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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: Rafael Engel (Chair, Pitt Social Work), Sara Goodkind (Pitt Social Work), Jeffrey Shook (Pitt Social Work), Sera Linardi (Pitt GSPIA)

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

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **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*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01488376.2025.2465336>
2. **Kim, S.**, Engel, R., Goodkind, S., & Shook, J. (2024). Diverging trajectories of child externalizing behavior by family economic status at birth: The mediating role of neighborhood poverty. *Journal of Social Service Research*.
<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/>

3. **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>
4. 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>
5. 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>
6. **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>
7. 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>
8. 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]
9. 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]
10. 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.**, Linardi, S., & Petracchi, H. Teaching note—Preparing social work students to work with public interest technology: An interdisciplinary effort (R&R)
2. Wexler, S., **Kim, S.**, Engel, R., & Goodkind, S. From invisible workers to pandemic heroes but still struggling: Challenges faced by lower-wage hospital workers' before, during, and after COVID-19 (R&R)
3. **Kim, S.**, Kim, I., Lee, G., Oh, H., & Mowbray, O. Social determinants and the role of

school-based mental health services in adolescents' depressive symptoms and happiness
(*Under Review*)

4. **Kim, S.**, Hamilton, L., Ager, M., & Kim, S-Y. The impact of universal basic income in the United States: A scoping review of empirical studies (*In Progress*)
5. **Kim, S.**, & Hamilton, L. Guaranteed basic income and work: Paid employment and care work (*In Progress*)
6. 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*)
7. Moon, S., Yoon, Y., & **Kim, S.** How does parents' work schedule predict children's sleep? (*In Progress*)

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

1. **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.
2. 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.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. 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.

8. **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)
9. 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)
10. **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)
11. **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.
12. **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.
13. **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.
14. 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.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Data Science and AI for Social Impact

2024 - present

Member

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

2024 - present

Member

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 2018 - 2024

Graduate Student Research Assistant

Funded by the Heinz Endowments, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, University of Pittsburgh Social Science Research Initiative (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 2016 - 2017

Research Assistant

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

Development and Dissemination of Philanthropy Education Program 2016

Research Assistant

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

- Instructor of record, **Evaluative Research** (MSW). Spring 2022
- Teaching assistant, **Foundations of the Welfare State** (Undergraduate). Fall 2021
- Teaching assistant, **Multivariate Analysis** (PhD). Spring 2021
- Teaching assistant, **Evaluative Research** (MSW). Fall 2020

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Developing Pedagogy with Generative AI: An Interdisciplinary Workshop for Graduate Students (\$300)	2024
University of Pittsburgh Research, Ethics and Society Initiative of Pitt Research, Pittsburgh, PA	
• Competitive application	
GPSG Travel Grant (\$400)	2024
University of Pittsburgh Graduate & Professional Student Government, Pittsburgh, PA	
• Competitive application	
Outstanding Dissertation Proposal Scholarship Award (\$400)	2022
Korean American Social Work Educators Association	
• Competitive application	
School of Social Welfare Scholarship (merit-based)	Fall 2015, Spring 2017
Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea	
Jilli Scholarship (merit-based)	Fall 2012 -Spring 2014
Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea	
Kim Eunmi Scholarship (merit-based)	Fall 2012
Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea	

TRAININGS

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	

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

Brain Korea 21 Fellow

National Research Foundation of Korea, Daejeon, South Korea

Spring 2016

- Spring 2017

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

HONORS AND AWARDS

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

Dean's Academic Honor List. Baylor University, Waco, TX Jun 2014, Jan 2015
Earned during a foreign exchange program
Highest Honors. Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea Aug 2013, Aug 2015

Honors. Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea Feb 2013, Feb 2014
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 Reviewer

*Health & Social Work***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

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

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

MSW Intern. Galwol Community Service Center, Seoul, South Korea 2016

MSW Intern. Community Chest of Korea, Seoul, South Korea 2016

Undergraduate Intern. Seoul Yeongdeungpo Child Protection Service Agency, Seoul, South Korea 2015

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer. Waco Community Development Center, Waco, TX 2014

Volunteer. Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea 2013

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

CERTIFICATES AND LICENCES

Achievement in Pedagogy (credential in pedagogical professional development) 2019

- Graduate Student Teaching Initiative at the University Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- Concentrations: Pedagogy, Professional Development, Online Teaching

Licensed Social Worker (Level 1) 2018

- Ministry of Health and Welfare of Korea

MEMBERSHIP

Society for Social Work and Research. 2018 - present

Council on Social Work Education. 2020 - present

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management. 2021 - present