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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Georgia School of Social Work, Athens, GA

- Postdoctoral Research Associate. August 2024 - present

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

- Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work, 2024
Dissertation: *The Diverging Trajectories of Child Externalizing Behavior by Family Economic Status at Birth: The Mediating Role of Neighborhood*
Committee: Drs. Rafael Engel (Chair), Sara Goodkind, Jeffrey Shook (Pitt Social Work); Sera Linardi (Pitt SPIA)

Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea

- Master of Social Work, 2017
- Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, 2015
Early Graduation, Highest Honors at Graduation

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Socioeconomic determinants of well-being among marginalized populations; Health disparities; Social policy; Technology in social work

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Kim, S.**, Linardi, S., & Petracchi, H. (*Forthcoming*). Teaching note—Preparing social work students to work with public interest technology: An interdisciplinary effort. *Journal of Social Work Education*.
 - Draft available at <http://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.5387497>
 - Featured in *inSocialWork* (Jan 20, 2026). <https://www.insocialwork.org/public-interest-technology-social-work/> [audio podcast episode]
2. **Kim, S.**, Kim, I., Lee, G., Oh, H., & Mowbray, O. (*Forthcoming*). Social determinants and the role of school-based mental health services in adolescents' depressive symptoms and happiness. *Health & Social Work*.
3. Woo, J., **Kim, S.**, & Vang, H. (2026). Gendered racial microaggressions and sleep quality: Examining the potential mediating role of mental health in Asian American women. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-026-02928-w>

4. Wexler, S., **Kim, S.**, Engel, R. J., & Goodkind, S. (2025). From invisible workers to pandemic heroes but still struggling: Lower-wage hospital workers' challenges before, during, and after COVID-19. *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services*. <http://doi.org/10.1177/10443894251367476>
5. **Kim, S.**, Woo, J., Engel, R., Goodkind, S., & Shook, J. (2025). COVID-19-era government cash transfers and one year after: Material hardship and mental health among full-time hospital workers. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 51(3), 948–959. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01488376.2025.2465336>
6. **Kim, S.**, Engel, R., Goodkind, S., & Shook, J. (2025). Diverging trajectories of child externalizing behavior by family economic status at birth: The mediating role of neighborhood poverty. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 51(2), 474-490. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01488376.2024.2435345>
 - Featured in *UGA Today* (Jan 22, 2025). <https://news.uga.edu/being-born-into-poverty-negatively-affects-childrens-behavior/>
7. **Kim, S.**, Thyberg, C., Engel, R., Wexler, S., & Woo, J. (2024). Does working full-time guarantee hospital service workers' material well-being? A latent class regression analysis. *Social Work Research*, 48(4), 253-264. <https://doi.org/10.1093/swr/svae020>
8. Wexler, S., **Kim, S.**, Engel, R., Woo, J., & Shook, J. (2024). Can workers and their families live on a living wage? *The Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, 50(4), 30-55. <https://doi.org/10.15453/0191-5096.4746>
9. Woo, J., Shook, J., Goodkind, S., Ballentine, K., Engel, R., **Kim, S.**, & Petracchi, H. (2023). Do wage increases help? Wage increases and material hardships among low-wage hospital workers. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 33(2), 198-211. <http://doi.org/10.1080/10911359.2022.2036282>
10. **Kim, S.**, Kang, C., & Engel, R. (2022). What convinces donors? An analysis of donation-based crowdfunding projects from nonprofit charities: The case of South Korea. *Nonprofit Management & Leadership*, 32(4), 627-649. <http://doi.org/10.1002/nml.21496>
11. Park, J., Ten Hoor, G. A., Cho, J., & **Kim, S.** (2020). Service providers' perspectives on barriers of healthy eating to prevent obesity among low-income children attending community childcare centers in South Korea: A qualitative study. *Ecology of Food and Nutrition*, 59(3), 311-328. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03670244.2020.1722948>
12. Park, J., Kim, W., **Kim, S.**, Ryu, S., & Jeon, H. (2018). Effect of perceptions of local neighborhood environments on the physical activity of children from low-income families using community child care centers. *Journal of Korean Public Health Nursing*, 32(3), 363-375. <https://doi.org/10.5932/JKPHN.2018.32.3.363> [Written in Korean]
13. Park, J., Park, Y., Lee, J., & **Kim, S.** (2017). Ecological factors affecting school adjustment

of low-income adolescents attending community child care center. *Child Health Nursing Research*, 23(2), 158-167. <http://dx.doi.org/10.4094/chnr.2017.23.2.158> [Written in Korean]

14. Kang, C., Kim, Y., & **Kim, S.** (2017). A study of the determinants of giving and volunteering, and their relationship: An application of Seemingly Unrelated Tobit model. *Journal of Korean Social Welfare Administration*, 19(2), 29-54. <http://doi.org/10.22944/kswa.2017.19.2.002> [Written in Korean]

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW / IN PROGRESS

1. **Kim, S.**, Woo, J., Matthew, R., & Mowbray, O. Community as a social determinant of subjective well-being among underserved populations during a public health crisis (*In Progress*)
2. **Kim, S.**, Hamilton, L., Ager, M., & Kim, S-Y. The impact of basic income in the United States: A scoping review of empirical studies (*In Progress*)
3. **Kim, S.**, Hamilton, L., & Roll, S. Guaranteed basic income and work: Paid employment and care work (*In Progress*)
4. Woo, J., & **Kim, S.** The role of coping strategies in moderating the effects of gendered racial microaggressions on sleep quality in Asian American women (*In Progress*)
5. Kim, J., **Kim, S.**, Kim, I., Seo, J., & Park, M. The intersecting effect of disability status and different social identities in predicting Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs) in children aged 5 – 17 (*In Progress*)

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

1. **Kim, S.**, Hamilton, L., & Roll, S. (January 2026). *Paid work and unpaid caregiving under guaranteed income: Evidence from Georgia's pilot*. Poster presentation at the 30th annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC.
2. Woo, J., **Kim, S.**, Vang, H., & Kim, H. (January 2026). *The moderating role of coping strategies in the relationship between gendered racial microaggressions and sleep quality among Asian American Women*. Oral presentation at the 30th annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC.
3. Woo, J., Vang, H., **Kim, S.**, & Kim, H. (January 2026). *Gendered racial microaggressions and sleep quality: Examining the mediating role of mental health in Asian American Women*. Flash talk at the 30th annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC.
4. Moon, S., Yoon, Y., & **Kim, S.** (January 2026). *Alone with screen: The effects of being home alone and screen time on adolescents' depression in low-income families*. Poster presentation at the 30th annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research.

Washington, DC.

5. **Kim, S.**, Hamilton, L. & Roll, S. (November 2025). *Labor and care work dynamics in the 'In Her Hands' Pilot*. Oral presentation at the 47th annual program meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management. Seattle, WA.
6. **Kim, S.**, Mowbray, O., Woo, J., & Moon, S.E. (September 2025). *Expanding the scope of school-based mental health services: Addressing adolescent depressive symptoms and happiness*. Oral presentation at the 2025 Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Annual Meeting. Pittsburgh, PA.
7. Hamilton, L., **Kim, S.**, Roll, S., Brugger, L., Davis, S., Elliott, D., Quick, A., & Smith, S. (August 2025). *Labor and care work dynamics in the 'In Her Hands' pilot*. Oral presentation at the 24th BIEN (Basic Income Earth Network) Congress. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
8. **Kim, S.**, & Woo, J. (January 2025). *Long COVID-19 to essential healthcare workers: Material hardship and mental health*. Poster presentation at the 29th annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research. Seattle, WA.
9. Woo, J., Tillman, H., & **Kim, S.** (January 2025). *Second job holding and extended working hours among hospital workers: Implications for mental health*. Poster presentation at the 29th annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research. Seattle, WA.
10. **Kim, S.**, Woo, J., Engel, R., Goodkind, S., & Shook, J. (November 2024). *COVID-19 cash transfers and one year after: Material hardship and mental health among full-time hospital workers*. Poster presentation at the 46th annual program meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management. National Harbor, MD.
11. **Kim, S.**, Linardi, S., & Petracchi, H. (October 2024). *Preparing social work students to work with public interest technology: An interdisciplinary effort*. Poster presentation the 70th annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Kansas City, MO.
12. **Kim, S.** (January 2024). *Diverging trajectories of child externalizing behavior by family economic status at birth: The mediating role of neighborhood*. Poster presentation at the 28th annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC.
13. **Kim, S.** (November 2023). *A multifaceted perspective: Family poverty at birth, neighborhood disadvantage, and child behavioral development*. Poster presentation at the 45th annual program meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management. Atlanta, GA.
14. Engel, R., Wexler, S., & **Kim, S.** (January 2022). *Can workers and their families live on a living wage?* Paper presentation at the 26th annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC.
15. **Kim, S.** (November 2021). *A latent class analysis of essential workers' hardships: Effects of*

wages, public benefits, and demographics. Poster presentation at the 43rd annual program meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management. Austin, TX. (Postponed to March 2022 due to COVID-19)

16. Woo, J., Ballentine, K., **Kim, S.**, Shook, J., Goodkind, S., Engel, R., Wexler, S., & Petracchi, H. (January 2021). *Public vs. private: Do strategies to make ends meet moderate the relationship between financial insecurity and stress?* Poster presentation at the 25th annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research. (Virtual due to COVID-19)
17. **Kim, S.**, Petracchi, H., & Engel, R. (November 2020). *The influence of policy courses on MSW students' interest in policy practice*. Poster presentation at the 66th annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Denver, CO. (Virtual due to COVID-19)
18. **Kim, S.**, Jang, J., & Engel, R. (January 2020). *Do Americans want the government to alleviate income inequality through social welfare? The influence of political identity and government trust*. Poster presentation at the 24th annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC.
19. **Kim, S.**, Woo, J., Shook, J., Ballentine, K., Goodkind, S., Engel, R., & Wexler, S. (January 2020). *Is \$15 enough? Understanding the struggles of low wage workers*. Paper presentation at the 24th annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC.
20. **Kim, S.**, & Park, T. K. (January 2019). *Which stories convince donors? An analysis of donation-based crowdfunding projects for charities*. Poster presentation at the 23rd annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research. San Francisco, CA.
21. Park, J., Kim, W., & **Kim, S.** (April 2018). *The effect of the perceptions about the local neighborhood environment on child's physical activity among low-income families using community child care center*. Poster presentation at the spring meeting of the Korean Society of Public Health Nursing. Seoul, South Korea.

TEACHING

University of Georgia School of Social Work, Athens, GA

- Instructor of record, **Human Behavior in the Social Environment** (MSW). Fall 2025
- Guest lecturer, Integrative Seminar (PhD). March 2025
- Invited talk, Lunch and Learn. "COVID-19-era government cash transfers and one year after: Material hardship and mental health among full-time hospital workers." January 2025

University of Pittsburgh Center for Teaching and Learning, Graduate Student Teaching Initiative, Pittsburgh, PA

- **Experienced Teaching Fellow**. Fall 2022 - Spring 2024
Facilitated graduate seminars and workshops on pedagogy, provided support for teaching assistants/fellows as well as graduate/professional students generally interested in pedagogy, and worked with the Teaching Center's staff to implement and improve services for graduate student teaching at the University.

University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, Pittsburgh, PA

- Invited talk, PhD students Job Club. July 2025
- Instructor of record, **Evaluation Research in the Social Services** (MSW). Spring 2022
- Teaching assistant, **Foundations of the Welfare State** (Undergraduate). Fall 2021
- Teaching assistant, **Multivariate Analysis** (PhD). Spring 2021
- Teaching assistant, **Evaluation Research in the Social Services** (MSW). Fall 2020
- Guest lecturer, Foundations of the Welfare State (Undergraduate). November 2019

RESEARCH GRANTS

University of Georgia (12/15/2025 – 6/30/2026). Institute for AI Interdisciplinary Seed Grant. *Interpretable Deep Learning Linking ACEs, Biology, and Cognition: Identifying Modifiable Supports* (PI: Dr. Hee Yun Lee, University of Georgia, Athens, GA)

- Role: Co-PI
- Amount Awarded: \$38,000

University of Georgia (10/31/2025 – 6/30/2026). 2025 Teaming for Interdisciplinary Research Pre-Seed Award. *ReCoDe VR for Policing: Recognize, Communicate, and De-Escalate* (PI: Dr. Hee Yun Lee, University of Georgia, Athens, GA)

- Role: Collaborator
- Amount Awarded: \$3,500

Korean American Social Work Educators Association (2022). Outstanding Dissertation Proposal Award. *The Diverging Trajectories of Child Externalizing Behavior by Family Economic Status at Birth: The Mediating Role of Neighborhood*.

- Role: Principal Investigator
- Amount Awarded: \$400

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Data Science and AI for Social Impact

Member (2024 – present)

Funded by University of Georgia Office of Research (PI: Dr. Orion Mowbray, University of Georgia, Athens, GA)

Interdisciplinary research team to harness data science and AI-based approaches to improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities

Substance Use, Mental Health & Justice Research Lab

Member (2024 – present)

Director: Dr. Orion Mowbray, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Multidisciplinary team of researchers, clinicians, and advocates dedicated to addressing complex issues at the intersection of behavioral health and justice and developing innovative, data-driven solutions that improve outcomes for vulnerable populations impacted by substance use and mental health challenges (<https://www.sumhj.com/>)

Pittsburgh Wage Study*Co-Investigator* (2024 – Present)*Graduate Student Research Assistant* (2018 – 2024)

Funded by the Heinz Endowments, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, University of Pittsburgh Social Science Research Initiative, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work (PIs: Drs. Rafael Engel, Jeffrey Shook, and Sara Goodkind, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA)

Mixed-method longitudinal study of the economic well-being, family relationships, and physical and mental health of lower-wage healthcare workers and their families

(<https://www.pittsburghwagestudy.pitt.edu/>)

Development & Evaluation of Community-based Obesity Prevention Program for Children from Low-income Families: Using Intervention Mapping Protocol*Research Assistant* (2016 – 2017)

Funded by the National Research Foundation of Korea (PI: Dr. Jiyoung Park, Inje University, Busan, South Korea)

Development and Dissemination of Philanthropy Education Program*Research Assistant* (2016)

Funded by the Ministry of Health and Welfare of Korea (PI: Dr. Chulhee Kang, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea)

TRAININGS

Write Winning Grant Proposals: NIH and NSF Focus (2026)

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

NYU Policy-Focused Implementation Science Training (2026)

New York University, NY (Virtual)

Summer Institutes in Computational Social Science (SICSS) (2024)

SICSS-Atlanta, Atlanta, GA

- Competitive application

Research Method Workshop: Big Data Analysis Using Web Data (2023)

Korea Social Science Data Archive, Seoul, South Korea

Fragile Families Summer Data Workshop (2021)

Columbia University, New York, NY (Virtual due to COVID-19)

- Competitive application

Research Method Workshop: Panel Data Analysis (2018)

Korea Social Science Data Archive, Seoul, South Korea

FELLOWSHIPS

Teaching Fellowship (Fall 2022 - Spring 2024)

Graduate Student Teaching Initiative at the University Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

- Competitive application
- Received tuition, health insurance, and a monthly stipend

Brain Korea 21 Fellow (Spring 2016 - Spring 2017)

National Research Foundation of Korea, Daejeon, South Korea

- A government scholarship program. Received a monthly stipend and support for research expenses

CERTIFICATES AND LICENCES

Computational Social Science Specialization (2026). University of California, Davis (Coursera)

- Computational Social Science Methods; Big Data, Artificial Intelligence, and Ethics; Social Network Analysis; Computer Simulations; Computational Social Science Capstone Project

Achievement in Pedagogy (2019). Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

- Credential in pedagogical professional development; Concentrations: Pedagogy, Professional Development, Online Teaching

Level 1 Licensed Social Worker (2018). Ministry of Health and Welfare, South Korea

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, & AWARDS

Postdoc Scholar Travel Program Grant. University of Georgia Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, Athens, GA (2025)

- Competitive application

Developing Pedagogy with Generative AI: An Interdisciplinary Workshop for Graduate Students. University of Pittsburgh Research, Ethics and Society Initiative of Pitt Research, Pittsburgh, PA (2024)

- Amount Awarded: \$300
- Competitive application

GPSG Travel Grant. University of Pittsburgh Graduate & Professional Student Government, Pittsburgh, PA (2024)

- Amount Awarded: \$400
- Competitive application

School of Social Welfare Merit Scholarship. Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea (Fall 2015, Spring 2017)

Highest Honors at Graduation. Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea (Aug 2015)

Highest Honors. Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea (Aug 2013, Aug 2015)

Dean's Academic Honor List. Baylor University, Waco, TX (Jun 2014, Jan 2015)

- *Earned during a foreign exchange program*

Honors. Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea (Feb 2013, Feb 2014)

Jilli Merit Scholarship. Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea (Fall 2012-Spring 2014)

Kim Eunmi Merit Scholarship. Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea (Fall 2012)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board Member. *Journal of Social Service Research*. 2024 - present

Editorial Board Member. *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*. 2024 - present

Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer.

- *Children and Youth Services Review*
- *Health & Social Work*
- *Journal of Research on Adolescence*

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Member. Cross Unit DEI in the Curriculum Collective, University of Pittsburgh Center for Teaching and Learning, Pittsburgh, PA (2023 – 2024)

Supported and collaborated in building equity-focused resources and programming within the areas of teaching and learning; shared equity-focused offerings within different units across the Teaching Center.

International Student Representative. Doctoral Student Organization, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, Pittsburgh, PA (2021 – 2022)

Student Volunteer. Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea (2013)

Assisted international students with their adjustment to university life in Korea.

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Research Associate. Seoul Welfare Foundation, Seoul, South Korea (2018)

Social Work Intern. Galwol Community Service Center, Seoul, South Korea (2016)

Social Work Intern. Community Chest of Korea, Seoul, South Korea (2016)

Social Work Intern. Seoul Yeongdeungpo Child Protection Service Agency, Seoul, South Korea (2015)

Volunteer. Waco Community Development Center, Waco, TX (2014)

Volunteer. Hongjae Community Child Care Center, Seoul, South Korea (2011)

MEDIA COVERAGE

inSocialWork (Jan 20, 2026). *Public Interest Technology & Social Work*.
<https://www.insocialwork.org/public-interest-technology-social-work/> [Audio podcast episode]

UGA Today (Jan 22, 2025). *Being born into poverty negatively affects children's behavior*.
<https://news.uga.edu/being-born-into-poverty-negatively-affects-childrens-behavior/> [Campus news article]

MEMBERSHIP

Society for Social Work and Research. 2018 – present

Council on Social Work Education. 2020 – present

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management. 2021 – present

Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science. 2025