

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

MARY LYON AWARD 2019

PRESENTED TO



Brooke Fokker Nichols '09

BROOKE FOKKER NICHOLS, CLASS OF 2009, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor you with the Mary Lyon Award. This award is presented to an alumna who graduated no more than fifteen years ago and who has demonstrated sustained achievements in her life and career consistent with the humane values that Mary Lyon exemplified and inspired in others.

Brooke, as a recognized health economist, you have actively contributed to global efforts to establish economically sound health policy for the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS.

After graduating from Mount Holyoke, you received a master's degree in epidemiology from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and earned a doctorate in mathematical modeling of infectious diseases from Erasmus University in Rotterdam. After your graduate education, you spent six months in Namibia conducting research into the relationship between alcohol consumption and the spread of HIV. Based on your findings, local authorities changed their policy to register the town's drinking establishments. Currently a senior researcher for the Health Economics and Epidemiology Research Office in Johannesburg, South Africa, you use your training to assess options for the treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS, informing policy on both small and large scales.

A recognized scholar in your field, you have an impressive record of publication in top-tier journals, authoring sixteen articles and serving as lead author of eight. Your work has been recognized by the Gates Foundation and the World Health Organization and helps countries make sound decisions for delivering optimal health care in financially constrained environments.

BROOKE, in recognition of your exceptional early career achievements and in anticipation of your future contributions to health policy, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you with the Mary Lyon Award.

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