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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT**

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08/2024-present      **Postdoctoral Associate**  
Center for Research on Ending Violence  
School of Social Work, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Mentor: Chiara Sabina, Ph.D.

**EDUCATION**

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2024      **Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work (Ph.D.)**  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Dissertation: *The effects of child maltreatment and exposure to intimate partner violence on child behavioral outcomes: An examination of severity, frequency, and co-occurrence*  
Committee Members: Drs. Chien-Chung Huang (Chair), Victoria Banyard, Cassandra Simmel, & Megan R. Holmes

2017      **Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)**  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

2015      **Bachelor of Arts in Editing and Publishing Science (B.A.)**  
South China University of Technology, School of Journalism and Communication  
Guangzhou, Guangdong, China

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Adverse childhood experiences	Child development and well-being
Developmental psychopathology	Intimate partner violence in minority communities
Exposure to intimate partner violence	

**TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Violence against women and children	Methods of social work research
Human behavior and the social environment	Diversity and oppression
Social work practice	Social welfare policy and services

**PUBLICATIONS**

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*Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

**Chen, Y.** (*in press*). Domestic violence in Asian communities: A scoping review of quantitative literature. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15248380241263313>  
Holmes, M. R., Bender, A. E., Yoon, S., Berg, K. A., Duda-Banwar, J., **Chen, Y.**, ... &



- Perzynski, A. T. (*in press*). Examination of protective factors that promote prosocial skill development among children exposed to intimate partner violence. *Development and Psychopathology*, 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0954579424000087>
- Chen, Y.** (*in press*). The effects of child maltreatment and exposure to intimate partner violence on the co-occurrence of anxious/depressive symptoms and aggressive behavior. *Child Abuse & Neglect*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2024.106655>
- Chen, Y.**, Huang, C-C., Yang, M., & Wang, J. (2023). Relations between adverse childhood experiences and resilience in college students in China. *Journal of Family Violence*. 5(4). 623-632. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-022-00388-4>
- Chen, Y.**, Cheung, S., & Huang, C. C. (2022). Intimate partner violence during pregnancy: effects of maternal depression symptoms and parenting on teen depression symptoms. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. 36(9-10). NP7034-NP7056. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260520967754>
- Johnson, L., **Chen, Y.**, Stylianou, A., & Arnold, A. (2022). Examining the impact of economic abuse on survivors of intimate partner violence: A scoping review. *BMC Public Health*, 22,1014. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-022-13297-4>
- Xie. X.X, **Chen, Y.**, Cheung, S. & Huang, C-C. (2022). Social innovation and health-related well-being of left-behind children: Evidence from an intelligent robot project in China. *Applied Research in Quality of Life*. 17. 927-1928. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11482-021-10010-2>
- Huang, C-C., **Chen, Y.**, Cheung, S., Hu, H., & Wang, E. (2021). Adverse childhood experiences, mindfulness, and happiness in Chinese college students during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Child & Family Social Work*. 26(4). 677-686. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cfs.12848>
- Huang, CC., **Chen, Y.**, & Cheung, S. (2021). Early childhood exposure to intimate partner violence and teen depression symptoms in the US. *Health & Social Care in the Community*. 29(5). e47-e55. <https://doi.org/10.1111/hsc.13240>
- Chen, Y.**, Hua, K., Huang, C-C., Zhuo, G.S., & Wang, J. (2021). Adverse childhood experiences and psychological well-being in Chinese college students: Moderated mediation by gender and resilience. *Frontiers in Psychiatry*. 12, 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsy.2021.710635>
- Lu, S., Huang C. C., Rios, J., **Chen, Y.**, & Cheung, S. (2021). Mindfulness and social-emotional skills in Latino pre-adolescents in the U.S.: the mediating role of executive function. *Health and Social Care in the Community*, 29(4). 1010-1018. <https://doi.org/10.1111/hsc.13135>
- Huang, C-C., Yang, M., Geng, Y., **Chen, Y.**, Cheung, S., Deng, G., Dong, Q., Hu, H., Hua, K., Liao, J., Tan, Y., Tu, B., Wang, E., Yu, Z., Zhang, C., Zhang, S., & Zhuo, G. (2021). Adverse childhood experiences and mindfulness in Chinese college students during the COVID-19 pandemic, *Frontiers in Psychiatry*, 12, 1-9. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsy.2021.619128>
- Tu, B., **Chen, Y.**, Cheung, S., Huang, C., & Huang, C.C. (2021). The effects of an innovative caregiver education program on knowledge of child development in China. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 122, 1-7. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2021.105926>
- Chen, Y.**, Tu, B., Huang, C. C., & Huang, C. (2021). Improving parenting knowledge through caregiver education in China. *Child: Care, Health & Development*, 47(2), 261-268. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cch.12837>



- Huang, C. C., Jin, H., Zhang, J., Zheng, Q., **Chen, Y.**, Cheung, S., & Liu, C. (2020). The effects of an innovative e-commerce poverty alleviation platform on Chinese rural laborer skills development and family well-being. *Children and Youth Services Review, 116*, 1-6. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105189>
- Huang, C-C., Lu, S., Rios, J., **Chen, Y.**, Stringham, M., & Cheung, S. (2020). Associations between mindfulness, executive function, social-emotional skills, and quality of life among Hispanic children. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, 17*(21), 7796. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph17217796>
- Huang, C. C., **Chen, Y.**, Jin, H., Stringham, M., Liu, C., & Oliver, C. (2020). Mindfulness, life skills, resilience, and emotional and behavioral problems for gifted low-income adolescents in China. *Frontiers in Psychology, 11*, 1-9. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2020.00594>
- Huang, C. C., **Chen, Y.**, Cheung, S., Greene, L., & Lu, S. (2019). Resilience, emotional problems, and behavioural problems of adolescents in China: roles of mindfulness and life skills. *Health & Social Care in the Community, 27*(5), 1158-1166. <https://doi.org/10.1111/hsc.12753>
- Huang, C.C., **Chen, Y.**, Greene, L., Cheung, S., & Wei, Y. (2019). Resilience and emotional and behavioral problems of adolescents in China: Effects of a short-term and intensive mindfulness and life skills training. *Children and Youth Services Review, 100*, 291-297. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2019.03.015>
- Xie, X., Huang, C.C., **Chen, Y.**, & Hao, F. (2019). Intelligent robots and rural children. *Children and Youth Services Review, 100*, 283-290. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2019.03.004>
- Nicholson, J.V., **Chen, Y.**, & Huang, C.C. (2018). Children's exposure to intimate partner violence and peer bullying victimization. *Children and Youth Services Review, 91*, 439-446. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2018.06.034>

### *Under Review & In Progress*

- Chen, Y.** (*under review*). Unpacking the effects of co-occurring child maltreatment and intimate partner violence exposure on child behavioral outcomes.
- Chen, Y.** (*in progress*). Patterns of co-occurring child maltreatment and intimate partner violence exposure in young children: A latent class analysis.
- Chen, Y.**, Bender, A. E., & Holmes, M. R. (*in progress*). Depressive symptoms of maltreated adolescents: An examination of aggressive behavior, peer relationship, and school engagement.
- Chen, Y.**, Sabina, C., & Carpio, M. A. G. (*in progress*). Interpersonal violence against LGBTQ+ Latines: A scoping review.
- Chen, Y.**, Yoon, Y., Choi, YJ., Han, J-Y., & Orpinas, P. (*in progress*). Attitudes toward domestic violence and intention to intervene in Asian communities in the U.S.
- Duron, J. F., **Chen, Y.**, McKenna, N., & Boxer, P. (*in progress*). Identification of trauma classes and their relation to multiple mental health disorders among justice-involved youth.
- Sabina, C., **Chen, Y.**, Obara, L. M., & Cuevas, C. A. (*in progress*). Victimization, acculturation, and psychological distress in Latino youth.
- Yoon, Y., **Chen, Y.**, & Choi, YJ. (*in progress*). The effect of community environment on the childhood family-of-origin violence experience and intimate partner violence experience



among college students.

- Chen, Y.** & Huang, C. C. (*in progress*). Children's long-term exposure to intimate partner violence and internalizing outcomes: A latent profile analysis.
- Chen, Y.**, Choi, YJ., & Han, J-Y. (*in progress*). Ethnic differences in subjective perceptions about domestic violence in Asian American communities.
- Choi, YJ., **Chen, Y.**, Han, J-Y., Ahn, K., & Orpinas, P. (*in progress*). Impacts of an online intervention for Korean faith leaders on community members' domestic violence knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors.

## PRESENTATIONS

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### *Peer-Reviewed Oral Presentations*

- Chen, Y.** *Domestic violence in Asian communities: A scoping review of quantitative literature.* The 28th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). Washington, D.C., January 10-14, 2024.
- Chen, Y.**, Yoon, Y., Choi, YJ., Han, J-Y., & Orpinas, P. *Attitudes toward domestic violence and intention to intervene in Asian communities in the U.S.* The 28th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). Washington, D.C., January 10-14, 2024.
- Chen, Y.** *Unpacking the effect of co-occurring child maltreatment and intimate partner violence exposure on child behavioral outcomes.* Research to Action Summit. Louisville, Kentucky, October 4-6, 2023.
- Duron, J., South, M., **Chen, Y.**, & Ast, R. *Examination of key elements to successful implementation of services for youth with problematic sexual behavior: A New Jersey research partnership.* Research to Action Summit. Louisville, Kentucky, October 4-6, 2023.
- Chen, Y.**, Bender, A. E., & Holmes, M. R. *Depressive symptoms of maltreated adolescents: An examination of aggressive behavior, peer relationship, and school engagement.* The 27th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). Phoenix, AZ, January 11-15, 2023.
- Duron, J., **Chen, Y.**, Williams-Butler, A., Rodgers, V., & Boxer, P. *Identification of trauma classes and their relation to multiple mental health disorders among justice-involved youth.* The 27th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). Phoenix, AZ, January 11-15, 2023.
- Johnson, L., **Chen, Y.**, Stylianou, A., & Arnold, A. *Examining the impact of economic abuse on survivors of intimate partner violence: A systematic review.* [Oral presentation as part of symposium]. The 4th European Conference on Domestic Violence. Virtual. September 13-15, 2021.
- Chen, Y.**, Cheung, S., & Huang, C. C. *Intimate partner violence during pregnancy: Effects of maternal depression symptoms and parenting on teen depression symptoms.* The 25th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). Virtual. January 19-22, 2021.
- Nicholson, J.V., **Chen, Y.**, & Huang, C.C. *Exposure to intimate partner violence, peer bullying, and early delinquency.* Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development (SWSD). Dublin, Ireland, July 4-7, 2018.
- Nicholson, J.V., **Chen, Y.**, & Huang, C-C. *Children's exposure to intimate partner*



*violence and peer bullying victimization.* International Family Violence and Child  
Victimization Research Conference, Portsmouth, NH, June 15-17, 2018.

***Invited Presentations***

**Chen, Y.** (2023). *Forms and impacts of domestic violence.* Speech invited by Chinese American  
Mental Health Outreach Program in New Jersey (virtual). August 30, 2023.  
Huang, C-C. & **Chen, Y.** (2018). *Children’s exposure to intimate partner violence and peer  
bullying.* Speech invited by the China Social Science Institute, Beijing, China. May 30,  
2018.

***Peer-Reviewed Posters***

Choi, YJ., Yoon, Y., **Chen, Y.**, Ko, Y., Han, J-Y., & Orpinas, P. *Perceived community support  
and acceptance of domestic violence among Asian immigrants: Moderating effect of  
nativity status.* The 28th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research  
(SSWR). Washington, D.C., January 10-14, 2024.  
**Chen, Y.**, Hua, K., Huang, C-C., Zhuo, G.S., & Wang, J. *Adverse childhood experiences  
and psychological well-being in Chinese college students: Moderated mediation  
by gender and resilience.* The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for Social  
Work and Research (SSWR). Washington, D.C., January 12-16, 2022.  
Jin, H., Huang, C-C., **Chen, Y.**, & Cheung, S. *Social innovation and poverty alleviation:  
Evidence from an e-commerce intervention in China.* The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR). Washington, D.C., January  
15-19, 2020.  
Lu, S., Huang, C-C., & **Chen, Y.** *School-based socioemotional intervention in rural  
China: Implications for designing and implementing cultural-sensitive  
intervention research.* The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work  
and Research (SSWR). San Francisco, CA, January 16-20, 2019.

**GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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04/2022	Doctoral Student Support Fund, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey School of Social Work (\$1,000)
2021-2022	Rutgers Doctoral Student Academic Advancement Program (\$25,000)
Summer 2021	Rutgers Doctoral Student Academic Advancement Program (\$5,000)
09/2018-06/2021	Graduate Research Assistantship (appx \$26,000/year)

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

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04/2024	Rutgers The School of Graduate Studies Research & Travel Award (\$1,000)
03/2023	Rutgers The School of Graduate Studies Conference Travel Award (\$1,000)





- 09/2018-06/2023 Rutgers School of Social Work Conference Travel Award (\$1,000/year)
- 03/2022 Rutgers The School of Graduate Studies Conference Travel Award (\$800)
- 09/2016 Dean's Scholarship in honor of Judy Postmus (\$2,000)

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- 11/2023-05/2024 **Doctoral Research Assistant**  
Center for Research on Ending Violence  
School of Social Work, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Faculty Supervisor: Chiara Sabina, Ph.D.  
Task description: led conceptualization and literature review of manuscripts; led data analysis for conference presentations and manuscripts; wrote manuscripts for peer-reviewed publications; provided mentoring and supervision to M.S.W and Ph.D. students.
- 07/2022-05/2024 **Doctoral Research Assistant**  
Researcher-practitioner partnership to promote safety of Asian women: Effectiveness of a community-based intervention (PI: Dr. Yoon Joon Choi), Office on Violence Against Women, the U.S. Department of Justice (\$477,000).  
Faculty Supervisor: Yoon Joon Choi, Ph.D.  
Task description: assisted in the translation of documents for Asian American participants across different ethnical groups; assisted in data entry; led data analysis for conference presentations and manuscripts; wrote manuscripts for peer-reviewed publications.
- 01/2022-05/2023 **Doctoral Research Associate**  
Examination of key elements to successful implementation of services for youth with problematic sexual behavior: A New Jersey research partnership (PI: Dr. Jacquelynn Duron), Child Well-Being Research Network, Chapin Hall, University of Chicago (\$80,000).  
Faculty Supervisor: Jacquelynn Duron, Ph.D.  
Task description: designed Qualtrics survey for data entry; led data analysis for conference presentations and manuscripts; wrote manuscripts for peer-reviewed publications.
- 09/2021-04/2022 **Doctoral Research Assistant**  
Trauma services in the juvenile justice system (PI: Dr. Paul Boxer), Department of Psychology, Rutgers University-Newark  
Faculty Supervisor: Jacquelynn Duron, Ph.D.  
Task description: performed latent class analysis for conference presentations and manuscripts; wrote manuscripts for a peer-reviewed



publication.

- 06/2020-01/2022     **Principal Investigator**  
Life experience of college students in China and the U.S., School of Social Work, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Faculty Supervisor: Chien-Chung Huang, Ph.D.  
Task description: led and oversaw all Institutional Review Board (IRB) applications; designed Qualtrics survey for data collection; oversaw data collection across multiple universities in China; led and/or contributed to advanced statistical analysis for conference presentations and manuscripts; wrote manuscripts for peer-reviewed publications.
- 09/2018-05/2021     **Graduate Research Assistant**  
Huamin Research Center  
School of Social Work, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Faculty Supervisor: Chien-Chung Huang, Ph.D.  
Task description: performed and led advanced statistical analysis for multiple conference presentations and manuscripts; led and/or contributed to manuscripts for peer-reviewed publications.
- 06/2017-05/2018     **Program Manager & Research Assistant**  
Mindfulness intervention for immigrant children in New Jersey, U.S.A (PI: Dr. Shuang Lu), Huamin Charity Foundation.  
Faculty Supervisor: Chien-Chung Huang, Ph.D.  
Task description: coordinated team meetings; developed and delivered intervention materials for participants; designed survey for data collection; facilitated data collection at local elementary schools; wrote manuscripts for peer-reviewed publications.

**GRANT WRITING EXPERIENCE**

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- 2022     **Co-Principal Investigator**  
*Barriers and facilitators of help-seeking behaviors among Chinese immigrant survivors of domestic violence in the United States*, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (Not Funded)
- 2021     **Principal Investigator**  
*The effects of child maltreatment and exposure to intimate partner violence on child behavioral outcomes: An examination of severity, frequency, and co-occurrence*, University and Louis Bevier Fellowships (Not Funded)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- Spring 2024     **Methods of Social Work Research (MSW level, asynchronous online)**  
Instructor  
School of Social Work, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey



Spring 2023 Spring 2022	<b>HBSE: Understanding Violence and Abuse in Childhood (MSW level, in-person)</b> Instructor School of Social Work, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Fall 2022	<b>Social Work Practice I (MSW level, asynchronous online)</b> Instructor School of Social Work, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Spring 2022 Spring 2021	<b>Research Development Seminar (Ph.D. level, virtual)</b> Guest Speaker School of Social Work, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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09/2022-05/2024	<b>Crisis Response Advocate</b> Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance
09/2015-06/2023	<b>Huamin Research Center at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey</b> <b>Assistant Director</b> (09/2020-06/2023) <b>Research Fellow</b> (07/2017-06/2023) <b>Office Manager</b> (05/2017-08/2020) <b>Project Manager &amp; BSW Task Supervisor</b> (09/2019-05/2020; 09/2017-05/2018) <b>Program Coordinator</b> (05/2017-06/2019) <b>MSW Research Assistant</b> (12/2015-04/2017) <b>MSW Research Intern</b> (09/2015-04/2016)
Summer 2019 Summer 2018	<b>Co-Director</b> Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey China Study Abroad and Service-Learning Summer Program
03/2018-05/2018	<b>Intensive In-Community Therapist</b> Family Therapy and Consultation Services and United Family Services
08/2016-04/2017	<b>Clinical MSW Intern</b> Rapid Psychotherapy, LLC

**SERVICE**

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*Community Service*

02/2024-05/2024; 07/2024-present 09/2023-05/2024;	DEIJ Committee Member, the Child Well-Being Research Network (CWRN) Advisory Council Member, CWRN
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07/2024-present	
06/2022-05/2024	Advisory Team Member, Chinese American Mental Health Outreach Program in New Jersey (CAMHOP-NJ)
01/2023-01/2024	Secretary of the API Mentoring Program
12/2021-12/2023	Translation Volunteer, CAMHOP-NJ
08/2022-06/2023	Peer Advisor, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey School of Social Work
03/2022-02/2023	Committee Member, the Society for Social Work and Research Doctoral Student Committee, Mentoring sub-committee
08/2019-06/2020	Peer Advisor, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey School of Social Work

*Academic Service*

07/2023-present	Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Child Abuse &amp; Neglect</i>
06/2023-present	Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Violence Against Women</i>
12/2022-present	Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Journal of Family Violence</i>
11/2022-present	Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment &amp; Trauma</i>
04/2021-present	Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Journal of Interpersonal Violence</i>
12/2021-12/2022	Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Health &amp; Social Care in the Community</i>
10/2019-12/2022	Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Children and Youth Services Review</i>
03/2021-12/2022	Ad hoc Reviewer, <i>Journal of Prevention</i>
05/2021	Proposal Reviewer, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 67 <sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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05/2017-present	Licensed Social Worker in New Jersey (LSW)
06/2022	Crisis Response Advocate Training on Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance (virtual)
06/2022	Longitudinal Structural Equation Modeling Workshop, CenterStat by Curran-Bauer Analytics (virtual)
06/2021	Fragile Families Summer Data Training Workshop, Columbia Population Research Center (virtual)
01/2020	Handling Missing Data Workshop, Preconference Research Method Workshop at 2020 SSWR Annual Conference (Washington, D.C.)
09/2019	Certified BSW/MSW Supervisor, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey School of Social Work
05/2017	Violence Against Women and Children Certificate, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey School of Social Work

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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12/2021-present	The Child Well-Being Research Network (CWRN)
11/2021-present	The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)
02/2021-present	Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)
10/2018-present	Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)



## **SPECIALIZED SKILLS**

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Software: Stata, SPSS/AMOS, Mplus, Qualtrics

Languages: English, Chinese (native proficiency in oral and written communication)