

## **Dr. Trude Bennett Biography**

My research interests have always been rooted in concerns for equity and social justice as influenced by social policy and expressed in health risks and outcomes, especially women's, reproductive, and infant health among vulnerable populations. My dissertation and early research focused on measurement and classification issues and bias in monitoring of social inequalities in reproductive health based on race/ethnicity, marital status, insurance status, and other social factors. I was PI on a Cooperative Agreement with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to determine trends in maternal morbidity during pregnancy in the US and to help set goals for national monitoring. My work in generating policy-relevant data led to membership in the Reproductive Health Indicators Working Technical Group (RHIWIG), Office of Population Affairs, U. S. Department of Health and Human Services. In mid-career my attention turned to the impact of globalization on women's and reproductive health in the developing world. I worked with the USAID-funded Measure Evaluation project in South Africa as a trainer and evaluator, and served as Co-PI on "A Longitudinal Study of Maternal Morbidity and Mortality, Ngorongoro District, Tanzania" funded by Rockefeller Foundation. I have worked extensively in the Asia Pacific region beginning with the planning and implementation of a regional reproductive health training project based at Mahidol University in Bangkok.

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