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EDUCATION

Washington University Brown School of Social Work , St. Louis, MO	08/2017 – 08/2023
▪ <i>PhD in Social Work</i>	
Tulane University School of Social Work , New Orleans, LA	08/2010 – 12/2011
▪ <i>Master of Social Work</i>	
▪ <i>Disaster Mental Health Certificate</i>	
Tulane University School of Public Health , New Orleans, LA	08/2010 – 08/2012
▪ <i>Master of Public Health, International Health and Development</i>	
Tulane University , New Orleans, LA	07/2001 – 05/2005
▪ <i>Joint Bachelor of Arts in Political Science & French</i>	
La Sorbonne and L'Institute Catholique , Paris, France	08/2003 – 06/2004
▪ Coursework in French language, translation, culture, government, and international policy.	

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Climate change and mental health; Farmer mental health; Rural mental health; One Health; Nature-based solutions

TEACHING INTERESTS

- Clinical practice with populations with severe and persistent mental illness; Assessment and Differential Diagnosis; Qualitative and community-based research methods; Crisis intervention; Social work ethics; Climate Justice; Psychedelic Assisted Treatment; Pedagogy.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

University of Georgia School of Social Work Athens, GA <i>Assistant Professor</i>	08/2023 – Present
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PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

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

RESEARCH GRANTS

Principal Investigator

07/2025– Present

US Department of Defense Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program (REPI) Grant

- *Project Title:* Combining Ecological Resilience, Human Resilience, and Infrastructure Resilience on Military Lands
- Other PI: Dr. Charles Van Rees

Co-Investigator

07/2024– 06/2025

UGA Rural Engagement Seed Grant

- *Project Title:* Thriving in Rural Georgia: Understanding and Addressing the Mental Health Needs of Adolescents from Immigrant Families
- PI: Dr. Yingying Zeng

Principal Investigator

03/2024– 03/2025

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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

- **Weatherly, C.** & Doherty, F. (2025). "It's one thing after another, after another": Exploring farmer mental health and climate change through participatory and systems-based perspectives. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 114. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrurstud.2025.103573>
- **Weatherly, C.**, Meirose, J., Abdelghani, M., Caiza, G.R., Irfan, M., Gaveras E., & Johnson, N. & Roth, K. (2025). Community-based suicide interventions in rural United States: A scoping review. Submitted to *Community Mental Health Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10597-025-01480-x>
- Hopkins, N., **Weatherly, C.**, Reese, C., & Proctor, C. (2025). "At some point, you just run out of road": Farmers' Concerns About the Future of Agriculture. *Community Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1029/2025CSJ000140>
- Scheyett, A., Brown, B., **Weatherly, C.** (2025). Time is a Precious Commodity: Reframing Farmer Stress and Mental Health Through the Lens of Time Poverty. *OBM Integrative and Complementary Medicine*, 10(1). <https://doi.org/10.21926/obm.icm.2501005>
- Kang, J. & **Weatherly, C.** (2025). Carbon Emission Disparities and Ethical Concerns: A Case Study of Jjokbang-chon, South Korea. Submitted to *Ethics & Social Welfare*, 1-18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17496535.2025.2469736>
- Kang, J., Gounder, B., **Weatherly, C.**, Jankowski, A., & Mason, L.R. (2025). Rethinking Academic Conferences: Uncovering Carbon Footprints of SSWR and Pursuing Sustainable Alternatives in the Climate Crisis Era. *Advances in Social Work*, 25(1). <https://doi.org/10.18060/28138>
- **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., Sujan, 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:

- **Weatherly, C.** & Kang, J. (Under Review). "We do it for other reasons. It's conservation, it's the right thing to do": Centering farmer perspectives in agricultural policy reform for climate resilience. Submitted to *Journal of Community Practice*.

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.
- **Weatherly, C.** (In Preparation). Empirical Gaps in Linking Weather Events to Climate Change: A Review of Mental Health Impact Studies.
- **Weatherly, C.** (In Preparation). The importance and utility of arts-based methods in social work research: An example using climate change and farmer mental health.
- Roth, K., **Weatherly, C.** & Chalk-Wilay, J. (In Preparation). From fields to minds: Georgia farmworkers speak on mental health needs.

PEER-REVIEW PRESENTATIONS

- Roth, K., **Weatherly, C.** & Chalk-Wilay, J. (2025, November). From fields to minds: Georgia farmworkers speak on mental health needs. *The American Public Health Association's 2025 Annual Meeting & Expo*. Washington, DC.
- **Weatherly, C.** (2025, March). The importance and utility of arts-based methods in social work research: An example using climate change and farmer mental health. *The European Conference of Social Work 2025*. Munich, Germany.
- Shonkwiler, S. Kane, S., **Weatherly, C.**, Scheyett, A. & Brown, V. (2024, July). Distress on the Farm: The Impacts of Agricultural Policies on Farmer Mental Health. *XXXVIIIth International Congress on Law and Mental Health*. Barcelona, Spain.
- **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. *9th 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.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Weatherly, C. (May, 2025). Climate change and farmer mental health: Mapping impacts using a participatory and systems-based approach. *2025 National Association for Rural Mental Health Conference*. Anchorage, AK.
- Kang, J., Gounder, B., **Weatherly, C.**, Jankowski, A., & Mason, L.R. (2025, January). Rethinking Academic Conferences: Carbon Footprints and Sustainable Alternatives in the Climate Crisis Era. *Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting*, Seattle, WA.
- **Weatherly, C.**, Roth, K. & Gaveras E, Meirose, J., Abdelghani, M, Caiza, G.R., & Irfan, M. (2023, May). 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. (2022, November). 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). *5th Annual Society for Implementation Research Conference*, Seattle, WA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Georgia MSW

- Advanced Social Work Practice with Individuals, *Fall 2023-2025*
 - Course Lead, *2025-Present*
- Power, Oppression, Social Justice and Evidence-informed Practice, Advocacy and Diversity in Social Work, *Fall 2023-2025*
 - Course Co-Lead, *2024-2025*
- Assessment and Psychopathology, *Spring 2025*.

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

Podcasts:

- AgArts from Horse and Buggy Land.
 - [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:

- University of Tennessee One Health Initiative's Lunch & Learn Seminar Series, *May 2025*
 - Topic: [*Identifying, Strengthening, and Expanding the Mental Health Component within the One Health Framework*](#)
- Southern Ag Exchange Network (SAGE) Applied Research Webinar Series, *July 2024*.
 - Topic: *Climate Change and Farmer Mental Health*
- Environmental & Water Resources Institute Spring Symposium, *April 2023*.
 - Topic: *Climate Change, Flooding, and Mental Health Impacts*
- Gephardt Institute for Civic and Community Engagement, *January 2023*.
 - Topic: *Prioritizing Mental Health Amidst Climate Change*
- 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*
- MobilizeGreen, *January 2022*
 - Topic: *Climate Change, Mental Health, and Professional Development within the Environmental Space*
- World Relief Refugee Resettlement Agency, *April 2021*
 - Topic: *Climate Change, Migration, and Mental Health*
- Wash U. Office of Sustainability's Professional Development Program, *March 2021*
 - Topic: *Climate Change, Covid, and Mental Health*

ACADEMIC COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2025 – Present School of Social Work Representative for UGA Sustainability Certificate
- 2024 – Present UGA School of Social Work Doctoral Program Committee
- 2024 – Present UGA Practicum Education Advisory Committee
- 2023 – Present UGA School of Social Work MSW Program Committee
- 2024 – Present CSWE National Task Force for the Disaster Relief Curricular Guide

- 2025-Present Clinician and Facilitator with ReBlossom & Athens Parent Wellbeing, focusing on [*Father mental health*](#)

Past Service:

- 2022 – 2024 The Multispecies Ethnography and Artistic Methods (MEAM) Network
- 2022 – 2023 The Conservation Incubator Program; sponsored by the Living Earth Collaborative at WashU, the St. Louis Zoo, and Missouri Botanical Garden,
- 2020 – 2023 The WashU Climate Change Program for Graduate Students and Postdocs
- 2018 – 2019 Graduate Student Senate Representative at Washington University.
- 2010 – 2011 President of the Student Government Association Tulane University School of Social Work, Class of 2011

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- 2025 The University Psychedelic Education Program Faculty Fellow

- 2025 School of Social Work Awardees: Outstanding Classroom Educator
- UGA Career Center: Student Career Success Influencer Award 2024
- National Institute of Mental Health: T32 Pre-Doctoral Training Fellow, 08/2017 – 05/2020

PROFESSIONAL, AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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 indigent 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.