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Education:

University of Georgia, School of Social Work
PhD Candidate

Anticipated Graduation Date 2025

University of Georgia, School of Social Work
Master of Clinical Social Work (*Magna Cum Laude*)

2016

Georgia State University, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies
Bachelor of Social Work (*Suma Cum Laude*)

2015

Georgia Perimeter College
Associate of Science

2013

Research Interests:

Immigration related family separation, adverse childhood events, child welfare, theory development, and trauma and trauma informed interventions, policy analysis

Publications:

Boyas, J. F., **Woodiwiss, J. L.**, & Nahar, V. K. (2021). Examining intentions to engage in sun protective behaviors among Latino day laborers: An application of the theory of planned behavior. *Health promotion perspectives*, 11(3), 351–359.

Boyas, J. F., McCoy, L. M., **Woodiwiss, J. L.**, & Adams, J. E. (2022). Applying the Stress Process Theory to Assess Correlates of Suicide Ideation-to-Action Among Persons on Parole in the United States. *Community mental health journal*, 1–16. Advance online publication.

Woodiwiss J.L., foreword to: *DNA Family Reunification Project: Pro Búsqueda's History of Reuniting Families*, by UC Berkeley School of Law Human Rights Center and Asociación Pro-Búsqueda de Niñas y Niños Desaparecidos. (2022).

Boyas, J., Moore, D., Duran, M., Fuentes, J. **Woodiwiss, J.L.**, Cirino, A. Exploring the health of child protection workers: A Call to Action. *Health Promotion Perspectives*, 12 (4), 381-390.

Boyas, J.; Valera, P.; McCoy, L.; **Woodiwiss, J.L.** (2023). Residential mobility and suicidal ideation among persons on parole. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 306624X231159894. Advance online publication.

Woodiwiss, J.L., Graves, B., Pless, J, Dodd, K. & Afroz, F. (2023) Conquering Chaos: Critical Reflections of Beginning doctoral Education in 2020. *Reflections; Narratives of Professional Helping*.

Woodiwiss, J. (2024). Immigration Insights. Engage: The UGA School of Social Work Magazine of Transformative Action.

https://issuu.com/ugasocialwork/docs/engage_fall2023_final_10.12.23_web_outlined/s/44474673

- Conducted content analysis on over 200 journal articles in order to categorize and identify major areas of research interests.
- Developed tracking tool to identify content analysis outcomes and qualitative data calculations needed for multiple research studies.

Georgia State University

Atlanta, GA

2015-2015

Directed Independent Study with Dr. Terri Lewinson and Dr. Karen Watkins

- Participated in Summer internship with the School of Economics at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies and Completed manuscript “Identifying Role Strain and Role Reciprocity Among Older Adults Living in Extended Stay Hotels.”
- Completed secondary data analysis and Presented findings at Georgia State Spring Undergraduate Research Conference identifying the link between infant adoption and immigration for Latin American countries in “An Exploration of the Border Crisis and Adoptions from Latin American Countries.”

Teaching Experience:

Teacher of Record Positions:

Developed syllabus, provided weekly, bi-weekly, and tri-weekly lectures, provided assignment feedback, and final grades for all students.

Understanding HBSE SOWK5340 **Athens, GA** 2024
 Level: BSW
 Spring Semester

Social Work in Healthcare Settings SOWK5400 **Athens, GA** 2023
 Level: BSW, Lecture Based
 Fall Semester

Introduction to Social Work SOWK2154 **Athens, GA** 2022-2023
 Level: BSW, Lecture Based
 Fall/Spring– both semesters

Assistant Teaching Positions:

Set up classes in **Blackboard**, **Canva**, and **Moodle** platforms, provided grading, assignment feedback, and ongoing discussion post feedback throughout the semester. (These courses rotate)

Advanced Generalist Practice SOWK 5004 **Atlanta, GA** 2024-Current
 Level: Masters

Advanced Social Work Policy and Practice SOWK8035 **Atlanta, GA** 2020-Current
 Level: PhD

Advanced Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations in Complex Systems SOWK8035 **Atlanta, GA** 2020-Current
 Level: PhD

Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families SOWK6370 **Atlanta, GA** 2020-Current
 Level: Masters

Gerontology; Assessment and Intervention SOWK5100 **Atlanta, GA** 2020-2023
 Level: Masters

Invited Lectures:**University of Georgia***Invited by: Dr. Jane McPherson*

Lecture: Immigration and Detention in the U.S.

Athens, GA**2/3/2023****University of Georgia***Invited by Yomi Paseda, LMSW*

Lecture: Communication in Helping Professions

Athens, GA**3/30/2020****University of Georgia***Invited by Dr. Mary Ager*

Lecture: Healthcare Programs and Policy

Athens, GA**3/30/2020****University of Georgia***Invited by Luis Roberto-Alvarez, LCSW*

Lecture: Child Welfare and Pursing the Field of Social Work

Athens, GA**10/23/2020****Georgia State University***Invited by Dr. Karen Watkins, LCSW*

Panel Discussion: Medical and Child Social Work, Pursuing Graduate studies, and clinical licensure.

Atlanta, GA**3/22/2019****Georgia State University***Invited by Dr. Karen Watkins, LCSW*

Panel Discussion: Medical and Child Social Work, Pursuing Graduate studies, and clinical licensure.

Atlanta, GA**3/16/2018****Presentations:****Women's Leadership Symposium***Invited by: Oxford University Symposia at St. Anne's College*

Presentation: Meeting at the Intersections of Connectedness: Re-imagining Academic Survival in Doctoral Education

Oxford, UK**3/11/24****Annual Women's Studies Student Research Symposium***Invited by University of Georgia School of International Women's Studies*

Roundtable Presentation: Meeting at the Intersections of Connectedness: Re-imagining Academic Survival in Doctoral Education

Athens, GA**2/23/24****Society for Social Work and Research***Invited by Society of Social Work and Research*

Roundtable Presentation: Strengthening the Action in Community Based Participatory Research Methods

Washington, DC**1/11/24****Society for Social Work and Research***Invited by Society of Social Work and Research*Poster: The Impacts of Family Separation on Latin American Immigrant Children; A Scoping Review
Poster: "I Just be Chillin'": Cbd Use & Anxiety Among College Students**Phoenix, AZ****1/15/23****CSWE 2022 Annual Program Meeting***Invited by Council of Social Work Education***Anaheim, CA****11/11/22**

UC Berkeley Human Rights Center **Berkeley, CA** 10/13/22
Invited by Eric Stover, Director of the Human Right Center at UC Berkeley
Interview: Participation in the DNA Reunification Project

Georgia Governor's Mansion **Atlanta, GA** 9/30/22
Invited by The Georgia Children's Cabinet
Lecture: Child Safety Definitions and Safety Tools Used Among Child-Serving Agencies in Georgia

Professional Experience:

Child Welfare League of America **Washington, D.C.** 2022-Current
Consultant

Created content for the development of the 21st Century Research Agenda website. Ongoing creation of protocol for data gathering of scholarly literature that addresses research gaps in the agenda. Developed conference proposal for roundtable discussion regarding the implementation of participatory action research at the Society of Social Work Research 2024 Annual Conference.

Northeast Georgia Department of Public Health **Athens, GA** 2020-2021
Infectious Disease Medical Case Manager – COVID 19 Relief Support

Worked with individuals living with HIV to ameliorate barriers to their medical care. Delivered guidance and recommendations regarding guidelines and documentation requirements for CARES Act funding applications. Provided medical case management regarding medication adherence and compliance education.

Georgia Cares **Marietta, GA** 2019-2019
Assessment Coordinator

Conducted psychosocial assessments with youth exiting sex trafficking using the Evidence Based CANS Assessment Tool. Submitted referrals to all at-risk youth to appropriate community service partners. Complete Assessment Outcome Summary and entrance documentation for all confirmed youth entering into the Georgia Cares Program.

Global Industrial Inc **Buford, GA** 2018-2019
Operations Supervisor

Provided direct supervision to 43 associates and managed 1.2 million dollars in both inventory and receiving departments. Managed implementation of Employee Labor Management System installation of distribution center safety system. Completed process evaluation and implementation of current operational procedures.

Crystal Adoptions **Johns Creek, GA** 2017-2020
Adoption Specialist (Contract)

Completed home studies including individual and collective psychosocial assessments for adoptive families who are seeking to adopt domestically. Served as key point of contact to adoptive families to navigate resources, training, supportive services helpful pre- and post-placement.

Positive Impact Health Centers **Decatur, GA** 2017-2018
Program Manager / Medical Case Manager

Supervised a team of Community Health Workers implementing supportive services to an Aids Service Delivery Model. Provided budgetary and other key performance indicator reporting to designated funding source (National Association of County and City Officials). Provided medical case management services to identified patients per guidelines established by HRSA/Ryan White and the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council.

Care4All Children Services **Duluth, GA** 2017-2017
Recruiter and Licensing / Training Coordinator
Networked agency among local community leaders, businesses, and organizations to gain partnerships in recruiting therapeutic foster families. Completed home study assessments, motivational interviews, and quality assurance measures to license homes for therapeutic foster care. Completed trauma informed care training and education with potential foster parents during the licensure process.

Bethany Christian Services **Atlanta, GA** 2015-2016
Adoption Specialist/Intern
Facilitated international and domestic adoptions with families by completing home study interviews and individual interviews using the SAFE Home Study Model. Completed ADOPTS (address distress of post-traumatic stress) group therapy with children ages 5-9 experiencing effects of trauma and anxiety. Provided on call pregnancy counseling services and made adoption plans with birth-families, as well as coordinated interim care for adoptees following discharge.

Crossroads Hospice **Tucker, GA** 2014-2015
Hospice Social Work Intern
Conducted intake assessments for patients coming onto service, as well as met with caretakers, living assistance staff, and medical team on behalf of patient. Performed comprehensive evaluations including site visits and follow-up calls to assess social service needs.

Fusion Health **Johns Creek, GA** 2010-2017
Account Manager and Treatment Manager
Managed three major client account contracts including sleep management services for over 700 patients. Conducted client negotiations regarding program roll-out and contract details. Built client reporting process using data analytics of patient compliance and testimonials to highlight program benefits and program expansion. Provided therapeutic support to patients overcoming medical, technical, and behavioral barriers to Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) therapy.

Awards :

Graduate Degree Accelerator Award 2023
University of Georgia Graduate School
(\$4,680 – one-time)

Diane C. Davidson Graduate Fellowship 2022-2023
University of Georgia Graduate School
(\$4,500 – one-time)

Doctoral Fellow, SREB Doctoral Scholars Program 2021-current
Southern Regional Education Board
(\$60,000 over 3 years)

Affiliations:

Child Welfare League of America 2022-current

Role: Consultant

Consult with members of the Child Welfare League of America, Annie E. Casey Foundation, and Casey Family Programs on the 21st Century National Research Agenda and other Agenda related projects.

DNA Bridge Consortium 2022-current

Role: Advisor

Advise as a member of a consortium of scientists and human rights experts working to enable and promote the ethical and secure use of DNA data to reunify families separated by armed conflicts, political repression, immigration, climate change, and disasters.

Tri Alpha Honors Society 2022-current

University of Georgia

School of Social Work Research (SSWR) 2022-current

Member ID: 4265422

Doctoral Program Committee 2020-2022

Elected position

Worked with committee members to create and host the UGA School of Social Work's first "Research in Action Colloquium," highlighting current research being conducting within the school with the school of Social Work community. Initiated and co-facilitated the School of Social Work's first "Virtual Happy Hour" for PhD students in response to social distancing restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Licensure:

Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) - GA 2017-current

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