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University of California, Berkeley PhD, Social Welfare	2001
University of California, Berkeley MSW, Social Welfare	1997
University of California, Berkeley BA, Department of Psychology	1989

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Child welfare programs, services, and policies, primarily for youth aging out of child welfare system involvement; children and youth involved with behavioral health systems; child and youth development, well-being, and trauma, especially for those impacted by child-serving systems; relationship between poverty and child welfare involvement; Children's Rights.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2013	Associate Professor, with tenure, School of Social Work, Rutgers University
2004-2013	Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, Rutgers University (on leave 2007-2008; 2011)
2023-present	Faculty Affiliate, Center for Youth Social Emotional Wellness (CYSEW), Rutgers University
2012-present	Faculty Affiliate, Center for Research on Ending Violence (REV), Rutgers University

ADMINISTRATIVE & RESEARCH LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

2023 -present	Director, PhD Program, School of Social Work, Rutgers University
2018 (Spring)	Acting Director, PhD Program, School of Social Work, Rutgers University

- 2014 Acting Co-Director, Center on Violence Against Women and Children, School of Social Work, Rutgers University
- 2010—2014 Appointed as Senior Consultant for Research & Evaluation, Office of Performance Management & Accountability, New Jersey Department of Children and Families.

FUNDED RESEARCH & COLLABORATIONS

External Funding Awards

Training Grant

- 2021-2025 Co-Principal Investigator (with Patricia Findley), Health Resource Service Administration (HRSA) *Rutgers University Behavioral Youth (RUBY) Collaborative, a Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program*, Total costs \$1,919,833.

Research Grants

- 2021-2024 Senior Research Advisor, *Preliminary Activities to Support Future Data Collection for NSCAW (National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-being IV)*. Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Sub-contract award with Research Triangle Institute (RTI), Total costs \$61,424.
- 2019-2022 Principal Investigator, *Evaluation of Court Appointed Special Advocate of New Jersey (CASA)*. Funded by CASA of New Jersey. Total costs \$269,090.
- 2018-2019 Principal Investigator, *Evaluation of New Jersey's Department of Children and Families' Kinship Navigator Program*. Funded by New Jersey's Department of Children and Families and the Children's Bureau. Total costs \$356,184.
- 2018-2019 Principal Investigator, *New Jersey Child Welfare Data Hub*, including *Data Portal* (\$252,784) and *Longitudinal Data Reporting* (\$239,671). Funded by New Jersey's Department of Children and Families.
- 2018-2019 Principal Investigator, *Needs Assessment Research Project*. Funded by New Jersey's Department of Children and Families. Total costs \$214,449.
- 2015-2018 Co-Principal Investigator, *Comparative Effectiveness of State Psychotropic Oversight Systems for Children in Foster Care*. Funded by Patient Centered

- Outcomes Research Institute, \$2,032,074 (total costs) (Steve Crystal, Principal Investigator).
- 2015-2017 Principal Investigator, *Evaluation of Quick Cents program for Youth*. Funded by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families & the U.S. Department of Treasury. Total costs \$87,109.
- 2015-2017 Co-Principal Investigator, *Evaluating the Domestic Violence Liaison Program* funded by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families. Total costs \$349,964 (Judy Postmus, Principal Investigator).
- 2014-2015 Co-Principal Investigator, *Addressing the Needs of Domestically Trafficked Adolescents* project, funded by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families. Total costs \$233,604 (Judy Postmus, Principal Investigator).
- 2013-2014 Principal Investigator, *Evaluation of Parent Linking Programs*. Funded by Prevent Child Abuse-New Jersey. Total costs \$30,000.
- 2013-2014 Principal Investigator, *Needs Assessment of Adolescents involved with the Department of Children and Families*. Funded by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families. Total direct costs \$110,000.
- 2012-13 Principal Investigator, *Needs Assessment of Adolescents involved with the Department of Children and Families & Impact of School Based Services on Middle School Youth*. Funded by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families. Total direct costs, \$158,000.
- 2010-12 Principal Investigator, *Engagement in Child Welfare Services: Understanding the Effects of New Jersey's Case Practice on Family Outcomes*. Funded by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families. Total direct costs \$225,000.
- 2007-08 Principal Investigator, The Smith Richardson Foundation, Domestic Public Policy Grant Program: *Serving Adolescents in the Child Welfare System: The Efficacy of Policies for Foster Youth*. Total costs \$60,000.
- 2006-08 Principal Investigator, The Silberman Fund, Faculty Research Grant: *Examining Adolescents' Experiences in Foster Care*. Total costs \$30,000.
- 2006-08 Principal Investigator, Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation, Faculty Research Grant: *Family Factors Contributing to the Display of Child Abuse*. Total costs \$6,000.

2000-01 Principal Investigator, Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation, Dissertation Grant. Total costs \$3,000.

Internal Funding Awards

2020 Principal Investigator, *The Impact of COVID-19 on at-Risk Families in New York City*. Funded by the Rutgers Center for COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparation. Total costs \$30,000.

2019-21 Principal Investigator, *Post-Doctoral Hire Award* (funding for full-time 2-year post-doctoral fellow, Liwei Zhang). Rutgers University School of Social Work.

2018-20 Principal Investigator, *Assessing the Feasibility of a Pilot Intervention for Parents Transitioning from Child Welfare Services Oversight*. Rutgers School of Social Work Seed Grant funding. Total costs \$10,000.

2012-13 Principal Investigator, Rutgers University Faculty Council Grant: *Measuring Positive Youth Development in Former Foster Youth*. Total costs \$1,000.

2009 Principal Investigator, Rutgers University Faculty Council Grant: *Mapping Youths' Placement Patterns in Foster Care*. Total costs \$1,000.

2005-06 Principal Investigator, Rutgers University Faculty Council Grant: *Family Factors Contributing to the Display of Child Neglect*. Total costs \$2,500.

AWARDS & HONORS

2024 Society for Social Work & Research (SSWR) Fellow

2021 Outstanding Professor in the Policy Curriculum, School of Social Work, Rutgers University

2015-2020 Fulbright Specialist Candidate, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

2010 Professor of the Year, School of Social Work, Rutgers University

2007-2011 Appointed Member, Policy and Communications Committee, Society for Research in Child Development, Washington, D.C. (2007-2011 term)

2002 Selected Participant, Summer Research Institute, National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, National Data Archive, Cornell University

2001-04 Selected Child Policy Research Fellow, Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD), Washington, D.C.

1995-97 U.C. Berkeley Graduate Student Fellowship Award

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

2025-present Senior Research Advisor, *National & State Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-being* (NSSCAW), Research Triangle Institute. Funded by Office of Planning Research and Evaluation, US Department of Health and Human Services.

2024-2025 Member, Executive Planning Committee, New Jersey Office of the Food Security Advocate (OFSA).

2020-21 Senior Consultant, *National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-being* (NSCAW), 3rd cohort. Research Triangle Institute. Funded by Office of Planning Research and Evaluation, US Department of Health and Human Services.

2019-2021 Invited Technical Advisory Member to Mathematica, *Building Capacity to Evaluate Interventions for Youth/Young Adults with Child Welfare Involvement at Risk of Homelessness: Phase III (YARH-3)*. Funded by the Children's Bureau at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

2019-2024; 2025-26
Member, Society for Social Work and Research *Social Policy Committee*.

2019-present Co-founder, Society for Social Work and Research Special Interest Group: *Youth Behavioral Health Policy and Services* (with Genevieve Graaf and Kathleen Pottick).

2015-2019 Invited Technical Work Group Member, *National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-being, 3rd cohort (NSCAW)*, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

2015 Co-Convenor, 1st Annual Academic Meeting at the WHO Milestones Conference: *Merging Evidence and Implementation*, Geneva, Switzerland

2013-18 Member, Violence Prevention Alliance at the World Health Organization

- 2013-19 Research Consultant to Mathematica Policy Research, *Youth at Risk for Homelessness (YARH)* project, funded by the Children’s Bureau at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- 2012-17 Invited Member, *The Wicked Problems in Child Welfare Institutes*, sponsored by University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill & Children’s Home Society
- 2007 Invited Member, *Late Adolescence Work Group*, National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-being project, 2nd cohort (NSCAW), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

In progress or under review

1. Simmel, C., Graaf, G., Zhang, L. (Under Review) Voluntary placements in child welfare: Examining the association with children’s complex behavioral health needs.
2. Simmel, C., Zhang, L., & Greenfield, B. (Under Review). Short Stayers and the risk for repeated involvement in the child welfare system.
3. **Goodwin, J., Simmel, C., and others. (in preparation). Foster care alumni experiencing homelessness: Associations between living situations and illegal high-risk income generation.
4. Graaf, G., Simmel, C., **Pomales, H. (in preparation). Evidence-based practices in Family First Prevention Services Act state plans: A policy surveillance.

Published

(** supervised/mentored graduate student at time of submission/publication;
^^community partner)

39. Simmel, C., Bowden, C., Neese Todd, S., ^^Thorp, K., Hyde, J., & Crystal, S. (2025) Youth in foster care: Highlighting the importance of youth engagement in mental health treatment decisions. *Children and Youth Services Review*.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2024.108094>
38. Graaf, G., Zhang, L., & Simmel, C. (2024). States’ use of Medicaid waivers for children with behavioral health needs is associated with lower rates of voluntary child welfare placements *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*.
[doi/org/10.1007/s10560-024-00998-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-024-00998-5)

37. **Golden, K., Zhang, L., & Simmel, C. (2023). Examining the roles of rurality and Latine ethnic density on child maltreatment report and substantiation rates among Latine families: A county-level analysis. *Journal of Public Child Welfare, 18*(2), 309-337.
 - ❖ Awarded the 2024 Winner of the Best Article of the Year Award by the JPCW Editorial Board
36. Bowden, C. F., Simmel, C., **Mendez, A., **Yu, M., Neese Todd, S., & Crystal, S. (2022). Psychotropic medication prescription and treating trauma among youth in foster care: Perspectives from lived experiences. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research, 49*(5), 821-833.
35. Zhang, L., & Shimizu, R., Zhang, Y., & Simmel, C. (2022). Early childhood income instability, food insecurity, and adolescents' mental health. *Family Relations, 72*(3), 1186-1200.
34. **Greenfield, B., Zhang, L., & Simmel, C. (2022). Exploring state level factors associated with short-stays in child welfare: The role of systemic risk and surveillance. *Child Maltreatment, 28*(2), 345-358.
33. **Getz, Z., Simmel, C., **Greenfield, B., Zhang, L. (2022). "Short-stayers" in child welfare: Characteristics and system experiences. *Children and Youth Services Review, 138*, 106531.
32. Zhang, L., Simmel, C., Nepomnyaschy, L. (2022). Income inequality and child maltreatment rates in US counties, 2009-2018. *Child Abuse and Neglect, 130*(4), 105238. Part 4 of *Special Issue: The Rise of Economic Inequality and its Consequences for Child Protection*.
31. Shpiegel, S., Simmel, C., Sapiro, B., & Ramirez Quiroz, S. (2022; online first 2021). Resilience among youth leaving foster care: Findings from the National Youth in Transition Database. *Journal of Public Child Welfare 16*(4), 427-450.
 - ❖ Awarded *Honorable Mention* for Article of the Year, by the JPCW Editorial Board.
30. Zhang, L., Nepomnyaschy, L., Simmel, C. (2022). So close yet so different: Neighborhood inequality and child maltreatment. *Child Abuse and Neglect, 130*. 104988. *Special Issue: The Rise of Economic Inequality and its Consequences for Child Protection*.

29. Nikolva, K., **Buttner, C., **Cardenas, I., **Khetarpal, R., Postmus, J. L., & Simmel, C. (2021). Workers' attitudes about domestic violence (DV): Does personal experience matter? *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership, & Governance*, 45(2), 95-108.
28. Simmel, C., Bowden, C., Neese Todd, S., Hyde, J., & Crystal, S. (2021). Antipsychotic treatment for youth in foster care: Perspectives on improving youths' experiences in providing informed consent. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 91(2), 258-270.
27. Kelly, V. & Simmel, C. (2020). Current context of federal policies for teens involved in or transitioning out of foster care. *Child Welfare Special Issue*, 97(6), 287-296.
26. Simmel, C. & Kelly, V. (2020). Twenty years after the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 ("Chafee"): What we know now about meeting the needs of teens and young adults. *Child Welfare Special Issue*, 97(6), vii-xvi.
25. Mackie, T. I., Kovacs, K., Simmel, C., Crystal, S., Neese-Todd, S., Akincigil, A. (2020). A best-worst scaling experiment to identify patient-centered claims-based outcomes for evaluation of pediatric antipsychotic monitoring programs. *Health Services Research Journal*. Advance online publication. doi: 10.1111/1475-6773.13610.
24. **Sapiro, B., **Johnson, L., Postmus, J. L., & Simmel, C. (2016). Supporting youth involved in domestic minor sex trafficking: divergent perspectives on youth agency. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 58, 99-110.
23. Simmel, C., Merritt, D., Kim, H. M. S., & Kim, S. (2016). An exploratory study of neglect and emotional abuse in adolescents: Classifications of caregiver risk factors. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 1-15.
22. Simmel, C., Merritt, D., Kim, S., & Kim, H. M. S. (2016). Developmental disabilities in children involved with child welfare: Correlates of referrals for service provision. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 10(2), 197-214.
21. Shpiegel, S. & Simmel, C. (2016). Functional outcomes among sexual minority youth emancipating from the child welfare system. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 61(1), pp. 101-108.
20. Simmel, C., Postmus, J. L., & **Lee, I. (2016). Revictimized adult women: Perceptions of mental health functioning and associated services. *Journal of Family Violence*, 1-10.

19. Morton, C., Simmel, C., & Peterson, A. (2014). Neighborhood alcohol outlet density and rates of child abuse and neglect: Moderating effects of access to substance abuse services. *Child Abuse and Neglect*, 38, 952-961.
18. Simmel, C., **Lee, I., **Kim, S., & Miles, J. (2014). Multiple assessors of child welfare youths' mental-health functioning: comparing perceptions of adolescents, caregivers and teachers. *Child & Family Social Work*, 19(3), 343-354.
17. **Shpiegel, S., Simmel, C., & Huang, C. C. (2013). Emotional maltreatment reports in children: The influence of state statutes and co-occurring maltreatment. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, & Trauma*, 22:6, 626-643.
16. Simmel, C. & **Shpiegel, S. (2013). Describing the context and nature of emotional maltreatment reports in children. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 35(4), 626-633.
15. **Ocasio, K., **Morton, C., Simmel, C. (2013). An exploration of child welfare disparity differences between states. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 7(1), 79-97.
14. Simmel, C., **Shpiegel, S., & **Murshid, S. N. (2012). Foster care alumni and postsecondary support: Exploring variation in state support. *Journal of Policy Practice*, 12, 43-61.
13. Simmel, C., Postmus, J., & **Lee, I. (2012). Sexual revictimization in adult women: Examining factors associated with their childhood and adulthood experiences. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 21:5, 593-611.
12. Simmel, C., **Morton, C. M., & ^^Cucinotta, G. (2012). Understanding extended involvement with the child welfare system. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 34(9), 1974-1981.
11. Simmel, C. (2012). Highlighting adolescents' involvement with the child welfare system: A review of recent trends, policy developments, and related research. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 34(7), 1197-1207.
10. **Morton, C. M., **Ocasio, K., & Simmel, C. (2011). A critique of methods used to describe the overrepresentation of African Americans in the child welfare system. *Children and Youth Services Review*. 33(9), 1538-1542.
9. Simmel, C. (2011). Demographic profiles of children reported to the child welfare system. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 5(1), 87-110.

8. Simmel, C. (2010). Why do adolescents become involved with the child welfare system? Exploring risk factors that affect young adolescents. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 32(12), 1831-1836.
7. Simmel, C. (2007). Risk and protective factors contributing to the longitudinal psychosocial well-being of adopted foster children. *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*, 15(4), 237-249.
6. Simmel, C., Barth, R. P., & Brooks, D. (2007). Adopted foster youths' psychosocial functioning: A longitudinal perspective. *Child and Family Social Work*, 12(4), 336-348.
5. Simmel, C. & Price, A. (2002). The Shared Family Care demonstration project: Challenges of implementing and evaluating a community-based project. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 24(6/7), 455-470.
4. Simmel, C., Brooks, D., Barth, R.P., & Hinshaw, S.P. (2001). Externalizing symptomatology among adopted children: Prevalence and pre-adoption risk factors. *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*, 29(1), 57-69.
3. Hinshaw, S.P., Zupan, B.A., Simmel, C., Nigg, J.T. & Melnick, S.M. (1997). Peer status in boys with and without attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder: Predictions from overt and covert antisocial behavior, social isolation, and authoritative parenting beliefs. *Child Development*, 68 (5), 880-896.
2. Hinshaw, S.P., Simmel, C., & Heller, T. (1995). Multimethod assessment of covert antisocial behavior in children: Laboratory observations, adult ratings, and child self-report. *Psychological Assessment*, 7(2), 209-219.
1. Anderson, C. A., Hinshaw, S. P., & Simmel, C. (1994). Mother-child interactions in ADHD and comparison boys: Relationships to overt and covert externalizing behavior. *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*, 22(2), 247-265.

Invited Article

1. Barth, R.P, Price, A., & Simmel, C. (2000). Shared Family Care: Caring for the whole family to keep the family whole. *Children's Voice*, 9(1), 24-27.

INVITED BOOK & ENCYCLOPEDIA CHAPTERS

8. Simmel, C., Merritt, D., Jones Harden, B., & **Greenfield, B. (2023). Assessing child

- neglect in the context of age, race, and household financial hardship. In K. Briar-Lawson, P. D., L. Azzi-Lessing (Eds.). *Child Neglect, Inequity, and Poverty: Contextual Issues and Implications*. Washington DC: Child Welfare League of America.
7. Simmel, C. & Shpiegel, S, (2019). Child Neglect and Emotional Maltreatment. In E. J. Mullen (Ed.). *Oxford Bibliographies in Social Work*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
 6. Simmel, C. (2013). Sexual revictimization. In J. Postmus (Ed.). *Sexual Violence and Abuse: An Encyclopedia of Prevention, Impacts, and Recovery*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, Inc.
 5. Simmel, C. (2013). Child Maltreatment (Neglect & Physical abuse). In J. Postmus (Ed.). *Sexual Violence and Abuse: An Encyclopedia of Prevention, Impacts, and Recovery*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, Inc.
 4. Simmel, C. (2008). Adopted children. In D. Carr, R. Crosnoe, M.E. Hughes, & A. Pienta (Eds.). *Encyclopedia of the Life Course and Human Development*. Farmington Hills, MI: Gale/CENGAGE Learning.
 3. Simmel, C., Flanzer, S., & Webb, M. B. (2006). A new look at ethical issues in child maltreatment research. In M. Freerick, J. Knutson, P. Trickett, & S. Flanzer (Eds.). *Defining and classifying child abuse and neglect for research purposes*. Baltimore, MD: Brooks Publishing.
 2. Brooks, D., Simmel, C., Wind, L., & Barth, R.P. (2005). Contemporary adoptive families and Implications for the next wave of adoption research. In D. Brodzinsky & J. Palacios (Eds.). *Psychological issues in adoption: Linking theory, research, and practice*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.
 1. Hinshaw, S. P., & Simmel, C. (1994). Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder. In M. Hersen, R. Ammerman, & L. Sisson (Eds.), *Handbook of aggressive and destructive behavior in psychiatric patients*. New York: Plenum Press.

MEDIA, WEBINARS, & OP-EDS

Interviewed for and quoted in article about the Rutgers SSW PhD Program. *New York Times* April 3, 2025.

Interviewed for and quoted in an article on Psychotropic Prescribing for Youth in Foster Care. *The Imprint: Youth and Family News*. March 26, 2025. [The Imprint](#)

Duerr Berrick, J., Nepomnyaschy, L., & Simmel, C. Op-Ed in New Jersey Monitor: *Making Parents Pay for Foster Care: A Bad Idea for Families*. March 26, 2024. [New Jersey Monitor](#)

Merritt, D., & Simmel, C. Op-Ed: *Barriers to Child Protection During COVID-19: Considering the Impact on Child Maltreatment*. The Imprint: Youth and Family News, April 22, 2020. [The Imprint](#)

Co-Moderator & Convener, Webinar: *Pandemic Shines Light on Needs of Older Youth Involved with Child Welfare*. Webinar sponsored by Child Welfare League of America, April 22, 2020 (900+ attendees).

Co-Panelist, Webinar: *The Promise of Adolescence: Realizing Opportunity for All Youth*. Webinar sponsored by National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. September 24, 2019 (500+ attendees).

RESEARCH REPORTS & POLICY BRIEFS

29. Khoury, D., Montgomery Armstrong, J. & Simmel, C. (2024). *Reimagining NSCAW: Advancements in Research on the Well-Being of Transition-Aged Youth*, OPRE Report # 2024-384. Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (18 pages).
28. Simmel, C., **Greenfield, B., Bowden, C. (2022). *Summary Report on the Evaluability Assessment Project for CASA of New Jersey*. Report prepared for the Court Appointed Special Advocates of New Jersey. Rutgers University School of Social Work. (217 pages).
27. Crystal, S., Mackie, T., Simmel, C., Neese-Todd, S. (2020). *Comparative Effectiveness of State Psychotropic Oversight Systems for Children in Foster Care*. Final Grant Project Report for project funded by Patient Centered Outcomes Research Initiatives (PCORI). (81 pages). PCORI Award Number: IHS-1409-23194
26. Simmel, C., Bowden, C., **Greenfield, B., **Logue Conroy, R., **Mendez, A., **Yu, M., & Arnold-Berkovits, I. (2019). *Summary Report of the Kinship Navigator Formative Evaluation Project in New Jersey*. Report prepared for the New Jersey Department of Children and Families. Rutgers University School of Social Work. (134 pages).
25. Simmel, C. (April 2018). Preliminary Report on Aim 2: Perspectives for Foster Care Alumni, Clinicians, Prescribers, Caregivers, and Caseworkers. Report prepared for Stakeholder Advisory Board for project funded by Patient Centered Outcomes Research Initiatives (PCORI). (69 pages). PCORI Award Number: IHS-1409-23194

24. Simmel, C., **Mendez, A., Postmus, J. L., Berrios, J., & Goldberg, S. (2017). *Summary Report on the QuickCents for YOUth Evaluation Project*. Report prepared for the New Jersey Department of Children and Families. Rutgers University School of Social Work. (185 pages).
23. DiBella, B., Postmus, J.L., Simmel, C., **Buttner, C., & **Eckert, C. (2016). *From Research to Practice: Factors that Facilitate Successful Cross System Collaboration*. Research Brief prepared for The New Jersey Department of Children and Families.
22. DiBella, B., Postmus, J.L., Simmel, C., **Buttner, C., & **Eckert, C. (2016). *From Research to Practice: An Overview of Systems Collaboration Efforts to Address the Co-occurrence of Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment*. Research Brief prepared for The New Jersey Department of Children and Families.
21. **Johnson, L., Postmus, J. L., Simmel, C., **Sapiro, B., & **Buttner, C. (2015). *Addressing the needs of domestically trafficked adolescents*. Report prepared for the New Jersey Department of Children and Families. Rutgers University School of Social Work. (105 pages)
20. Bilder, S., Simmel, C., & Crystal, S. (2015). *Trends and patterns in ADHD diagnosis and treatment in Medicaid youth*. Report prepared for the Board on the Health of Select Populations, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, Washington DC. Project conducted by Rutgers University Institute for Health. (41 pages)
19. Simmel, C., **Forenza, B., Kim, S., **Phillips, A., **Sapiro, B., & Ocasio, K. (2015). *Compendium report on the Comprehensive Needs Assessment of DCF-involved Youth Project (Volumes 1-5)*. Report prepared for New Jersey's Department of Children and Families. Rutgers University School of Social Work. (444 pages)
18. Schafhauser, J., Arntson-Kynn, J., **Buttner, C., **Johnson, L., Postmus, J. L., & Simmel, C. (2015). Secondary trauma and domestic minor sex trafficking. *From Research to Practice Policy Brief*, volume 2, issue 2. Center on Violence Against Women and Children; Rutgers University School of Social Work.
17. **Johnson, L., Arntson-Kynn, J., Postmus, J. L., & Simmel, C. (2014). Identification and assessment of domestic minor sex trafficking. *From Research to Practice Policy Brief*, volume 2, issue 1. Center on Violence Against Women and Children; Rutgers University School of Social Work.
16. Simmel, C., Kim, S., & **Vikses, J. (2014). *Summary report on the Assessment of Parent Linking Programs Project*. Report prepared for Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey. Rutgers University School of Social Work. (103 pages)

15. Simmel, C., **Forenza, B., & **Sapiro, B. (2014). *Assessment of the 2013 Summer Internship & Housing Programs (SHIP & SIP)*. Report prepared for New Jersey's Department of Children and Families. Rutgers University School of Social Work. (86 pages)
14. Longstreet, D., **Forenza, B., & Simmel, C. (2013). LGBTQ Adolescents in out-of-home care. *From Research to Practice Policy Brief*, volume 1, issue 3. Rutgers University School of Social Work.
13. **Sapiro, B. & Simmel, C. (2013). The implications of natural disasters on child welfare systems. *From Research to Practice Policy Brief*, volume 1, issue 2. Rutgers University School of Social Work.
12. **Sapiro, B., Simmel, C., & **Forenza, B. (2013). Sexual risk behaviors in youth involved with or aging out of the child welfare system: A national perspective. *From Research to Practice Policy Brief*, volume 1, issue 1. Rutgers University School of Social Work.
11. **Ocasio, K., Simmel, C., **Phillips, A., Kim, S., & **Kim, M.S. (2013). *Implementation of New Jersey's School Based Youth Services Program in Middle Schools*. Report prepared for New Jersey's Department of Children and Families. Rutgers University School of Social Work. (67 pages)
10. **Forenza, B., Simmel, C., & **Phillips, A. (2012). *Summer Housing and Internship Program (SHIP) 2012 Final Report*. Report prepared for New Jersey's Department of Children and Families. Rutgers University School of Social Work. (32 pages)
9. Simmel, C., **Ocasio, K., **Redcay, A., **Forenza, B., **Murshid, N.S., & **Kim, S. (2012). *Reflections on New Jersey's Case Practice Model*. Report prepared for New Jersey's Department of Children and Families. Rutgers University School of Social Work. (70 pages)
8. Simmel, C., **Forenza, B., & **Shpiegel, S. (2012). *Summary report of the 2011 Summer Housing and Internship Program (SHIP)*. Report prepared for New Jersey's Department of Children and Families. Rutgers University School of Social Work. (22 pages)
7. Simmel, C., **Shpiegel, S., & **Murshid, S. (2011). *Survey of the Project MYSELF and SHIP programs at Transitions for Youth: Reflections from program participants and Support Coaches (2010-2011)*. Report prepared for New Jersey's Department of Children and Families. Rutgers University School of Social Work. (54 pages)
6. Price, A. & Simmel, C. (2002). *Partners' influence on women's addiction and recovery: The connection between substance abuse, trauma, and intimate*

relationships. Berkeley, CA: National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center, School of Social Welfare, U.C. Berkeley.

5. Simmel, C. (2001). *Evaluation of A New Life program (Philadelphia, PA.)*. Report prepared for Zellerbach Family Fund. National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center, School of Social Welfare, U.C. Berkeley.
4. Simmel, C. & Price, A. (2000). *Annual progress report on Shared Family Care: Progress and lessons learned*. Prepared for Zellerbach Family Fund. National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center, School of Social Welfare, U.C. Berkeley. (75 pages)
3. Price, A. & Simmel, C. (1999). *Annual report on Shared Family Care: Progress and lessons learned*. Prepared for Zellerbach Family Fund. National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center, School of Social Welfare, U.C. Berkeley. (75 pages)
2. Berrick, J.D., Needell, B., Shlonsky, A., Simmel, C., & Pedrucci, C. (September). *Assessment, support, and training for kinship care and foster care: An empirically-based curriculum*. Center for Social Services Research, School of Social Welfare, U.C. Berkeley.
1. Simmel, C., Lim-Brodowski, M., Goldberg, S., & Austin, M. (1997). *Foster parents: Recruitment, retention, and rate setting*. Report prepared for the Santa Clara County Department of Family and Children's Services.

PEER-REVIEWED & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Graaf, G., Simmel, C., **Pomales, H., & Roth, C. (2026). *Evidence Based Practices in Family First Prevention Services Act State Plans: A Policy Surveillance*. Paper presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington, DC.

Simmel, C. (December 2025). *Children's Behavioral Health and Foster Care: Understanding Parents' Desperate Decisions*. Invited presentation for the International Symposium on Children and Youth Health and Well-being Beijing, China.

Simmel, C. (November 2023). *Children and Youth Living in Foster Care: Current Challenges in Addressing Well-being*. Invited presentation for the Center for Youth Social Emotional Wellness (CYSEW), Rutgers University.

Simmel, C. (October 2023). *A critical look at short stays in foster care*. Invited presentation at the Kempe International Virtual Conference: A Call to Action to Change Child Welfare. Sponsored by the Kempe Center and the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.

Simmel, C., Graaf, G., Zhang, L. (September 2023). *The relationship between children's behavioral health and foster care: Addressing the role of voluntary placements into foster care*. Paper presentation at the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) Congress, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Simmel, C., **Greenfield, B., Zhang, L. (September 2023). *Short stays in foster care: Exploring why some children undergo relatively short removals from caregivers*. Paper presentation at the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) Congress, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Simmel, C., Zhang, L., & Graaf, G. (March 2023). *Children's behavioral health and foster care: Examining why children are "voluntarily" placed into foster care*. Poster presentation at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD), Salt Lake City, Utah.

Simmel, C. (March, 2023). (Chair) *Understanding trauma in vulnerable children and families: Addressing the intersection of multiple systems' level risk factors*. Symposium session at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD), Salt Lake City, Utah.

- Greenfield, B., Zhang, L., & Simmel, C. (March 2023). *Assessing risk of foster care re-entry for children with short-stays in child welfare systems*. Paper presented at symposium session.

**Goodwin, J. & Simmel, C. (March 2023). *Foster care alumni experiencing homelessness: Associations between living situation and illegal high-risk income*. Flash Talk Paper presentation in Meeting Session: Programs and Policies to Support Families Experiencing Challenges. At the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD), Salt Lake City, Utah.

Graaf, G., Simmel, C., Washburn, M., Hooley, C., Warner, L. (January, 2022). *"Unsiloeing" research and practice for children with behavioral health multi-morbidities*. Roundtable (hybrid) session at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington, DC.

**Golden, K., Zhang, L., Simmel, C. (January, 2022). *Examining the roles of Latinx ethnic density and rurality on maltreatment referral and substantiation rates among Latinx children and youth: A county-level analysis*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington, DC.

**Greenfield, B., Zhang, L., & Simmel, C. (January, 2022). *Short-stays in child welfare: Exploring state-level factors*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington, DC.

Zhang, L., Shimizu, R., Zhang, Y., & Simmel, C. (January, 2022). *Food insecurity mediates the association between early childhood income instability and adolescents' behavioral health*. E-Poster presented at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington, DC

**Greenfield, B., **Getz, Z., Zhang, L., Simmel, C. (2021, April). “*Short-stayers” in child welfare: Exploring characteristics and experiences*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD): Virtual. Received special designation as a 2021 SRCD Strategic Plan Poster.

**Greenfield, B., Bowden, C. F., **Logue-Conroy, B., & Simmel, C. (2021, January). *Challenges and needs of kinship caregivers enrolled in a kinship navigator program*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR): Virtual

Zhang, L., Nepomnyaschy, L., & Simmel, C. (2020, virtual). *So close yet so different: Neighborhood inequality and child maltreatment*. Paper presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 2020 Fall Research Conference.

Zhang, L., & Simmel, C. (2020, virtual). *Patterns of Poverty Exposure and Trajectories of Parent-to-Child Maltreatment*. Paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Inequality Workshop.

Bowden, C., **Mendez, A., Simmel, C., Neese Todd, S., & Crystal, S. (January 2020). *What Are We Treating? The Complexity of Addressing Trauma in Mental Health Treatment for Youth in Foster Care*. Symposium session in Recognizing and Addressing Trauma in Diverse Child-Serving Systems, Chaired by C. Simmel. 24th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference. Washington, DC

**Yu, M., Bowden, C., Simmel, C., Neese Todd, S., & Crystal, S. (January 2020). *Balancing Risks and Benefits: Stakeholder Perspectives on Antipsychotic Medication Use for Youth in Foster Care*. Paper presentation for the 24th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference. Washington, DC.

**Yu, M., Lynch, J., Simmel, C., & Shpiegel, S. (January 2020). *Defining Child Neglect: A Scoping Review of Perceptions, Trends, and Risk Factors in Different Cultural Groups*. Poster presentation for the 24th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference. Washington, DC.

Shpiegel, S., Simmel, C., Sapiro, B., & Lynch, J. (January 2020). *Resilience Among Youths Leaving Foster Care: Evidence from the National Youth in Transition Database*. Paper presentation for the 24th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference. Washington, DC.

Simmel, C. & Kelly, V. (September 2019). Invited Panelists for Webinar entitled, *The Promise of Adolescence: Realizing Opportunity for all Youth*. Sponsored by Child Welfare League of America.

**Greenfield, B., & Simmel, C. (2019, July). *Exploring associations between maternal cumulative risks and children's attachment security*. Poster presented at the biennial International Attachment Conference: Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Simmel, C., Bowden, C., Neese Todd, S., & Crystal, S. (March 2019). *Talking and Listening Together: Understanding Shared Decision Making for Child Welfare & Mental Health Care Teams*. Poster presentation at the biennial meeting for the Society for Research in Child Development, Baltimore, MD.

Bowden, C., Simmel, C., Neese Todd, S., & Crystal, S., (March 2019). *Stakeholder Perspectives on the Informed Consent Process in Prescribing Antipsychotic Medications for Foster Youth*. Poster presentation at the biennial meeting for the Society for Research in Child Development, Baltimore, MD.

Nikolva, K., **Buttner, C., **Cardenas, I., **Khetarpal, R., Simmel, C., & Postmus, J.L. (January 2019). *Child Protection Workers' Attitudes about Domestic Violence: The Impact of Education and Personal Experience*. Paper presentation at the 23rd Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference. San Francisco, CA.

Mackie T.I., Kovacs K., Rojas E., Akincigil A., Simmel C., Neese-Todd S., and Crystal, S. (June 2018) *Eliciting Stakeholder Preferences in Outcomes Measurement: An Application of Best-Worst Scaling to Prioritize Outcomes in Comparative Effectiveness Research*. Poster presentation at Academy Health Annual Research Meeting (ARM), Seattle WA.

Simmel, C. (June 2018). *Services for Adolescents involved with US Child Welfare System*. Invited Presentation at Nankai University in Tianjin, China.

Simmel, C. (May 2018). *Overview of US Child Welfare System*. Invited Presentations at Ai You Foundation, Beijing, China & at Renmin University, Beijing, China.

Simmel, C. (May 2018). *Overview of U.S. Welfare State*. Invited Presentation at Renmin University, Beijing, China.

Neese-Todd, S. & Simmel, C. (March 2018). “*Let Young People be Heard!*” *The Clarion Call for Shared Decision-making in Treating Mental Health Challenges*. Symposium session in *Judicious Use of Psychotropic Medications for Youth in Foster Care: Empowering Youth to Guide the Way*, Chaired by Bellonci, C. 31st Annual Research and Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, Florida.

**Stepleton, K., Elkins, J., Morton, C., Bosk, E., Simmel, C., Ocasio, K, Duron, J., Van Alst, D., MacKenzie, M. (January, 2018). *Continuity in Maltreatment Typology for Repeat Victimization in Childhood*. Poster presentation at the 22nd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Neese-Todd, S., Bergen, J., McClung, D., Simmel, C. (March, 2017). *Transforming Health Care Systems through Public/Academic Partnerships with Young Adult Collaborators*. 30th Annual Research & Policy Conference—Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, FL.

Simmel, C. & Neese-Todd, S. (March 2017). Invited moderators, *Youth Move National’s Learning Lab*. Pre-conference Workshop at the 30th Annual Research & Policy Conference—Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, FL.

Simmel, C., Abrams, L.S., Munson, M., & Valdivinos D’Angelo, A. (January 2017). *Progress and Challenges in Conducting Research with Hard-to-Reach Youth and Young Adult Populations*. Roundtable Session at the 21st Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

Baer, J. C., Simmel, C., Danis, F. (January 2017). *Fight or Flight vs. Tend and Befriend: Exploring Differences in Women’s Biological Responses to Stress*. Poster presentation at the 21st Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

**Eckert, C. J., Buttner, C. E., Postmus, J. L., Simmel, C., DiBella, B. (January 2017). *The Effect of Personal Experiences with Domestic Violence: Understanding Child Welfare Workers’ and Domestic Violence Service Providers’ Attitudes and Beliefs around Domestic Violence*. Poster presentation at the 21st Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

**Johnson, L., Simmel, C., & Postmus, J. (August 2016). *Examining State-Wide Trends on Domestic Trafficking: Implications for Interventions by Youth-Serving Agencies*. Paper presentation for the 21st ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect. Calgary, Canada.

**Sapiro, B. & Simmel, C. (August 2016). *Perspectives of System-Involved Youth on Giving and Receiving Social Support*. Paper presentation for the 21st ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect. Calgary, Canada.

Crystal, S., Bilder, S., Simmel, C., & Fenton, M. C. (August 2016). *Increasing Mental Health Diagnosing and Treatment among U.S. Medicaid Youth, 2001-2010*. Presentation at the annual International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology meeting. Dublin, Ireland.

Simmel, C. (April 2016) (chair) *Advancing the Research Agenda on System-involved Youth: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Identifying the Needs of Youth*. Symposium session at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, MD.

- Sapiro, B., Simmel, C., Postmus, J., & Buttner, C. (2016) *Perceptions of Youth Involved in Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking: A Multi-System Perspective*. Paper presented at symposium session.

Simmel, C., **Forenza, B., ^^Trombetta, J., & ^^London, N. (April 2016). *Aging Out of Foster Care and Post-secondary Education: Identifying Factors of Matriculation, Retention, and Graduation*. Poster presentation at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, MD.

Simmel, C., **Sapiro, B., ^^Trombetta, J., & ^^London, N. (April 2016). *Navigating the Transition from Foster Care to Independent Living: Youth Perceptions about their Functional Outcomes*. Poster presentation at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, MD.

Shpiegel, S. & Simmel, C. (January 2016). *Sexual Minority Youth Emancipating from Foster Care: An Examination of Outcomes at Age 19*. Paper presentation at the 20th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Iovu, M., Simmel, C., Davis, R., Roth, M. (September 2015). *Transition to Adulthood for Youth in Romania: The Impact of Childhood Trauma on Preparing for the Future*. Paper presentation at the 14th ISPCAN European Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Bucharest, Romania.

Simmel, C. & Kim, S. (September 2015). *Substantiation of Abuse and Neglect Reports: Developmental Stage Variation*. Poster presentation at the 14th ISPCAN European Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Bucharest, Romania.

Shpiegel, S. & Simmel, C. (September 2015). *Risky Sexual Behaviors among Youth Aging-Out of Foster Care: A Gender-Based Analysis*. Poster presentation at the 14th ISPCAN European Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Bucharest, Romania.

**Forenza, B., Simmel, C., Sapiro, B. (March 2015). *Trends in Housing and Residential Stability/Instability among Current and Former Foster Youth*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA.

D'Angelo, A. V., Simmel, C., & Worthington, J. (November 2014). *Data collection techniques with youth*. Invited paper presentation at the Technical Assistance meeting for the Youth at-Risk of Homelessness grantees. Baltimore, MD. Meeting sponsored by Mathematica Research group.

**Sapiro, B., Simmel, C., & **Forenza, B. (August 2014). *Coping with Challenges: A Snapshot of Problem-Solving and Personal Growth Among Former Foster Youth*. Paper presentation at the National Pathways to Adulthood conference, sponsored by the National Resource Center for Youth Development, Philadelphia, PA.

Simmel, C., **Forenza, B., Dixon, L. (May 2014). *From Research to Practice: A Statewide Response to Summer Housing and Job Training for Foster Care Alumni and Youth Aging Out of Care currently in Postsecondary Institutions*. Workshop presentation at the Children's Bureau 19th Annual Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, New Orleans, LA.

**Forenza, B. and Simmel, C. (May 2014). *Civic Engagement among Youth Aging Out of Foster Care: Processes and Outcomes of a Statewide Initiative*. Poster presentation at the Children's Bureau 19th Annual Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, New Orleans, LA.

Simmel, C. (April 2014). *Developmental perspectives on child maltreatment*. Invited presentation to the Pediatric Interest Group at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at Rutgers University.

Simmel, C. (March, 2013). *On their own: Exploring foster youths' transitions into adulthood*. Invited colloquium presentation at Rutgers University, Newark, Department of Psychology. Newark, NJ.

Simmel, C. (October, 2012). *Moderator: developing cooperative research agendas (University-Agency Partnerships)*. Invited session in the Wicked Problems of Child Welfare and their Incomplete Solutions, 2nd meeting. Chicago, Illinois.

Simmel, C. (September 2011). *Measuring risk in African American males involved with child welfare*. Invited presentation at the Improving Outcomes for African American Males in the Child Welfare System. Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Social Policy and the Substance Abuse and Mental health Services Administration. Washington, D.C.

Simmel, C. (September, 2011). *Child welfare youth: Precipitating risk factors and behavioral functioning*. Invited presentation at the Behavioral and Mental Health Needs of Children in Foster Care Symposium sponsored by Casey Family Programs and the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families. Washington, D.C.

Simmel, C. (April, 2011). *Exploring parent-child relationships in high risk environments*. (Chair) Paper symposium prepared for the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Montreal, Canada.

**Murshid, N.S., Simmel, C., & **Shpiegel, S. (April, 2011). *Child and infant mortality in Bangladesh: A problem for the uneducated poor*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Montreal, Canada.

Lee, I., Simmel, C., & Postmus, J. (January, 2011). *The effects of disclosing childhood sexual abuse on adult women's experiences of sexual revictimization*. Paper presented at Society for Social Work and Research, Tampa, Fla.

Lee, I. & Simmel, C. (January, 2011). *Causal relations between behavior problems and caregiver and peer relationships among adolescents in child welfare*. Paper presented at Society for Social Work and Research, Tampa, Fla.

Simmel, C. & Lee, I. (April, 2010). *Child welfare youth and juvenile delinquency: Examining precipitating risk factors*. In *The Intersection of Child Welfare and Juvenile Delinquency*. Invited session presented at the 22nd annual meeting of the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, New Brunswick, NJ.

Lee, I. & Simmel, C. (March 2010). *Examining longitudinal factors related to foster youths' academic achievement*. Poster presented at Society for Research on Adolescence, Philadelphia, PA.

Lee, I., & Simmel, C. (January, 2010). *Developmental trajectories of youth in child welfare: In home vs. Out-of-home comparisons*. Symposium paper presented at Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.

Sirota, K., Simmel, C., & Farmer, A. (November, 2009). *Is teaching psychopathology still relevant? Addressing trends, challenges, and evolving CSWE standards*. Roundtable session organized for the annual meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, San Antonio, Texas.

Simmel, C. (May, 2009). *Defining and assessing change in child well-being*. Invited panelist at Children's Bureau National Child Welfare Evaluation Summit, Laura Radel, Moderator, Washington, D.C.

Simmel, C., **Lee, I., & **Kim, S. (April, 2009). *Who knows me the best? Multiple reporters' views on foster youths' mental health problems*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Conference, Denver, Co.

**Kim, S., **Lee, I., & Simmel, C. (April, 2009). *Connecting foster youth to mental health services: How do system-level factors influence the process?* Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Conference, Denver, Co.

Simmel, C. (April, 2009). *Youth in the foster care system: Precipitating risk factors and placement trajectories*. In B. Jones Harden & M. B. Webb (chairs), *A Developmental Perspective on Child Welfare Research: Findings from the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-being*. Symposium organized for the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, Co.

Simmel, C. (April, 2009). *From research to policy and back again*. Symposium roundtable organized for the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Denver, Co.

**Kim, S., Simmel, C., & **Lee, I. (January, 2009). *Determinants of mental health service use among maltreated children*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Lee, I., Simmel, C., & **Kim, S. (January, 2009). *The developmental outcomes of adolescents involved in child welfare: The effect of peer and caregiver relationships*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana

Simmel, C. (June, 2006). *Learning from Migrant Head Start Families: An exploratory look at the research process in MSHS programs*. In M. Capello (chair), *Migrant Head Start Issues*. Invited presentation at the 8th National Head Start Research Conference, Washington, DC.

Simmel, C. (Chair, April, 2005). *Ensuring the protection of child and youth participants involved in child maltreatment research*. Workshop organized for 15th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Boston, MA.

Simmel, C. & Stagner, M. (April, 2005). *Multi-site Evaluation of Foster Youth Programs*. In C. Simmel,(Chair), *Advances and Challenges in Child Maltreatment and Child Welfare Research*. Symposium organized for the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Atlanta, GA.

Simmel, C. (Chair; June, 2004). *A comprehensive overview of the Migrant Head Start Research Design Development Project*. Symposium organized for the biennial Head Start National Research Conference, Washington, D.C.

Stagner, M., Geen., R. & Simmel, C. (April, 2004). *Overview of the Multi-site Evaluation of Foster Youth Programs*. Paper presented at the National Independent Living Conference, Washington, DC.

Simmel, C. & Stagner, M. (Co-chairs; March, 2004). *Understanding at-risk youth populations: Recent research and policy challenges*. Symposium organized for the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Adolescence, Baltimore, Md.

Nakamoto, J., Resnick, G., Gabbard, S., Simmel, C. (February, 2004). *Conducting research with vulnerable populations: The Migrant Head Start Research Design Project*. Paper presented at the 35th Annual Migrant and Seasonal Head Start National Conference. Washington, DC.

Gibbs, D., Dalberth, B., Ashley, O., & Simmel, C. (July, 2003). *Terminating the parental rights of older children: Early outcomes of the Adoption and Safe Families Act*. Paper presented at the 43rd Annual National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics. San Diego, California.

Simmel, C. (April, 2003). *The effects of early maltreatment and foster care history on adopted foster youths' psychosocial adjustment*. Invited presentation at the Fifteenth National Symposium on Doctoral Research in Social Work. Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Simmel, C. (April, 2003). *Long-term psychosocial functioning of adopted youth: The effects of pre adoptive risk factors*. In C. Simmel (Chair), *Adopted foster children: Pre-adoptive risks, long-term functioning, and service needs*. Symposium organized for the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Tampa, Fla.

Simmel, C. (April, 2003). *Life after foster care: Research and policies related to older foster youth*. In C. Simmel, (Chair), *Interpreting the will of Congress: SRCD Policy Fellows discuss the relationship between research and policy*. Symposium organized for the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Tampa, Fla.

Simmel, C. (moderator). (August, 2002). *Model program panel*. AIA Symposium: The Role of Partners in Women's Recovery, University of California, Berkeley.

Webb, M.B., Jones Harden, B., & Simmel, C. (2002, April). *The National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-being: What we have learned about America's foster children*. Paper

presented at the Governor's 9th Annual Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. Baltimore, Maryland.

Simmel, C. (2002, April). *Child welfare research: The relationship between policy, science, and practice*. Invited presentation at the Development and Psychopathology Brown Bag, Department of Psychology, University of Oregon, Eugene.

Simmel, C. & Price, A. (2000, August). *Evaluation overview of Shared Family Care*. Invited presentation at the Healing Havens for Families Affected by Substance Abuse Conference, University of California, Berkeley.

Simmel, C., Shlonsky, A., & Needell, B. (2000, May). *Assessment, support, and training for kinship care and foster care*. Poster presented at the 10th Anniversary of California of Social Work Education Center Conference. Oakland, CA.

Shlonsky, A., Simmel, C. & Needell, B. (2000, February). *Assessment, support, and training for kinship care and foster care: An empirically-based curriculum*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. New York, NY.

Simmel, C. (1999, April). *Shared Family Care*. Invited presentation at the annual meeting of California Association of Services for Children, Anaheim, CA.

Hinshaw, S.P., Zupan, B.A., Simmel, C., Nigg, J.T., Melnick, S.M. (1997, April). *Authoritative parenting style predicts peer status in boys with and without attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Washington, DC.

Hinshaw, S.P., Simmel, C., Melnick, S.M., Anderson, C.A., & Zupan, B.A. (1996, January). *Overt and covert antisocial behavior, negative parenting practices, and peer status in ADHD and comparison boys: Structural equation models*. Poster presented at the meeting of the International Society for Research in Child and Adolescent Psychopathology, Santa Monica, CA.

Simmel, C. (1995, March). *Covert antisocial behavior in boys with ADHD: Laboratory observations, child self-report, and parenting styles*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Indianapolis.

Simmel, C., & Hinshaw, S. P. (1993, March). *Moral reasoning and antisocial behavior in boys with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, New Orleans.

Hinshaw, S. P., Herbsman, C., Melnick, S., Nigg, J., Simmel, C. (1993, February). *Psychological and familial processes in ADHD: Continuous or discontinuous with those in normal comparison youngsters?* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Research in Child and Adolescent Psychopathology, Santa Fe.

Hinshaw, S. P., Heller, T., & Simmel, C. (1992, February). *Covert antisocial behavior boys with ADHD: Effects of stimulant medication and moral reasoning.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Research in Child and Adolescent Psychopathology, Sarasota.

COURSE INSTRUCTION and CURRICULAR LEADERSHIP

PhD Program:

2023-present	Professional Development for PhD Students
2015-2019	Conceptual Foundations of Social Work and Social Welfare
2012-2015	Bibliography Development
2006-2011	Social Policy Analysis

MSW Program:

Certificate Program Oversight:

2017-2022	Developer and Certificate Program Director: <i>Promoting Child and Adolescent Well-being</i> (ChAP)
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Course Coordination and Lead Teaching Roles:

2025-present	Mental Health Services for Children and Youth
2019-present	Advanced Contemporary Policy: Children and Youth
2007-present	Adolescents: Understanding Risk & Resilience
2017-present	Child Welfare Management
2017-2022	Social Work Practice with Children
2017-2022	Social Work Practice with Adolescents
2006-2011	Social Welfare Policies & Services II

Additional Course Instructor Roles:

2006-2010	Psychopathology
2005-2007	Human Behavior and the Social Environment (I and II)
2005	Social Work Practice II

Byrne Seminar for Freshmen:

2012; 2014	Growing up on The Wire: Exploring Adolescents' Lives in Urban Settings
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Additional Teaching Experience:

2003-04	Adjunct MSW Program Course Instructor, Catholic University SSW, Washington. DC: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human Behavior and the Social Environment 2. MSW Program Policy Topics: <i>Legislative Processes; Policy Analysis; Policy Advocacy.</i>
1998	Adjunct Course Instructor, California State University, Hayward, Department of Sociology and Social Services: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Human Behavior and the Social Environment
1997-1998	Graduate Student Instructor, School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Topics in Social Welfare 2. Social Work as a Profession
1992-1995	Reader, Psychology Department, University of California, Berkeley. <i>Introduction to Clinical Psychology and Developmental Psychopathology</i>

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS for PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

Invited Co-Guest Editor of Special Issue

Child Welfare Journal: "Twenty Years after the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 ("Chafee"): What We Know Now About Meeting the Needs of Teens." (Volume 97, 5 & 6)

Editorial Board Member

- *Developmental Child Welfare*
- *Journal of Public Child Welfare*
- *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse (2015-2022)*

Manuscript Reviewer Mentor

- *Child Maltreatment* (mentored PhD student Brett Greenfield, 2021-23)

Manuscript Reviewer

- *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*
- *Administration in Social Work*
- *Adolescents*
- *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*
- *Child Abuse and Neglect*
- *Child Abuse Review*
- *Child Maltreatment*
- *Child Welfare Journal*

- *Children and Youth Services Review*
- *Clinical Social Work*
- *Comprehensive Child and Adolescent Nursing*
- *Development and Psychopathology*
- *Developmental Psychology*
- *International Journal of Qualitive Studies on Health and Well-being*
- *Journal of Abnormal Child Psychology*
- *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma*
- *Journal of American Medical Association-Pediatrics*
- *Journal of Child and Family Studies*
- *Journal of Clinical Child & Adolescent Psychology*
- *Journal of Evidence Based Social Work*
- *Journal of Family Issues*
- *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*
- *Journal of Marital and Family Therapy*
- *Journal of Public Health Policy*
- *Journal of Research on Adolescence*
- *Psychiatric Services*
- *Public Health Nursing*
- *Residential Treatment for Children & Youth*
- *Social Service Review*
- *Social Work in Mental Health*
- *Victims and Offenders*

RUTGERS SCHOOL of SOCIAL WORK/RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SERVICE

1. NTT Faculty Search Committee for ChAP Certificate, Rutgers School of Social Work (2025).
2. Faculty Search Committees, School of Social Work (2005-06; 2009-2010; 2013-2014; 2015-16; 2018-19; 2024-2025)
3. Co-Chair, Faculty Search Committee, School of Social Work (2021-22)
4. Senior Faculty Search Committee, School of Social Work (2014)
5. Faculty Search Committee for Associate Dean for Research, School of Social Work (2015).
6. Faculty Search for Director of Center for Youth Social Emotional Wellness, Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology (2021-22).
7. Chair, NTT Faculty Search Committee for ChAP Certificate, Rutgers School of Social Work (2019).
8. Search Committee for Executive Director of Institute for Families, School of Social Work (2017).

9. Appointed Member, Steering Committee, *Child Health and Well-being Research Group* (CHRG), Rutgers University Common Interest Group. (2020-2023)
10. SGS Academic Cluster Committee (2024-2025)
11. Appointed Chair, Child and Adolescent Well-being Certificate Program (2017-2022)
12. Research Advisory Committee (2019—2021; 2025-27)
13. Appointed Faculty Lead, Unit on Child Welfare and Well-being (2018-19).
14. Appointed Faculty Member, Dean's Evaluation Committee (2017)
15. Elected Chair, Faculty Compensation Program Committee (2017)
16. Faculty Mentor, Doctoral Student Association (2019-2022)
17. Appointed Chair, Doctoral Qualifying Exams Sub-committee, School of Social Work (2014-2022; Committee member 2006-2013)
18. Appointed Faculty Special Topics course: China Study Abroad program (2018).
19. Appointed Senior Faculty Mentor, Junior Faculty Mentor Program, School of Social Work (2016--2022); NTT Faculty (2020-2023)
20. Management and Policy (MAP) Curriculum Committee (2014-present)
21. Appointed Faculty Reviewer, NTT Review Committee, School of Social Work (2014; 2015)
22. Appointed Co-lead for Special Topics course: Romania's Revolution: Investing in Children and Families Across the Life Cycle (Study abroad program in Cluj, Romania) (2014)
23. Dean's Advisory Committee, School of Social Work (2013-14; 2023-present)
24. MSW Curriculum Committee, School of Social Work (2006-10; 2013-14; 2017-2019; 2021-2023)
25. Faculty Mentoring Development Committee, School of Social Work (2014)
26. Reviewer, Doctoral Dissertation Award Committee, School of Social Work (2013)
27. Moderator, Teaching Circle for Doctoral Student Instructors, School of Social Work (2013)
28. Faculty Marshall, Rutgers University Commencement (2010)
29. PhD Executive Committee, School of Social Work (2008-2010; 2012-13; 2018; 2019-21)
30. Doctoral Admissions Committee, School of Social Work (2009-10; 2013-2022)
31. Appointed Coordinator, MSW Field Preparation Workshop Program Committee, School of Social Work (2006)
32. Psychopathology Curriculum Committee, School of Social Work (2006-10)

33. Member, New Brunswick Faculty Council, Rutgers University (2005-07)
34. HBSE Curriculum Committee, School of Social Work (2005-07)
35. Selected Participant, President's New Faculty Tour of New Jersey, Rutgers University (2005)
36. Social Work Practice Curriculum Committee, School of Social Work (2005-06)
37. MSW Admissions Committee, School of Social Work (2005)

PROFESSIONAL and COMMUNITY SERVICE

2024-present	Annual conference committee member, <i>Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education (GADE)</i>
2017-present	Annual external reviewer for tenure and promotion (universities not identified for confidentiality purposes).
2011- 2015	Reviewer, <i>American Academy for the Advancement of Science</i> , Fellowship Application Reviewer.
2008-2011	Reviewer, <i>Society for Research in Child Development</i> , Fellowship Application Reviewer.
2005-07	Faculty Representative, <i>Health Task Force, New Brunswick Tomorrow</i> , New Brunswick, New Jersey.
2000	Co-producer, <i>Shared Family Care: Mentor Training Video</i> . Prepared in collaboration with Athletes United for Peace for Zellerbach Family Fund & Stuart Foundations. National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center, School of Social Welfare, U.C. Berkeley.
1997-98	Doctoral Student Body Representative, School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley.
1996-97	Student Representative, Combined MSW/Ph.D. Program Committee; School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley.
1996	Student Representative, CSWE Accreditation Committee: Student Development; School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley.

GRANT REVIEW PANELS

2021	Grant reviewer, William T Grant Foundation
2004-06; 2009; 2014	Grant Reviewer/Chair, Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
2005	Grant Review Chair, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
2004	Subject Area Grant Review Manager, Head Start Bureau/Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation.
2003	Grant Reviewer, Department of Defense, Family Advocacy Program (Domestic Violence topic area).
2003	Subject Area Grant Review Manager, Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

CONFERENCE REVIEW PANELS

2006-present;	Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference abstract proposal reviewer; Child Welfare; Mental Health; Adolescent and Youth Development Review Panels
2006-2022	Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Biennial Conference proposal reviewer (also serve as reviewer mentor for several doctoral student/post-doc reviewers)
2009-2022	Society for Research in Adolescence (SRA) Biennial Conference (also serve as reviewer mentor for several doctoral student reviewers)
2016; 2009-2012	Head Start Research Conference, abstract proposal reviewer; Child Development & Mental Health Panels

FORMAL MENTORING & SUPERVISION

Dissertation Committees

26. Dissertation committee, chair, Melanie Yu. *Refugee Reciprocity as a Critical Apparatus for Reimagining Resettlement Work: A Qualitative Examination of Refugee Reciprocity and Solidarity* (PhD Awarded October 2025)
25. Dissertation Committee chair, Jordan Goodwin. *Well-being of youth experiencing homelessness* (Proposal defended October 2025).
24. Dissertation committee chair, Alicia Mendez: *The intergenerational transmission of intrafamilial sexual-abuse related trauma: An exploration of family stories between mothers and children raised as daughters.* (PhD Awarded January 2024)
23. Dissertation committee member, Yafan Chan. *Intimate partner violence and children's mental health.* (PhD Awarded May 2024)
22. Dissertation committee member, Christine James: *Serious school discipline and law enforcement involvement among urban youth with disabilities: Implications for transition to adulthood.* (PhD Awarded 2022).
21. Dissertation committee member, Brett Greenfield. *Exploring connections between early attachment relationships, adoption decision making, and parental identity among gay and lesbian couples.* (PhD awarded May 2023).
20. Dissertation committee chair, Kate Golden Guzman: *Foster care alumni's perceptions on belongingness and community.* (PhD awarded May 2023).
19. Dissertation (external) committee member, Catherine Cummings (Fordham University doctoral student): *Does familiarity breed collaborative practice? Co-location of domestic violence liaisons in child welfare offices in New Jersey: An implementation study.* (PhD awarded May 2019).
18. Dissertation committee member, Kate Stepleton: *Health care case management as preventive intervention: Examining effects on child welfare outcomes and the role of behavioral health services.* (PhD awarded May 2019).
17. Dissertation (external) committee member, Meghan Doughty: *Public administration and the citizen: Administrative burdens, policy effects and the art of the impossible profession.* American University's School of Public Affairs. (PhD awarded 2018).
16. Dissertation (external) committee member: Joanna Kubik: *New approach to understanding gang-involved youth: Examining the impact of gang involvement and*

- a new diversion program on juvenile recidivism outcomes.* Rutgers University-Newark. School of Criminal Justice. (PhD awarded May 2019).
15. Dissertation committee chair, Beth Sapiro: *Closed off and opening up: The relational experiences of transition-age youth living with mental health difficulties.* (PhD awarded May 2018)
 14. Dissertation committee member, Kerri Ocasio: *Utilizing Health Behavior Theories to Extend Understanding of Repeat Services Usage in Primary Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Programs.* (PhD awarded 2015).
 13. Dissertation committee member, Brad Forenza: *Aging out, tuning in: Civic engagement among youth aging out of foster care.* (PhD awarded May 2014).
 12. Dissertation committee member, Svetlana Shpiegel: *Resilience among youth transitioning out of foster care: Cumulative risk and protection and their relationship with positive adaptation* (PhD awarded July 2012)
 11. Dissertation committee member, Soyoun Kim: *Mental Health Needs and Service Use Among Foster Children* (PhD awarded May, 2010)
 10. Dissertation committee member, Inseon Lee: *Pathways to Child Well-being in the NSCAW Foster Care* (PhD awarded December, 2009)
 9. Dissertation committee member, Heather Harcourt: *Judging Failures in Moral Development: A Classification of Antisocial Behavior* (PhD. awarded May 2013)
 8. Dissertation committee member, Cory Morton: *Alcohol outlets and child maltreatment: Moderating effect of the density of community prevention and treatment* (PhD awarded June 2012)
 7. Dissertation committee member, Shaanta Murshid: *Examining the Linkages between Microfinance, and Domestic Violence, Autonomy, Decision-Making Power, and Social Networks* (PhD awarded May 2013)
 6. Dissertation committee member, Hillary MiSung Kim: *The Role of Maternal Verbal Sensitivity during Mother-child Shared Book Reading in the Development of Preschool Children's Socio-Emotional Functioning.* (PhD awarded May 2012).
 5. Dissertation committee member, Melissa Kasmin: *In the Face of Adversity: An Ecological Approach to Understanding the Resiliency of Disadvantaged Kindergarteners* (PhD awarded December, 2008)

4. Dissertation committee member, Colleen Daly Martinez: *The Role of the Mother-child Relationship in Child Sexual Abuse: Using an Attachment Framework to Examine Risk* (PhD awarded May, 2009)
3. Dissertation committee member, Chieh-Wen Hu: *Fathers' Involvement with Young Children in Fragile Families: A Longitudinal Study of Dyadic Effects of Unwed Couples and its Correlates* (PhD awarded December, 2006)
2. Dissertation committee member, Nancy Violette: *Smoking Cessation among Substance Abusers* (PhD awarded April, 2007)
1. Dissertation committee member, Richard Lange: *Examining Emotional Abuse in the LONGSCAN sample* (PhD awarded December, 2007)

Doctoral Student, Postdoctoral, post-MSW Research Project Supervision

1. Liwei Zhang, post-doctoral scholar, multiple child welfare research projects (2019-2021).
2. Jordan Goodwin, *Youth impacted by child welfare system and affected by homelessness* (2021-22)
3. Julie Prock, MPH, (2021-present), RUBY/HRSA grant project
4. Brett Greenfield, *DCF Kinship Navigator; CASA Evaluation; Child welfare research projects* (2018-2023).
5. Kate Golden, *DCF Needs Assessment & DCF Child Study Team* (2018-2019; Research Internship).
6. Cadence Bowden, MPH, PCORI Project, *DCF Kinship Navigator, and CASA Evaluation* (2018-2023)
7. Melanie Yu, multiple child welfare research projects (2018-2020).
8. Alicia Mendez, *Quick Cents Evaluation Project* (2016-2017); multiple child welfare projects 2017-2020.
9. Rebecca Logue Conroy, *DCF Kinship Navigator* (2019-21)
10. Samantha Goldberg, MSW, *DCF Kinship Navigator* (2019-21)
11. Svetlana Shpiegel, *Project MYSELF/SHIP/SIP Evaluation Projects and Comprehensive Assessment of DCF Adolescents' Needs* (2009-2012).
12. Brad Forenza, *Project MYSELF/SHIP/SIP Evaluation Projects and Comprehensive Assessment of DCF Adolescents' Needs* (2012-2014).
13. Kerrie Ocasio: *Evaluation of Case Practice in New Jersey's DYFS* (2009-2012; Faculty Mentor for Doris Duke Fellowship Award)
14. Beth Sapiro, *Project MYSELF/SHIP/SIP Evaluation Projects and Comprehensive Assessment of DCF Adolescents' Needs* (2012-2014; 2016).
15. Kate Stepleton, *Child Welfare and Psychotropic Medication Usage*, Institute for Health (2013-14; 2016).

16. Cory Morton, *Child Policy Research Fellow* at New Jersey's Department of Children and Families. (2011-12).
17. Alex Redcay: *LGBTQ Adolescents & Child Welfare* (2012, Research Internship).
18. Soyoun Kim: *Mental Health Needs, Placement Status, and Service Use Among Foster Children* (NSCAW project) (doctoral student: 2006-2010; postdoctoral: 2011-2014)
19. Inseon Lee: *Adolescents in the US Child Welfare System* (NSCAW project) (2006-10)
20. Shaanta Murshid: *Evaluation of Case Practice in New Jersey's DYFS* (2010-12) (Research Internship)
21. Minwha Cho: *Education and Retention of Child Welfare Workers* (PCWIW project) (2007; Research Internship).

MSW Student Field Supervision

1. Field Supervisor to Alicia Mendez, MSW Field Placement Intern, Child Welfare and Child Well-being Unit, (2016-17).
2. Field Supervisor to Sarah Baig, MSW Field Placement Intern, Center on Violence Against Women and Children. (Fall 2014)
3. Field Supervisor to Juliann Vikse, MSW Field Placement Intern, Center on Violence Against Women and Children (Spring 2014)
4. Field Supervisor to Ijeomoa Opara, MSW Field Placement Intern, Center on Violence Against Women and Children (Spring 2014).
5. Field Supervisor to Imani Nettleford, MSW Field Placement Intern, 2020-21.
6. Field Supervisor to Saman Nadeem, MSW Field Placement Intern, 2020-21.

MSW Research Assistant Supervision (2009-2022)

Ryan Appleby; Monica Avisado; Jessica Barreau; Joselyn Berrios; Christina Boehler; Anna Brownschidle; Rich Byrne; Shovaughn Chism; Trista Chui; Rebecca Clark; Shannon Curry; Jessica Delbert; Samantha Eckerling; Kiara Fountain; Megan Grady; Abigail Johnston; Jenna King; Jillian Kramer; Joanna Kubik; Dana Longstreet; Danielle Lukas; Neshama Marcus; Caitlyn McCormack; Kerry Millen; Larissa Petillo; Alisha Phillips; Kerenza Reid; Jessica Saravia; John Schaffhauser; Bridget Schirripa; Courtney Stephens; Courtney Stormann; Katarina Watson; Zoe Getz

School of Social Work Staff & Other Supervision/Advising

1. Uri Yarmush, PhD Program Coordinator (2023-present)
2. Eva Yeewah Chan, Data Analyst, Child Well-being Unit (2018-19)
3. Shelly Ciparis, Research Analyst, Child Well-being Unit (2018-19)
4. Kathleen Fay, Program Coordinator, Child Well-being Unit (2018-19)
5. Nicole Oceanak, VAWC Program Coordinator (2014)

6. Undergraduate Honors Reader, Department of Psychology, Rutgers University, Laura Novello: *The Perceived Efficacy of the NJ Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS)*(B.A. awarded Spring 2006).
7. Ad hoc Research Mentor to Victoria Santucci, student at Ossining Science High School (2007-2009)

CONSULTING ACTIVITIES

- 2012-2013 Consultant, Center for International Social Work (at Rutgers University). *Case Management Toolkit: A User's Guide for Strengthening Case Management Services in Child Welfare in Central and Eastern European Countries*. Funded by JBS/Aguirre International and US AID.
- 2011 Invited Consultant to Commissioner Bryan Samuels, Administration on Children Youth and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; *Exploring the Mental Health and Socio-emotional Development of Children Involved with the U.S. Child Welfare System*.
- 2004-2006 Consultant, *Migrant Head Start Research Design Development Project*, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.
- 2005 Invited Presenter for web-based training and educational tool on *Child Mental Health Intervention Operational Archive*, sponsored by 3-C Institute for Social Development, Inc., and the National Institute for Mental Health (NIMH).
- 2003 Program Development Consultant, *Catholic University Group Home for Female Delinquent Youth, Washington, DC*. Consult on the development of residential treatment center for female youth involved with the juvenile justice system.

RESEARCH and POLICY EXPERIENCE

- 2001-04 SRCDC Child Policy Fellow, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children & Families, U.S. DHHS.
Served as the Project Officer for the following research projects and grants:
1. Multi-site Evaluation of Chafee-funded Foster Youth Programs;
 2. Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Head Start Research Design Development Project;
 3. Termination of Parental Rights of Older Foster Children Project;

4. Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act-Funded Research Projects;
5. University Fellowships for Child Abuse and Neglect Research.

- 2001-03 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Partner-Related Factors Affecting Women's Recovery from Substance Abuse, Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center, School of Social Welfare, U.C. Berkeley, (Dr. Neil Gilbert & Amy Price, MPA, Co-Principal Investigators).
- 2001-03 Postdoctoral Research Associate, California Long-Range Adoption Study (CLAS), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill & University of Southern California. (Drs. Richard P. Barth & Devon Brooks, Principal Investigators)
- 1998-00 Associate Program Evaluator, Shared Family Care Project, AIARC, U.C. Berkeley. (Dr. Neil Gilbert & Amy Price, MPA, Co-Principal Investigators)
- 1998 Graduate Research Associate, Kinship Care Project, Center for Social Services Research & California Social Work Education Center, School of Social Welfare, U.C. Berkeley. (Drs. Jill Duerr Berrick & Barbara Needell, Co-Principal Investigators)
- 1995-97 Graduate Research Associate, California Long Range Adoption Study (CLAS), Child Welfare Research Center, U.C. Berkeley. (Dr. Richard P. Barth, Principal Investigator)
- 1995-97 Graduate Research Associate, Bay Area Social Services Consortium, Center for Social Services Research, School of Social Welfare, U.C. Berkeley. (Drs. Mike Austin, Jill Duerr Berrick, & Sheryl Goldberg, Co-Principal Investigators)
- 1991-1995 Research Project Manager, U.C. Berkeley Research Program for Boys with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). University of California, Berkeley, Department of Clinical Psychology. (Dr. Stephen Hinshaw, Principal Investigator)
- 1989-1991 Research Assistant, School Partnership Project. University of California, Berkeley, Department of Clinical Psychology. (Drs. Meryl Botkin & Rhona Weinstein, Principal Investigators).

DIRECT PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

- 2001 Substance Abuse Counselor, *Michigan Department of Corrections, Jackson Family Services. (Supervisor: Tom Burke, MSW).*

- 1996-97 Social Work Intern, *Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, Juvenile Dependency Unit.* (Supervisor: Michael Gammino, LCSW).
- 1995-96 Counselor Intern, *Bay Area Community Resources, Richmond, CA.* (Supervisor: Stephanie Hochman, LCSW).
- 1994-2000 Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), *Alameda County, CA.* (Supervisor: Arnold Chavez, Ed.D.)
- 1994-95 Adjunct Educational Advocate, *Ken Oliver and Associates, Oakland, CA,*
- 1991-95 Clinical Staff ADHD summer program, *U.C. Berkeley Research Program for boys with ADHD.* (Supervisor: Dr. Stephen Hinshaw).
- 1989-1990 Volunteer Milieu Counselor, *Children's Unit of Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute, University of California, San Francisco, CA* (Supervisor: Danita Sorenson, Ph.D.)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Association for the Advancement of Science (2001-03)
 American Orthopsychiatric Society (1998-2001)
 American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (2015-present)
 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (2014-2022)
 Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education (2023-present)
 International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (2007-present)
 Society for Research in Adolescence (2002-present)
 Society for Research in Child Development (2000-present)
 Society for Social Work and Research (2007-present)