

# STEVEN LAM

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## EDUCATION

Degree	Discipline	Institution	Duration
PhD	Public Health	University of Guelph	09/2017 – present
		University of Alberta (visiting scholar)	09/2018 – 08/2019
<i>My work explores how to better integrate environmental sustainability and social equity into program evaluation. It focuses on programs aiming to improve food security under a changing climate. I have secured over \$200,000 (CAD) in support of my PhD research.</i>			
MPH	Public Health	University of Guelph	09/2013 – 04/2015
BSc	Biochemistry	University of Guelph	09/2009 – 04/2013

## WORK HISTORY

Position	Organization	Duration
Consultant	Various organizations	09/2017 – present
Teaching Assistant	Population Medicine, University of Guelph	09/2017 – present
Research Assistant	Arrell Food Institute, University of Guelph	09/2017 – 04/2018
Associate	Harry Cummings & Associates	02/2017 – 08/2017
Consultant	Various organizations	02/2015 – 07/2016
Practicum Student	Grey Bruce Health Unit	04/2014 – 08/2014
Research Assistant	Molecular and Cellular Biology, University of Guelph	05/2012 – 08/2013

## VOLUNTEER HISTORY

Position	Organization	Duration
Young Leader	Women Deliver	05/2020 – present
Membership Committee	Canadian Evaluation Society Ontario Chapter	03/2018 – 08/2018
Evaluation Specialist	Veterinarians without Borders	01/2016 – 07/2016
Outreach	Let's Talk Science	06/2013 – 12/2014

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Position	Organization	Duration
Member	Organization for the Study of Sex Differences	02/2019 – present
Member	Vietnam Network for Monitoring & Evaluation	02/2019 – present
Member	Canadian Association for the Study of International Development	09/2018 – present
Member	Gender and Evaluation Community	08/2018 – present
Member	Canadian Evaluation Society	05/2018 – present

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE WITHIN THE PAST 5 YEARS****Consultant** 10/2017 – present*Independent, Guelph, ON*

- Developed curriculum for an online knowledge translation course, led a final evaluation of a pilot entrepreneurship program for undergraduate students, and conducted a literature review exploring the role of community-engaged scholarship and social innovation in academia (contracted by the Community Engaged Scholarship Institute)
- Conducted a scoping literature review exploring personal identification as a barrier to accessing the social determinants of health (contracted by University of Waterloo faculty)
- Conducted a systematic literature review exploring the indirect impacts of COVID-19 on health and health equity (contracted by University of Guelph faculty)
- Designed and implemented evaluation frameworks for several food safety projects including the Safe Food Fair Food project in Cambodia, the SafePORK project in Vietnam, and the Safer Indigenous Pork project in Vietnam (contracted by the International Livestock Research Institute)

**Teaching Assistant** 09/2017 – present*Department of Population Medicine, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON*

- Co-developed and graded assignments for the graduate course Public Health Administration for four semesters (F17, F18, F19, F20)
- Facilitated and graded discussion forums for the online professional course Transforming Knowledge to Action (W18)

**Research Assistant** 09/2017 – 04/2018*Arrell Food Institute, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON*

- Co-developed a farmer-led research toolkit in collaboration with a transdisciplinary team of four graduate students and a community partner (Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario)
- Co-disseminated the toolkit widely through reports, blogs, and conference presentations
- Led the development of a paper reflecting on our transdisciplinary research experience

**Associate** 02/2017 – 08/2017*Harry Cummings and Associates, Guelph, ON*

- Provided research and evaluation services as a consultant for not-for-profit organizations including Mennonite Economic Development Associates, FoodShare Toronto, EcoSuperior, Headwaters Farm and Food Alliance, World Vision Canada, and Canadian Red Cross
- Applied qualitative and quantitative research methods to evaluate programs focused on food security, agriculture, rural development, climate change adaptation, and social justice

**Consultant** 10/2015 – 07/2016*Independent, Hanoi, Vietnam*

- Independently provided research and evaluation services for non-for-profit organizations
- Led a midterm evaluation of a national animal health surveillance program involving over 20 interviews with stakeholders (contracted by the Food and Agriculture Organization)
- Reported on the outcomes of the PigRISK project, which helped to generate funding for a subsequent phase (contracted by the International Livestock Research Institute)
- Led the midterm and final evaluation of the Ecohealth Field Building Leadership Initiative using outcome harvesting (contracted by the Centre for Public Health and Ecosystem Research)
- Developed and facilitated 10 “fundamentals of evaluation” workshops, reaching over 100 students and researchers (contracted by the Vietnam Public Health Association)

## AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

Award/Distinction	Amount	Date
Graduate Scholarship, Canadian Evaluation Society Educational Fund	\$5,000	2020
Case Competition Finalist, Canadian Evaluation Society	N/A	2020
Doctoral Scholarship, Canadian Institutes of Health Research	\$105,000	2019
Ontario Graduate Scholarship, University of Guelph (declined)	\$15,000	2019
Best Poster Presentation and People's Choice, Canadian Evaluation Society	\$500	2019
Notable Student Submission, Eastern Evaluation Research Society	\$500	2019
Knowledge Translation Award, National Collaborating Centre for Public Health	\$1,500	2019
Institute for Gender and Health Travel Grant, CIHR	\$2,500	2019
Women and Gender in Development Conference Travel Grant, Virginia Tech	\$1000	2019
GGSF Travel Scholarship, SSHRC	\$2,000	2018
Food from Thought Travel Award, Arrell Food Institute	\$2,000	2018
CASID PhD School Travel Grant, Canadian Council for International Co-Operation	\$400	2018
Graduate Excellence Entrance Scholarship, University of Guelph	\$30,000	2017
PhD Scholarship, Ontario Veterinary College, University of Guelph	\$60,000	2017
Barbara Kell Gonsalves Memorial Scholarship, University of Guelph	\$8,500	2015
Richard and Sophia Hungerford Graduate Scholarship, University of Guelph	\$5,000	2015

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-reviewed Journals:

17. **Lam S**, Dodd W, Berrang-Ford L, Ford J, Skinner K, Papadopoulos A, Harper SL. (2021). How are climate actions evaluated? A review of United Nations food security evaluations. *Global Food Security*. 28: 100509.
16. Nguyen-Viet H, Pham G, **Lam S**, Pham-Duc P, Dinh-Xuan T, Jing F, Kittayapong P, Adisasmito W, Zinsstag J, Grace D. (2021). International, transdisciplinary, and Ecohealth action for sustainable agriculture in Southeast Asia and China. *Frontiers in Public Health*. 9: 529311.
15. **Lam S**. (2020). Toward learning from change pathways: reviewing Theory of Change and its discontents. *Canadian Journal of Program Evaluation*. 35(2): 188-203.
14. Sanders C, Burnett K, **Lam S**, Hassan M, Skinner K (2020). "You need ID to get ID": a scoping review of personal identification as a barrier to and facilitator of the social determinants of health in North America. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 17(12): 4227.
13. **Lam S**, Thompson M, Johnston K, Fioret C, Hargreaves SK. (2019). Toward community food security through transdisciplinary action research. *Action Research*. 0(0): 1-18.
12. Pons W, Jones-Bitton A, **Lam S**, McEwen SA, Pintar K, Young I, Papadopoulos A. A qualitative study of the experiences and information needs of public health inspectors that inspect small drinking water systems in Ontario, Canada. *Environmental Health Review*. 62(3): 92-96.

11. **Lam S**, Dodd W, Skinner K, Papadopoulos A, Zivot C, Ford J, Garcia P, IHACC Research Team, Harper SL. (2019) Community-based monitoring of Indigenous food security in a changing climate: Global trends and future directions. *Environ. Res. Lett.* 14(7): 073002.
10. **Lam S**, Dodd W, Whynot J, Skinner K. (2019). How is gender being addressed in the international development evaluation literature? A meta-evaluation. *Research Evaluation.* 28(2):158-168.
9. Veidt J, **Lam S**, Nguyen-Viet H, Tuyet-Hanh TT, Nguyen-Mai H, Harper SL. (2018). Is agricultural intensification a growing health concern? Perceptions from waste management stakeholders in Vietnam. *Sustainability.* 10(12): 4395.
8. **Lam S**, Pham G, Nguyen-Viet H. (2018). Emerging health risks from agricultural intensification in Southeast Asia: A systematic review. *Int. J. Occup. Environ. Health.* 23(3):250-260.
7. Pham G, **Lam S**, Tung DX, Nguyen-Viet H. (2018). Evaluation of an Ecohealth approach to public health intervention in Ha Nam, Vietnam. *J. Public Health Manag. Pract.* 24:S36-43.
6. **Lam S**, Zwart C, Chahal I, Lane D, Cummings H. (2018). Preventing violence against children in schools: Contributions from the Be Safe program in Sri Lanka. *Child Abuse & Neglect.* 76:129-137.
5. **Lam S**, Cunsolo A, Sawatzky A, Ford J, Harper SL. (2017). How does the media portray drinking water security in Indigenous communities in Canada? An analysis of Canadian newspaper coverage from 2000-2015. *BMC Public Health.* 17:282.
4. Dang-Xuan S, Nguyen-Viet H, Meeyam T, Fries R, Nguyen-Thanh H, Pham-Duc P, **Lam S**, Grace D, Unger F. (2016). Food safety perceptions and practices among smallholder pork value chain actors in Hung Yen Province, Vietnam. *J. Food Prot.* 79:1490-1497.
3. **Lam S**, Nguyen-Viet H, Tuyet-Hanh TT, Nguyen-Mai H, Harper S. (2015). Evidence for public health risks of wastewater and excreta management practices in Southeast Asia: A scoping review. *Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health.* 12(10):12863-12885.
2. **Lam S**, Leffley A, Cole DC. (2015). Applying an Ecohealth perspective to a state of the environment report: Experiences of a local health unit in Canada. *Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health.* 12(1):16-31.
1. **Lam S**, Sivaramalingam B, Gangodawilage H. (2014). Cryptosporidium outbreaks associated with swimming pools. *Environmental Health Review.* 57:3-8.

#### **Technical and Consulting Reports:**

9. **Lam S**, Nguyen HTT, Nguyen-Viet H, Unger F. (2020). Mapping pathways toward safer pork in Vietnam. ILRI, Nairobi, Kenya.
8. **Lam S**, Nguyen-Viet H, Unger F. (2019). Safe Food, Fair Food for Cambodia Project: Theory of Change workshop report. ILRI, Nairobi, Kenya.
7. Fioret C, Johnston K, **Lam S**, Thompson M, Hargreaves S. (2018). Towards farmer-led research: A guidebook. Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario, Guelph, Canada.
6. Pham G, **Lam S**, Jing F, Tung DX, Nguyen-Viet H. (2016). Ecohealth research in practice: Insights from researchers in Kunming, China. CENPHER, Hanoi, Vietnam.

5. Pham G, **Lam S**, Nguyen-Viet H. (2016). Uncovering outcomes and challenges of using an Ecohealth approach for better human and animal waste management in Hanam Province, Vietnam. CENPHER, Hanoi, Vietnam.
4. **Lam S**, Unger F, Barot M, Nguyen-Viet H. (2016). Changes in researcher capacity in assessing food safety risks and value chains: Insights from PigRisk team. ILRI Research Brief 64. ILRI, Nairobi, Kenya.
3. **Lam S**, Pham THG, Dinh XT, Adisasmitho W, Pham-Duc P, Jing F, Kittayapong P, Nguyen-Viet H. (2016). Advancing Ecohealth in Southeast Asia and China: Lessons from the FBLLI. FBLLI, Hanoi, Vietnam.
2. **Lam S**, Leffley A, Hart B, Cole DC. (2014). Grey-Bruce's State of the Environment Report 2014. Grey Bruce Health Unit, Owen Sound, Canada.
1. **Lam S**. (2014). Health Effects of Pharmaceuticals in the Water Supply: A Knowledge Synthesis. National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health, Vancouver, Canada.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Conference Presentations (recent 5 out of 16):

5. **Lam S**, Skinner K. (Oct 2019). What can sustainability evaluation learn from gender evaluation? 2019 IDEAS Global Assessment & Third International Conference on Evaluating Environment and Development. Poster presentation, Prague, Czech Republic.
4. **Lam S**, Dodd W, Berrang-Ford L, Ford J, Skinner K, Papadopoulos A, IHACC Research Team, Harper SL. (May 2019). Toward climate-responsive evaluation of food security initiatives: an assessment of UN evaluation reports from 2014 to 2018. Canadian Evaluation Society Conference 2019. Poster presentation, Halifax, NS.
3. **Lam S**, Dodd W, Whynot J, Skinner K (May 2019). Assessing gender equity outcomes in international development evaluation. Canadian Evaluation Society Conference 2019. Poster presentation, Halifax, NS.
2. **Lam S**, Dodd W, Whynot J, Skinner K (May 2019). Considering gender equity outcomes in international development evaluation. Eastern Evaluation Research Society Conference 2019. Oral presentation, Galloway, NJ.
1. **Lam S**, Dodd W, Whynot J, Skinner K (May 2019). Are we assessing for gender equity outcomes in international development evaluation? Organization for the Study of Sex Differences Conference 2019. Poster presentation, Washington, DC.

### Invited Guest Lectures:

1. **Lam S**. Evaluation in the context of global health. HLTH 401, University of Waterloo, Ontario, 2 March 2020.

### Media Engagement:

2. CBC News. Do you shower before swimming in public pools? Radio interview, 6 June 2017.
1. University of Guelph Research Magazine SPARK. Balancing health and agriculture in Bustling Vietnam. Print news article interview, 13 July 2015.