility and costs of healthcare for refugee claimants following changes to the Interim Federal Health Program. Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), 2013-2016 (Co-Investigator; P.I. : C. Rousseau)

Alternative Care in Laos : An Exploratory Study With Children and Caregivers, Save the Children International, McGill/CSSS de la Montagne, & National University of Laos, 2012-2013 (P.I.)

Poverty and Ethnocultural Diversity as the Context for Parenting and Service Access for Children with Neurodevelopmental Disorders in Montreal, Quebec, McGill Collaborative Research Development Fund, 2012-2013 (Co-Investigator; P.I. : L. Lach)

Children and Global Adversity : A Rights-Based Approach, Fonds de Recherche Société et culture (FQRSC), 2012-2014 (Collaborator; P.I. : M. Denov)

Parenting for the Promotion of Adolescent Mental Health, Mental Health Commission of Canada, 2011-2012 (P.I.)

Child Protection Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices (KAP) Survey in Central and Western Liberia, USAID-Save the Children Fund, 2011- 2014 (P.I.)

The migratory status of the child and limited access to health care: equity and ethical challenges, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), 2009-2013 (Co-Investigator; P.I. : C. Rousseau)

Seul(s) à la maison: L'impact psychosocial des tâches domestiques et des soins à la fratrie sur la santé mentale d'adolescents montréalais, Centre Métropolis du Québec, 2009-2011 (P.I.)

Strengthening the Capacity of Child-Headed Households in Namibia to Meet Their Own Needs : A Social Networks Approach, Cornell University College of Human Ecology & PAM-HSS, 2000-2004 (P.I.)

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

President

Cornell Participatory Research Network (CPARN), Graduate Association, *Cornell University* (2004-05)

Course, conference, and workshop organizer (selection)

Organizer, research seminar with John Eckenrode, Director of Cornell Family Life Development Center. Center for Research on Children and Families, McGill University, Montréal, QC, 14 April 2010.

Co-organizer, graduate course: Participatory Action Research Methods, Cornell Graduate School, Ithaca, NY, 2001.

Member, course planning committee, 4th year medical school: Medicine and Society, McGill University, 2009-2010.

Co-organizer conference: "A dialogue with Patricia McGuire: Feminisms and the Academy", Cornell Participatory Action Research Network, Ithaca, NY, 2002.

Co-organizer conference: 16^{ème} Annual Edward F. Kelly Evaluation Conference, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, 2002.

Organizer of all teacher trainings & workshops delivered in the context of the *Distance Education Teacher Training Project*, Asunción, Paraguay (1998-1999)

Co-organizer conference: Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) Regional Conference, Washington, DC, 1997.

Co-organizer conference: Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars' Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 1997.

Academic Service

Student Research Committee, McGill Faculty of Medicine (2013-2015)

Comité d'évaluation des demandes de bourses de doctorat, Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé (FRQS) (2013-)

International Fellowships Review Committee, American Association of University Women (2010-)

Advisory Council on Matters of Social Responsibility, McGill University (2009-2010)

Research Policy Committee/Research Advisory Council, McGill University (2008-2010)

Principal's Prize for Excellence in Teaching, McGill University (2008-2010)

Task Force Review of McGill University Research Centers, McGill University (2008-2010)

PGSS Grants Review Committee, McGill University (2007)

University Council of Representatives, Cornell University (2000-2001)

Minority and Third World Affairs Committee, Cornell University (2000-2001)

Society Membership & Affiliations

American Evaluation Association

International and Cross-Cultural Evaluation Topic Interest Group (TIG) : Webmaster (2010-2011)

Youth Focused Evaluation TIG : Program Chair (2014-); Program Co-Chair (2013 - 2014)

Canadian Evaluation Society/Société québécoise d'évaluation de programme

International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI)

Child Protection Monitoring & Evaluation Reference Group (CP MERG) (Core Academic Member)

Child Rights Academic Network (CRAN)

Child Protection in Crisis (CPC) Learning Network

Children and Youth in Challenging Contexts (CYCC) Network

International Child Protection Network of Canada (ICPNC)

Transcultural Research and Intervention Team (Érit), McGill University

Centre for Research on Children and Families, McGill University

Fellow, American Association of University Women

Fellow, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

Fellow, R. H. Tomlinson Scholars, McGill University

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Activities/Review (since 2008)

AIDS Care (2); Amer J of Public Health (1); Afr Safety Promotion J (1); BioMedCentral (1); Canadian Journal of Children's Rights (1); Canadian J of Nursing Research (1); Childhoods Today (1); Children & Society (1); Children and Youth Services Review (2); Intl J of Injury Control and Safety Promotion (1); Intl J of Gender Studies in Developing Societies (1); Intl J of Mental Health Systems (1); Intl J of Migration, Health, & Social Care (3); J of Intergenerational Relationships (4); J of Child Psychology and Psychiatry/Child and Adolescent Mental Health (1); J of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved (2); J of Marriage and the Family (2); J of Pediatric Psychology (1); J of Refugee Studies (1); Revista Panamericana de Salud Pública (1); Social Science & Medicine (2); Transcultural Psychiatry (2); Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies (2).

Ad hoc Review of Proposals

International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) (2012-)

American Evaluation Association Annual Conference (2005-present)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Legal Aid Ontario (LAO), Toronto, ON

Expert Opinion for Pre-Removal Risk Assessment 2014

Fondation 60 Millions de Filles, Montréal, QC

Member of Executive Committee and Project Evaluation Committee 2006 - present

Odyssey Theater, Ottawa, ON

Member of Board of Directors 2011 - present

Cornell Cooperative Extension, Ithaca, NY, USA

Research/Evaluation Assistant 2000

Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional (AECI) and Ministerio de Educación y Cultura, Asunción, Paraguay

Director, *Distance Education Teacher Training Project* 1998-1999

Academy for Educational Development, Washington, DC, USA

Research Associate, *ABEL-2/Latin America & Caribbean* 1996-1998

Innovation Network, Inc. (InnoNet), Washington, DC, USA

Senior Evaluator 1996-1998

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic (RFBD), Washington, DC, USA

Reader & Digital Audio Editor 1996-1997

United Nations Information Center, Washington, DC, USA

Assistant Librarian (intern) 1995-1996

Society for International Development, Washington, DC, USA

Program Assistant (intern) 1995-1996

George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA

AIDS Peer Educator 1995-1996

Organization of American States, Washington, DC, USA

Research Assistant (intern) 1995