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EDUCATION

2010-2012	Postdoctoral Fellowship	Child Traumatic Stress , Duke University School of Medicine, Psychiatry UCLA-Duke University National Center for Child Traumatic Stress; Funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
2009	Ph.D.	Social Work , University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work
2001	M.S.S.	Social Services , Bryn Mawr College, Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research; Advocacy, Planning, & Program Development Concentration
2001	M.L.S.P.	Law & Social Policy , Bryn Mawr College, Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research
1997	B.A.	Sociology-Anthropology & Education , Swarthmore College

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Faculty Appointments

2020-Present	University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Education, Human Development & Quantitative Methods , Philadelphia, PA Associate Professor (Secondary Appointment)
2018-Present	University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice , Philadelphia, PA Associate Professor (with tenure)
2012-2018	University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice , Philadelphia, PA Assistant Professor

Academic Leadership

2020-Present	University of Pennsylvania, The Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research , Philadelphia, PA Managing Faculty Director
2019-Present	University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice , Philadelphia, PA Director, Child Well-Being & Child Welfare Specialization (CW2)

2017-2020	University of Pennsylvania, The Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research , Philadelphia, PA Faculty Director
2014-2019	University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice , Philadelphia, PA Founding Co-Director, Child Well-Being & Child Welfare Specialization (CW2)

PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

- Young people aging out of foster care: relational permanence, natural mentoring, access to higher education, and translating effective interventions into practice and policy
- Trauma, resilience, and the risk and protective factors that shape the lives of children and youth in out-of-home care
- Sex trafficking and homelessness among young people with child welfare involvement
- Strengthening families and building the capacity of child and family organizations internationally

AWARDS, HONORS & RECOGNITION

2026	Recipient of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work <i>Distinguished Alumni Award</i>
2026	Featured in <i>Child & Family Social Work's</i> Top 10 List of Most Cited Research Articles for 2024 for "The Stark Implications of Abolishing Child Welfare: An Alternative Path Toward Support and Safety"
2025	Honored Member, P.O.W.E.R. (Professional Organization of Women of Excellence Recognized) – Acknowledged for outstanding achievements and leadership in social work research; Featured in May 2025 edition of P.O.W.E.R. magazine
2024	Competitively selected as the University of Pennsylvania's nominee for the Geoffrey Marshall Mentoring Award from the Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools
2024	Named a 2024 Top Scholar by ScholarGPS , ranking in the top 0.5% of scholars worldwide across disciplines; ranked #33 globally in Foster Care for lifetime scholarly impact
2022	Fellow, Society for Social Work & Research
2021-2024	Named to Stanford University/Elsevier Top 2% Scientists List in Social Sciences (Social Work), annually from 2021 through 2024
2015	Featured in ScienceDirect's Top 25 List of Most Downloaded Research Articles for "Development & Maintenance of Social Support Among Aged Out Foster Youth Who Received Independent Living Services: Results from the Multi-Site Evaluation of Foster Youth Programs" published in <i>Children & Youth Services Review</i>

2012	Selected as one of 10 Best Violence Research Articles of 2012 by the journal <i>Psychology of Violence</i> for “Trauma Exposure, Psychosocial Functioning, & Treatment Needs of Youth in Residential Care: Preliminary Findings from The NCTSN Core Data Set” published in <i>Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma</i>
2008-2009	Predoctoral Fellow, Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA), National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (NICHD) Institutional Research Training Grant (2T32HD007376-21A1) awarded to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Center for Developmental Science
2008	Competitively selected to attend Using Secondary Data for Analysis of Marriage and Family. University of Michigan Institute for Social Research, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research
2008	Outstanding Doctoral Student of the Year, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work
2007-2008	Predoctoral Fellow, Duke University, Center for Child & Family Policy
2007	John Turner Dissertation Award, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work
1999-2001	Tuition Award, Bryn Mawr College, Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research
1996-1997	Hunter Grubb Scholar for Public Service, Swarthmore College
1993-1997	Eugene M. Lang Opportunity Scholar for Social Change, Swarthmore College

GRANTS AND RESEARCH SUPPORT

External

2024-2026	Evaluation of The Academy Project’s Co-Op Program for Middle Schoolers with Los Angeles County Department of Children & Family Services Involvement Role: Principal Investigator Funding Mechanism: The Academy Project; <u>\$25,000</u> .
2023-2024	Community Independence Initiative: Capturing, Documenting, & Socializing Longer Term Results of Peer Driven Change Experiments in the Philippines, Colombia & Mexico Role: Principal Investigator Funding Mechanism: Children International, Inc.; <u>\$15,000</u> .
2023-2027	Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH) Role: Core Faculty (2.5% effort; PI: Carol A. Ford, MD, FSAHM) Funding Mechanism: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration, Maternal & Child Health Bureau Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (1T71MC30798-01-00); <u>\$2,500,000</u> .

2022-2023	Evaluation of Agape Children's Ministry's Field Counseling Program to Prevent Family Separation in Kenya Role: Principal Investigator Funding Mechanism: Christian Alliance for Orphans; <u>\$10,000.</u>
2021-2025	Caring Adults 'R' Everywhere (C.A.R.E.) Research Planning Grant Role: Principal Investigator Funding Mechanism: Private Gifts to The Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research; <u>\$179,087.39.</u>
2021	COVID & Mental Health Among Older Youth in Foster Care & Recently Aged Out of Foster Care Role: Principal Investigator (in collaboration with the Center for High Impact Philanthropy, School of Social Policy & Practice, University of Pennsylvania) Funding Mechanism: Fidelity Charitable; <u>\$25,000.</u>
2020-2022	Improving Higher Education Outcomes for Foster Youth in Texas: Evaluating Campus Support Services Role: Co-Investigator (with T. Watt (PI), S. Bustillos, R. Gavin-Williams & T. Hail) Funding Mechanism: Greater Texas Foundation; <u>\$74,740.</u>
2018-2019	National Foster Home Capacity Study Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with I. Marinescu & D.S. Wolfe, The Field Center) Funding Mechanism: Fostering Media Connections; <u>\$10,000.</u>
2017-2022	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH) Role: Core Faculty (5% effort; PI: Carol A. Ford, MD, FSAHM) Funding Mechanism: U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration, Maternal & Child Health Bureau Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (1T71MC30798-01-00); <u>\$2,500,000.</u>
2016-2017	A Multi-City Study of Human Trafficking Prevalence among Homeless and Runaway Youth Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with D.S. Wolfe, The Field Center) Funding Mechanism: Covenant House International; <u>\$85,700.</u>
2013-2015	A Randomized Controlled Pilot of Caring Adults 'R' Everywhere (C.A.R.E.): A Natural Mentoring Intervention for Older Youth in Foster Care Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with Philadelphia Department of Human Services) Funding Mechanism: Administration on Children, Youth & Families Planning Grant to Develop a Model Intervention for Youth/Young Adults with Child Welfare Involvement At-Risk of Homelessness (HHS-2013-ACF-ACYF-CA-0636); <u>\$133,576</u> (Co-Principal Investigator amount); <u>\$740,882</u> (Total amount awarded to Philadelphia DHS)

Internal

- 2026- **The Aging Out Podcast, The Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research**
Role: Executive Producer
Funding Mechanism: Trustees' Council of Penn Women; \$3,000
- 2022-2026 **Foster Care to College Initiative & Young Professionals Council, The Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research**
Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with S. Wasch)
Funding Mechanism: Trustees' Council of Penn Women; \$3,000/yearly
- 2016-2018 **Penn Futures Project: Preparing Leaders in Child Advocacy & Welfare**
Role: Co-Principal Investigator (with C. Connolly, School of Nursing; A Garcia, School of Social Policy & Practice; C. Watts, Graduate School of Education)
Funding Mechanism: Penn Futures; \$15,000.
- 2016 **The Aging Out Crisis & Its Impact on Adolescent Girls**
Role: Principal Investigator
Funding Mechanism: School of Social Policy & Practice, Junior Faculty Research Fund; \$3,000.
- 2014-2015 **Integrative Seminar in Child Welfare**
Role: Co-Instructor (with A. Garcia)
Funding Mechanism: Penn Social Science & Policy Forum Course Development Grant; \$3,700.
- 2013-2015 **Attitudes & Beliefs about the Implementation of a Child-Welfare Based Natural Mentoring Intervention for Older Foster Youth**
Role: Principal Investigator
Funding Mechanism: University Research Foundation, University of Pennsylvania Office of the Vice Provost for Research; \$30,689.60.

PUBLICATIONS

(*Indicates publications with Penn undergraduate or social work/social welfare graduate [MSW, MSSP, or PhD] students; +Indicates publications with lived experience experts)

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

1. **Greeson, J.K.P.** *Gyourko, J.R., Wasch, S., Mallory, K., Fehlig, L. Jácome, C., Yanes, N., Gutiérrez, F., Guamos, D., & Lehman, A.R. (in press). *Connecting families through cash transfers and an enabling environment: A qualitative study.*
2. **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2026). Closing the dream gap: An implementation science blueprint for statewide postsecondary support for youth with foster care experience. *Child Welfare*, 103(6), 149-163.
3. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Wasch, S., *Gyourko, J.R., Garcia, A.R., *Bennett, H., *Greco, K., & *Cha, L. (2026). Left behind in lockdown: A scoping review of COVID-19's impact on the lives of transition-age foster youth. *Child & Family Social Work*. Advance online publication. doi.org/10.1111/cfs.70162

4. **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2026). From scholarships to belonging: Reframing foster care transitions as an adolescent health priority. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 26(5), 692-694. doi.org/10.1016/j.jadohealth.2026.01.020
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6. *Gyourko, J.R., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, +Vasquez, N., Mack, L.J., +Kenyatta, A., Barth, R.P., & Garcia, A. (in press). Research on the lived experiences of adolescents and adults with foster care history. *Journal of the Society for Social Work & Research*. Advance online publication. doi.org/10.1086/733727
7. *Gyourko, J.R., Silver, J., & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2024). Financial and psychosocial challenges reported by social work students: Findings from a cross-sectional online survey. *Transformative Social Work*, 2(2). Advance online publication. doi.org/10.55016/ojs/tsw.v2i2.79851
8. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, *Gyourko, J.R., Wasch, S., & Page, C.S. (2024). “The program encourages people not to have a heavy heart”: A qualitative study of a Family Strengthening Program in Kenya. *Vulnerable Children & Youth Studies*, 19(2), 341-342. doi.org/10.1080/17450128.2024.2326435
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10. Garcia, A., Berrick, J.D., Jonson-Reid, M., Barth, R.P., *Gyourko, J., Kohl, P.L., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Drake, B., & Cook, V.L. (2024). The stark implications of abolishing child welfare: An alternative path toward support and safety. *Child & Family Social Work*, 29(4), 896-908. doi.org/10.1111/cfs.13141
11. Watt, T., Lord, K., Bustillos, S., Gavin-Williams, R., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Hail, T., & +Hoffman-Cooper, A. (2023). Campus liaisons for students who have experienced foster care: Lessons learned from Texas legislation. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 153. Advance online publication. doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2023.107094
12. Drake, B., Jones, D., Kim, H., *Gyourko, J., Garcia, A., Barth, R.P., Font, S., Putnam-Hornstein, E., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Cook, V., Kohl, P.L., & Jonson-Reid, M. (2023). Racial/ethnic differences in child protective services reporting, substantiation, and placement, with comparison to non-CPS risks and outcomes: 2005-2019. *Child Maltreatment*, 28(4), 683-699. doi.org/10.1177/10775595231167. PMID: 36990447
13. Drake, B., Barth, R.P., Berrick, J.D., Garcia A., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Jonson-Reid, M., Kim, H., Kohl, P.L., & Putnam-Hornstein, E. (2023). A response to Evangelist et al., 2023. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 146. Advance online publication. doi:10.1016/j.chiabu.2023.106442. PMID: 37738822.
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15. Marinescu, I., *Tan, F., & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2023). Economic conditions and the number of children in foster care. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 144. Advance online publication. doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2022.106748

16. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, *Gzesh, S., Wasch, S., Jaffee, S., & +Ciluffo, K.L. (2022). "Just being there, like a shoulder to lean on": Resiliency and mental health among older youth in and aged out of foster care during COVID-19. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma*, 17, 15-24. doi.org/10.1007/s40653-022-00498-7. PMID: 36438863
17. +Doucet, M., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, & *Eldeeb, N. (2022). Independent living programs and services for youth aging out of care in Canada and the U.S.: A systematic review. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 142. Advance online publication. doi.org/10.1016/j.chilyouth.2022.106630
18. Berrick, J.D., Drake, B., Barth, R.P., Garcia, A.R., Jonson-Reid, M., *Gyourko, J.R., & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2022). Research to consider while effectively re-designing child welfare services: A response to commentaries. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 32(5), 542-552. doi.org/10.1177/10497315221095497
19. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, *Gyourko, J.R., Jaffee, S.R., & Wasch, S. (2022). The experiences of older youth in and aged out of foster care during the COVID-19 pandemic: Material and financial well-being by foster care status, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, and race. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 92(3), 334-348. doi.org/10.1037/ort0000615 PMID: 35201799
20. Garcia, A.R., Watts, C.L., Carlough, S.L., Christian, C.W., Finck, K.R., Jaffee, S.R., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, & Connolly, C. (2022). A template for implementing interprofessional education in child advocacy. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 59(4), 1146-1165. doi.org/10.1080/10437797.2022.2062505
21. Barth, R.P., Berrick, J.D., Garcia, A.R., Drake, B., Jonson-Reid, M., *Gyourko, J.R., & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2021). Research to consider while effectively re-designing child welfare services. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 32(5), 483-498. doi.org/10.1177/10497315211050000
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28. **Greeson, J.K.P.** Treglia, D., Wolfe, D.S., Wasch, S., & Gelles, R.J. (2019). Child welfare characteristics in a sample of youth involved in commercial sex: An exploratory study. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 94. doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2019.104038 PMID: 31181397
29. **Greeson, J.K.P.** Treglia, D., Wolfe, D.S., & Wasch, S. (2019). Prevalence & correlates of sex trafficking among homeless & runaway youth presenting for shelter services. *Social Work Research*, 43(2), 91-99. doi.org/10.1093/swr/svz001
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32. Garcia, A.R., Gupta, M., **Greeson, J.K.P.** *DeNard, C., & *Thompson, A.E. (2017). Adverse childhood experiences among a child welfare sample: Results from the National Study of Child & Adolescent Wellbeing. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 70, 292-302. doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2017.06.019. PMID: 28668759
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Books

1. **Greeson, J.K.P.** (under contract). *Making room for forever: The right to relational permanence*. Oxford University Press.
2. Barth, R.P., Berrick, J.D., Jonson-Reid, M., Garcia, A.R., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, *Gyourko, J., & Drake, B. (2026). *Understanding child welfare*. Edward Elgar Publishing. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781035359127>

Invited Book Chapters

1. **Greeson, J.K.P.** & *Thompson, A.E. (2019). Caring Adults 'R' Everywhere (C.A.R.E.)©: Leveraging the power of relationships to change the lives of foster youth. In V. Mann-Feder & M. Goyette (Eds.) *Leaving care & the transition to adulthood: International contributions to theory, research, & practice* (pp. 279-296). New York: Oxford University Press.
2. **Greeson, J.K.P.** & *Thompson, A.E. (2017). Foster care, then where? Why independent living is getting it all wrong. In J. Jackson, Jr. (Ed.), *Social policy and social justice* (pp. 65-73). Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.
3. **Greeson, J.K.P.** & *Thompson, A.E. (2015). Aging out of foster care in emerging adulthood. In J.J. Arnett (Ed.), *Oxford handbook of emerging adulthood* (pp. 559-577). New York: Oxford University Press.
4. Fairbank, J.A., Briggs, E.C., Carmody, K.A., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, & Woods, B. (2014). Resilience & recovery in special populations: Children. In L.A. Zoellner & N.C. Feeny (Eds.), *Facilitating resilience & recovery following traumatic events* (pp. 91-112). New York: Guilford Press.

Treatment Manual

1. **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2019). *Caring Adults 'R' Everywhere (C.A.R.E.)©: A Natural Mentoring Intervention for Older Youth in Foster Care*. Durham, NC: I Am My Life Publishing.

Op-Eds, Articles in Non-Peer Reviewed Publications, & Policy Briefs

1. Wolfe, D.S., Wasch, S., Watson, B., Ibekwe, N., & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2018). Foster care: Child welfare's responsibility and challenge. *APSAC Advisor*, 30(2), 27-32.
2. **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2016, November 14). Commentary: Many foster-care youths unprepared for independent living. *The Inquirer*. Retrieved from http://www.philly.com/philly/opinion/20161114_Commentary_Many_foster-care_youth_unprepared_for_independent_living.html?mobi=true
3. *Thompson, A.E. & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2015). Legal and relational permanence in older foster care youths. *Social Work Today*, 15(4), 24-27.
4. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, *Thompson, A.E., & Kinnevy, S. (2014). Natural mentoring of older foster care youths: Behavioral health benefits. *Social Work Today*, 14(4), 10.
5. Gerrity, E., Briggs, E.C., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Layne, C.M., Fairbank, J., Knoverek, A., & Pynoos, R.S. (2011). *Trauma Exposure, Psychosocial Functioning & Treatment Needs of Youth in Residential Care*. Retrieved from http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/policybrief3_traumaexposure.pdf
6. Gerrity, E., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Layne, C.M., Fairbank, J., Pynoos, R.S., & Briggs, E.C. (2011). *Complex Trauma and Mental Health of Children Placed in Foster Care: Highlights from the NCCTS Core Data Set*. Retrieved from http://www.nctsn.org/sites/default/files/assets/pdfs/policybrief4_complextrauma.pdf

Manuscripts Submitted for Publication

1. Garcia, A.R., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Kim, M., & Flores, L.P. (2026). *A decade later: Revisiting whether mental health services disrupt delinquency among youth referred to child welfare*. [Manuscript submitted for publication].
2. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, *Gyourko, J.R., Matone, M., Wasch, S., Wilson, R., Bahudodda, S., Mitchell, C., & Virk, J. (2026). *Where are the fathers? A scoping review of adolescent fathers in child welfare*. [Manuscript submitted for publication].

Manuscripts in Preparation

1. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, *Gyourko, J.R., Putnam-Hornstein, E., Font, S.A., Garcia, A.R., & +Vasquez, N. (2025). *Lives cut short: It's time to get CANDID*. [Manuscript in preparation].
2. Wang, W. & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2026). *Translating rights into agency: Family literacy and women's empowerment in post-reform Morocco*. [Manuscript in preparation].

Informally Published (Preprints)

1. Greeson, J.M., Pulavarthi, T., Wittenburg, L., Dabral, M., Feldman, G.C., & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2025). *From me to we: Pathways linking perfectionism, mindfulness, self-compassion, and mental health in college students*. PsyArXiv. https://osf.io/preprints/psyarxiv/2dq9r_v1
2. Greeson, J.M., & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2025). *Do you belong in honors? Links between social connection and grit in college students*. PsyArXiv. https://osf.io/preprints/psyarxiv/wb84q_v1

SCHOLARLY IMPACT

Citations ¹ (Google Scholar)	4,953
Since 2021	2,716
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<i>i10</i> index ³ (Google Scholar)	49
Since 2021	43
<i>i100</i> index ⁴ (Google Scholar)	15

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Keynote, Plenary & Featured Addresses

(Exclusive of peer-reviewed conference papers, posters & roundtables)

1. *One Mentor, One Moment: How One Person Can Make a Difference in a Child's Life*. Keynote address for New Jersey Child Placement Advisory Council Annual Conference, New Brunswick, NJ, May 9, 2025.
2. [*How to Heal the Aging Out Crisis*](#). Invited TEDx Talk for TEDxLincolnUniversity: Beyond the Visible, Lincoln University, PA, January 11, 2020.
3. *Navigating the Pitfalls of the Transition to Adulthood*. Invited Plenary Panel with J. Ducoff & S. Jaffee for The Field Center's One Child, Many Hands Multidisciplinary Conference on Child Welfare, Philadelphia, PA, June 7, 2019.

Other Invited Presentations

(Exclusive of peer-reviewed conference papers, posters & roundtables)

1. *Aging Out of Foster Care: A Research-Informed Vision for Healing the Crisis*. Invited presentation for New Jersey-Philadelphia Scholars Strategy Network Policy Shark Tank for Philadelphia City Council, Online, October 8, 2024.
2. *Reintegration of Street-Connected Children in Kenya: Evaluation of Agape Children's Ministry's Family Strengthening Program*. Invited Research Presentation for the Orphaned & Vulnerable Children Applied Research & Best Practices Symposium, Christian Alliance for Orphans Summit 2024 "InnovateLocal: Bridging Research and Customized Solutions," Nashville, TN, September 18, 2024.
3. *Emotional & Social Supports for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care*. Invited presentation for Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Supporting Youth with Disabilities Transitioning Out of Foster Care Learning Collaborative, Session 5, Online, May 26, 2022.
4. *Prevalence & Correlates of Sex Trafficking Among Homeless & Runaway Youth Presenting for Shelter Services*. Invited presentation for Human Trafficking Research and Data Advisory Roundtable, Point Loma Nazarene University and the County of San Diego, Online, October 15, 2021.
5. *"They Act as a Family to Me": Why Relational Permanence Matters for Older Youth in Foster Care*. Invited Presentation for the Florida Institute for Child Welfare, Online, May 26, 2021.

¹ Public profile showcasing peer-reviewed publications, citation metrics (including *h*-index and *i10*-index), and research impact. Continuously updated to reflect scholarly contributions and academic visibility.

² This metric represents the number of publications with citation number $\geq h$.

³ This metric represents the number of publications with at least 10 citations.

⁴ This metric represents the number of publications with at least 100 citations.

6. *The Experiences of Older Youth In & Aged Out of Foster Care During COVID-19*. Invited Presentation for Embark Georgia Statewide Leadership Conference, Online, May 26, 2021.
7. *The Experiences of Youth In & Aged Out of Foster Care During COVID-19*. Invited Research Presentation for the Orphaned & Vulnerable Children Applied Research & Best Practices Symposium, Christian Alliance for Orphans Summit, Online, May 5-12, 2021.
8. *Youth Aging Out of Foster Care*. Invited Panel Presentation for Adolescents: Trauma & Mental Health, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA, March 19, 2019.
9. *Economic Barriers & Foster Family Recruitment*. Invited Panel Presentation with I. Marinescu for Chronicle of Social Change, House of Representatives Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC, November 13, 2018.
10. *Youth Aging Out of Foster Care & The Opioid Crisis: What Do We Know?* Invited Panel Presentation for Silent Victims: Foster Care and Foster Care Adoption in America, Duke University Law School & Center for Adoption Policy, Durham, NC, November 16, 2018.
11. *Adolescents in Foster Care: How Natural Mentoring Relationships Can Cultivate Interdependence*. Invited Talk for Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Adolescent Medicine Research Seminar, Philadelphia, PA, November 2, 2017.
12. *Leveraging the Power of Relationships to Change the Lives of Foster Youth*. Invited Talk for the Orphaned & Vulnerable Children Applied Research & Best Practices Symposium (Transition to Adulthood Track), Christian Alliance for Orphans Summit, Nashville, TN, May 3, 2017.
13. *Leveraging Child Welfare Research & Practice to Improve Outcomes for Young Adults*. Presentation for the Council of State Governments Justice Center & Harvard Kennedy School's Young Adult Justice Cross-System Convening on Reducing Recidivism & Supporting the Successful Transition to Adulthood, Harvard University, Boston, MA, February 27, 2017.
14. *Foster Care: Why Independent Living Is Getting It All Wrong and How We Can Get It Right*. Invited "TATE" Talk for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work, Chapel Hill, NC, April 7, 2016.

Conference Papers

(*Indicates presentations with Penn graduate or undergraduate students)

1. **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2026 April). Supporting young people transitioning from foster care through relational permanency and interdependent living. Paper presented at the 2026 Child Welfare League of America Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
2. **Greeson, J.K.P.** *Gyourko, J.R., & Barth, R.P. (2025 June). Research on the lived experiences of adolescents and adults with foster care history. Paper presented at the 2025 Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood Annual Conference, Charleston, SC.
3. **Greeson, J.K.P.** *Gzesh, S., Jaffee, S., & Wasch, S. (2023 January). "Just being there, like a shoulder to lean on": Resiliency and mental health among older youth in and aged out of foster care during COVID-19. Paper presented at the 2023 Society for Social Work & Research 27th Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
4. *Gyourko, J. & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2023 January). Factors associated with identity fraud victimization of adolescent youth in foster care. Paper presented at the 2023 Society for Social Work & Research 27th Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

5. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, *Gyourko, J., Jaffee, S., & Wasch, S. (2022 January). The experiences of older youth in and aged out of foster care during COVID-19: Health and social connectedness. In E.M. Aparicio (Chair), *The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on youth in and transitioning from foster care*. Symposium presented at the 2022 Society for Social Work & Research 26th Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
6. Sulimani-Aidan, Y., Melkman, E., & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2021 September). The contribution of mentoring to the life skills of youth leaving care in Israel [Paper session]. EUSARF 2021 International Conference on Child Welfare Research, Policy, & Practice, Online.
7. Sulimani-Aidan, Y., Melkman, E., & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2020 April). The contribution of mentoring to the life skills of youth leaving care in Israel [Paper session]. 10th European Conference for Social Work, Bucharest, Romania. <https://www.ecswr2020.org/en/> (Conference canceled)
8. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Garcia, A.R., *Tan, F., *Chacon, A., *Ortiz, A.J. (2020, March 15-18). Interventions for youth aging out of foster care: A state of the science review [Paper session]. 33rd Annual Research and Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, FL. <https://www.cmbhnetwork.org/tampa-conference/> (Conference canceled)
9. Marinescu, I., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, & Heimpel, D. (2019 June). A national count of foster homes & exploration of macroeconomic factors that impact capacity. Paper presented at The Field Center's One Child, Many Hands Multidisciplinary Conference on Child Welfare, Philadelphia, PA.
10. Treglia, D., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Wolfe, D.S., & Wasch, S. (2019 January). Prevalence and risk factors for sex trafficking victimization among homeless youth. Paper presented at the 2019 Society for Social Work & Research 23rd Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
11. Garcia, A.R., Kim, M., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, & Jung, N. (2019 January). Does mental health service use prevent child welfare and juvenile justice systems involvement? Paper presented at the 2019 Society for Social Work & Research 23rd Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
12. Garcia, A.R., Kim, M., Jung, N., & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2019 January). Prevalence and predictors of mental health service receipt among crossover youth. Paper presented at the 2019 Society for Social Work & Research 23rd Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
13. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Wolfe, D.S., Treglia, D., & Wasch, S. (2018 October). *Findings from a multi-city study of human trafficking prevalence and child welfare risk factors among youth experiencing homelessness*. Paper accepted/not presented for the EUSARF 2018 XV International Conference on Child Welfare Research, Policy, & Practice, Porto, Portugal.
14. Garcia, A.R., Gupta, M., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, *DeNard, C., & *Thompson, A.E. (2018 March). *Adverse childhood experiences among a child welfare sample: Results from the National Study of Child & Adolescent Wellbeing*. Paper presented at the 31st Annual Research and Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, FL.
15. *Thompson, A.E. & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2018 January). *Prosocial activities & natural mentoring among youth at risk of aging out of foster care*. Paper presented at the 2018 Society for Social Work & Research 22nd Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
16. Wolfe, D.S., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, & Wasch, S. (2017 October). *Findings from a multi-city study on child sex trafficking*. Paper presented at the 2017 Juvenile Sex Trafficking (JuST) Conference, New Orleans, LA.

17. Wolfe, D.S., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Wasch, S. & Treglia, D. (2017 April). *Findings from a multi-city study on child sex trafficking: Homelessness, child maltreatment, and resilience factors*. Paper presented at Covenant House International & The Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research Conference on Human Trafficking among Homeless Youth: New Findings and Implications for Policy and Practice, Philadelphia, PA.
18. **Greeson, J.K.P.** & *Thompson, A.E. (2017 January). Development, feasibility, and piloting of a novel natural mentoring intervention for older youth in foster care. In G.M. Gowdy (Chair), *Natural mentorship for foster care youth: Prevalence, impact, and programmatic support*. Symposium presented at the 2017 Society for Social Work & Research 21st Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
19. Garcia, A.R., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Kim, M., *Thompson, A.E., & *DeNard, C. (2017 January). *Do mental health services disrupt the delinquency pipeline among Latino, African American and Caucasian youth in the child welfare system?* Paper presented at the 2017 Society for Social Work & Research 21st Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
20. *Thompson, A.E., **Greeson, J.K.P.** & *Brunsink, A.M. (2016 November). *Natural mentoring among youth aging-out of foster care: A systematic review*. Paper presented at the 2016 Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
21. **Greeson, J.K.P.** & *Thompson, A.E. (2016 September). *Development, feasibility, and piloting of a novel natural mentoring intervention for older youth in foster care in the U.S.A.* Paper presented at the XIV International Conference EUSARF, Oviedo, Spain.
22. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Garcia, A.R., *Kim, M., *Thompson, A.E., & Courtney, M.E. (2016 January). *Development & maintenance of social support among aged out foster youth who received independent living services: Results from the Multi-Site Evaluation of Foster Youth Programs*. Paper presented at the 2016 Society for Social Work & Research 20th Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
23. *Thompson, A.E., **Greeson, J.K.P.** & Kinnevy, S. (2015 June). *Attitudes and beliefs of child welfare stakeholders about child welfare based natural mentoring for older youth in foster care*. Paper presented at The Field Center's One Child, Many Hands Multidisciplinary Conference on Child Welfare, Philadelphia, PA.
24. **Greeson, J.K.P.** & *Thompson, A.E. (2015 March). *Attitudes and beliefs of child welfare stakeholders about child welfare based natural mentoring for older youth in foster care*. Paper presented at the 28th Annual Children's Mental Health Research & Policy Conference, Tampa, FL.
25. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Garcia, A.R., *Kim, M., & Courtney, M.E. (2015 January). *Foster youth & social support: The first RCT of independent living services*. Paper presented at the 2015 Society for Social Work & Research 19th Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
26. *Thompson, A.E., **Greeson, J.K.P.** & Kinnevy, S. (2014 August). *Promoting growth-fostering relationships with caring adults: Natural mentoring for youth transitioning out of foster care*. Paper presented at the 2014 National Pathways to Adulthood: A Convening on Youth in Transition, Philadelphia, PA.
27. Garcia, A.R., & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2014 March). *From placement to prison revisited: Do child welfare services disrupt the delinquency pipeline among Latino, African America, and Caucasian emerging adults transitioning out of care?* Paper presented at the 27th Annual Children's Mental Health Research & Policy Conference, Tampa, FL.

28. **Greeson, J.K.P.** Briggs, E.C., Layne, C.M., & Fairbank, J.A. (2012 October). *Functional impairments and service use of transition-age youth exposed to trauma: Findings from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network Core Data Set*. Paper presented at the 2012 Society for Research on Child Development Themed Meeting: Transitions from Adolescence to Adulthood, Tampa, FL.
29. Goode, V., Falconer, L., & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2012 March). *Inspiring change through data-driven stories*. Pre-Meeting Institute presented at the 2012 National Child Traumatic Stress Network All Network Conference, Baltimore, MD.
30. Briggs-King, E., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Fairbank, J.A., Gerrity, E.T., & Pynoos, R.S. (2011 November). *Psychosocial consequences of relational trauma: Preliminary findings from the NCTSN Core Data Set*. Paper presented at the 2011 International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies 27th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
31. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Briggs, E.C., Ostrowski, S.A., Gerrity, E.T., Fairbank, J.A., Layne, C.M., & Pynoos, R.S. (2011 September). *The cumulative impact of risk markers & risk factors following trauma and the association with functional impairments*. Paper presented at the 16th International Conference on Violence, Abuse & Trauma, San Diego, CA.
32. Ostrowski, S.A., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Briggs-King, E., Layne, C.M., Fairbank, J.A., & Pynoos, R. (2010 November). *Cumulative risk and adverse childhood experiences: Findings from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network*. Paper presented at the 2010 International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies 26th Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec.
33. Layne, C.M., Ostrowski, S.A., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Briggs-King, E., & Olsen, J.A. (2010 November). *Beyond statistical significance: Evaluating clinically significant change in child and adolescent trauma treatment*. Paper presented at the 2010 International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies 26th Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec.
34. **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2010 July). *One adult who is crazy about you: Can natural mentoring relationships increase assets among young adults with and without foster care experience?* Paper presented at the 2010 Add Health Users Conference, Bethesda, MD.
35. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Grinstein-Weiss, M., & Usher, L. (2010 January). *One adult who is crazy about you: Can natural mentoring relationships decrease material hardship and increase assets among young adults with and without foster care experience?* Paper presented at the 2010 Society for Social Work & Research 14th Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
36. Grinstein-Weiss, M., Yeo, Y.H., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Despard, M.R. & Quercia, R.G. (2009 January). *Effect of homeownership on resource generation & ties to neighbors: A multilevel analysis*. Paper presented at the 2009 Society for Social Work & Research 13th Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
37. Grinstein-Weiss, M., Paik, J.G., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, & Quercia, R.G. (2009 January). *Is low- and moderate-wealth homeownership associated with better quality home environment? Evidence from the Community Advantage Panel*. Paper presented at the 2009 Society for Social Work & Research 13th Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
38. Barth, R.P., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Guo, S., Green, R.L., Hurley, S., & Sisson, J. (2008 March). *Outcomes for youth receiving intensive in-home therapy or residential care: A comparison using propensity scores*. Paper presented at the Joint Conference of EUSARF and IOBER, Padua, Italy.
39. Grinstein-Weiss, M., Lee, J., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Irish, K., & Han, C. (2008 January). *Fostering low-income homeownership: A longitudinal randomized experiment on individual development accounts*. Paper presented at the 2008 Society for Social Work & Research 12th Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

40. Barth, R.P., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Guo, S., Hurley, S., Sisson, J., & Goldsmith, T. (2007 March). *Outcomes for youth receiving intensive in-home therapy or residential care: A comparison using propensity scores*. Paper presented at the 2007 A System of Care for Children's Mental Health 20th Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.
41. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Gavidia, I., Gottlieb, K., & Thurston-Fischer, M. (2005 January). *Examining the relationship between parental involvement and family relations in a youth crime prevention program*. Paper presented at the 2005 Society for Social Work & Research 9th Annual Conference, Miami, FL.

Conference Posters

(*Indicates presentations with Penn graduate or undergraduate students)

1. *Wang, W., *Jakatimath, A., & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2025 September). *The role of family literacy and psychosocial development in female poverty in rural Morocco* [Poster presentation]. University of Pennsylvania Center for Undergraduate Research Fellowships, Fall 2025 Research Expo, Philadelphia, PA.
2. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Wasch, S. & *Gyourko, J.R. (2025 January). *Reintegration of street-connected children & youth in Kenya: Evaluation of Agape Children's Ministry's Family Strengthening Program*. Poster presented at the 2025 Society for Social Work & Research 29th Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.
3. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Wasch, S. & *Gyourko, J.R. (2024 August). *Reintegration of street-connected children & youth in Kenya: Evaluation of Agape Children's Ministry's Family Strengthening Program*. Poster presented at the ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, Uppsala, Sweden.
4. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Wasch, S. & *Gyourko, J.R. (2024 August). *"The program encourages people not to have a heavy heart": A qualitative study of a Family Strengthening Program in Western Kenya*. Poster presented at the ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, Uppsala, Sweden.
5. *Gyourko, J.R. & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2022 March). *Predictors of foster youth identity fraud victimization: Modeling annual credit check outcomes with binary logistic regression*. Poster presented at the ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, Online.
6. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Jaffee, S.R., Wasch, S., & *Gyourko, J.R. (2021 January). *Experiences of youth in foster care & aged-out of foster care during COVID-19*. Poster presented at the 2021 Society for Social Work & Research 25th Annual Conference, Online.
7. Sulimani-Aidan, Y., Melkman, E., & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2020 January). *The contribution of mentoring to the life skills of youth leaving care in Israel*. Poster presented at the 2020 Society for Social Work & Research 24th Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
8. Wolfe, D.S. & **Greeson, J.K.P.** (2018 September). *Findings from a multi-city study of human trafficking prevalence and child welfare risk factors among homeless youth*. Poster presented at the ISPCAN XXII International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, Prague, Czech Republic.
9. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, *Thompson, A.E., & *Xue, J. (2018 January). *Mentoring youth who age out of foster care: Does mentor type matter?* Poster presented at the 2018 Society for Social Work & Research 22nd Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
10. *Thompson, A.E., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, & *Brunsink, A.M. (2017 January). *Natural mentoring among older youth in and aging out of foster care: A systematic review*. Poster presented at the 2017 Society for Social Work & Research 21st Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

11. **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Grinstein-Weiss, M., & Usher, L. (2010 March). *One adult who is crazy about you: Can natural mentoring relationships decrease material hardship and increase assets among young adults with and without foster care experience?* Poster presented at the 2010 Society for Research on Adolescence 13th Biennial Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Conference Discussion Sessions & Roundtables

1. Williams, J.H., Jackson, J.L., Solomon, P.L., Iversen, R.R., Garcia, A., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Ghose, T., Engstrom, M., Wimberly, A., & Franke, N. (2016 January). *Innovative research-based policy solutions to intersecting grand policy changes: Transformative ideas for the next U.S. President's agenda*. Roundtable presented at the 2016 Society for Social Work & Research 20th Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
2. *Thompson, A.E., **Greeson, J.K.P.**, Mann-Feder, V.R., & van Dulmen, M.H.M. (2015 October). *Social support among older youth aging out of foster care*. Discussion Session presented at the 2015 Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood 7th Conference, Miami, FL.

Testimony

1. Missing & Exploited Children: Hearing before the Committee on Children & Youth, Philadelphia City Council, March 11, 2020.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Curriculum Development & Program Leadership

2019-	Director, Child Well-Being & Child Welfare Specialization (CW2), School of Social Policy & Practice
2014-2019	Founding Co-Director, Child Well-Being & Child Welfare Specialization (CW2), School of Social Policy & Practice
2016-2018	Co-Principal Investigator, Penn Futures Project: Preparing Leaders in Child Advocacy & Welfare, an interprofessional curriculum across Social Policy & Practice, Nursing, and Education
2014-2015	Co-Developer, Integrative Seminar in Child Welfare, supported by a Penn Social Science & Policy Forum Course Development Grant

Master of Social Work Courses

2013-Present	<i>University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice, Philadelphia, PA</i> • Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (Spring 2013) • Advanced Macro Social Work Practice I (Fall 2013) • Advanced Macro Social Work Practice II (Spring 2014) • Clinical & Macro Child Welfare Practice (Fall 2014 – Fall 2025) • Child Welfare Integrative Seminar (Spring 2016 – Spring 2026) • Introduction to Social Work Research (Spring 2016, 2 sections; Spring 2017, 2 sections; Spring 2018, 2 sections; Spring 2019, 1 section; Spring 2022, 1 section; Spring 2024, 1 section online; Spring 2025 1 section online; Spring 2026 1 section online)
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| 2012 | <i>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work, Chapel Hill, NC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of Social Work Interventions |
| 2008 | <i>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work, Chapel Hill, NC</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of Social Work Interventions (Graduate Teaching Assistant) |

Master of Science in Social Policy Courses

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| 2012 | <i>University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice, Philadelphia, PA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative Reasoning/Social Statistics (Fall 2012) |
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PhD Courses

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| 2019-2020 | <i>University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice, Philadelphia, PA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proseminar (Spring 2019-Fall 2020) |
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MENTORSHIP & ADVISING EXPERIENCE

Dissertation & Thesis Chair

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| 2026 | Ilana Polak (DSW; University of Pennsylvania). Dissertation Title: Linking youth rehabilitation and animal welfare: A scoping review of shelter dog programs for justice-involved youth
<i>Now Licensed Clinician, Yale School of Medicine, Psychiatry</i> |
| 2026 | Savannah Zink (DSW; University of Pennsylvania). Dissertation Title: Leaving siblings behind: Former foster youths' perspectives on the role of the sibling relationship during and after the transition to adulthood
<i>Now Teaching Instructor & Field Placement Coordinator, West Virginia University, School of Social Work</i> |
| 2026 | Winnie Wang (BA, Economics & Computer Science; University of Pennsylvania). Thesis Title: The role of family literacy and psychosocial development in female poverty in rural Morocco
<i>Now Analyst, The Raine Group</i> |
| 2024 | John R. Gyourko (PhD; University of Pennsylvania). Dissertation Title: Foster youth identity fraud: Prevalence and characteristics, risk factors, and protective interventions
<i>Now Assistant Professor, James Madison University, College of Health and Behavioral Studies, Department of Social Work</i> |
| 2024 | Randall L. Wilson (DSW; University of Pennsylvania). Dissertation Title: Voices of determination: The experiences of African American fathers engaged in the child welfare permanency process
<i>Now Social Work Service Manager II, City of Philadelphia, Department of Human Services; and Adjunct Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice</i> |

2020	Alexis Walsh (DSW; University of Pennsylvania). Dissertation Title: Thriving together: Job skills training in Pennsylvania animal shelters for youth aging out of foster care: A formative evaluation of the Hand2Paw program & toolkit development <i>Now Clinician in Private Practice, Animal-Assisted Therapies</i>
2017	Allison E. Thompson (PhD in Social Welfare; University of Pennsylvania). Dissertation Title: Natural and formal mentors among youth in foster care: Does mentor type explain variance in the quality of the mentoring relationship? <i>Now Senior Researcher, JEVS Human Services</i>

Dissertation Committee Membership

2021-2022	Abigail Wilson (DSW; Millersville University). Dissertation Title: Social workers and child welfare: Perceptions and factors of career trajectory after graduation
2021-2022	Alexandra Ponce de Leon-LeBec (PhD; John Jay College of Criminal Justice). Dissertation Title: Stereotypes, dehumanization, and disciplining disability: Psychological mechanisms that fuel the School-to-Prison Pipeline
2019-2021	Malia Minnick (EdD; New England College). Dissertation Title: Fostering success: How students involved in foster care progress in higher education through the development of a system of supports

Graduate Mentorship

2026-2027	Amaya Saintal – Macro Practice Intern
2026-2027	Julie (Yu) Jiang – Macro Practice Intern
2026-2027	Mikayla Klein – Macro Practice Intern (Bryn Mawr College)
2026-2027	Zhi Yi Tan – Research Assistant
2025-2026	Jasleen Virk, MSW — Macro Practicum Intern
2025-2026	Saadhya Bahudodda, MSSP — Research Assistant
2025-2026	Nina Pham, MSSP — Field Center Nancy Glickenhause Fellow
2025-2026	Cheri Mitchell, MSW — Macro Practice Intern (Bryn Mawr College)
2025	Liya Cha, MSSP — Research Assistant
2024-2025	Logan Fosu, MSW — Field Center Nancy Glickenhause Fellow
2024-2025	Kate Greco, MSW/NPL — Macro Practicum Intern
2024-2025	Sabrina Vargas, MSW — Macro Practicum Intern
2024-2025	Hannah Bennett, MSW — Macro Practice Intern (Bryn Mawr College)
2024	Antonio Dill-Word, MAPP — Thesis Mentor
2022-	Nick Vasquez — Research Assistant (Cal Poly Humboldt)
2022	Bella Dougherty, MSW — Research Assistant
2021-2022	Sarah Gzesh, PhD — Research Assistant

2020-2024	John R. Gyourko, PhD — Research Assistant & Dissertation Advisee -2023 Recipient, Keystone Presidential Service Award, Pennsylvania Chapter, National Association of Social Workers -Competitively selected to attend the National Data Archive on Child Abuse & Neglect's 2023 Summer Research Institute, Cornell University -2022 Recipient, Hal Levin Award, presented to a meritorious student in the PhD in Social Welfare Program who is continuing the process of completing course work -2022 Field Research Scholar, University of Calgary Faculty of Social Work's Transforming the Field Education Landscape project (invite only)
2019-2020	AJ Ortiz, MSSP — Research Assistant
2019	Zachary Holtzman-Conston, DSW — Teaching Assistant
2018-2019	Nehal Eldeeb, MSW — Research Assistant
2017	Anniesha Walker, DSW — Teaching Assistant
2016-2017	Jamie Siegel, DSW — Teaching Assistant
2016	Amy Preston Page, DSW — Teaching Assistant
2016	Rumyana Kudeva, DSW — Teaching Assistant
2015-2016	Christina DeNard, PhD — Teaching Assistant & Research Assistant
2015	Ashleigh M. Brunsink, MSW — Research Assistant
2013-2017	Allison E. Thompson, PhD — Research Assistant & Dissertation Advisee -2016 Recipient, Dissertation Grant, The Fahs Beck Fund for Research & Experimentation (\$4,998) -Competitively selected to attend the National Data Archive on Child Abuse & Neglect's 2016 Summer Research Institute, Cornell University
2014-2015	JaNeen Cross, DSW — Teaching Assistant
2013-2014	Rebecca Stern Wenger, MSW — Research Assistant
2013	Michelle Evans-Chase, PhD — Research Assistant
2013	Samira Ali, PhD — Research Assistant

Undergraduate Mentorship

2025	Anya Jayanthi & Miette Gourlay — Team Member, Projects for Progress at Penn
2025	Ellie Stamps — Research Assistant (University of Michigan)
2024-2025	Ansh Jakatimath & Winnie Wang — Project Mentor, Penn International Impact Consulting -2025 Recipients, Gelfman International Summer Fund Grant through the Center for Undergraduate Research & Fellowships (\$3,000)
2024	Sam Baker — Research Assistant (Ithaca College)
2024	Jessica Schneider — Research Assistant (Syracuse University)
2020	Barkat Sikder — Research Assistant (Swarthmore College)

2019	Alexi Chacon — Research Assistant
2016-2017	Rebekah Lynn Weber & Jacquiley H. Wong — Project Mentor, President's Engagement Prize: <i>Maternal Embrace: Empowering Pregnant and Parenting Teens to Reach Their Goals and Flourish</i>
2014	XueZhen Mei — Research Assistant
2013-2014	Phoebe Wang — Research Assistant
2013	Saraf Ahmed — Research Assistant

SERVICE

Editorial Service for Professional Journals – Associate Editor

2016-2020 *Emerging Adulthood*

Editorial Service for Professional Journals – Reviewer

1. *Global Public Health*
2. *Journal of Human Trafficking*
3. *Israel Journal of Health Policy Research*
4. *American Journal of Public Health*
5. *Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Science*
6. *Child Protection & Practice*
7. *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*
8. *JAMA Pediatrics*
9. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*
10. *Annals of New York Academy of Sciences*
11. *Journal of Social & Personal Relationships*
12. *Clinical Social Work Journal*
13. *American Journal of Sexuality Education*
14. *Nordic Social Work Research*
15. *Journal of Adolescent Research*
16. *Journal of Youth Studies*
17. *International Journal of Social Welfare*
18. *Journal of Family Violence*
19. *Journal of Technology in Human Service*
20. *Child & Youth Care Forum*
21. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*
22. *Journal of Child & Family Studies*
23. *Journal of Adolescent Health*
24. *Child Maltreatment*
25. *Pediatrics*
26. *Emerging Adulthood*
27. *Child Welfare*
28. *Journal of the Society for Social Work & Research*
29. *Children and Youth Services Review*

Editorial Service for Academic/University Presses

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| 2020 | NASW Press <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Aging Out: Youths' Perspectives on the Transition Out of Foster Care</i> (M. Cunningham & M. Diversi) – Proposal Reviewer |
| 2015 | Oxford University Press <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Some Type of Way: Aging Out of Foster Care</i> (L. Schelbe) – Prospectus Reviewer• <i>Out of Harm's Way: Creating an Effective Child Welfare System</i> (R. Gelles) – Manuscript Reviewer• <i>Leaving Care & the Transition to Adulthood: International Contributions to Theory, Research & Practice</i> (V. Mann-Feder & M. Goyette, Eds.) – Prospectus Reviewer• <i>The Neglected Transition: Building a Relational Home for Children Entering Foster Care</i> (M. Mitchell) – Manuscript Reviewer |
| 2024 | Routledge Taylor & Francis Group <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>A Practical Handbook for Working Therapeutically with Teenagers and Young Adults</i> (H. Gifford) – Prospectus Reviewer |

Abstract Review for Conferences

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| 2025-2026 | 2026 Excellence in Research Award Review Committee, Society for Social Work & Research (SSWR) |
| 2018-2019 | 2019 Excellence in Research Award Review Committee, Society for Social Work & Research (SSWR) |
| 2013-Present | Abstract review, Society for Social Work & Research (SSWR) |
| 2013-2017 | Abstract review, Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood (SSEA) |

Research Grant Proposal Review

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| 2025 | Health Research Advisory Board, Department of Health, Dublin, Ireland
(declined due to conflict of interest) |
| 2024 | The National Dutch Research Council, Dutch Research Agenda, The Hague, Netherlands |

Tenure & Promotion External Review

- School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Bob Shapell School of Social Work, Tel Aviv University
- Graduate School of Social Service, Fordham University
- School of Social Work, Portland State University
- Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, City University of New York
- School of Social Welfare, State University of New York – Albany
- College for Health, Community & Policy, University of Texas – San Antonio

Positions Held with Professional Societies

2014-2016 Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood (SSEA), Chair, Topic Network on Youth Aging Out of Foster Care

University Service

University of Pennsylvania

2026- Member, Provost's Office Council, Graduate Council of the Faculties
2025- Member, Faculty Senate Executive Committee
2025- Member, Advisory Group, Center for Excellence in Teaching, Learning & Innovation (CETLI)
2023- Member, University Council, Committee on Personnel Benefits
2023- Member, Central Pool Classroom Committee
2018-2019 Member, Faculty Senate Nominating Committee

University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice

2025-2026 Member, MSW Governance Committee
2025-2026 Member, Committee on Building Community & Enhancing Social Good
2023- Member, Academic Freedom & Responsibility
2023-2024 Mentor/Supervisor, Race & Social Justice Fellows
2021-2024 Member, Committee on Race & Social Justice
2021-2023 Member, Personnel Committee
2021 Co-Organizer/Co-Convener (with Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis & University of Kentucky College of Social Work), 2021 Bringing Science to Bear on Child Welfare Reforms Summit (Online)
2019-2021 Member, PhD Steering Committee
2012-2013;
2019-2020 Member, MSSP Governance Committee
2019 Member, Task Force on Race & Social Justice
2018-2020 Member, Committee on Student Policies & Procedures
2013-2014 Organizer/Planner, 2014 National Summit on Youth Aging Out of Foster Care
2012-2017 Chair, Advanced Macro Social Work Practice Sequence & Member, MSW Governance Committee
2012-2017 Faculty Affiliate, The Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research

Community Service

2025	Contributor, World Health Organization's Collaborating Centre on Population Health Research & Training , Centre for Global Health Research at the University of Edinburgh & Journal of Global Health International Advisory Committee on Setting Priorities for Violence Against Children & Health
2025	Member, Child Welfare League of America National Advisory Committee for a New Standard of Excellence Volume on Permanency, Washington, DC
2021-2024	Secretary of the Board, One Simple Wish , Trenton, NJ
2021-2023	Board Member, Camp to Belong – River Valley , Voorhees, NJ
2017-2024	Board Member, One Simple Wish , Trenton, NJ
2017-2018	Judge, Relationships Award Category, Aging Out Institute , Harrisburg, PA
2009-2012	Youth Mentor, Blue Ribbon Mentor-Advocate Program , Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, Chapel Hill, NC
2011-2012	Board Member, Junior Leadership Durham 4-H Club , Durham, NC
2009-2012	Guardian ad Litem (GAL) , 14 th Judicial District of the State of North Carolina
2005-2008	Foster Youth vMentor, The Orphan Foundation of America, Sterling, VA

Professional Memberships

2004-Present	Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)
2012-2017;	Society for Study of Emerging Adulthood (SSEA)
2025-Present	
2011-2012	Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
2011-2012	National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
2009-2010	Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic, Consulting and Advisory Roles

- (1) MSW Academic Preceptor**, University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice, [Bridging the Gaps](#) (BTG); 2024–Present
Precept MSW students placed in community-based summer internships through BTG, a program that links health-related service in under-resourced communities with the training of future health and social service professionals. Facilitate weekly interprofessional seminars, provide reflective supervision of student fieldwork, and evaluate student learning products and final presentations.
- (2) Director, Policy & Research**, Rev. Darrell Armstrong for Governor (Independent), Trenton, NJ; 2025
Provided strategic policy analysis, conducted research on key social issues impacting New Jersey communities, and developed evidence-based recommendations to inform campaign platforms and voter engagement initiatives.
- (3) Trial Consultant**, *Taylor Agriss, as P/N/G of A.W., J.W., M.W., R.W., & S.W. v. Gemma Services, Case 240400334*, Philadelphia, PA; 2024

Served as trial consultant for Marc Perry, Esq. at Post & Schell, PC.

- (4) **Co-Developer**, [*Juvenile Law Center*](#), Philadelphia, PA; 2016-2017
Collaborated with Juvenile Law Center & Penn Engineering students from tech incubator [*Hack4Impact*](#) to create a mobile web app ([*Youth Matters: Philly*](#)) for vulnerable and at-risk youth in Philadelphia designed to help them identify and locate community-based resources.
- (5) **Consultant**, [*Valley Youth House*](#), Allentown, PA; 2017-2019
Provided professional consulting services for development and launching of program quality improvement & assessment strategic plan. Presented plan at spring 2017 Board Meeting.
- (6) **Expert Witness**, *N.G. et al. v. South Carolina Depart. of Social Services*, 10-cv-2973-CMG, Camden, SC; 2011-2013
Served as expert witness for Robert J. Butcher, Esq. at The Camden Law Firm, PA. Reviewed documents, wrote report, and testified regarding out-of-home placement of sexually and physically aggressive children.

Earlier Practice and Research Roles

- (7) **Research Associate**, [*innovation Research & Training, Inc.*](#), Durham, NC; 2008-2009
(Mentor: Janis Kupersmidt, PhD)
Assisted with execution of Phase I Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant funded by the National Institute of Child Health & Human Development to create a scientifically informed and practically applicable web-based training program for volunteer mentors. Responsibilities included development of prototype of training application and evaluating feasibility through field-testing with volunteer mentors and program managers. Analyzed feasibility data and wrote report summarizing findings for inclusion in Phase II SBIR grant application.
- (8) **Graduate Research Assistant**, [*University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work*](#), Chapel Hill, NC; 2005-2008
(Mentors: Nancy Dickinson, PhD & Richard Barth, PhD)
Assisted with the Second Family Evaluation Project. Responsibilities included review of evidence-based services for youth in out of-home care; report and article writing; program planning; outcome and process evaluation development and implementation; budget preparation.
- (9) **Graduate Research Assistant**, [*University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Center for Community Capital*](#), Chapel Hill, NC; 2007-2008
(Mentor: Michal Grinstein-Weiss, PhD)
Assisted with data analysis, data interpretation; report and article writing for the *Self-Help/Fannie Mae Community Advantage Program*, an eight-year study examining ways to increase wealth through expanded homeownership for low- and moderate- income families through greater access to secondary market capital.
- (10) **Graduate Research Assistant**, [*University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Social Work*](#), Chapel Hill, NC; 2005-2007
(Mentor: Richard Barth, PhD)
Assisted with Youth Villages Evaluation Project. Responsibilities included grant writing and preparation; data cleaning, analysis, and interpretation; report and article writing.

- (11) **Grant Writer**, *YMCA Professional Services*, Tampa, FL; 2005
Wrote grant for submission to the U.S. Department of Labor - Employment and Training Administration for the delivery of direct program services to youth aging out of the foster care.
- (12) **Consultant**, *Our Kids of Miami-Dade and Monroe, Inc.*, Miami, FL; 2004-2005
Wrote grant for submission to Esperanza USA funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, to serve as a subgrantee for delivery of direct services to adjudicated and at-risk Latino youth in the Metro Miami area. Assisted with conceptualization, design, and writing of a *System of Care* for District 11's privatized child welfare system. Summarized recently passed FL child welfare legislation on independent living transition services, foster care, adoption, & Medicaid.
- (13) **Grant Reviewer**, *The Children's Trust*, Miami, FL; 2004
Participated on Promotion and Prevention Proposal Review Team to evaluate applications for county funding of \$7,700,000 for programs to enrich the life experiences of children, youth and families, enhance parenting skills, provide enriching activities for children, support positive youth development, and increase volunteerism and civic engagement.
- (14) **Research Associate**, *The Thurston Group, Inc.*, N. Miami, FL; 2003-2005
Served as Project Manager for 22 youth crime prevention programs funded by the Miami-Dade Youth Crime Task Force and the Dade-Miami Criminal Justice Council. Responsible for administration of process and outcome evaluations, statistical analyses, writing of evaluation reports, production of presentations for evaluation feedback sessions, preparation of abstracts and presentations for conferences, and management of deliverables. Conducted monthly site visits for 13 youth crime prevention programs, including direct program observation and in-depth interviews and focus groups with staff and clients, and provided data collection assistance.
- (15) **Record Reviewer**, *Our Kids of Miami-Dade and Monroe, Inc.*, Miami, FL; 2003
Reviewed 350 District 11 protective services client files as part of client population study of local child welfare system. Completed comprehensive, 13-page record review protocol on each file reviewed, collecting demographic, permanency, maltreatment, critical incident, family, educational, medical, mental health, substance abuse, and service utilization data. Assisted with quality assurance review of completed protocols.
- (16) **Grant Reviewer**, *The Alliance for Human Services*, Miami, FL; 2003
Participated on Legal Services Proposal Review Team charged with review of applications for countywide, community-based organization funding for FY2004-2007 totaling \$300,000.
- (17) **Research Specialist**, *CHARLEE of Dade County, Inc.*, Coral Gables, FL; 2002-2003
Developed, implemented, and managed internal program evaluation involving over 100 dependent children, as part of a pilot study of enhanced foster care. Coordinated and supervised data collection through review of client records and administration of standardized measurements of client functioning. Performed statistical analyses of data using SPSS. Supervised 3 research assistants. Engaged in report writing.
- (18) **Grant Writer**, *Human Services Coalition of Dade County, Inc.*, Miami, FL; 2001-2002
Researched funding opportunities. Organized and responded to appropriate funding prospects via telephone and letters of inquiry. Wrote and submitted grant proposals.

- (19) Project Associate (Social Work Intern; Bryn Mawr College), [Philadelphia Health Management Corporation](#), Philadelphia, PA 2000-; 2000-2001**
Served on the interdisciplinary, city-wide Philadelphia Women's Death Review Team. Performed quantitative data analysis of the premature deaths of Philadelphia women. Authored domestic violence section of 1998 Analysis of Findings report. Researched decriminalization of prostitution, conducted literature review, and wrote report focusing on U.S. and international legislation, regulations, and pertinent case law. Conducted legal analysis of state-level Supreme Court cases addressing the constitutionality of prostitution laws.
- (20) Victim Advocate (Social Work Intern; Bryn Mawr College), [Families of Murder Victims](#), Philadelphia, PA; 2000**
Aided co-victims of criminal homicide by providing court accompaniment to preliminary hearings and trials. Provided emotional support and informal counseling to co-victims, answered questions about criminal justice process, and provided information about agency services and updates on cases. Assisted co-victims with applying for crime victims' compensation and referrals to formal counseling services.
- (21) Social Work Intern (Bryn Mawr College), [Project H.O.M.E.](#), Philadelphia, PA; 1999**
Assisted with outreach to homeless individuals living on the street. Performed intake interviews and made referrals to community resources such as shelters, transitional housing, rehabilitation facilities, and mental health centers.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Listed in alphabetical order by outlet/source

AGE OUT ANGELS RADIO HOUR WITH GREG RAPPORT

- Have Youth in Foster Care Suffered Extra During COVID? Can Youth in Foster Care Increase Their 3% College Graduation Rate? (August 31, 2020)

AGING OUT INSTITUTE'S PODCAST WITH LYNN TONINI

- Episode #009: Preparing Foster Youth for Adulthood (May 10, 2020)

BILLY PENN

- Who Did the Pandemic Hit Worst? Young Adults Aging Out of Foster Care Felt an Economic Slam, New Survey Shows (September 23, 2020)
- Wolf To Foster Youth: Executive Powers Tapped for Shutdowns Don't Extend to Your Aid (May 18, 2020)

CNN HEALTH

- The Best and Worst U.S. States for Children (June 27, 2018)

DAILY PENNSYLVANIAN

- 'Fostering' Knowledge about Child Welfare (February 19, 2014)

FAST COMPANY

- She Went to The Hospital For A Few Days. The State Kept Her Kids For 4 Years (August 14, 2023)

HARVARD POLITICAL REVIEW

- Beyond Foster Care (Jul 15, 2021)

IMPACT CONVERSATIONS' PODCAST WITH DAWN MANSKE

- Investing in Older Foster Care Youth (June 11, 2020)

INSIDE PENN

- Directory from SP2's Field Center Aims to Help Foster Youth Pursue Higher Education (October 25, 2024)

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

TEDx Talks: Beyond the Visible

- How to Heal the Aging Out Crisis (YouTube)
Lincoln University News: TEDx Talks At Lincoln University To Encourage The Audience To Think 'Beyond The Visible' (January 8, 2020)

MEDPAGETODAY

- COVID-19 Strips Safety Net for Foster Youth 'Aging Out' During Pandemic (December 8, 2020)

NJ.COM

- "House of Horrors": N.J. Teen's Mom, Stepdad Allegedly Tortured Her for Years (June 30, 2025)

PENN NEWS

- COVID-19 and Women in the Workforce (March 17, 2021)
- Marching against Racism and Police Violence (October 1, 2020)
- Care in Crisis (July 16, 2020)
- SP2 Associate Professor Testifies at City Council Hearing on Missing and Exploited Children (March 17, 2020)
- New Intervention for Aging Out Youth from Foster Care (January 8, 2020)
- One-Fifth of Homeless Youth are Victims of Human Trafficking (April 30, 2018)
- Homeless Youths at High Risk for Sex Trafficking (July 27, 2017)
- Penn Partners on New App to Aid Vulnerable Youth Exiting Foster Care (May 4, 2017)
- Field Center at Penn Identifies Risk Factors Making Homeless Youth Vulnerable to Sex Trafficking (April 19, 2017)
- Commentary: Many Foster Care Youth Unprepared for Independent Living (November 14, 2016)
- Focus of Penn Researcher Leads to National Summit on Youth Aging Out of Foster Care (April 22, 2014)
- Penn's Field Center Advocates Changing Higher Ed Policy for Former Foster Youth (September 12, 2013)

SOCIAL WORK ADVOCATES, NASW

- Child Welfare and Protection: Understanding the Social Worker's Role (June 3, 2025)

SOCIAL WORK TODAY

- Digital Directions for Aging Out and Other Vulnerable Youth (December 2019)
- A Closer Look at Family First — The Pros and Cons of Recent Foster Care Legislation (March 2019)
- Legal and Relational Permanence in Older Foster Care Youths (July/August 2015)
- Natural Mentoring of Older Foster Care Youths — Behavioral Health Benefits (July/August 2014)

THE IMPRINT, formerly THE CHRONICLE OF SOCIAL CHANGE

- Penn Conference Renews Energy on Transition-Aged Foster Youth (June 2, 2014)

THE POWER OF PENN

- The Power of Connection (August 19, 2019)

WALLETHUB

- States with Most Caring Cities (December 8, 2025)
- States with the Most Underprivileged Children (August 12, 2025)
- States with the Most Underprivileged Children (August 9, 2023)

WHYY NEWS (PBS/NPR affiliate, Philadelphia)

- White House Launches Foster Care Program; Philly Child Welfare Experts Hopeful But See Gaps In Prevention, Housing, & Relationships (November 18, 2025). Radio segment available here. <https://penntoday.upenn.edu/news/one-fifth-homeless-youth-are-victims-human-trafficking>