

Category: Learning Environment,

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Title: School Boys

Lindsay Stark is an Assistant Professor, Program on Forced Migration and Health at Columbia University. She is also the Director of Research and Curriculum, The Center on Child Protection at the University of Indonesia.

The story behind the photo...

“This photo was taken in a camp in Gulu District, Uganda. I was part of a team working with Save the Children to evaluate a school-based program to improve the psychosocial well-being of war-affected youth. This image captures two young boys completing their lessons. One is completely absorbed in his studies and unaware of the camera, while the other stares into the lens with a mischievous twinkle in his eye. I like the child who is too absorbed in his studies to pay attention to what is happening around him. I also like that the lettering actually goes off of the chalkboard onto the wooden frame. It's aesthetically interesting to me.”



The first time I held a camera...

“Starting in high school, I pretty much kept a photographic journal of my life. I have shelves of albums lining the basement in my parents' house. I used to play around with portraits of my friends and would use microfiche machines to create inexpensive arty black and white large-scale prints.”

For the last few years I have been working on...

“My recent work has focused on the intersection of measurement and child protection. I am interested in identifying better ways to assess, monitor and evaluate interventions for children. I am very much enjoying my current role providing technical support to the newly developed Center on Child Protection in Indonesia - a collaboration between the University of Indonesia, Columbia University, UNICEF and the Government of Indonesia.”

<http://www.childprotectionindonesia.org/>

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