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### **Academic Appointments**

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

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

2019-2023      **Adjunct Lecturer**  
School of Social Work, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

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

### **Education**

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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 Language**  
Minor: International Business and Economics  
University of International Business and Economics, Beijing, China

### **Certificate**

2022      Artificial Intelligence Applications for Health Data, Washington University in St. Louis

2019      Mixed Methods Research, University of Michigan

2019      Teaching Online, Rutgers University

### **Fellowships & Awards**

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

2021      **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, Covering transportation, lodging, and meals

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, Covering transportation, lodging, and meals

### Funded Research Projects

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- 2023-2024      **Principal Investigator** (Mentor: Dr. Lawrence Berger)  
*The effects of eviction moratoria and renter-supportive measures on the prevention of child maltreatment during the COVID-19 pandemic.* Pipeline research grant funded by Russell Sage Foundation, \$30,000.
- 2022-2024      **Principal Investigator** (Mentor: Dr. Patricia Kohl)  
*Child welfare responses during and post COVID-19 in Missouri: Trends in administrative data and perspectives from agencies and families.* Institute for Research on Poverty Early Career Mentoring Institute Grant funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, \$24,981.
- 2018-2019      **Principal Investigator**  
*Multi-dimensional poverty and children's socioemotional well-being.* Dissertation research grant funded by New York University Silver School of Social Work, \$1,700.

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

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- Golden, K. E., **Zhang, L.**, & Simmel C. (in press). 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*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2023.2193555>
- Helton, J. J., Ju, S., Iwinski, S. J., & **Zhang, L.** (in press). The effect of adverse childhood experiences on family mealtime frequency: Examining racial and ethnic differences. *Journal of Family Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/fam0001107>
- Wang, Y., **Zhang, L.**, & Zhai, F. (in press). Spanking and parental verbal aggression during early childhood: Association with later cognitive development and the mediating role of executive functions. *Infant and Child Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/icd.2446>
- 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>
- 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>
- 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>

- 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>
- 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>
- 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>
- 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>
- 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>
- 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>
- Han, W. J., & **Zhang, L.** (2021). Precarious Parental Employment Conditions and Family Poverty Experiences in the First Six Years of a Child's Life. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10826-021-02154-4>
- 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>
- 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>
- 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>
- 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>
- 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>
- 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>
- 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>

### Manuscripts in Progress

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Simmel, C., Graaf, G., & **Zhang, L.** Voluntary placements in child welfare: Examining the association with children's complex behavioral health needs.

**Zhang, L.**, & Simmel, C. Patterns of poverty exposure and trajectories of parent-to-child maltreatment.

**Zhang, L.**, Liu, Y., & Jonson-Reid, M. Income instability and mental health of young adolescents: The role of child maltreatment and parental stress.

**Zhang, L.**, Scott, T., Long, E., Israel, A., Gay, B., Giray, C., Storce, R., Crowley, M. Legislative engagement with researchers: The role of legislative officials' values and research information sources.

### Policy Briefs & Technical Reports

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**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

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**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

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Spring 2023	Instructor, <b>Policies and Programs for Children and Youth</b> MSW Program, School of Social Work, Rutgers University
Fall 2022	Instructor, <b>Methods for Social Work Research II</b> MSW Program, School of Social Work, Rutgers University
Spring 2020	Instructor, <b>Methods for Social Work Research I</b> MSW Program, School of Social Work, Rutgers University

Fall 2019	Guest Lecturer, <b>Methods for Social Work Research II</b> MSW Program, Silver School of Social Work, New York University
Spring 2018	Teaching Assistant, <b>Statistics Practicum</b> PhD Program, Silver School of Social Work, New York University
Spring 2018	Teaching Assistant, <b>Social Policy History and Analysis</b> PhD Program, Silver School of Social Work, New York University
Fall 2015	Teaching Assistant, <b>Developmental Social Work: The Theory and Practice</b> MSW Program, Peking University, China

### **Practice Experience**

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2015 – 2016	Social Work Intern/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**

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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**

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

### **Languages**

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