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EDUCATION

- 2003 Ph.D. Social Work, Columbia University, New York, NY
Concentration: Policy Analysis
Dissertation: The Effects of Child Support Enforcement on the Lives of Children in Fragile Families.
- 1991 M.S.W. Social Work, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
Concentration: Administration, Policy, and Community Organization
- 1988 B.A. Political Science, Miami University, Oxford, OH
Second major: Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Poverty, Material Hardship, and Economic Insecurity; Income and Wealth Inequality; Social Policy; Father Involvement; Child Support; Health Disparities; Child Health and Development; Quantitative Methods

EMPLOYMENT, ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

- *School of Social Work*
2024 – present Professor
2014 – 2024 Associate Professor w/Tenure
2008 – 2014 Assistant Professor
- *Hub for Aging Collaboration*
2023 – present Affiliate
- *Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy*
2016 – present Associate Faculty
- *Sociology Department*
2013 – present Affiliate Graduate Faculty
- *Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research (IHHCPAR)*
2008– present Associate

University of Wisconsin – Madison

- *Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP)*
2019 – present Affiliate Faculty

Princeton University

- *School of Public and International Affairs*
2024 – 2025 Visiting Research Collaborator

Columbia University

- *Center for Poverty and Social Policy (CPSP)*
2017 – present External Affiliate
- *School of Social Work*
2005 – 2008 Associate Research Scientist
2003 – 2005 Postdoctoral Fellow

Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School, Bridgewater, NJ.

1991 – 1999 TOPS Alternative High School Program Social Worker

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS & HONORS

- 2025 Chancellor Award for Excellence in Mentoring. Rutgers University – New Brunswick
- 2024 PhD Professor of the Year Award. Rutgers School of Social Work.
- 2022 Best Research Article Award from the Men in Families Focus Group of the National Council on Family Relations.
Robbins, Nathan, Maureen R. Waller, Lenna Nepomnyaschy & Daniel P. Miller. 2022. Child Support Debt and the Well-being of Disadvantaged Fathers of Color. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 84(5):1366-1386. DOI: 10.1111/jomf.1284
- 2021 Fellow, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), recognizing members for their individual accomplishments, leadership, and contribution to SSWR as a scientific society.
- 2010 Frank R. Breul Prize for best article published in *Social Service Review* in 2010.
Nepomnyaschy, Lenna & Irwin Garfinkel. 2010. Child Support Enforcement and Fathers' Contributions to their Nonmarital Children. *Social Service Review*, 84(3):341-380. DOI: 10.1086/655392

PUBLICATIONS

(*student co-author; **post-doc co-author)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Hirshkowitz, Malya* & Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2026. Short and Long-Term Impacts of Sports Team Participation on Adolescent and Young Adult Depression and Anxiety. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, 36, e70246: 1-15. DOI: 10.1111/jora.70246

Dwyer Emory, Allison, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Maureen Waller, Daniel Miller. 2026. Marginalized Men's Socioeconomic Precarity and Mothers' Ability to Make Ends Meet. *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, 12(2):140-170. Special Issue: Thirty Years since *Making Ends Meet*: What We Know about How Single-Mothers Survive Today. DOI: 10.7758/RSF.2026.12.2.06

Gale, Adrian & Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2025. Perceptions of School Climate and Psychological

Functioning Among Black Youth: Do Sex and Income Matter? *Developmental Psychology*. Online first. DOI: 10.1037/dev0002054

James, Christine* & Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2025. Childhood Disability and Serious School Discipline Among Urban Youth. *Academic Pediatrics*. 25(4):1-8. DOI: 10.1016/j.acap.2025.102798

Battle, Brittany, Marleina Ubel* & Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2024. The Family Policing Industrial Complex: Alternative Responses to Carceral Logics in Sites Intended for Support of Families. *Theoretical Criminology*, 28(4); 516-533. (Special Issue on Dismantling the Shadow Carceral State). DOI: 10.1177/13624806241274761

Reynolds, Addam*, Emily Greenfield & Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2024. Disparate Benefits of Higher Childhood Socioeconomic Status on Cognition in Adulthood by Intersectional Social Positions. *Advances in Life Course Research*, 60: 1-8. DOI: 10.1016/j.alcr.2024.100608

Manley, Lauren* & Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2024. Exposure to Maternal Experiences of IPV in Early Childhood and Sleep Health in Adolescence. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 152:1-12. DOI: 10.1016/j.chiabu.2024.106803

Gale, Adrian & Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2023. School Connectedness and Mental Health Among Black Adolescents. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, 53:1066-1077. DOI: 10.1007/s10964-023-01898-0

Scher, Clara*, Lenna Nepomnyaschy & Takashi Amano. 2023. Comparison of Cognitive and Physical Decline as Predictors of Depression among Older Adults. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 42(3): 387-398. DOI: 10.1177/07334648221139255

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna, Margaret Thomas, Alexandra Haralampoudis* & Huiying Jin*. 2022. Nonresident Fathers and the Economic Precarity of their Children. *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 702(1): 78-96. DOI: 10.1177/0002716222111934

Robbins, Nathan*, Maureen R. Waller, Lenna Nepomnyaschy & Daniel P. Miller. 2022. Child Support Debt and the Well-being of Disadvantaged Fathers of Color. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 84(5):1366-1386. DOI: 10.1111/jomf.12841
(Awarded the Best Research Article Award from the Men in Families Focus Group of the National Council on Family Relations)

Zhang, Liwei**, Cassandra Simmel, Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2022. Income Inequality and Child Maltreatment Rates in US Counties, 2009-2018. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 130(4): 1-11. DOI: 10.1016/j.chiabu.2021.105328

Zhang, Liwei**, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Cassandra Simmel. 2022. So Close Yet So Different: Neighborhood Inequality and Child Maltreatment. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 130(4): 1-11. DOI: 10.1016/j.chiabu.2021.104988.

James, Christine*, Manuel E. Jimenez, Roy Wade Jr., Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2021 Adverse Childhood Experiences and Teen Behavior Outcomes: The Role of Disability. *Academic Pediatrics*, 21(8):1395-1403. DOI: 10.1016/j.acap.2021.05.006

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna, Allison Dwyer Emory, Maureen Waller, Daniel R. Miller, Kasey Eickmeyer**. 2021. Parental Debt and Child Well-being: What Type of Debt Matters for Child Behavior Outcomes? *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, 7(3):122-151. DOI: 10.7758/RSF.2021.7.3.06

Haralampoudis, Alexandra*, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Louis Donnelly. 2021. Head Start Participation and Nonresident Fathers' Involvement with Children. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 83(3):699-716. DOI: 10.1111/jomf.12756

Waller, Maureen R., Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Daniel P. Miller, Megan Mingo*. 2021. Using a Narrative Approach to Analyze Longitudinal Mixed Methods Data. *Journal of Mixed Methods Research*, 15(2):261-283. DOI: 10.1177/1558689820953237

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna, Daniel Miller, Maureen Waller, Allison Dwyer Emory**. 2020. The Role of Fathers in Reducing Socioeconomic Inequalities in Adolescent Behavior Outcomes. *Social Service Review* 94(3): 521-566.

Dwyer Emory, Allison**, Daniel P. Miller, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Maureen R. Waller, Alexandra Haralampoudis*. 2020. The Minimum Wage and Fathers' Residence with Children. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* 41(3): 472-491.

Dwyer Emory, Allison**, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Maureen Waller, Daniel Miller, Alexandra Haralampoudis*. 2020. Providing After Prison: Nonresident Fathers' Formal and Informal Contributions to Children. *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 6(1):84-112. DOI:10.7758/rsf.2020.6.1.04

Miller, Daniel R., Margaret Thomas*, Maureen Waller, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Allison Dwyer Emory**. 2020. Father Involvement and Socioeconomic Disparities in Child Academic Outcomes. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 82(2):515-533.

O'Connor, Julia* and Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2020. Intimate Partner Violence and Material Hardship among Urban Mothers. *Violence Against Women* 26(9): 935-954.

Sariscsany, Laurel*, Irwin Garfinkel, and Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2019. Describing and Understanding Child Support Trajectories. *Social Service Review* 93(2):143-182.

Gold, Sarah* and Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2018. Neighborhood Physical Disorder and Early Delinquency among Urban Children. *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 80(4):919-933

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna and Louis Donnelly*. 2015. Father Involvement and Childhood Injuries. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 77(3):628-646.

Miller, Daniel, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Steve Garasky, and Gabriel Lara-Ibarra. 2014. Family Structure and Child Food Insecurity. *American Journal of Public Health* 104(7):e70-76.

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna and Louis Donnelly*. 2014. Child Support in Immigrant Families. *Population Research and Policy Review* 33(6):817-840.

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna, Daniel Miller, Steve Garasky, and Neha Nanda. 2014. Nonresident Fathers and Child Food Insecurity: Evidence from Longitudinal Data. *Social Service Review* 88(1):92-133.

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna and Julien Teitler. 2013. Cyclical Cohabitation among Unmarried Parents in Fragile Families. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 75(5):1248-1265.

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna, Thomas Hegyi, Barbara Ostfeld, and Nancy Reichman. 2012. Developmental Outcomes of Late Preterm Infants at 2 and 4 Years of Age. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 16:1612-1624.

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna, Katherine Magnuson, and Lawrence Berger. 2012. Child Support and Young Children's Development. *Social Service Review*, 86(1):3-35

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna and Irwin Garfinkel. 2011. Fathers' Involvement with Their Nonresident Children and Material Hardship. *Social Service Review*, 85(1):3-38.

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna and Irwin Garfinkel. 2010. Child Support Enforcement and Fathers' Contributions to their Nonmarital Children. *Social Service Review*, 84(3):341-380. (Awarded the Frank R. Breul Prize for best article published in *Social Service Review* in 2010)

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna. 2010. Race Disparities in Low Birth Weight in the South and the Rest of the Nation. *Social Science & Medicine*, 70:684-691.

Teitler, Julien, Nancy Reichman, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, and Irwin Garfinkel. 2009. Effects of Welfare Participation on Marriage. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 71(4):878-891.

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna. 2009. Socioeconomic Gradients in Infant Health Across Race and Ethnicity. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 13(6):720-731.

Kaushal, Neeraj and Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2009. Wealth, Race, and Children's Educational Outcomes. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 31(9):963-971. (Authors in alphabetical order).

Reichman, Nancy and Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2008. Maternal Pre-Pregnancy Obesity and Diagnosis of Asthma in Offspring at Age 3 Years. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 12(6):725-733.

Teitler, Julien, Nancy Reichman, and Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2007. Determinants of TANF Participation: A Multilevel Analysis. *Social Service Review*, 81(4):633-56.

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna and Jane Waldfogel. 2007. Paternity Leave and Fathers' Involvement with Their Young Children. *Community, Work & Family*, 10(4):427-453.

Teitler, Julien, Nancy Reichman, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, and Melissa Martinson. 2007. A Cross-National Comparison of Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Low Birthweight in the United States and England. *Pediatrics*, 120(5):e1182-1189.

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna and Irwin Garfinkel. 2007. Child Support, Fatherhood and Marriage: Five Years of Findings from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Survey. *Asian Social Work and Policy Review*, 1(1):1-20

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna. 2007. Child Support and Father-Child Contact: Testing Reciprocal Pathways. *Demography*, 44(1):93-112.

Ben-Arieh, Asher, John Gal, Lenna Nepomnyaschy and Irwin Garfinkel. 2006. Child and Family Outcomes in New York and Tel Aviv: Using Social Indicators in City-Level Comparative Analysis. *Social Indicators Research*, 80(1):223-248.

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna and Nancy Reichman. 2006. Low Birth Weight and Asthma Among Young Urban Children. *American Journal of Public Health*, 96(9):1604-1610.

Mincy, Ronald, Irwin Garfinkel and Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2005. In-Hospital Paternity Establishment and Father Involvement in Fragile Families. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 67(3):611-626.

Teitler, Julien, Nancy Reichman, and Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2004. Sources of Support, Child Care, and Hardship Among Unwed Mothers in 1999-2001. *Social Service Review*, 78(1):125-148.

Manuscripts Under Review

Brown, C. Taylor*, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Akshay Sahil Pater*. Is the U.S. Ecosocial Safety Net Inequitable? Evidence from the Individuals and Households Program. (*Journal of Social Policy*, 2nd R&R).

Malorni, Angela, Rachel John & Lenna Nepomnyaschy. Youth Sense of Community Across Racial, Ethnic, Class, Sexual, and Gender Intersecting Identities. (*Youth & Society*)

Manuscripts in Progress

Jackson, Ashley, Riley King* & Lenna Nepomnyaschy. Parental Police Stops and Adolescent Legal Cynicism. (*Paper presented at APPAM & ASC, November 2025*)

Haralampoudis, Alexandra, Anna Ko*, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Daniel Miller, Maureen Waller. State Earned Income Tax Credit and Nonresident Fathers' Contributions to Children. (*Paper at SSWR 2020*).

Miller, Daniel P., Margaret Thomas, Allison Dwyer Emory, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Maureen R. Waller. The Minimum Wage and Nonresident Fathers' Provision of Material Support. (*Paper at SSWR 2020*)

Book Chapters

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna and Daniel P. Miller. 2023. Expanding Our Understanding of Public Policies to Support Father Involvement. In Bellamy, Jennifer L., Brianna P. Lemmons, Qiana R. Cryer-Coupet, and Jennifer A. Shadik (Eds.) *Social Work Practice with Fathers: Engagement, Assessment, and Intervention* (p. 147-167). Springer International.
(https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-13686-3_9)

Garfinkel, Irwin and Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2009. Assuring Child Support: A Reassessment in Honor of Alfred Kahn. In Kamerman, Sheila, Shelley Phipps, and Asher Ben-Arieh (Eds.), *From Child Welfare to Child Well-being: An International Perspective on Knowledge in the Service of Making Policy. A Special Volume in Honor of Alfred J. Kahn* (pp. 231-253). New York: Springer.

Argys, Laura, Elizabeth Peters, Steven Cook, Steve Garasky, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Elaine Sorensen, Maureen Waller. 2006. Measuring Contact between Children and Nonresident Fathers. In Sandra Hofferth and Lynne Casper (Eds.) *Handbook of Measurement Issues in Family Research* (pp. 375-398). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Garasky, Steven, Elizabeth Peters, Laura Argys, Steven Cook, Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Elaine Sorensen, Maureen Waller. 2006. Measuring Support to Children by Nonresident Fathers. In Sandra Hofferth and Lynne Casper (Eds.) *Handbook of Measurement Issues in Family Research* (pp. 399-426). Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Working Papers, Reports and Other Research Publications

Dwyer Emory, Allison**, Alexandra Haralampoudis*, Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2019. State Policies and Employment Outcomes Among Fathers with Criminal Records. Fatherhood Research & Practice Network. Temple University. <https://www.frpn.org/asset/state-policies-and-employment-outcomes-among-fathers-criminal-records>

Waller, Maureen R., Nathan Robbins*, Lenna Nepomnyaschy & Daniel P. Miller. 2019. Child Support Debt and Father-Child Relationships. Cornell 2-Gen Research Brief.
<http://www.2gen.bctr.cornell.edu/research>

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna. 2008. Child Support and Father Contact in Fragile Families: Five Years after a Nonmarital Birth. Report prepared for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Washington, DC.

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna, Neeraj Kaushal. 2007. Does Parental Wealth Determine Child Well-being? A Case Study of New York City Residents. Report prepared for the Russell Sage Foundation. New York, NY.

Carlson, Marcia J. and Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2006. Recent Findings Related to Child Support from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study. *National Child Support Enforcement Association, Child Support Quarterly* 48(21): 30-32.

Mincy, Ronald, Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2005. Child Support and Minority Fathers in Fragile Families. Bendheim-Thoman Center for Research on Child Wellbeing, Working paper #2005-23. Princeton University. <http://crcw.princeton.edu/workingpapers/WP05-23-FF-mincy.pdf>

Pouncy, Hillard, Angela Green, Ronald Mincy, Chien-Chung Huang, Lenna Nepomnyaschy. 2003. Minority Noncustodial Fathers and Child Support: Attitudes and Perceptions. Report prepared for the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Small Business Innovation Research.

Nepomnyaschy, Lenna and Irwin Garfinkel. 2002. Wealth in New York City and the Nation. Columbia University School of Social Work Social Indicators Survey Center. Working Paper #1-02. <http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ssw/projects/surcent/>

GRANTS & RESEARCH SUPPORT

Internal - Completed

Rutgers University

Research Council Research Grant.

Fathers and SES-Based Disparities in Child Outcomes.

Role: Principal Investigator. \$5,000. (2019-2021)

Rutgers School of Social Work

Faculty Post-Doctoral Hire Award

Awarded funding for full-time 2-year post-doctoral fellow positions

2 Rounds

- 2019-2021: Primary Mentor (w/co-mentor, Cuesta)
- 2017-2019: Role: Sole Mentor

External - Completed

Duke University

Children, COVID-19 & Its Consequences: The Triple C Study.

Primary data collection on 2000 families across four sites (Durham, New Jersey, Pittsburgh, Seattle) to understand effects of COVID-19 on families' economic precarity and children's well-being.

Role: Co-PI (\$35,000). 2020-2021.

Fatherhood Research & Practice Network (FRPN).

Criminal Justice Involvement, State Policies, and Fathers' Involvement with Children. Role: Principal Investigator (\$25,000). 2018 – 2019.

William T. Grant Foundation. Research Grants to Reduce Inequality.

Fathers and Low-income Children's Academic and Behavioral Outcomes: The Role of Social and Economic Policies.

Role: Co-PI (\$450,000), 2017 – 2019.

Foundation for Child Development, Young Scholars Program.

Nonresident Father Involvement in Immigrant Families.

Role: Principal Investigator. (\$150,000), 2011 – 2014

***University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research and U.S. Food and Nutrition Service.
Research Program on Childhood Hunger.***

Nonresident Fathers' Impacts on Childhood Hunger.

Role: Co-Investigator. (\$250,000), 2011 – 2013

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. Office of Child Support Enforcement

Understanding the Interrelationship of Father Involvement, Child Support, and Parents' Relationships.

Role: Co-Investigator. (\$40,000), 2007-2008

University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research Small Grants Program

Race Disparities in Birth Outcomes in the South and the Rest of the Nation: A Comparative Analysis.

Role: Principal Investigator. (\$25,000), 2007 – 2008

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Loan Repayment Program in Health Disparities Research

Role: Principal Investigator. (\$35,000), 2006-2011

New York City Department of Homeless Services

Shadowcount Project: Annual NYC Street Homeless Count.

Role: Co-Investigator. (\$25,000), 2006-2007.

University of Michigan National Poverty Center Small Grants Program

Exploring Socioeconomic Gradients in Child Health across Racial, Ethnic, and Immigrant Groups.

Role: Principal Investigator. (\$25,000), 2005 – 2006

Jewish Foundation for Education of Women Dissertation Award, Columbia University

Role: Principal Investigator, (\$20,000), 2002-2003.

Public Policy Consortium Fellowship, Columbia University.

Role: Principal Investigator (\$5,000), 2002-2003.

External Submissions Not Funded (recent)

National Institute for Child Health & Human Development (NICHD). 2024-2028

The Fathers and Families Study.

Understanding the experiences of two cohorts and two generations of men as fathers within the contexts of large economic, social, and policy changes over the last three decades, including economic dislocation and mass incarceration. Project includes primary data collection on 3000

original fathers in the Future of Families (formerly Fragile Families) and Child Wellbeing Study, as well as the original male children who are now becoming fathers.

Role: Principal Investigator (w/co-PI Kathryn Edin). \$2,500,000

(being revised for resubmission)

Centers for Disease Control (CE21-001), 2021-2024

Can Policies that Promote Strengthening Household Financial Security Prevent Intimate Partner Violence & Child Maltreatment?

Role: Principal Investigator (submitted as MPI w/Simmel (RU) & Miller (BU)) (\$1,050,000),

Annie E. Casey Foundation: Elevating Equity Research Grants, 2021-2023

Racial Wealth Inequality and Child Wellbeing: The Role of Contexts

Role: Principal Investigator (\$175,000)

Selected into 2nd round for in-person interview

US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service (USDA ERS) & Tufts University, 2021-2022

Food Security and Insecurity Across the Income Distribution

Role: Principal Investigator (\$100,000)

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS *(own presentations only)*

2026

Nonresident Fathers and Young Adults' Economic Well-Being. Paper to be presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting, November 2026, Boston, MA.

2025

Policing Families: The Long-Term Consequences of Parental Police Contact on Adolescent Legal cynicism. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting, November 2025, Seattle, WA.

Resisting Regression II: Strengthening Social Work Science & Collaboration Amid Anti-DEI and Anti-Democratic Initiatives. Speaker at Invited Symposium. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Meeting, January 2025, Seattle, WA.

2024

From Financial to Physical: The Consequences of Parenthood and Paid Leave in the Modern US Economy. Panel discussant at the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting, November 2024, National Harbor, MD.

Income Support Policies and Family and Child Wellbeing. Panel discussant at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Meeting, January 2024, Washington, DC.

2023

Helping or Hurting? Exploring the Formal Child Support System's Impact on Families. Panel discussant at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting, November 2023, Atlanta, GA.

2022

Nonresident Fathers' Involvement and Children's Economic Security. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting, November 2022. Washington DC.

Devolving Implementing Authority: How Policy Choices Shape Equity in Outcomes. Panel discussant at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting. November 2022. Washington, DC.

Public Policy and Child Well-being. Panel discussant at the Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting. April 2022. Atlanta, GA.

2021

Families and Public Policy. Panel discussant at the Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meetings. May 2021. Virtual.

Household Debt and Children's Material Hardship. Paper presented at Society for Research on Child Development (SRCD) Annual Meeting. April 2021. Virtual.

Social Work and Income Policies: Re-Centering Advocacy. Symposium discussant at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Meeting. January 2021. Virtual.

2020

Household Debt and Children's Material Hardship. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting. November 2020. Virtual.

The Role of Fathers in Reducing Inequality in Child Outcomes. Roundtable organizer and presenter at the Society for Social work and Research (SSWR) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 2020.

2019

Child Support Enforcement and Nonresident Fathers' Accumulation of Arrears. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. November 2019.

Fathers and Child Obesity. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. January 2019.

2018

The Link Between Nonresident Father Involvement and Children's Academic and Behavioral Outcomes: Do Fathering Contexts Matter? Paper presented at the Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. April 2018.

2017

The Role of Fathers in Reducing Income-Based Inequalities in Children's Behavioral Outcomes. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. November 2017.

Nonresident Fathers' Involvement and Mothers' Investments in their Own Education and Training. Poster presented at the Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. April 2017.

Nonresident Father Involvement and Mothers' Investments in Education and Training. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. January 2017.

2016

Fathers and Child Obesity. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Meeting, Washington. DC. January 2016.

2014

Family Structure Stability and Change and Food Insecurity. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting. Albuquerque, NM. November 2014.

Family Structure, Family Structure Transitions and Food Insecurity, Poster presented at the Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. April 2014.
Nonresident Father Involvement and Child Food Insecurity: Evidence from Longitudinal Data. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX. January 2014.

2013

Nonresident Father Involvement and Child Food Insecurity: Evidence from Longitudinal Data. Presented at the Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting. Washington, DC. November 2013.
Nonresident Father Involvement and Child Obesity. Paper presented at the Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. March 2013.

2012

Nonresident Father Involvement and Childhood Hunger. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD. November 2012.
Family Structure, Father Involvement and Childhood Injuries. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting, Washington, DC. November 2012.
Nonresident Father Involvement in Immigrant Families. Poster Presented at the Population Association of America (APPAM) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. May 2012.

2011

Patterns and Packages of Nonresident Father Involvement. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. November 2011.
Cyclical Cohabitation Among Unmarried Parents. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. November 2011.

2010

Child Support and Child Development. Paper presented at the Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX. April 2010.
Nonresident Fathers and Children's Overweight and Obesity. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting (SSWR), San Francisco, CA. January 2010.

2009

Nonresident Father Involvement and Children's Obesity. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. November 2009.
Race Disparities in Low Birth Weight in the US South and the Rest of the Nation. Paper presented at the Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, Detroit, MI. April 2009.

2008

Nonresident Father Involvement and Children's Material Hardship. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA. November 2008.

2007

Socioeconomic Gradients in Birth Outcomes Across Race and Ethnicity Nativity. Paper presented at the Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER) Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. June 2007.

Paternity Establishment and Fathers' Involvement with Their Young Children. Paper presented at the Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, New York, NY, April 2007.

2006

A Cross-National Comparison of Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Low Birthweight in the United States and United Kingdom. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting. Madison, WI, November 2006.

Child Support and Father-Child Contact in Fragile Families: Leveraging Panel Data to Establish a Causal Path. Paper presented at the Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meetings, Los Angeles, CA, March 2006.

The Relationship between Formal and Informal Child Support. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference (SSWR), San Antonio, TX, January 2006.

2004

The Relationship between Formal and Informal Child Support: Evidence from Three-Year Fragile Families Data. Paper presented at The Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, April 2004.

2003

Child Support and Welfare Reliance in Fragile Families. Poster presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 2003.

Child Support and Father/Child Contact in Fragile Families: Searching for a Causal Path. Paper presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting (APPAM), Minneapolis, MN, May 2003.

2002

Child Support and Father/Child Contact in Fragile Families. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, November 2002.

INVITED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

2026

Nonresident Fathers and their Children's Economic Well-being. Presentation at the University of Chicago, Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice Research Symposium. February 2026.

2025

Impacts of Income Supports on Children and Families. Presentation at the NJ Department of Children & Families Grand Rounds. Office of Applied Research & Evaluation. January, 2025. (virtual)

2022

Nonresident Father Involvement and Children's Economic Precarity. Research presented at the University of Maryland Population Research Center. Virtual. November 2022.

2021

Social Policies, Fathers, and Child Well-Being. Paper presented at the Boston College School of Social Work, Research in Action Seminar Series. Virtual. December 2021.

2020

Social and Economic Policies and Nonresident Fathers' Involvement with Children. Paper presented at the US Centre at the London School of Economics, special conference on Diversity of Single-Parent Families: Implications for U.S. Policy. London, UK. May 2020. (conference cancelled due to COVID & rescheduled as virtual conference)

2018

The Role of Fathers in Reducing Inequality in Adolescent Behavioral Outcomes. Presented at the Institute for Research on Poverty Seminar Series, University of Wisconsin-Madison. October 2018.

2013

Nonresident Father Involvement and Child Food Insecurity. Presented at the Applied Quantitative Research Master's Program Seminar Series, New York University. September 2013.

2012

Nonresident Father Involvement and Child Obesity. Presented at the Rutgers University Department of Nutritional Sciences Seminar Series. New Brunswick, NJ. January 2012.

2011

Child Support and Young Children's Development. Presented at the Rutgers University-Newark, Psychology Department Colloquium Series. Newark, NJ. March 2011.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS FOR POLICY & COMMUNITY PARTNERS**2024**

Understanding Poverty in the Context of the Child Welfare System. Training presentation for the Texas Court Appointed Child Advocacy (CASA) Volunteer Training Program. Virtual. August 2024.

2022

Community Safety: Alternative Responses to the Criminal Justice System. Participant on panel discussion. New Jersey Policy Perspectives Annual Conference: Progress 2022: Justice for All, September 2022.

Nonresident Fathers and Public Policy: What have we learned? State-Level Policy Working Group. Bendheim-Thoman Center for Research on Child Well-being. Princeton University. May 2022.

Social Work and the Future of Democracy. Contributor to panel discussion, hosted by the Social Work Democracy Project. March 2022. <https://crispinc.org/social-work-democracy-project/>
Democracy in Crisis. Introductory remarks on the role of social work in the political process. At the Dr. Paul Shane Annual Policy Symposium, sponsored by the NJ Baccalaureate Social Work Education Association, hosted by the Rutgers School of Social Work, March 2022. <https://socialwork.rutgers.edu/academics/bachelor-arts-ba-degree-social-work-major/welcome-bachelor-arts-social-work/2022-dr-paul-shane-annual-policy-symposium-democracy-crisis-call-political-social-justice>

2021

The Punitive and Racialized Consequences of the US Child Support Enforcement System. Presentation of work and policy reform recommendations to the office of US House of Representatives (NJ), Bonnie Watson Coleman. Virtual. September 2021. Organized by NJ-PA Scholars Strategy Network.

Social Policies, Fathers, and Child Well-being. Rutgers School of Social Work Summer Research Webinar Series. Virtual. June 2021. <https://youtu.be/GFBUAV3jkqg>

2020

Why is Quality of Life Falling in the US? Panel discussion with NY Times journalist, Nicholas Kristof. Co-sponsored by the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, the School of Communication and Information, and the School of Social Work, Rutgers University. November 2020. <https://comminfo.rutgers.edu/events/november-17-why-quality-life-falling-us>

2019

State Policies and Employment Outcomes among Fathers with Criminal Records. Fatherhood Research & Practice Network Webinar on Findings from FRPN-Funded Projects: Fathers & Public Policy. December 2019. <https://www.frpn.org/asset/frpn-webinar-findings-frpn-funded-projects-4-fatherhood-public-policy>

The Role of Fathers in Reducing Inequality in Child Outcomes. Institute for Research on Poverty. Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin –Madison. Podcast series. January 2019: <https://www.irp.wisc.edu/resource/lenna-nepomnyaschy-on-the-role-of-fathers-in-reducing-inequality-in-child-outcomes/>

2018

Child Support and Child Wellbeing. Findings from Fifteen Years of Data from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study. Presentation for the National Child Support Enforcement Association (NCSEA) Policy Forum. Washington, DC. February 2018.

2011

Child Support in the Context of Fragile Families: A Review and Reassessment. Presented at the Child Support Connection – Giving Children a Brighter Future Conference, sponsored by NYC Human Resources Administration, the Future of Children, and CUNY School of Professional Studies. New York, NY. October 2011.

Hunger and Poverty in New Jersey. Presented at the Food Bank of South Jersey's 1st Annual Food for Thought Film Series. Pennsauken, NJ. May 2011.

2007

Child Support, Fatherhood, and Marriage: Findings from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study. Paper presented at the Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Enforcement Association, 44th Annual Training Conference. Norfolk, VA. May 2007.

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT & PUBLIC WRITING – (recent)

- *New Jersey Monitor*. Making Parents Pay for Foster Care: A Bad Idea for Families. Commentary by Jill Duerr Berrick, Lenna Nepomnyaschy & Cassandra Simmel. March 26, 2024. <https://newjerseymonitor.com/2024/03/26/making-parents-pay-for-foster-care-a-bad-idea-for-families/>
- Coverage of Nepomnyaschy et al. Parental Debt and Child Well-Being: What Type of Debt Matters for Child Outcomes? 2021. In *RSF: The Russell Sage Journal of Social Sciences* special issue on Childhood Wealth Inequality in the United States: Implications for Social Stratification and Well-Being,
 - *The Guardian*, September 2, 2021. Staggering US wealth inequality heaps long-term harm on to minority children. <https://www.theguardian.com/inequality/2021/sep/02/us-wealth-inequality-black-hispanic-children>

- *Medical Xpress*. Fathers' type of debt matters for teenagers' mental health. September 29, 2001. <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2021-09-fathers-debt-teenagers-mental-health.html>
- Interviewed by *NJ.com*, for article, Why the verdict in the George Floyd case matters in New Jersey. NJ.com. April 21, 2021. <https://www.nj.com/opinion/2021/04/why-the-verdict-in-the-george-floyd-case-matters-in-new-jersey-opinion.html>
- Coverage of Nepomnyaschy et al. The Role of Fathers in Reducing Socioeconomic Inequalities in Adolescent Behavior Outcomes. 2020 In *Social Service Review*.
 - Engagement on *Reddit*, Over 49,000 views, and over 2,000 comments. https://www.reddit.com/r/science/comments/kcvpjn/dads_engaged_in_their_kids_live_s_can_help_to/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=web2x&context=3
 - *Consumer Affairs*: <https://www.consumeraffairs.com/news/engaged-and-present-fathers-help-improve-teens-behavior-and-well-being-study-finds-121620.html>
 - *Moms.com*: <https://www.moms.com/involved-fathers-lessen-behavioral-issues-teens-confirms-study/>
- *The Medium*. July 8, 2020. Abrams, L., Dettlaff, A., Merritt, D., Nepomnyaschy, L., Sarantakos, S., Sliva, S. Affirming the Call for Social Work to Fully Support Defunding the Police. <https://alandettlaff.medium.com/affirming-the-call-for-social-work-to-fully-support-defunding-the-police-8a2e3b370e5>

TEACHING & STUDENT MENTORING

MSW Program

- **Course Coordinator/Lead Teacher** -create & regularly revise all course materials for distribution to instructors: syllabi, slides, assignments
 - *Poverty, Inequality, Discrimination and Public Policy* (developed new course, 2011; course redesigned, 2020; On the Ground (OTG) & Synchronous Online (SO), 2011-present; converted to Asynchronous Online (AO), 2023-present)
 - *Social Work & The Carceral State* (5 week-module for *Politics, Policy, and Racial Justice* newly developed Synch Online (SO) course), Spring 2022
 - *DC Experience: Policy & Advocacy in Action*, focus: Economic Insecurity & Social Policy (OTG & AO components), Spring 2020
 - *Advanced Contemporary Policy: Economic Justice for Families and Communities* (formerly Social Work Policy and Services II course completely redesigned and renamed (co-coordinator)) (OTG), 2020 - present
 - *Social Work Policy and Services II* (OTG & created the AO version, 2015), 2011-2019
 - *Social Work Policy and Services II: Children and Families* (OTG), 2008-2009
- **Other Courses Taught**
 - *Research Methods in Social Work I* (BASW & MSW), 2009-2011
 - *Independent Study* - Summer 2009.
- **Student Engagement & Group Leadership**
 - Co-lead: *Management and Policy (MAP) Specialization Curriculum Committee*. 2024-present
 - Faculty Liaison: *MSW/MPP Dual Degree Program*. 2024-present

- Creator, Coordinator & Faculty Supervisor: *Rutgers Social Policy Network Newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Threads, Substack platforms*. 2010-present
- *Payment 4 Placements Student Group* – Faculty Advisor, 2022-present
- *Policy Fellows Program*. Co-Coordinator, 2021-2022
- *Black Lives Matter Social Work Student Caucus*. Co-Facilitator, 2020-2022
- *China Study Abroad Trip* (2 weeks, MSW), May 2016
- ***Student Mentoring & Advising***
 - Advise, mentor, and write letters of recommendation (80+ students) 2008-present

PhD Program

Courses

- *Conceptual Foundations of Social Work & Social Welfare* (16:910:645); (complete redesign, Fall 2024), required course for all 1st year PhD students, 2024-present.
- *Advanced Statistical Methods I & II: Applied Regression* (16:910:638 & 16:910:639); (developed new course, 2012 & substantially redesigned, 2018), required course for all 1st year PhD students, 2012-present.
- *Advanced Statistical Methods II: Generalized Linear Modeling* (16:910:639); (course substantially redesigned); required course for all 1st year PhD students, Spring 2023
- *Bibliography Development* (16:910:659), (required course for all 2nd year pre-QE students), Spring 2016.

Dissertation Chair (8)

In progress:

1. Sarah Cooper. Neighborhood Disadvantage and Variation in Opioid Overdose Rates by Race. Rutgers School of Social Work. **2023-present.**

Completed:

2. Amanda Stroiman. Family Economic Security, Social Support & Child Development. Rutgers School of Social Work. **2022-2024**
3. David Seith. The Prevalence & Depth of Poverty Across Childhood. Bloustein School of Planning & Public Policy, Rutgers. **2019–2024.**
4. Alexandra Haralampoudis. Variation in State Tax Burden & Family Well-being. Rutgers School of Social Work. **2019–2023.**
5. Christine James. Transition-Age Outcomes for Youth with Disabilities. Rutgers School of Social Work. **2017–2022.**
6. Sangeeta Chatterji. Mothers' Education and Employment and Investment in Daughters' Education. Rutgers School of Social Work. **2016-2019.**
7. Sarah Gold. Examining Pathways between Housing Assistance and Educational Attainment. Rutgers School of Social Work. **2015-2018.**

Dissertation Committee Member (17)

Current:

1. Peixu Liu. Family, Work, and Successful Aging in Later Life: Examining the Role of Family Contexts and Post-Retirement Work Under Welfare Disparities in China. 2025-present.

2. Malya Hirshkowitz. Women's Experiences in Recreational Sport Environments and Psychosocial Well-being. 2025-present.
3. Shalyse Sangster. Biological Embedding of Historical and Contemporary Structural Racism: Redlining, Neighborhood Disadvantage, and Telomere Length. 2025-present.
4. Sara Thomas, The Technology-Facilitated Sexual Violence Legal Protections Index (TLPI): State Policy Variation and Survey-Reported Victimization Among Adults and Adolescents. 2026-present.

Completed:

5. Clara Scher. Neighborhood Contexts and the Well-being of People Living with Dementia. Rutgers School of Social Work. **2022-2025.**
6. Huiying Jin. Mothers' Nonstandard Work Hours and Child Well-Being. Rutgers School of Social Work. **2020-2024.**
7. Addam Reynolds. The Role of Social Contexts in Associations between Early-Life Circumstances and Cognitive Aging: A Work Towards Aging Equity. Rutgers School of Social Work. **2020-2023.**
8. Rebecca Logue-Conroy. Fathers' Use of Leave at The Birth of a Child: An Examination of Factors Influencing Leave-Taking Behaviors. Rutgers School of Social Work. **2019-2022.**
9. Hyunjoon Um. Factors and Outcomes Associated with the Patterns of Child Support Arrears. School of Social Work, Columbia University. **2017-2019.**
10. Brittany Battle. Deadbeat Dads, Single Moms, and Broken Homes? A Sociocultural Analysis of the American Child Support System. Sociology Department, Rutgers University. **2015-2019.**
11. Teja Pristavec. Three Studies on the Caregiving Experience. Sociology Department, Rutgers University. **2016-2018.**
12. Jillian Stein. Employment characteristics and recidivism among young adults in the US. Rutgers School of Social Work. **2015-2018.**
13. Louis Donnelly. Neighborhood Disadvantage And School Dropout: A Multilevel Analysis Of Mediating Contexts. Rutgers School of Social Work. **2013-2015.**
14. Debra Greenwood. The Effects of TANF and Select Public Assistance Programs on College Enrollment by Single Mother Recipients. Graduate School of Social Service, Fordham University. **2013-**
15. Colleen Nugent. Parents' Preferences for Mixed-Sex Children. Sociology Department, Rutgers University. **2011-2012.**
16. Jeong Ah Yoo. Effect of Domestic Violence on Development of Pre-School Aged Children. Rutgers School of Social Work. **2009-2011.**
17. Yi-Fen Tseng. The Impact of Instability in Living Arrangement on Preschool Children's Socioemotional Development. Graduate School of Social Service, Fordham University. **2009-2011.**

PhD Research Practica, Mentorship, and Independent Studies

- Qualifying Paper Committees
 - Youngjin Chae, 2022-ongoing (Sociology, Rutgers)
 - Brittany Battle, 2013-2015 (Sociology, Rutgers)

- Research Practica & Internships
 - Sara Babad, 2021-2022 (Psychology, Rutgers)
 - Huiying Jin, 2021-2022
 - Alexandra Haralampoudis, 2019-2020
 - Christine James, 2018-2019
 - Julia O'Connell, 2016-2017
 - Catie Buttner, 2016-2017
- Independent Studies:
 - Rebecca Martin, 2023-2024
 - David Seith, 2019-2020 (Bloustein Public Policy, Rutgers)
 - Feng-Yi Liu, 2016
- Research Mentorship:
 - Anna Ko, 2025-present (SSW, University of Wisconsin-Madison)
 - Taylor Brown, 2024-present (SSW, UC Berkeley)
 - Malya Hirskowitz, 2024-present
 - Stella Zhu, 2023-2024
 - Lauren Manley, 2021-2024
 - Clara Scher, 2020-2023
 - Natalie Pope, 2020-2022
 - Michael Enich, 2019-2021
 - Alexandra Haralampoudis, 2017-2023
 - Chris James, 2016-2022
 - Sarah Gold, 2013-2017
 - Louis Donnelly, 2011-2015
 - Jillian Stein, 2012-2014

Post-Doctoral & Fellowship Trainee Oversight (4)

- Stephanie Hong, PhD. Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2023-2026
- Mandi Spishak-Thomas, PhD. Institute for Health, Health Care, and Aging Research. Rutgers University. 2023-2024.
- Kasey Eickmeyer, PhD. Primary mentor to post-doctoral scholar. School of Social Work, Rutgers. 2019-2020.
- Allison Dwyer Emory, PhD. Sole mentor to post-doctoral scholar. School of Social Work, Rutgers. 2017-2018.
- Carolina Hausmann-Stabile, PhD. Developmental Trajectories of Latino Children. Co-Mentor on NIH K99/R00 Pathway to Independence Award. 2015.
- Olubunmi Bakare, MD. Cognitive Outcomes in Early Term vs. Late Term Infants. Primary Advisor on Scholarship Oversight Committee for Neonatology Fellowship Program. RWJMS-UMDNJ. Pediatric Critical Care Department. 2013-2015.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES - RUTGERS

University-Wide Committees

- Search Committee. Vice Chancellor for Research, 2017-2018
- Big Ten Academic Alliance – Health Equity Proposal Development Committee, (including 2 trips to BTAA offices in Chicago, IL), 2015-2019

- Institutional Review Board (IRB) member, 2012-2016
- Faculty Grievance Committee member, 2012-2016
- Quantitative Methods Courses Review Committee, 2012-2020
- New Brunswick Faculty Council member, 2009-2011

School of Social Work Committees

- Chair, Tenure Track Faculty Search Committee, 2024-2025
- Pre-Tenure Faculty Mentoring Committee, 2015-present
- Committee of Review, 2025-present
- PhD Program Executive Committee, 2009 – present
 - Admissions sub-committee
 - Qualifying exam (re)design & grading sub-committee, (Lead - 2023)
 - Research & Statistics curriculum sub-committee
- Co-lead (2024-2026): Management & Policy (MAP) Specialization Curriculum Committee 2015 – present
- Faculty Search Committee, 2008-2009; 2013-2014; 2014-2015; 2016-2017, 2021-2022
- IIDEA Committee (sub), Fall 2023
- MSW Curriculum Committee (sub), 2022-2023
- Research Advisory Committee, 2017-2019
- Post-Doc Training Program Committee, 2017-2018
- BASW Executive Committee, 2015-2017
- Senior Faculty Search Committee, 2013-2014
- Director of IT Search committee, 2013-2014

Other School of Social Work Service Activities

- Faculty Development Activities
 - Pre-Tenure Faculty Mentoring, 2015-present
 - Primary or secondary formal mentor for 2 to 4 pre-tenure faculty per year
 - Informal mentor for 2 to 3 pre-tenure faculty per year
 - Co-Organize Faculty Research Colloquium Series, 2016-present
 - Co-Organize Faculty/PhD Student Research Methods Working Group Series, 2020-2022
 - Organize and coordinate Poverty and Social Policy Research Group meetings, 2016-2017.
- PhD Program Activities, 2011-present
 - Open Houses for prospective students
 - Welcome to Rutgers Day for accepted students
 - Orientation for new students
 - Faculty advisor for PhD Students, 2020-present
 - Advise, mentor & write letters of recommendation (40+ students) 2009-present
 - Develop and present training workshops to faculty and doctoral students on use of the Stata Statistical Software package, Best Practices in Data Management, Analyzing Longitudinal Data and others, 2012-present
- MSW & School-Wide Program Activities

- Created & Coordinate Rutgers Social Policy Network listserv, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Threads platforms, and Newsletter, 2009-present
- Faculty Advisor for Payment 4 Placements Student group, 2023-present
- Co-Facilitate the Policy Fellows program, 2022-2023
- MSW Program Open Houses for Prospective Students, 2017-present
- MSW Specialization Information Sessions – MAP representative, 2014-present
- MSW Student Orientation planning committee, 2015-present
- Co-Facilitate Black Lives Matter Student Caucus, 2020-2022
- Develop and Lead Social Policy Area of Emphasis, 2012-present
- Organize and lead school-level MSW student panels and discussions
 - Co-organized School-Wide Webinar: Protecting Immigrant Rights & Dignity, March, 2025.
 - Black Lives Matter & police violence panels, 2016-2022
 - Policy jobs for MSW students career networking panel, 2022
 - Post-2016 Election debrief sessions, 2016-2017.
 - Film screening and discussion panel for the *Tough Love* documentary film about the role of poverty and discrimination in the child welfare system, presented on all three campuses, 2015.
 - Film screening and discussion panel for the *American Winter* documentary film about poverty in the US and the decline of the middle class, 2014
 - Seminar in coordination with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, The Affordable Care Act: What Every Social Worker Should Know. Required attendance for all New Brunswick MSW students, 2012
 - MSW Policy Career Networking Panel, 2012
 - Co-organized 1st Annual MSW Policy Information Session, 2009

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES - EXTERNAL

Deputy Editor

- *Social Service Review*, 2025 - present

Editorial Review Boards

- *Social Service Review*, 2014-present
- *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 2018-present

External Letter Writer for Tenure & Promotion

- Promotion to Full Professor Review Cases at peer institutions (4 cases), 2024-present
- Tenure Review Cases at peer institutions (11 cases), 2019-present

Board & Leadership Appointments

- Scholars Strategy Network, Co-Director of NJ/Philly Chapter, 2026-present
- Social Work Grand Challenges. Reducing Extreme Inequality, Network Co-Lead, 2023-present
- Future of Families and Child Wellbeing Study, Steering Committee member, 2023-present
- Social Work Democracy Project, Board of Directors member, 2021-Present
- Fatherhood Research and Practice Network, Advisory Board member, 2014-Present

Reviewing and Organizing

- *National Institutes for Health (NIH)*
 - Social Science Population Studies (SSPB) Study Section, grant proposal reviewer. October, 2024
- *Population Association of America (PAA)*.
 - Abstract reviewer, session organizer, poster judge, student mentor for the Annual Conference. 2010-present
- *Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)*
 - Abstract reviewer, session organizer, student mentor for the Annual Conference. 2017-present.
 - Co-Organizer, The Social Work and Friends Social Get Together and Networking Event (w/over 100 faculty, post-doc, and PhD students participating) at each Annual Meeting. 2010-2022
- *Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)*.
 - Abstract reviewer, panel organizer, and student mentor for the Annual Conference, 2015-present
 - Committee Member: Social Policy Committee, 2016-2024; Communications Committee, 2019-2022
 - Co-organizer, Social Policy Forum and Social Policy Research Award. 2016-present.
 - Co-organizer, Social Work Response to the 2016 Election – 3 special sessions, January 2017, New Orleans.
- *Future of Families & Child Wellbeing Study Summer Data Training Workshop*. Application reviewer & workshop presenter. 2008-present
- *Hong Kong Research Council*. Grant proposal reviewer. 2016-2018.
- *USDHHS, Administration for Children & Families (ACF)*. Grant proposal reviewer for *National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)*. Analysis of Data on Early Childhood Education Research Program. 2015.
- *US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service (USDA-FNS)*. Grant proposal reviewer for the University of Kentucky Research Program on Child Hunger. 2011

Invitations to Consult & Advise

- Executive Committee Member, NJ Population Cohort Study, Institute for Health, Health Care and Aging Research, Rutgers University. Project funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (PI: Joel Cantor), 2020-2022
- Testing Identified Elements for Success in Fatherhood Programs (Fatherhood TIES) project Expert Consultant, USDHHS, Administration for Children & Families, Office of Family Assistance, 2023
- Consultant on the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation's Project to Develop Teaching Materials Based on OPRE's Research & Evaluation, USDHHS, Administration for Children & Families, 2020.
- Self-Sufficiency Clearinghouse Working Group, OPRE, USDHHS, Advisory Board member, 2010-2011

Professional Association Memberships

- Association for Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)

- Population Association of America (PAA)
- Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)

Ad-Hoc Reviewer (*10-15 reviews per year*)

American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology; American Journal of Public Health; Child Development; Children & Youth Services Review; Current Developments in Nutrition; Demography; Developmental Psychology; European Sociological Review; Journal of Child and Family Studies; Journal of Family Issues; Journal of Marriage and Family; Journal of Men's Health; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research; Maternal and Child Health Journal; Pediatrics; Social Indicators Research; Social Science and Medicine; Social Service Review; Sociological Inquiry