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## EDUCATION

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**Washington University Brown School of Social Work, St. Louis, MO** 08/2017 – 08/2023

- *PhD in Social Work*
- *Dissertation: Climate Change and Farmer Mental Health: A Participatory and Systems-Based Approach*

**Tulane University School of Social Work, New Orleans, LA** 08/2010 – 12/2011

- *Master of Social Work*
- *Disaster Mental Health Certificate*

**Tulane University School of Public Health, New Orleans, LA** 08/2010 – 08/2012

- *Master of Public Health, International Health and Development*

**Tulane University, New Orleans, LA** 07/2001 – 05/2005

- *Joint Bachelor of Arts in Political Science & French*

**La Sorbonne and L'Institute Catholique, Paris, France** 08/2003 – 06/2004

- Coursework in French language, translation, culture, government, and international policy.

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**University of Georgia School of Social Work** 08/2023 – Present

Athens, GA

*Assistant Professor*

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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**Co-Investigator** 07/2024– 06/2025

UGA Rural Engagement Seed Grant

- *Project Title: Cultivating Wellness: A Mixed-Method Study of Health Promotion Needs Among Children of Immigrants in Rural Georgia*
- PI: Dr. Yingying Zeng

**Principal Investigator** 09/2023– 09/2024

Southeastern Coastal Center for Agricultural Health & Safety

- *Project Title: Climate change impacts on farmer mental health: A participatory and systems-based approach*
- *Award Amount: \$30,000*
- Co-PI: Dr. Anna Scheyett

**National Institute of Mental Health T32 Pre-Doctoral** 08/2017 – 05/2020

**Training Fellow**

- *Award Amount: Tuition & \$23,000/year*

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

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- Licensed Clinical Social Worker since October 2015. Georgia State License Number CSW009251

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**University of Georgia School of Social Work, Athens, GA** 02/2024 – 02/2024

*Principal Investigator*

- Lead investigator for research project mapping the impacts of climate change on farmer mental health in southern Georgia through qualitative approaches.
  - Directly involves farming communities and mental health professionals that serve them in conceptualizing and creating causal informal maps through individual interviews and group model building sessions.
  - Interviews generate action ideas for potential interventions to mitigate adverse mental health outcomes and improve levels of care.

**The International Center for Energy, Environment and Sustainability** 10/2021 – 08/2023

**Washington University, St Louis, MO**

*Research Assistant*

- Lead position in building and developing Midwest Climate Research Agenda for the *Midwest Climate Collaborative*, a cross-professional, community, and academic collaboration of key regional organizations to facilitate the development of a coherent Midwestern response to the climate crisis.
  - Identified multi-sectoral climate research priorities and needs through systematically synthesizing current knowledge about climate impacts and solutions in the U.S. Midwest region.
  - Facilitated *Research Agenda Prioritization* sessions with a variety of researchers, practitioners, and stakeholders together to review, discuss, and prioritize potential research questions.

**Dissemination & Implementation Research Core** 01/2018 – 04/2020

**Washington University, St Louis, MO**

*Research Assistant*

- Member of consulting team providing methodological expertise to advance translational research that informs and moves clinical knowledge into routine practice and real-world settings.

**Washington University, St. Louis, MO** 06/2018 – 09/2019

*Research Assistant*

- Assisted in analyzing data from peer-led group healthy lifestyle intervention study, funded by the National Institute of Mental Health (1R01MH104574).

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- **Weatherly, C.**, Carag, J, Zohdy, S., & Morrison, M. (2023). The mental health impacts of human-ecosystem-animal relationships: A systematic scoping review of Eco-, Planetary, and One Health approaches. *One Health*, 17. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.onehlt.2023.100621>
- Kim, B., **Weatherly, C.**, Wolk, C. B., & Proctor, E. K. (2021). Measurement of unnecessary psychiatric readmissions: a scoping review. *BMJ Open*, 11(2). <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2020-045364>
- Cabassa, L. J., Stefancic, A., Bochicchio, L., Tuda, D., **Weatherly, C.**, & Lengnick-Hall, R. (2020). Organization leaders' decisions to sustain a peer-led healthy lifestyle intervention for people with serious mental illness in supportive housing. *Translational Behavioral Medicine*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1093/tbm/ibaa089>.

- Cabassa, L. J., Stefancic, A., Wang, X., Guo, S., Lu, N. Y., & **Weatherly, C.** (2020). Correlates of Physical Activity and Cardiorespiratory Fitness in Racially and Ethnically Diverse People with Serious Mental Illness in Supportive Housing. *Community Mental Health Journal*, 56(6), 1139–1152. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10597-020-00610-x>
- Hawes, M., Roth, K., Wang, X., Stefancic, A., **Weatherly, C.**, & Cabassa, L. (2020). Ideal Cardiovascular Health in Racially and Ethnically Diverse People with Serious Mental Illness. *Schizophrenia Bulletin*, 46(Suppl 1), S67. <https://doi.org/10.1093/schbul/sbaa031.153>
- Kim, B., **Weatherly, C.**, Wolk, C. B., & Proctor, E. K. (2019). Measurement of unnecessary psychiatric readmissions: a scoping review protocol. *BMJ Open*, 9(7), e030696. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2019-030696>
- Morrison, M., Pettus-Davis, C., Renn, T., Veeh, C. & **Weatherly, C.** (2018). What Trauma Looks Like for Incarcerated Men: A Study of Men's Lifetime Trauma Exposure in Two State Prisons. *Journal of Traumatic Stress Disorders & Treatment*, 8(1).
- Corzine, E., Cannon, C., Lattone, V., Sujana, A, **Weatherly, C.**, Figley, C. & Marks, R. (2017). Identifying Resiliency Axioms: Israeli experts on trauma resiliency. *Traumatology*, 23(1). <https://doi.org/10.1037/trm0000094>

#### Under Review

- Kang, J., Gounder, B., **Weatherly, C.**, Jankowski, A., & Mason, L.R. (Revise and Resubmit). Rethinking Academic Conferences: Uncovering Carbon Footprints of SSWR and Pursuing Sustainable Alternatives in the Climate Crisis Era. Submitted to *Social Work*.
- **Weatherly, C.**, Roth, K., & Gaveras E, Meirose, J., Abdelghani, M, Caiza, G.R., Irfan, M., & Johnson, N. (Under Review). Community-based suicide interventions in rural United States: A scoping review. Submitted to *Journal of Rural Health*
- **Weatherly, C.** & Doherty, F. (Under review). “It's one thing after another, after another”: Exploring farmer mental health and climate change through participatory and systems-based perspectives. Submitted to *Journal of Rural Studies*.
- Kang, J. & **Weatherly, C.** (Under review). Carbon Emission Disparities and Ethical Concerns: A Case Study of Jjokbang-chon, South Korea. Submitted to *Ethics & Social Welfare*.

#### In Progress

- Carag, J., **Weatherly, C.**, & Drew, E. (In Preparation). Conceptualizing and measuring animal mental health: A scoping review.
- Morrison, M., Nelsen, M., & **Weatherly, C.** (In Preparation). Epidemiology of trauma before, during, and after incarceration: A scoping review.

### PEER-REVIEW PRESENTATIONS

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- Shonkwiler, S. Kane, S., **Weatherly, C.**, Scheyett, A. & Brown, V. (July, 2024). Distress on the Farm: The Impacts of Agricultural Policies on Farmer Mental Health. XXXVIIIth International Congress on Law and Mental Health. Barcelona, Spain.
  - *Presentation*: Fields of isolation: Assessing the impact of agricultural policies on farmer social networks and their mental well-being
- **Weatherly, C.** (2021, August). Climate change and farmer mental health: A community-based system dynamics approach. *Global Environmental Health LAB 6th International Symposium for Sustainable Development*. Yangon, Myanmar.

- Hawes, M., Roth, K., Wang, X., Stefancic, A., **Weatherly, C.**, & Cabassa, L. J. (2020, June). Ideal cardiovascular health in racially and ethnically diverse people with serious mental illness. *9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economics*. St. Louis, MO.
- Cabassa, L. J., Stefancic, A., Bochicchio, L., & **Weatherly, C.** (2020, January). What's next after the effectiveness trial ends: Planning for sustainability. *Society for Social Work Research*, Washington, DC.
- Gaveras, E., **Weatherly, C.**, Cabassa, L.J. & Auslander, W. (2018, October). Effectiveness of Self-Stigma Interventions for Persons Living with Serious Mental Illness: A Global Systematic Review. *McDonnell Academy 7th International Symposium*. Beijing, China.
- Figley, C. R., Morris, J., Corzine, E., Sujan, A., **Weatherly, C.**, & Lattone, V. (2013, February). Parish Perspectives: Learning from Terrebonne Parish Post-Disasters through Ethnovideography. *12th World Congress on Trauma, Stress, & Coping*. Baltimore, MD.

## POSTERS

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- **Weatherly, C.**, Roth, K. & Gaveras E, Meirose, J., Abdelghani, M, Caiza, G.R., & Irfan, M. (May, 2023). A Scoping Review of Community-Based Suicide Prevention Programming in Rural United States. *Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting*. Washington, DC.
- **Weatherly, C.**, Carag, J, & Zohdy, S, M. (November, 2022). The mental health impacts of human-ecosystem-animal relationships: A systematic scoping review of Eco-, Planetary, and One Health approaches. *5th Planetary Health Annual Meeting*. Boston, MA.
- **Weatherly, C.** (2021, April). One Health and the Mental Health Impacts of Human-Nature-Animal Relationships. *Environmental Justice and Social Work Conference*. Adelphi University, New York. Virtual.
- **Weatherly, C.**, Bakhshi, P. & Bayetti, C. (2021, January). Studies Investigating the Impact of Climate Change on Mental Health: A Systematic Scoping Review *Society for Social work Research*, Virtual.
- Hawes, M., Roth, K., Wang, X., Stefancic, A., **Weatherly, C.**, & Cabassa, L. J. (2020, April). Ideal cardiovascular health in racially and ethnically diverse people with serious mental illness. *American Psychiatric Association Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia, PA.
- **Weatherly, C.** & Pilar, M. Implementation of Evidence-based Mental Health Interventions in Rural Settings: A Scoping Literature Review (2019, September). *5<sup>th</sup> Annual Society for Implementation Research Conference*, Seattle, WA.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of Georgia MSW

- Rural Social Work, *Summer 2025*
- Advanced Social Work Practice with Individuals, *Fall 2023-2024*
- Power, Oppression, Social Justice and Evidence-informed Practice, Advocacy and Diversity in Social Work, *Fall 2023-2024*

### Washington University MSW

- Principles and Practices of Differential Diagnosis, *Spring & Fall 2022*.
- Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups, *Fall 2020-2022 & Spring 2021*

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS/MEDIA APPEARANCES

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### Podcasts

- AgArts from Horse and Buggy Land, <https://www.agarts.org/podcast/>
  - Season #3, Episode #47: *The Weight Farmers Carry*

### Guest Panelist

- Iannotti, L., Martin, B., Salvo, D., & **Weatherly, C.**, Brown School National Council. *Fall 2021*.
  - Topic: *Climate Change, Environmental Health, and Social Justice*
- Lenke, L., Sculley, B., & **Weatherly, C.**, Brown School Course: Cognitive Behavior Therapy, *Spring 2021*.
  - Topic: *Implementing CBT as an Early Career Professional*
- Stark, C. & **Weatherly, C.**, Wash U. Office of Sustainability's Climate Change Program, *Spring 2020*.
  - Topic: *Eco-Anxiety and Climate Change*

#### **Invited Speaker**

- **Weatherly, C.**, Southern Ag Exchange Network (SAGe) Applied Research Webinar Series, *July 2024*.
  - Topic: *Climate Change and Farmer Mental Health*
- **Weatherly, C.**, Environmental & Water Resources Institute Spring Symposium, *April 2023*.
  - Topic: *Climate Change, Flooding, and Mental Health Impacts*
- **Weatherly, C.**, Gephardt Institute for Civic and Community Engagement, *January 2023*.
  - Topic: *Prioritizing Mental Health Amidst Climate Change*
- **Weatherly, C.**, University of Liège School of Social Sciences Multispecies Ethnography and Artistic Methods Workshop, *May 2022*
  - Topic: *The collective unconscious and human-animal relationships: Considerations for mental health treatments*
- **Weatherly, C.**, MobilizeGreen, *January 2022*
  - Topic: *Climate Change, Mental Health, and Professional Development within the Environmental Space*
- **Weatherly, C.**, World Relief Refugee Resettlement Agency, *April 2021*
  - Topic: *Climate Change, Migration, and Mental Health*
- **Weatherly, C.**, Wash U. Office of Sustainability's Professional Development Program, *March 2021*.
  - Topic: *Climate Change, Covid, and Mental Health*

## **PROFESSIONAL, AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **Private Practice**

**02/2022 – 07/2023**

St. Louis, MO

*Psychotherapist*

- Provided individual psychotherapeutic services to individuals and families with varied clinical presentations.

### **Indiana University Arnett Hospital**

**07/2016 – 07/2017**

Lafayette, IN

*Lead Social Worker, Emergency Department*

- Responsible for social work care management for adult, geriatric, adolescent, and child patient population seen in emergency department.
- Developed initiatives in conjunction with Director of Emergency Services to target high utilizers and to identify and treat patients addicted to opiates.
- Responded to requests for psychiatric consultations, facilitated psychosocial and suicide risk assessments, formulated diagnoses, and consulted with attending physicians to create appropriate and relevant discharge plans.
- Provided rotating coverage for intensive care, oncology, maternity, and neonatal intensive care units.

### **Greenbrier Metairie, Outpatient Mental Health Clinic**

**09/2012 – 03/2016**

Metairie, LA

*Clinician*

- Facilitated group and individual psychotherapy sessions for adults affected by severe mental illness and acute trauma histories within intensive outpatient and partial hospitalization setting.

- Performed case management services to ensure sustainable continuum of care upon discharge.
- Organized therapy session scheduling for clinical staff, represented organization in outreach and networking events, and trained new therapists and case managers entering program.
- Facilitated on-call crisis interventions on a rotating schedule.

**Greenbrier In-Patient Psychiatric Hospital, Covington, LA** **08/2012 – 03/2016**

*Social Worker, PRN*

- Conducted psychosocial assessments, facilitated behavioral and occupational group therapy sessions, and created effective discharge plans for patients within inpatient psychiatric setting.

**LSU Behavioral Health Hospital, New Orleans, LA** **06/2011 – 12/2011**

*Social Work Intern*

- Provided inpatient services for adults within psychiatric hospital setting. Population consisted mainly of medically indignant and transient populations afflicted with chronic and persistent mental illness.

**Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA** **01/2011 – 06/2011**

*Social Work Intern*

- Provided individual counseling in multiple rural clinics in Southeast Louisiana for individuals impacted by Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill.
- Represented organization in “Spirit of Hope”, a collaborative program among nonprofit agencies working to minimize the impact of the oil spill through outreach, education, and mental health services.

**Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Anchorage, AK** **07/2009 – 07/2010**

*AmeriCorps VISTA Leader; Program Manager*

- Supervised 13 VISTA Energy Program Members and 11 VISTA Recovery Members.

**Camp Hope/ Habitat for Humanity, St. Bernard, LA** **05/2008 – 06/2009**

*AmeriCorps VISTA Member; Program Manager and Camp Hope Resident*

- Managed day-to-day operations of the largest (at the time) volunteer camp in the country.
- Organized and supervised team-based recovery efforts for local, visiting, and AmeriCorps NCCC volunteers in variety of settings in St. Bernard Parish, a region completely flooded by Hurricane Katrina.
  - Recognized by St. Bernard Parish Historical Society in 2009 for facilitating and managing volunteer effort to restore and repair Isleños Museum from damages sustained from Katrina.

## **ACADEMIC COMMITTEES**

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- 2024 – Present UGA School of Social Work Doctoral Program Committee
- 2023 – Present UGA School of Social Work MSW Program Committee

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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### **National Task Force**

- CSWE national task force for the disaster relief curricular guide, *2024-Present*

### **Reviewer**

- Nature Mental Health, *2024-Present*

### **Inaugural Member:**

- The **Conservation Incubator Program**; sponsored by the Living Earth Collaborative at WashU, the St. Louis Zoo, and Missouri Botanical Garden, *2022-2023*

- The **Multispecies Ethnography and Artistic Methods (MEAM) Network**, a group that investigates multispecies and more-than-human relations through ethnographic and artistic methodologies, *2022-Present*
- The **Washington University Climate Change Program for Graduate Students and Postdocs**, *2020-2023*

**Graduate Student Senate Representative** at Washington University, *August 2018-May 2019*.

- Member of *Student Health* and *Interpersonal and Sexual Violence Prevention Through Advocacy* Committees

**President of the Student Government Association**

- Tulane University School of Social Work, *Class of 2011*