



Below we list *a small fellowship of scholars / researchers* who have made contributions to the topic of albinism in various African countries.

Abbreviation – PWA (person with albinism)

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You may recognize my name as having worked with families with albinism (over 20 years now!) in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Zambia. The information leaflets (including one for teachers), stories, newsletters etc. generated on my projects are all freely accessible at:

<http://wwwm.coventry.ac.uk/researchnet/cucv/pages/Profile.aspx?profileID=589>

The information leaflets on albinism are available by clicking on the links below:

[Information for children](#) [Information for teachers & parents](#)

My current project involves using radio and SMS to train teachers and communities around albinism issues in Malawi and Zambia: Integrating community and media networks to promote educational inclusion of children and young people with albinism. I am planning to extend this work to other English speaking countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

Details on the Sightsavers website (click on the Coventry University project):

http://www.sightsavers.org/in_depth/quality_and_learning/innovation_fund/19011.html

Dr Charlotte Baker c.baker@lancaster.ac.uk

I am a lecturer at Lancaster University in the UK. My research interests focus on the literary representation of albinism, but I am also interested in different explanations of albinism. My book *Enduring Negativity: Representations of Albinism* is developed from my PhD thesis, written at Nottingham University. (Charlotte Baker, *Enduring Negativity: Representations of Albinism in the Fictional Work of Didier Destremau, Patrick Grainville and Williams Sassine*. Oxford: Peter Lang, 2011. ISBN: 9783034301794)

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I have worked for over a dozen years in humanitarian assistance prior to my graduate studies at St. John's University in New York pursuing a Master's degree in Global Development & Social Justice. As part of this program, I completed a Capstone Project titled *Applying Stigma Reduction Best Practices to the Problem of Stigma and Violence towards People with Albinism in Tanzania*.



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Currently practicing in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Dares Salaam, Tanzania. He wrote his Ph. D thesis, “Witchcraft and Witch-killings”, at the University of Minnesota in 1993.

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In March of 2009, I traveled with two classmates, Edilsa Ruiz and Michael Gomez, to Tanzania to research the killings of persons with albinism. We were law students at Northwestern University of Law in Chicago, Illinois. The results of our research are a 2 page abstract and a research paper (attached) called “Hocus Pocus, Witchcraft, and Murder: The Plight of Tanzanian Albinos.

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A medical student in UK who just completed his dissertation (attached) on PWA in E. Africa. His research looks to examine, through an analysis of the process of stigmatization, some of the beliefs that have been held in certain regions of sub-Saharan Africa with regards to individuals with albinism. The title of his research is; Albinism and the Contingencies of Stigma.

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A recent Ph.D graduate from Australia who lived in Tanzania for 12 years. She says: “I have started doing research as I believe that it can make an important contribution to human rights responses.”

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A U.S.A. based University student (Beloit College, Beloit WI) who has completed a semester in Uganda researching albinism. The title of her research project (attached) is; Oppression Through Omission: The Human Rights Case of Persons with Albinism in Uganda. Currently Kelly is a Fulbright Researcher focused on albinism in Panama.

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A Sociology and Black World Studies major at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Dr. Benson A. MULEMI and Mr. Urbunus M. NDOLO

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I am an anthropologist from Kenya interested in ethnography of albinos and their livelihood in East Africa. My colleague and I are developing a research idea on this. (Department of Social sciences, Catholic university of Eastern Africa)



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I am Mr. Muthee Thuku from Kenya. I am a trainer and researcher on monitoring, documenting and reporting on human rights violations and abuses in Africa with Amnesty International (Dutch Section) Special Programme on Africa (SPA). The title of my research project is; Myths, Discrimination and the Call for Special Rights for Persons with Albinism in Sub-Saharan Africa. The paper is now published online. To download the full paper, please follow the link below. <http://www.amanikenya.com/2011/04/the-kenya-bill-of-rights>

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I have recently concluded my masters' research from the University of Chicago on the killings of albinos in Tanzania. I would like to submit my research to Under the Same Sun in the hopes of helping. The title of her research project (attached) is; The Fetishization of Albinos in Tanzania.

Stacy Larson stacy_larson05@yahoo.com

I am a college professor but also a law student at Pace University School of Law in White Plains, NY. I have written a paper for my Refugee & Asylum Law class entitled, "Magic, Mutilation, and Murder: A Case for Granting Asylum to Tanzanian Nationals with Albinism." (attached). You can also access it online at:

<http://digitalcommons.pace.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1023&context=pilronline>

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I was born in Nigeria and lived there till I was about 14 when I moved to the UK where I have been living for roughly 10 years. I am currently in the final year of my PhD at Loughborough University. I have a chemical engineering degree.

Lola has produced a 4 part documentary on albinism in Africa called: **History, Genetics, Myths & Health Care.**

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A world renowned geneticist specializing in albinism. He recently completed a research project on PWA's in Tanzania. His trip was partially covered by Discovery Channel in an episode of "My Shocking Story: Albino Crisis".

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WHRIN is a UK based NGO that promotes awareness and understanding of human rights violations that are committed around the world due to the belief in witchcraft. WHRIN's values are:

- Grounded in the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights \(UDHR\)](#)
- Respectful of all faiths and cultures
- Based on a burning desire to fight injustice and speak up for the most vulnerable members of the global society.

In addition, there is a very significant non-academic resource you may want to consider:

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A New York fashion photographer "gone rogue", Rick got tired of "being told" what beauty was and happened upon a PWA at a bus stop in NY city. This changed his life direction. He now goes all over the world capturing the beauty of disabled persons with a primary passion for albinism. He has helped set up "Albino Societies" and support groups in many countries of the world, does awareness and fund raising via photo gala events, and has a particular passion for raising awareness about albinism with medical students early on in their training. Rick has also joined UTSS on several trips to Tanzania. He is a self-made expert on discrimination. His non-profit organization is called Positive Exposure. HE IS UNSTOPPABLE !!