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Faculty Appointments

2023- Present **Assistant Professor**
School of Social Work, University of Georgia

2021-2023 **Research Assistant Professor**
Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis

Education & Training

2019-2021 **Post-Doctoral Research Associate**
Child Welfare and Well-Being Research Unit
School of Social Work, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

2019 **Ph.D., Social Work**
Silver School of Social Work, New York University

2015 **M.S.W., Social Welfare Policy**
Peking University, China

2011 **B.A., Japanese**
Minor: International Business and Economics
University of International Business and Economics, China

Fellowships & Awards

2024 **Excellence in Research Award Honorable Mention** by Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)

2022 **National Research Center on Poverty & Economic Mobility Early-Career Institute Scholar**
Funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

2021 **NIH/NICHD R25 Training Institute for Early Career Child Abuse & Neglect Scholar**
Funded by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

2020 **Research-to-Policy Collaboration Fellow**
Funded by the Edna Bennett Pierce Prevention Research Center, Pennsylvania State University

2019 **Diane Greenstein Memorial Award** to an exemplary dissertation proposal (\$5,000)
New York University

- 2018 **Inequality by the Numbers Fellow**
Funded by the Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality, City University of New York
- 2018 **New Writers Fellow**
Funded by the Family Process Institute

Funded Research Projects

- 2023-2028 **Principal Investigator**
K01 mentored research scientist career development award funded by NIH/NICHD.
State economic support policies on the prevention of child abuse and neglect during and post the COVID-10 pandemic: Bridging evidence with policy implementation.
\$661,905.
- 2023-2024 **Principal Investigator**
Pipeline research grant funded by Russell Sage Foundation.
The effects of eviction moratoria and renter-supportive measures on the prevention of child maltreatment during the COVID-19 pandemic.
\$30,000.
- 2022-2024 **Principal Investigator**
Institute for Research on Poverty Early Career Mentoring Institute Grant funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
Child welfare responses during and post COVID-19 in Missouri: Trends in administrative data and perspectives from agencies and families.
\$24,981.
- 2018-2019 **Principal Investigator**
Dissertation grant funded by New York University Silver School of Social Work.
Multi-dimensional poverty and children's socioemotional well-being.
\$1,700.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. **Zhang, L.**, Liu, Y., & Jonson-Reid, M. (in press). Early Childhood Income Instability and Mental Health in Adolescence: Parenting Stress and Child Maltreatment as Mediators. *Child Maltreatment*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/10775595241236389>
2. Diaz, B. A., Pugel, J., Phutane, A., **Zhang, L.**, Green, L., Hoffman, J., Long, E. C., Crowley, M., & Taylor Scott, J. (in press). Use of research evidence in U.S. federal policymaking: A reflexive report on intra-stage mixed methods. *Evaluation and Program Planning*, 106, 102469.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.evalprogplan.2024.102469>
3. Golden, K. E., **Zhang, L.**, & Simmel C. (2023). Examining the roles of rurality and Latine ethnic density on child maltreatment report and substantiation rates among Latine families: A county-level

- analysis. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 18(2), 309–337.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2023.2193555>
4. Helton, J. J., Ju, S., Iwinski, S. J., & **Zhang, L.** (2023). The effect of adverse childhood experiences on family mealtime frequency: Examining racial and ethnic differences. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 37(6), 796–805. <https://doi.org/10.1037/fam0001107>
 5. Wang, Y., **Zhang, L.**, & Zhai, F. (2023). Spanking and parental verbal aggression during early childhood: Association with later cognitive development and the mediating role of executive functions. *Infant and Child Development*, 32(5), e2446. <https://doi.org/10.1002/icd.2446>
 6. **Zhang, L.**, Shimizu, R., Zhang, Y., & Simmel, C. (2023). Early childhood income instability, food insecurity, and adolescents' behavioral health. *Family Relations*, 72(3), 1186–1200. <https://doi.org/10.1111/fare.12727>
 7. Han, W.-J., & **Zhang, L.** (2022). Precarious parental employment conditions and family poverty experiences in the first six years of a child's life. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 31, 1106–1120. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10826-021-02154-4>
 8. **Zhang, L.**, Simmel, C., & Nepomnyaschy, L. (2022). Income inequality and child maltreatment rates in US counties, 2009–2018. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 130, 105328. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2021.105328>
 9. **Zhang, L.**, Nepomnyaschy, L., & Simmel, C. (2022). So close yet so different: Neighborhood inequality and child maltreatment. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 130, 104988. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2021.104988>
 10. **Zhang, L.**, & Han, W. J. (2022). Multidimensional poverty and children's behavioral trajectories in immigrant families: Beating the odds? *Children and Youth Services Review*, 139, 106534. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2022.106534>
 11. Zhang, L., **Zhang, L.**, & Testa, A. (2022). Childhood adversity and risky behaviors among Chinese rural young adults: the mediation effect of perceived stress and moderation effect of social support. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 19(20), 13194. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph192013194>
 12. Greenfield, B., **Zhang, L.**, & Simmel, C. (2022). Exploring State Level Factors Associated with Short-Stays in Child Welfare: The Role of Systemic Risk and Surveillance. *Child Maltreatment*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10775595221104826>
 13. Getz, Z., Simmel, C., **Zhang, L.**, & Greenfield, B. (2022). "Short-stayers" in child welfare: Characteristics and system experiences. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 138, 106531. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2022.106531>
 14. **Zhang, L.**, & Han, W.-J. (2021). Childhood deprivation experience, family pathways, and socioemotional functioning. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 35(2), 213–224. <https://doi.org/10.1037/fam0000811>
 15. **Zhang, L.**, Bo, A., & Lu, W. (2021). To unfold the immigrant paradox: Maltreatment risk and mental health of racial-ethnic minority children. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 9, 103. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2021.619164>
 16. Bo, A., **Zhang, L.**, Lu, W., & Chen, D. (2021). Moderating effects of positive parenting on the perceived peer alcohol use and adolescent alcohol use relationship: Racial, ethnic, and gender

- differences. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-021-00780-x>
17. Tsai, W., **Zhang, L.**, Park, J. S., Tan, Y. L., & Kwon, S. C. (2021). The importance of community and culture for the recruitment, engagement, and retention of Chinese American immigrants in health interventions. *Translational Behavioral Medicine*, 11(9), 1682-1690. <https://doi.org/10.1093/tbm/ibab053>
 18. Mao, X., **Zhang, L.**, & Liu, Y. (2021). Stressors and subjective well-being among Chinese older adults: Uncovering the buffering roles of social support patterns. *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, 52(10), 78-98. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022022120977042>
 19. **Zhang, L.**, & Han, W. J. (2020). Uncovering multidimensional poverty experiences in shaping children's socioemotional trajectories during the first 6 years of schooling. *Family Process*, 59(4), 1837-1855. <https://doi.org/10.1111/famp.12530>
 20. **Zhang, L.** (2020). A latent class analysis of multifaceted economic experience and socioemotional well-being of children of immigrants. *Developmental Psychology*, 56(9), 1736-1749. <https://doi.org/10.1037/dev0001075>
 21. **Zhang, L.**, & Han, W. J. (2017). Poverty dynamics and academic trajectories of children of immigrants. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 14(9), 1076. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph14091076>
 22. Han, W. J., Siegel, J., & **Zhang, L.** (2017). The response to rural-to-urban migration and other life stressors in Shanghai: Effects on physical and psychological well-being among parents of young children. *Asian American Journal of Psychology*, 8(3), 248-258. <https://doi.org/10.1037/aap0000083>

Policy Briefs & Technical Reports

- Zhang, L.** (2020). *COVID-19: Migrant families and children*. Research to Policy Collaboration, Edna Bennett Pierce Prevention Research Center, Pennsylvania State University.
- Zhang, L.**, Marks, A. K., Roberg, R., Murry, M., Ramos, Z., Giray, C., Gay, B., Jaffe, G., Garcia-Rodriguez, I., & the Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice Migrants and Displaced Persons Task Force (2020). *COVID-19, immigration status, and child and family wellbeing*. Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice.
- Roberg, R., **Zhang, L.**, Marks, A. K., Murry, M., Ramos, Z., Giray, C., Gay, B., Jaffe, G., Garcia-Rodriguez, I., & the Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice Migrants and Displaced Persons Task Force (2020). *COVID-19's Impact on immigrant communities: Facts at a glance*. Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice.
- Giray, C., Diaz, G., Gallagher, N., Lee, R., Marks, A.K., Martinez, M. I., Murry, M., Ramos, Z., Roberg, R., Camacho-Thompson, D., Wollman, N., & **Zhang, L.** (2020). *Mitigating the implications of Coronavirus pandemic on families*. Research to Policy Collaboration, Edna Bennett Pierce Prevention Research Center, Pennsylvania State University.
- Zhang, L.**, Han, W. J. & Wen, J. (2016). *Children's socioemotional development in current Shanghai*. NYU-ECNU Institute for Social Development, NYU Shanghai.
- Zhang, L.**, & Han, W. J. (2016). *Parenting and child well-being in families with traumatic experiences in China*. NYU-ECNU Institute for Social Development, NYU Shanghai.

Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

- Zhang, L., & Wang, Y. (2024).** The Impact of State-Based Eviction Moratoria on Child Maltreatment Report Rates during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Paper presented at the 28th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research.
- Zhang, L., Shimizu, R., Zhang, Y., & Simmel, C. (2022).** Food Insecurity Mediates the Association between Early Childhood Income Instability and Adolescents' Behavioral Health. Paper presented at the 26th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research.
- Zhang, L., & Liu, Y. (2022).** Parent-to-Child Maltreatment Mediates the Association between Income Instability and Children's Externalizing and Internalizing Behaviors. Paper presented at the 26th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research.
- Zhang, L., Nepomnyaschy, L., & Simmel, C. (2021).** Uncovering the role of neighborhood inequality in shaping child maltreatment risk. Paper presented at the 25th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research.
- Zhang, L., Simmel, C., & Nepomnyaschy, L. (2021).** Neighborhood economic inequality and child maltreatment rates in the US, 2013-2017. Paper presented at the 25th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research.
- Zhang, L., Nepomnyaschy, L., & Simmel, C. (2020).** So close yet so different: Neighborhood inequality and child maltreatment. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 2020 Fall Research Conference.
- Zhang, L., & Simmel, C. (2020).** Patterns of poverty exposure and trajectories of parent-to-child maltreatment. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Inequality Workshop.
- Zhang, L., & Han, W. J. (2020).** Family pathways between childhood economic experiences and socioemotional well-being: A multidimensional approach to conceptualizing deprivation. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of Population Association of America.
- Zhang, L., & Han, W. J. (2020).** A latent class analysis of economic experience among children of immigrants and their socioemotional well-being. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
- Han, W. J., & Zhang, L. (2019).** The association between parental work and family poverty experience in the first six years of a child's life. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of Population Association of America, Austin, TX.
- Zhang, L., & Han, W. J. (2019).** Multidimensional poverty and children's socioemotional trajectories. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- * Winner of the SRCD Best Poster Award*
- Zhang, L., & Han, W. J. (2019).** Multi-dimensional poverty and child socioemotional trajectories: A latent class analysis. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.

- Zhang, L., & Han, W. J. (2018).** Poverty dynamics and children's developmental trajectories in immigrant families. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
- Zhang, L., & Han, W. J. (2017).** Poverty dynamics for children's socioemotional trajectories among immigrant families. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, Chicago, IL.
- Han, W. J., & **Zhang, L. (2017).** Poverty dynamics and children's academic and socioemotional trajectories in immigrant families. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Atlanta, GA.

Teaching Activities

University of Georgia

Instructor, Poverty in the United States, BSW Program
 Instructor, Social Welfare Policies, Programs, & Issues, MSW Program
 Faculty Liaison, Advanced Social Work Field Education, MSW Program

Washington University in St. Louis

Guest Lecturer, Transdisciplinary Problem Solving: Child Maltreatment, MSW Program

Rutgers University

Instructor, Policies and Programs for Children and Youth, MSW Program
 Instructor, Methods for Social Work Research I & II, MSW Program

New York University

Guest Lecturer, Methods for Social Work Research II, MSW Program
 Teaching Assistant, Statistics Practicum, PhD Program
 Teaching Assistant, Social Policy History and Analysis, PhD Program

Practice Experience

2015 – 2016	Volunteer The GO Project for under-resourced families with children, New York, NY
2014 – 2015	Social Work Intern Urban Social Service Center for Migrant Families, Beijing, China
2014 – 2015	Social Work Intern Mental Health Care Center, Beijing, China
2013 – 2014	Social Work Intern Urban Community Development Center, Beijing, China

Service to the Profession

2024 – present	PhD Program Committee, School of Social Work, University of Georgia
2023 – present	MSW Program Committee, School of Social Work, University of Georgia

- 2018 – 2019 PhD Program Committee Student Representative
Silver School of Social Work, New York University
- 2017 – present Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer
Child Abuse & Neglect; Child Development; Child and Family Social Work;
Children and Youth Services Review; Family Process; International Journal
of Social Welfare; Journal of Marriage and Family; Preventive Medicine

Professional Affiliations

Council on Social Work Education; Society for Social Work and Research

Certificates

- 2024 Modern Difference in Difference Designs, ICPSR Summer Program
- 2022 Artificial Intelligence Applications for Health Data, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2019 Mixed Methods Research, ICPSR Summer Program
- 2019 Teaching Online, Rutgers University

Languages

Professional fluency in Chinese; Conversational written and spoken fluency in Japanese.