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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** 2013 **University of California, Berkeley**, School of Social Welfare  
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare, Dr. Neil Gilbert (Chair)
- M.S.W.** 2004 **University of California, Berkeley**, School of Social Welfare  
Concentration: Management, planning & policy
- B.A.** 1993 **University of Oregon**  
Sociology & Women's Studies

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2023 – Present **Program Director**, Bachelor of Social Work Program, School of Social Work,  
University of Georgia
- 2019 - Present **Associate Professor**, School of Social Work, University of Georgia
- 2013 - 2018 **Assistant Professor**, School of Social Work, University of Georgia
- 2016 – Present **Fellow**, Center for Social Justice, Civil & Human Rights, University of Georgia
- 2016 – Present **Affiliate**, Interdisciplinary Qualitative Studies Program, University of Georgia
- 2015 – Present **Affiliate**, Owens Institute for Behavioral Research, University of Georgia
- 2015 – Present **Affiliate**, Institute for Women's Studies, University of Georgia
- 2012 **Instructor**, Department of Child and Adolescent Development, San Francisco State University
- 2007 – 2013 **Instructor**, School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley
- 2002 – 2011 **Reader**, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley

## AREAS OF INTEREST

- Research** Poverty; social policy; consumer credit & debt; predatory lending; informal economy;  
economic survival strategies; financial capabilities; financial inclusion; social media;  
qualitative methods; survey analysis.
- Teaching** Social policy; poverty; theory; history and philosophy of social welfare and social work;  
introduction to social work; welfare states; research; community practice.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2023 **Ph.D. Professor of the Year**, University of Georgia, School of Social Work
- 2021 **Undergraduate Professor of the Year**, University of Georgia, School of Social Work
- 2018 **Undergraduate Professor of the Year**, University of Georgia, School of Social Work
- 2016 **Outstanding Professor Award**, University of Georgia Student Government Association
- 2016 **Ph.D. Professor of the Year**, University of Georgia, School of Social Work
- 2015 **Ph.D. Professor of the Year**, University of Georgia, School of Social Work

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2014-2015     **Teaching Academy Fellow**, University of Georgia Teaching Academy

2014           **Emerging Scholar**, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for  
Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research & Evaluation

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*An asterisk (\*) denotes student co-authors*

### Peer-reviewed articles

Lee, S., Bae, J., Sharkey, C. N., **Ager, M.**, Bakare, O. H., & Embrey, J. (2022). Professional social work and public libraries in the United States: A scoping review. *Social Work*, 67(3), 249– 265. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sw/swac025>

Lee, M., Jennings-McGarity, P., Littleton, T., & **Ager, M.** (2022). The teaching of social work history and the inclusion of African American contributors: Implications for social work educators. *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work*.

Birkenmaier, J., Rothwell, D., & **Ager, M.** (2022). How is consumer financial capability measured? *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10834-022-09825-4>

Burford, M., Kindle, P., Granruth, L., Delavega, E., Johnson, D., Peterson, S., & **Caplan, M.A.** (2022). Exploring regional differences in social work pedagogy: Attitudes toward poverty. *Contemporary Rural Social Work*.

**Caplan, M. A.**, Birkenmaier, J., & Bae, J. (2021). Financial exclusion in OECD countries: A scoping review. *International Journal of Social Welfare*, 30(1), 58-71.

McGarity, S.V., & **Caplan, M. A.** (2019). Living outside the financial mainstream: Alternative financial service use among people with disabilities. *Journal of Poverty*, DOI: 10.1080/10875549.2018.1555731

Androff, D.K., & **Caplan, M. A.** (2018). Social investments, asset building, and social development – The state of the art: A special issue in honor of Dr. James Midgley. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 47(4), 3 - 10.

Bae, J.\*, Cho, H., & **Caplan, M. A.** (2018). Network centrality and performances of social enterprises: Government certified social enterprises in Seoul, South Korea. *Asian Social Work and Policy Review*, 12, 75 – 85.

Brooks, F., Mack, S., Chaney, A., Gibson, K., & **Caplan, M.** (2018). TANF leavers and economic self-sufficiency: Results from a study in Georgia. *Journal of Poverty*.

Granruth, L., Kindle, P., Burford, M., Delavega, E., Peterson, S., & **Caplan, M. A.** (2018). Changing social work students' perceptions of the role of government in policy class. *Journal of Social Work Education* 54(1), 110 – 121.

**Caplan, M. A.**, Sherraden, M. S., & Bae, J.\* (2018). Financial capabilities: A social investment approach. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 47(4), 147 - 168.

**Caplan, M. A.,** Kindle, P., & Neilson, R. (2017). Do we know what we think we know about payday loan borrowers? Evidence from the Survey of Consumer Finances. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare, 44*(4), 19 - 43.

**Caplan, M. A.,** Purser, G.\* (2017). Qualitative inquiry using social media: A field-tested example. *Qualitative Social Work*. DOI: 10.1177/1473325017725802.

**Caplan, M. A.,** Purser, G.\*, & Kindle, P. (2017). Personal accounts of poverty: A thematic analysis of social media. *Journal of Evidence-Informed Social Work Practice, 14*(6), 433 – 456.

**Caplan, M. A.** & Washington, T. (2017). Beyond income: A social justice approach to assessing poverty in older adults. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work, 60*(6-7), 553-568.

**Caplan, M. A.,** Riciardelli, L.\* (2016). Institutionalizing neoliberalism: 21<sup>st</sup> century capitalism, market sprawl and social policy. *Poverty and Public Policy, 8*(1), 20-38.

Kindle P., & **Caplan, M. A.** (2015). Understanding the fringe economy. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare, 42*(1), 49 – 72.

**Caplan, M. A.** (2014). Communities respond to predatory lending. *Social Work, 59*(2), 149 – 156.

**Caplan, M. A.** (2014). Financial coping strategies of mental health consumers: Managing social benefits. *Community Mental Health Journal, 50*(4), 409 – 414.

Kimberlin, S., & **Ager [Caplan], M.** (2009). Economic theories of disability benefits. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment, 19*(1), 70 – 84.

#### Book Chapters

**Caplan, M. A.** (2015). “Credit”, *Encyclopedia of World Poverty*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

**Caplan, M. A.** (2015). “Georgia”, *Encyclopedia of World Poverty*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

**Caplan, M. A.** (2014). “Supplemental Security Services”, *Encyclopedia of Human Services and Diversity*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

**Caplan, M. A.** (2014). “Social Security, Services Funded by”, *Encyclopedia of Human Services and Diversity*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

**Caplan, M. E.** (2013). Predatory lending. In M. Austin (Ed.), *Social justice and Social work: Rediscovering a core value of the profession*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

**Caplan, M. A.** (2010). Social Investment and Mental Health: The Role of Social Enterprise. In J. Midgley & A. Conley (Eds.) *Social work and social development: Theories and Skills for Developmental Social Work*. New York: Oxford University Press.

#### Book reviews

**Caplan, M. A.** (2019). Social investment and social welfare: International and critical perspectives. [Review of the book Social investment and social welfare: International and critical perspectives].

*International Journal of Social Welfare*. ISBN 978-1785367823

**Caplan, M. A.** (2016). Poverty & shame: Global experiences. [Review of the book Poverty & shame: Global experiences]. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare, 43*, 175.

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**Caplan, M. A.** (2016). Rewriting the rules of the American economy. [Review of the book Rewriting the rules of the American economy]. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 43, 193.

**Caplan, M. A.** (2014). Generalist practice with organizations and communities. [Review of the book Generalist practice with organizations and communities]. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 24, 731-732.

**Caplan, M. A.** (2009). Why America lost the war on poverty--And how to win it. [Review of the book Why America lost the war on poverty--And how to win it]. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 36(1), 190 – 191.

### Reports

**Caplan, M.A.**, Parks, J.\*, Lee, S.\*, & Izlar, J.\* (2019). Commonwealth Athens: A Program Evaluation. Produced for The Ark, Athens, GA.

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

### External Funding

- 2022-present    **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Specialist**  
**Financial Capabilities Specialist**  
Title: Reducing the prevalence of human trafficking through increasing the financial literacy and capability of survivors and those at-risk in SSA.  
Funder: US Department of State, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons,  
Grant # SSJTIP22CA0029  
[This is first phase of \$10 million total award that runs through 2028]
- 2018            **Co-Principle Investigator**  
Title: Activating Community Opportunities Special Initiative Leadership Grant, “Libraries as Assets”, **\$59,482** (Co-PI)  
Funder: Institute for Museum and Library Sciences
- 2018            **Principle Investigator**  
Title: *Commonwealth Athens Evaluation*, **\$ 500** (PI)  
Funders: Dr. Dan Hudgins & The Ark
- 2015            Invited Consultant, *Re-Imagining Symposium for the Community Organizing, Planning and Development*. **\$2,000**  
Funder: Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, State University of New York.
- 2014            Training Participant (competitive) “*Use of micro-data from the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)*”. Duke Initiative in Survey Methodology, Triangle Census Research Network, Social Science Research Institute at Duke, University of Michigan Institute for Social Research. **\$1,500**  
  
                    Funded by: National Science Foundation, U.S. Bureau of the Census.
- 2014            Emerging Scholar Presentation & Travel Grant (competitive), *Welfare Research and Education Conference*. **\$2,000**  
Funder: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

### Internal Funding

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- 2020 Lending Circles: A Feasibility Study  
Funder: University of Georgia, School of Social Work, Office of Research **\$5,000**
- 2020 A Pilot Program to Provide Trash Services and Clean Water Access for People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness in Athens. Faculty Advisor for Emmett Allen, PI.  
Funder: University of Georgia, Office of Sustainability. **\$4,983**
- 2019 Dean's Research Grant, **\$3,000**  
Funder: University of Georgia, School of Social Work
- 2015 Faculty Research Seed Grant, **\$1,000**  
Funder: University of Georgia, School of Social Work
- 2014 Faculty Research Summer Grant, **\$1,000**  
Funder: University of Georgia, School of Social Work

## **CREATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS OTHER THAN FORMAL PUBLICATIONS**

### **Radio**

*Topic:* Credit-building program for youth  
*Segment:* "That First Paycheck Is An Exciting Moment . . . And A Teachable One"  
*Interviewer:* Emanuel, G.  
*Network:* National Public Radio Affiliate, All Things Considered, July 15, 2015.

*Topic:* Poverty measurement  
*Segment:* "Generation After Generation In Poverty In Georgia"  
*Interviewer:* Headlee, C.  
*Network:* Georgia Public Broadcasting (NPR Affiliate), On Second Thought, November 9, 2015.

### **Print media**

*Topic:* Higher Education  
*Title:* "Professors And Pronouns: Students, Professors Discuss Preferred Pronouns"  
*Interviewer:* Harris, N.  
*Source:* The Red & Black, University of Georgia, February 1, 2018

*Topic:* Poverty  
*Title:* "Reddit Gives A Clearer Picture Of What It's Like To Be Poor"  
*Interviewer:* Anderson, L.  
*Source:* Columns, University of Georgia, December 14, 2017

*Topic:* Overview of teaching and research  
*Title:* "Focus On Faculty"  
*Interviewer:* self-written  
*Source:* Columns, University of Georgia, October 30, 2016; re-issued on July 23, 2017

*Topic:* Poverty, predatory lending  
*Title:* "Assistant Professor Sheds Light On Poverty, Credit and Social Exclusion"  
*Interviewer:* Anderson, L.  
*Source:* Columns, University of Georgia, January 11, 2016

### **Online media**

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*Topic:* Child income mobility

*Title:* "Ask an Expert: 2015's Best and Worst Places for Underprivileged Children"

*Source:* WalletHub.com

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

**Ager, M.** (2022). *What is Critical Race Theory?* Hispanic Student Association. University of Georgia.

**Caplan, M.A.** (2019). *Qualitative inquiry using Reddit: A field tested example.* Interdisciplinary Qualitative Studies Colloquium. University of Georgia.

**Caplan, M.A.** (2018). *Qualitative inquiry using Reddit Data.* Department of Sociology Colloquium. University of Georgia.

**Caplan, M.A.** (2018). Keynote speaker, Phi Alpha Induction Ceremony. School of Social Work. University of Georgia.

**Caplan, M.A.** (2018). *Working with people who are poor.* University of Georgia Archway Partnership. Hart County Chamber of Commerce. Hartwell, GA.

**Caplan, M.A.** (2017). *Non-violent communication.* MSW Orientation. School of Social Work. University of Georgia.

**Caplan, M.A.** (2017). *Principles of non-violence.* Social Justice Symposium. Center for Social Justice, Civil and Human Rights. School of Social Work. University of Georgia.

**Caplan, M.A.** (2016). *Poverty in the U.S.* University of Georgia, Olli Program.

**Caplan, M.A.** (2016). *Understanding poverty.* University of Georgia, Diversity Certificate Program.

**Caplan, M.A.** (2015). *Debt and the safety net: How women who receive social assistance use credit to make ends meet.* Institute for Women's Studies, Friday Lecture Series, University of Georgia. Athens, Georgia.

**Caplan, M.A.** (2015). *Debt and the safety net: How women who receive social assistance use credit to make ends meet.* College of Family and Consumer Sciences Faculty Seminar Series, University of Georgia. Athens, Georgia.

**Caplan, M.A.** (2014). *Understanding poverty.* Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program National Conference, University of Georgia Extension. Athens, Georgia.

## PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Moon, S., Yeo, H., & **Ager, M.** (2023). "Expansion of the Gig Economy: the State of Research on Platform Workers' Welfare Needs". Society for Social Work Research Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.

Moon, S., Yeo, H., & **Ager, M.** (2022). "Expansion of the Gig Economy: the State of Research on Platform Workers' Welfare Needs". **European Social Policy Association** Conference, Vienna, Austria.

Elkins, J., Bell, V., **Caplan, M.**, Sharkey, C., Lee, S., Hall, L., & Scheyett, A. (2019). Trauma Informed Library Transformation (TILT): A library-social work partnership transforming public spaces to promote social inclusion and trauma-informed care. **2019 Adverse Childhood Experiences Southeastern Summit.**

**Caplan, M.**, Littleton, T., Lee, M., & Jennings, P. (2019). Beyond Inclusion: Strategies for Centering Anti-Opressive Social Work History in Course Content. **Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting**, Denver, CO.

**Caplan, M.**, & Lee, S. (2019). Professional social work and public libraries in the U.S.: Past, present, future. **Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting**, Denver, CO.

Sharkey, C., Elkins, J., **Caplan, M.**, & Scheyett, A. (2019). Assessing readiness for trauma informed care and social work services in a public library. **Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting** Denver, CO.

Sharkey, C., Johnson, Z., Bell, V., Elkins, J., **Caplan, M.**, & Scheyett, A. (2019). Creating trauma-informed library spaces: Lessons learned from a pilot program. **Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting**, Denver, CO.

**Caplan, M. A.** (2018). "Qualitative Inquiry Using Reddit Data" in *Bringing Social Media into Social Work Research: Demystifying Methods for Harnessing Big Social Data* (symposium). **Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work Research.** Washington, D.C.

**Caplan, M. A.**, Purser, G. (2017). The experience of poverty: A thematic analysis of social media. **Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work Research.** New Orleans, LA.

**Caplan, M.A.** & Nackerud, L. (November, 2016). Teaching poverty. **Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting.** Atlanta, GA.

Kindle, P. A., Burford, M. L., Granruth, L. B., & **Caplan, M. A.** (2016, November). *Changing social work students' perception of the supportive role of government.* . **Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting**, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Caplan, M. A.** (2016). Understanding consumer borrowing among women who receive social assistance. **Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work Research.** Washington, D.C.

**Caplan, M. A.** (2015). Community efforts to curb predatory lending in the U.S. **The 19<sup>th</sup> International Symposium of the International Consortium for Social Development.** Singapore Institute of Management University, Singapore.

**Caplan, M. A.** (2015). *Social assistance recipients and consumer borrowing. A convening on Financial Capability and Asset Building: Advancing Education, Research and Practice in Social Work.* Center for Social Development, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University.

**Caplan, M. A. (2015).** *Meta-ethnography in social work research.* **Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work Research.** New Orleans, LA.

**Caplan, M. A. (2015).** *Consumer borrowing among social assistance recipients.* **Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work Research.** New Orleans, LA.

**Caplan, M. A. (2014).** *Capitalism, consumer debt and social policy: A theoretical and empirical examination.* **Association for Public Policy and Management.** Segovia, Spain.

**Caplan, M. A., Jacob, A., & Jerslow, P. (2014).** *Integrating comparative social welfare theory into social work education.* **Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting.** Tampa, FL.

**Caplan, M. A. (2014).** *Trends in consumer debt among social benefits recipients.* **Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference.** Washington, D.C.

Jacob, A., Jerslow, P., & **Caplan, M. A. (2013).** *Comparative welfare state theory: Developing a global context for social work practice.* **Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting.** Dallas, TX.

**Caplan, M. A. (2012).** *Is debt the new safety net? Examining the relationship between personal debt and social policy.* **Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting.** Washington, D.C.

Jacob, A., Jerslow, P., & **Caplan, M. A. (2012).** *Poverty as inequality: measurement, interventions, and future directions in the United States (symposium).* **Joint Conference of the United Kingdom Social Policy Association and the East Asian Social Policy Research Network.** York, England.

Kindle, P., & **Caplan, M. A. (2011).** *Toward a strengths-based assessment of economic behavior in the fringe economy.* **Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting.** Atlanta, Georgia.

**Caplan, M. A. (2011).** *Gender Matters: Economic Behavior of Payday Loan Borrowers.* **Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work Research.** Tampa, Florida.

**Caplan, M. A. (2010).** *What social workers should know about payday lending.* Presented at the Symposium on Enhancing Financial Capabilities in the Midst of Challenging Economic Realities. **Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting.** Portland, Oregon.

**Caplan, M. A. (2009).** *Economic survival strategies of people with chronic mental illness.* **Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting.** San Antonio, Texas.

## RESEARCH TRAINING

2014            **Training Participant**  
                  *“Panel Data Analysis Using Stata”*  
                  Analysis and implementation of linear, nonlinear, and dynamic panel-data estimators, and interpretation of panel-data estimates and assumptions underlying models. STATA Corporation.

2014            **Training Participant (by application only)**  
                  *“Use of micro-data from the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)”*



Duke Initiative in Survey Methodology, Triangle Census Research Network, Social Science Research Institute at Duke, University of Michigan Institute for Social Research. Funded by: National Science Foundation, U.S. Bureau of the Census.

- 2013           **Training Participant**  
“*Theory construction and causal modeling*”, James J. Jaccard, Ph.D. (New York University). Society for Social Work Research 2013 Conference, Research Method Workshop.
- 2011 - 2012   **Graduate Student Researcher**, advisor: **Dr. Neil Gilbert**  
School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley  
Project Title: Gilbert, N. & Terrell, P. (2012) *Dimensions of social policy* (8th ed).
- 2007           **Graduate Student Researcher**, advisor: **Dr. Eileen Gambrill**  
School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley  
Project Title: “*Propaganda in the helping professions*”

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

- 2013 – Present   School of Social Work, **University of Georgia**  
*Theory (PhD)*  
*History and Philosophy of Social Welfare (PhD)*  
*Welfare State Theory (PhD)*  
*Research Practicum (PhD)*  
*Teaching Practicum (PhD)*  
*Poverty and Social Work Practice (MSW)*  
*Foundations of Research (MSW)*  
*Special Topics in Social Justice: Poverty (MSW, BSW)*  
*Social Welfare Policy (MSW, BSW)*  
*Theory and Practice with Organizations (MSW)*  
*Community Assessment and Empowerment (MSW)*  
*Social Work as a Profession (BSW)*  
*Extreme Poverty in the U.S. (undergraduate)*
- 2007 – 2013    School of Social Welfare, **University of California, Berkeley**  
*Social Welfare Policy, Social Welfare Research*  
*Social Work as a Profession*
- 2012            Department of Child and Adolescent Development, **San Francisco State University**  
*Child and Family Policy*
- 2011            School of Social Welfare, **University of California**  
*Social Problems*

### Service-Related Courses Taught

- Instructor** (invited), “Poverty” (6-hour course), *September 2016*  
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), University of Georgia, Athens.
- Instructor**, “Poverty” (3-hour course), Certificate in Diversity & Inclusion, *June 2016*  
Office of Institutional Diversity, University of Georgia, Athens.

## **ACADEMIC MENTORING and ADVISING**

### **Ph.D. Students: Dissertation Chair**

Seunghyun “Max” Moon, (2021 – present), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Current position: Doctoral Student Researcher

Sunwoo Lee (2018 – 2020), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Current position: Researcher, Korea National Council on Social Welfare; Instructor, Yonsei University  
Dissertation title: *Dynamics of Social Exclusion among U.S. Immigrants*

Junghee Bae (2016 – 2019), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Current position: Assistant Professor, Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, South Korea  
Dissertation title: *Commercial activity of nonprofit human service organizations: Financial sustainability and mission achievement*

### **Ph.D. Students: Dissertation Committee Member**

Jennie Pless (2021 – present), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Current position: Doctoral Student  
Research Focus: *LGBTQ intimate partner violence*

Hyesu Yeo (2020 – present), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Current position: Doctoral Candidate  
Dissertation Title: *Employment Transition Trends among Midlife and Older Adults in Job Search Activities, Job Availability, and Employment Support Program Participation in the United States*

Katherine Gower (2019 – present), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Current position: Doctoral Candidate  
Dissertation title: *Examining an online adaptation of reflective structured dialogue*

Ruth Leemis (2019 – 2021). University of Georgia, College of Education.  
Current position: Behavioral Scientist, Division of Violence Prevention, Centers for Disease Control  
Dissertation title: *Using Reddit to understand attitudes on sex-buying*

Luis R. Alvarez-Hernandez (2019 – 2021), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Current position: Assistant Professor, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, School of Social Work  
Dissertation title: *Juntas en la lucha: The lived experiences of Trans Latina immigrants generating change in the Southern United States*

Jessica Parks (2018 – 2021), University of Georgia, College of Family and Consumer Sciences  
Current position: Assistant Professor of Finance, Nevada State College  
Comprehensive focus: *Financial inclusion*

Stephen McGarity (2016 – 2018), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Current position: Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee  
Dissertation title: *Financial capability and asset-building for people with disabilities: Implications for policy and social work practice*

Brian Simmons (2015 – 2017), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Current position: Research Professional, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia  
Dissertation title: *Religious orientation and spiritual trauma in LGBTQ+ persons*

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Soonok An (2014 – 2015), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Current position: Assistant Professor, North Carolina A & T State University  
Dissertation title: *An analysis of the application and assessment processes of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families under the Family Violence Option*

### **Research Mentorship (Doctoral)**

Seunghyn (Max) Moon (2021 – present), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Project title: Social policy and debt: International comparisons

Joshua Comp (2019), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Project title: *The Zeitgeist of 21<sup>st</sup> century social work academia*

Jessica Parks (2018 - 2021), University of Georgia, College of Family and Consumer Sciences  
Project title: *Commonwealth Athens: A community loan pool evaluation*

Sunwoo Lee (2017), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Project title: *Credit and debt among TANF leavers in Georgia*

Tenesha Littleton (2018) & Trasia Topple (2014 – 2016), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Project title: *Understanding consumer borrowing among women who receive social assistance*

Sunwoo Lee (2017), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Project title: *A comparative analysis of immigration policy in South Korea and the U.S.*

Abha Rai & Taylor Yates (2016 – 2017), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Project title: *Feminism and social work education*

Megan Lee (2015 – 2018), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Project Title: *Developing youth financial capabilities through employment and credit-building*

Megan Lee (2016), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Project title: *Social development and public education*

Tanesha Littleton (2016), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Project title: *Social development and child maltreatment/child wellbeing*

Joel Izlar (2016), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Project title: *A qualitative study of the 'really really free market'*

Tanesha Littleton, Megan Lee & Porter Jennings (2015 – 2018), UGA School of Social Work  
Project title: *The inclusion of African American voices in the teaching of social work history*

Junghee Bae (2015 – 2017)  
Project Title: *Financial inclusion in OECD countries: A scoping review.*

Greg Purser (2015 – 2017)  
Project Title: *The experience of poverty: A thematic analysis of social media.*

### **Research Mentorship (Master's of Social Work)**

Krishma Gajurel (2021 – present) University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Project Title: *Credit, poverty and women*

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Anthonny Duffey (2017), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Project Title: *Gender and the clinic*

JoLyn McAfee (2017), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Project Title: *A life history of Dr. June Gary Hopps, social work education pioneer and civil rights activist*

Emily Shapiro (2016 - 2017), University of Georgia School of Social Work  
Project Title: *Poverty and shame, a scoping review.*

Kareeme Morrison (2015 – 2016)  
Project Title: *The experience of poverty: A thematic analysis of social media.*

Samia Solaiman (2014 – 2015)  
Project Title: *Understanding consumer borrowing among women who receive social assistance.*

### **Research Mentorship (Bachelors of Social Work)**

Laurynn Elise Scurlock, Center for Undergraduate Research (CURO) Fellow (2022)  
Project Title: *Poverty and social movements*

Shannon Griffiths, Center for Undergraduate Research (CURO) Fellow (2016)  
Project Title: *Understanding consumer borrowing among women who receive social assistance.*

Gabrielle Parker (2015 – 2016)  
Project Title: *Poverty and shame, a scoping review.*

Theresa Young, Center for Undergraduate Research (CURO) Fellow (2015 – 2016)  
Project Title: *Poverty and shame, a scoping review.*

Brittany Talkin, Center for Undergraduate Research (CURO) Fellow (2015)  
Project Title: *Understanding consumer borrowing among women who receive social assistance.*

### **Supervision of Doctoral-level Teaching Practicums & Mentorship**

Spring 2023     Seunghyn (Max) Moon, “Social Policy” (BSW)

Fall 2022       Jana Woodiwiss, Introduction to Social Work (BSW), (Mentorship & Independent Study)

Spring 2022     Hyesu Yeo, “Social Policy” (MSW), (Mentorship)

Spring 2022     Jana Woodiwiss, “Social Policy” (BSW)

Spring 2021     Elyssa Schroeder, “Financial Capabilities” (BSW)

Spring 2019     Katherine Gower, “Poverty and Social Work Practice” (MSW)

Spring 2018     Sheena Brown, “Poverty and Social Work Practice” (MSW)

Spring 2017     Sherena Saasa, “Social Work Research” (MSW)

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Spring 2016 Joel Izlar, “Social Welfare Policy” (BSW)

Fall 2015 Brendan Beal, “Special Topics in Social Justice: Poverty” (BSW)

### **Instructional Grants and Fellowships – University of Georgia**

Fall 21/Spring 22 Russell Teaching Award (nominee)

Fall 2019 Student/Faculty Enrichment Fund

Fall 2018 Student/Faculty Enrichment Fund

Fall 2017 Student/Faculty Enrichment Fund

Fall 2017 First Year Odyssey Out-of-Class Activity Funding

Spring 2017 Student/Faculty Enrichment Fund

Spring 2016 Student/Faculty Enrichment Fund

Fall 2014 Student/Faculty Enrichment Fund

2014 Teaching Academy Fellow

### **SERVICE**

#### International

2022 – present Content Expert  
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)  
Inclusive Policy Lab

#### State-Level

2022 – present Content Expert  
Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance, Translational Education and  
Mentoring in Science

2021 Reviewer  
United Way of Georgia, Basic Needs Grant

2017 Facilitator  
Georgia Family Justice Network Community

#### University of Georgia

2021 – present UGA Program Review and Assessment Committee  
2019 – 2021 University Council (elected)  
2019 – 2021 University Council Faculty Grievance Committee  
2021 - 2022 UGA School of Social Work Dean Search Committee  
2019 – 2020 Chair, University Council Student Affairs Committee  
2015 - 2018 University of Georgia, Graduate Council (elected)  
2017 – present Faculty Mentor, LGBT Center  
2017 – 2018 Graduate Council Executive Committee

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2017 – 2018	Chair, Graduate Council Curriculum Committee
2017 - present	Executive Board Member, GLOBES (LGBT Faculty Staff organization)
2016 – 2018	Graduate Council Curriculum Committee
2015 – 2016	Graduate Council Admissions & Retention Committee

#### University of Georgia, School of Social Work

2022 – present	Faculty Executive Committee (elected)
2022 – present	Chair, Search Committee (elected)
2022 – present	Doctoral Program Committee (elected)
2022 – present	Academic Review and Appeals Committee (elected)
2018 - 2021	Doctoral Program Committee (elected)
2018 – 2019	Search Committee (Holland Distinguished Professor) (elected)
2017 – 2020	Faculty Personnel Committee
2017 – 2018	Online course cluster project
2017	Co-Coordinator, “Safe Space” Training from the UGA LGBT Center
2017	Faculty Search Committee (Gwinnett campus)
2017	Co-Coordinator, “Social Media and Activism” Lunch lecture
2017	Co-Coordinator, “Social Policy Teach-In: Executive Orders”
2016 – 2018	Reflective Structured Dialogue Planning Committee
2016	School of Social Work Marshall, Undergraduate Graduation
2015 – 2018	Grade Appeals and Academic Performance Committee
2014 – 2016	Doctoral Program Committee
2014 – 2019	Faculty Liaison, Bachelor’s of Social Work Club
2013 – present	Bachelor’s of Social Work Program (BSW) Committee

#### Professional Social Work Research/Education Initiatives

2016 – present	Advisory Board Member, Council on Social Work Education, Economic Well-Being in Social Work Education
2015 – present	Member, Grand Challenges “Financial Capabilities” Work Group
2015 – present	Member, Grand Challenges “Reducing Extreme Economic Inequality” Group
2015	Thought Leader, <i>Re-Imagining Symposium for the Community Organizing, Planning and Development Program</i> , Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, New York.

#### Editorial Board

*Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*

#### Book Review Editor

*Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*

#### Journal Guest Editor

*Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, Festschrift in honor of Dr. James Midgley, December 2018

#### Journal Reviewer

<i>TITLE (alphabetic order)</i>	<i>H-Index</i>
<i>Affilia – Journal of Women and Social Work</i>	39
<i>American Journal of Sociology</i>	191
<i>Children and Youth Services Review</i>	97
<i>International Journal of Public Opinion Research</i>	58
<i>Journal of Consumer Affairs</i>	65
<i>Journal of Family and Economic Issues</i>	49
<i>Journal of Psychiatric Rehabilitation</i>	30
<i>Journal of Public Child Welfare</i>	24
<i>Journal of Public Mental Health</i>	23
<i>Journal of Social Work Education</i>	60
<i>Journal of Urban Health</i>	97
<i>PLoS One (Public Library of Science)</i>	367
<i>Research on Social Work Practice</i>	66
<i>Sociological Forum</i>	64

Ad hoc manuscript reviewer

Oxford University Press  
Sage Publications

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

National

**Association for Community Organization and Social Administration, Member**  
**Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Member**  
**Council for Social Work Education, Member**  
**Society for Social Work Research, Member**  
**Special Commission to Advance Macro-Practice in Social Work, Member**

International

**European Social Policy Association, Member**  
**Global Institute of Social Work, Member**

**SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE (most recent)**

2005 – 2011 ***Psychiatric Social Worker***

**City of Berkeley Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health**

Coordinated planning efforts for the Mental Health Services Act; facilitated community meetings; developed program proposals based on community needs assessment and planning process.

2007 – 2008 ***Editorial Consultant***

**Seneca Center, Oakland, California**

Provided editorial assistance and organization for Sprinson, J. & Berrick, K. (2010), *Unconditional care: Relationship-based, behavioral intervention with vulnerable children and families*. New York: Oxford University Press.

2004 – 2005 ***Program Coordinator; Clinician***

**Seneca Center, Oakland, California**

Coordinated an in-home stabilization program for foster youth; supervised three M.S.W clinicians and one support counselor; collaborated with community and county child welfare and mental health partners; provided clinical case management services to foster youth.

2003 – 2004 ***Intern***

**City of Berkeley Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health**

Conducted needs assessment project; provided clinical case management and crisis intervention services to adults in a public mental health clinic.

2002 – 2003 ***Intern***

**Contra Costa County Services, Family, Maternal, and Child Health Programs**

Gathered data through interviews and surveys for publication on coalition building; conducted research for Children's Oral Health Profile.

References available upon request