

# Mary V. Kinney

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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

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Global health policy and systems academic and researcher with over 20 years of experience in research, policy engagement, and postgraduate education. Extensive experience leading international, multi-country research projects, securing competitive grants, supervising postgraduate students, and contributing technical expertise to global health initiatives.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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2023 – present | **Senior Lecturer** – Global Surgery Division, University of Cape Town (South Africa)

- Leads health policy and governance research portfolio
- Co-Principal Investigator of NIHR Global Health project Opti-MaP (2024–2028)
- Teaching and supervision of undergraduate and postgraduate students

2017 – 2025 | **Senior Researcher Consultant** – School of Public Health, University of the Western Cape (South Africa)

- Leads global and country-level research collaborations
- Technical analysis, academic writing, and postgraduate supervision

2009 – 2020 | **Senior Specialist / Advisor** – Save the Children, Saving Newborn Lives Project

- Led global newborn health advocacy and technical publications
- Managing Editor for the Every Newborn Action Plan

2026 – 2008 | **Junior Researcher** – Centre for Social Science Research, University of Cape Town (South Africa)

2003 – 2005 | **Community Health Educator** – Peace Corps Malawi

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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2022 | PhD in Public Health – University of the Western Cape (South Africa)

Thesis: Understanding implementation of quality improvement initiatives for maternal and newborn health

2008 | Master of Social Science (International Relations) – University of Cape Town (Distinction)

2002 | Bachelor of Arts – Ohio Wesleyan University (USA)  
Majors: International Studies, French

## ACADEMIC TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

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- Co-convenor and lecturer for MPH courses in Global Surgery and Global Surgical Systems
- Supervision: 3 completed MSc/MPH; 3 ongoing MSc/MPH; 3 ongoing PhD

## RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY OUTPUT

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- 80+ peer-reviewed journal articles
- 30+ technical reports and policy briefs
- Editorial roles in high-impact journals
- H-index: 37 (Google Scholar)
- ORCID: 0000-0002-2903-0161

## GRANTS AND RESEARCH FUNDING

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- Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigator on international grants
- Funders include NIHR, UNICEF, Laerdal Foundation, Gates Foundation
- Total funding managed: multi-million ZAR portfolios

## PERSONAL SKILLS

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Languages:

- English (native)
- French (basic)

Digital Skills:

- Advanced use of Microsoft Office and Google Workspace
- Software for research and referencing: EndNote, SPSS, Atlas.ti, Nvivo, Lives Saved Tool

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- Leadership roles on advisory boards and global and national committees including People's Health Movement South Africa, AlignMNH Steering Committee, and Every Newborn Advocacy Group
- Extensive international research and field experience
- Publications available upon request

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