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Curriculum Vitae

University of Pennsylvania
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Bryn Mawr College, Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research.
Degree in Social Work and Social Research, 1991
Dissertation: Income and employment consequences for African-American participants of a family planning clinic: A seven-year follow-up.
- M.S.S. Bryn Mawr College, Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research.
Degree in Clinical Social Work, 1982
- B.A. University of Michigan. Major: English Literature.

FACULTY and ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- 2008 - 2016 **Faculty Director, Master of Science in Social Policy Program (MSSP)**
2004 -- **Associate Professor of Social Work**, University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice (with tenure)
- Affiliated Faculty, Alice Paul Center and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
 - Faculty Associate of the Penn Institute for Urban Research
- 2003 - 2004 **Associate Professor and Clinician Educator**, University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Work. Courses taught: Advanced Social and Behavioral Theory (doctoral).
- 2000 - 2005 **Associate Dean for Academic Affairs**, University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Work
- 1997- 2003 **Assistant Professor and Clinician Educator**, University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Work. Courses taught: Advanced Direct Practice; American Racism; Promoting Social Change

- 1991-1997 **Lecturer**, Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research. Courses taught: Foundation Practice; Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups; Racial and Ethnic Perspectives.
- 1996 **Lecturer**, Temple University School of Social Administration. Course taught: Adolescents in Crisis.

RESEARCH and PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 1991-97 **Research Associate**, Frank F. Furstenberg, Jr., Zellerbach Family Professor of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
- 1991 **Research Consultant**, Laura C. Leviton, Ph.D., Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh.
- 1992 **Research Assistant**, Ellen W. Freeman, Ph.D., Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology—Human Behavior Unit, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.
- 1981-1996 **Clinician**: Individual, couple and family counseling, Family Service of Chester County. Supervisor of Bryn Mawr College social work graduate students, 1985-86; 1987-88.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic mobility: Low- and middle-income families (parents and children)
Welfare and workforce policy and program implementation
Theory development

Ethnography

PUBLICATIONS

Books/Monographs

Iversen, R.R. (under review). *Speaking of Work: Decades of Struggle and Ways to Expand What “Work” Is* (draft title). Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

Iversen, R.R. and Armstrong, A.L. (2006) *Jobs Aren't Enough: Toward a New Economic Mobility for Low-Income Families*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

Copublished (2008-2009) for South Asia distribution by Overseas Press India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, India.

Review in *American Journal of Sociology* (forthcoming)

Reviewed in *Qualitative Social Work*, 2008, 7, 124-129 (Kate Cooney, Boston University)

Reviewed in *Families in Society*, 2007, 88(3), 498-99 (Barbra Teater, University of Bath, UK)

Reviewed in *Choice Reviews Online*, Association of College & Research Libraries, division of American Library Association, February 2007 (F.W. Musgrove, Ithaca College)

Reviewed in *Illinois Child Welfare*, 2008, 4(1), 204-207 (Kathryn Cornell, L.C.S.W.)

Reviewed in *Contemporary Sociology*, 2008, 37(1), 26-27 (Kevin T. Leicht, Professor of Sociology, Director of the Social Science Research Center, and Director of the UI Institute for Inequality Studies, University of Iowa)

Reviewed in *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, 2008, 35(2), 172-174 (James Midgley, University of California, Berkeley).

Reviewed in *Human Resource Management*, 2008, 47(2), 407-408 (Douglas M. Mahony, Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina).

Reviewed on Corporation for a Skilled Workforce website (applied, 3 pages, 2008) (www.skilledwork.org), in “The New Innovators Learning Network.”

Iversen, R. R. (2002). *Moving Up is a Steep Climb*. Baltimore, MD: The Annie E. Casey Foundation. (Monograph: 270 pages)

Peer Reviewed Journals – National and International

Ma, C., Smith, T., & Iversen, R.R. (in press). Mental illness prevalence and disparities among Hurricane Sandy survivors: A two-year retrospective. *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness*.

Iversen, R.R. (2020). From slavery and industrialization to capabilities and civil labor: Transforming “work” for the 21st century. *Social Work and Society: International Online Journal*. Special Issue.

Iversen, R.R. (2019). Leaving the field. In Paul Atkinson, Sara Delamont, Alexandru Cernat, Joseph W. Sakshaug & Richard A. Williams (Eds), *SAGE Research Methods Foundations*. UK: SAGE. DOI for my entry is 10.4135/9781526421036783751.

Iversen, R.R. (2018, March). Transforming “work”: From capability approaches to Ulrich Beck’s civil labor. *Social Work & Society: International Online Journal*, 16(2), Special Issue on "Ambivalences of the Rising Welfare Service State"

Iversen, R.R. (2017). Hurricane Katrina's families and children: Before, during, and after the deluge. Review Essay. *Journal of American Studies*, 52(1), 1-5.

Parsons Leigh, J., Gauthier, A., Iversen, R.R., Luhr, S., & Napolitano, L. (2016, April 6 Online). Caught in between: Neoliberal rhetoric and middle-income families in Canada and the United States. *Journal of Family Studies*.

Iversen, R.R., Napolitano, L., & Furstenberg, F.F. (2011) Middle-income families in the economic downturn: Challenges and management strategies over time. *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies: International Journal*. Vol. 2(3). pp. 286-300.

- Iversen, R.R. (2009). 'Getting Out' in Ethnography: A Seldom-Told Story. *Qualitative Social Work*, 8(1), 9-26 (lead article).
- Iversen, R.R. & Armstrong, A.L. (2008). Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans: What Might an Embeddedness Perspective Offer Disaster Research and Planning? *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*, 8(1), 183-209.
- Iversen, R.R. & Armstrong, A.L. (2007) "Parents' Work, Depressive Symptoms, Children, and Family Economic Mobility: What Can Ethnography Tell Us?" *Families in Society* (Special issue on the Working Poor), 88(3), 339-350.
- Iversen, R. R., Gergen, K.J. & Fairbanks, R.P.II. (2005) Assessment and social construction: Conflict or co-creation? *British Journal of Social Work*, 35, 689-708.
- Iversen, R.R. (2004) Voices in the middle: How performance funding impacts workforce organizations, professionals and customers. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 31, 125-156.
- Iversen, R. R. (2001). Occupational social work and job retention supports: An international perspective. *International Social Work*, 44(3), 329-342.
- Iversen, R. R. (2001). Using African American narratives to analyze social policy. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, 21 (3/4), 7-26.
- Iversen, R. R. (2000). TANF policy implementation: The invisible barrier. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 27, 139-159.
- Farber, N. B. & Iversen, R. R. (2000). Supporting youth's achievement: Enhancing the transmission of family values among urban Black families. In A. Rogers (Ed.), Selected by peers for the *Conference Proceedings of the National Black Family Summit 1999*, pp. 89-106. Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina.
- Iversen, R. R., Furstenberg, F. F. Jr., & Belzer, A.A. (1999). How much do we count?: Interpretation and error-making in the decennial census. *Demography*, 36, 121-134.
- Iversen, R. R., Lewis, B. M., & Hartocollis, L. (1998). Occupational social work and welfare reform: Directions for continuing social work education. *Professional Development: The International Journal of Continuing Social Work Education*, 1(3), 12-17.
- Iversen, R. R. (1998). Occupational social work for the 21st century. *Social Work: Special Centennial Issue*, 43, 551-566.
- Iversen, R. R. & Farber, N. B. (1996). Transmission of family values, work and welfare among poor urban black women. *Work and Occupations*, 23, 437-460.
- Farber, N. B. & Iversen, R. R. (1996) Transmitting values about education: A comparison of black teen mothers and their nonparent peers. *Institute for*

Research on Poverty Discussion Paper #1094-96. Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin-Madison.

-----Also published in *Public Economics Abstracts: Working Paper Series: Volume 1, Number 8: September 10*. (1996)

Iversen, R. R. (1995). Poor African-American women and work: The occupational attainment process. *Social Problems*, 42, 554-573.

Iversen, R. R. (1994). Field instruction in a suburban family service agency. *The Clinical Supervisor*, 12, 139-157.

-----Co-published simultaneously in T.S. Kerson, Ed., *Field instruction in social work settings* (pp.139-157). New York: Haworth. (1994)

Iversen, R. R. (1987). Licensure: Help or hindrance to employment of women in social work. *Social Casework*, 68, 229-233.

Iversen, R.R. (1985) Winning against school phobia: Team strategy. *School Social Work Journal*, 10, 12-23.

Book Chapters

Iversen, R.R. (2019). "Poverty, Unemployment, and Work: The Unsafe 'Safety Net,' Inadequate Wages, and Possible Policy Solutions." In M.E. Reisch (ed), *Social Policy and Social Justice. Meeting the Challenges of a Diverse Society*, 3rd Edn, Ch. 12, pp. 353-382. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Iversen, R.R. (in press; available Oct. 2019). "A three-part story of 'leaving the field' in ethnography." In Atkinson, P.A., Delamont, S., Hardy, M.A., & Williams, M, *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Research Methods*. UK: Sage Publishing.

Iversen, R.R. (2017). "What do you do? Ideas about transforming 'work' in the United States." In John L. Jackson, Jr. (Ed). *Social Policy and Social Justice*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

Iversen, R.R. (2017). "Poverty and Unemployment: Does a "Work-First" Remedy Work?" in M.E. Reisch (ed), *Social Policy and Social Justice: Meeting the Challenges of a Diverse Society*, 2nd Edn, Ch. 12, pp. 355-382. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Iversen, R.R. (2013), "Policies addressing poverty and unemployment," in M.E. Reisch (ed), *Social Policy and Social Justice*, Ch. 12. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Witkin, S.L. & Iversen, R.R. (2012), "Issues in social work", in Catherine N. Dulmus & Karen M. Sowers (eds), *The Profession of Social Work: Guided by History, Led by Evidence*, (Chapter 10). Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.

Iversen, R.R. (2009). Are we subjugating the "user" of social work research to

- save the profession? In Hans-Uwe Otto, Holger Ziegler, & Andreas Polutta (eds), *Evidence-based Practice: Modernizing the Knowledge Base of Social Work*, pp. 47-59. Leverkusen Opladen, Germany & Farmington Hills, MI: Barbara Budrich Publishers.
- Witkin, S.L. & Iversen, R.R. (2008). Issues in social work. In K.M. Sowers & C.N. Dulmus (Series Editors) & B.W. White (Vol. Ed.), *Comprehensive handbook of social work and social welfare: Vol. 1*. (Chapter 22, pp.467-496) Hoboken, NJ: Wiley.
- Iversen, R.R. (2004) How do *workers* see advancement? In R.Giloth (Ed). *Workforce Intermediaries for the 21st Century*, pp. 241-262. Philadelphia: Temple University Press in association with The American Assembly, Columbia University.
- Iversen, R. R. (2001). Welfare reform, reproductive reform, or work reform? In J. Barnett (Ed.), *Planning for the New Century*, pp. 131-146. Washington, DC: Island Press.
- Iversen, R. R. & Farber, N. B. (2000). Transmission of family values, work and welfare among poor urban black women. In T.L. Parcel and D.B. Cornfield (Eds.). *Work and Family: Research Informing Policy*, pp. 249-273. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Farber, N. B. & Iversen, R. R. (1998). Family values about education and their transmission among black inner-city young women. In A. Colby, J. James and D. Hart (Eds.), *The Development of Competence and Character Through Life*, a Volume in the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Series on Mental Health and Development, pp. 141-167. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Published Manuscripts and Reports

- Iversen, R.R. & Armstrong, A.L. (2004). “Maternal Depression, Employment, and Child Well-being.” Research brief. Baltimore, MD: Annie E. Casey Foundation.
- Iversen, R. R. (2002). *The New Philadelphia Story*. Final report to Philadelphia Jobs Initiative and AECF: Ethnographic project #3. Baltimore, MD: The Annie E. Casey Foundation.
- In addition: Five in-depth family narratives (with C. Saltzman and M. Belliveau or Robert P. Fairbanks II)
- Iversen, R. R. (2002). *Moving Families Forward*. Final report to St. Louis Regional Jobs Initiative and AECF: Ethnographic Project #2. Baltimore, MD: The Annie E. Casey Foundation.
- In addition: Five in-depth family narratives (with L. Morton and M. Belliveau or Robert P. Fairbanks II)

Iversen, R. R. (2001). *Trying To Get Ahead in St. Louis*. Interim report to St. Louis Regional Jobs Initiative and AECF: Ethnographic Project #2. Baltimore, MD: The Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Iversen, R. R. (2001). *Multiple Programs, Multiple Pathways, Multiple Outcomes*. Final report to Seattle Jobs Initiative and AECF: Ethnographic Project #1. Baltimore, MD: The Annie E. Casey Foundation.

In addition: Five in-depth family narratives (with A.L. Armstrong and M. Belliveau or M. Basta)

Iversen, R. R. (2001). “*Without a Start, There’s No Finish*.” Final report to Milwaukee Jobs Initiative and AECF: Ethnographic Project #1. Baltimore, MD: The Annie E. Casey Foundation.

In addition: Five in-depth family narratives (with D. Turner or K. Johnson and M. Belliveau or M. Basta)

Iversen, R. R. (2001). “*...For the children*.” Preliminary report to Milwaukee Jobs Initiative and AECF: Ethnographic Project #1. Baltimore, MD: The Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Iversen, R. R. Contracting out welfare-to-work in Philadelphia. (2000). In S.C. Kinney & I.M. Schwartz (Eds.), *Privatization in the Social Services*, Conference Proceedings, October 16 - 18. Available: <http://www.sp2.upenn.edu/crysp/reports/privatization/index.html>

Farber, N. & Iversen, R. (1996). “Work, welfare and adolescent pregnancy.” *Proceedings of Research in Adolescent Health: New Findings, New Directions*. Philadelphia: Independence Research Network/ Family Planning Council.

Book & Other Reviews

Iversen, R.R. (2016) Invited review of book for *Contemporary Sociology: Invisible in Austin: Life and Labor in an American City*, ed. J. Auyero,.

Iversen, R.R. (2011) Invited review of manuscript, *Qualitative methods for practice research*, by Longhofer, Floersch, & Hoy, Oxford University Press.

Iversen, R.R. (2011) Invited review commentary for *Change research: A case study on collaborative methods for social workers and advocates*, by Shdaimah, Stahl & Schram, Columbia University Press.

Iversen, R.R. (2011) Invited review of *The moral underground: How ordinary Americans subvert an unfair economy* (New York: The New Press, 2010), by Lisa Dodson, for *Social Service Review*, 85 (4), 679-681.

Iversen, R.R. (2010). Review of *Qualitative Methods in Social Work Research*,

2nd edition, by Deborah K. Padgett, for *Research on Social Work Practice*, 20(1), 125-126.

Iversen, R.R. (2009). "The Working Poor." Invited review and commentary on: *The Missing Class*, by Katherine Newman & Victor Chan (2007) and *A Measure of Fairness*, by Robert Pollin, Mark Brenner, Jeannette Wicks-Lim, & Stephanie Luce (2008). *New Labor Forum*, 18(2), 103-107. [Lead review]

Iversen, R.R. (2008). *Higher Ground: New Hope for the Working Poor and their Children*, Greg J. Duncan, Aletha C. Huston, and Thomas S. Weisner (Invited Review) *Social Forces*, 87(1), 605-607.

Iversen, R.R. (2007). *Differences that matter: Social Policy and the Working Poor in the United States and Canada*, Dan Zuberi. (Invited review) *American Journal of Sociology*, 113(2), 584-586.

Iversen, R.R. (1994). Abortion: A positive decision; and Our choices: Women's personal decisions about abortion. (Invited review). *Psychology of Women Quarterly*, 18, 434-436.

BOOKS and PAPERS in PROGRESS

Iversen, R.R. (invited chapter; in progress). "Poverty, Unemployment, and Work: The Unsafe "Safety Net" in Tumultuous Times and Possible Policy Solutions" (draft title)." In M.E. Reisch (ed), *Social Policy and Social Justice*, 4th Edn. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Iversen, R.R. (in progress) "Social Justice in Social Work: Where Is It? Where Isn't It?" (draft title)

GRANTS and CONTRACTS

2018 \$20,000 unrestricted support for *Speaking of Work* Book Project, from an anonymous donor.

2003/04 \$120,000. Principal Investigator. Grant award from Annie E. Casey Foundation for Ethnographic Project #4: Completion of ethnographic field research in Philadelphia, New Orleans, Milwaukee, Seattle, and St. Louis, and production of book on the economic mobility of families across America.

2002 \$153,000. Principal Investigator. Grant award from Annie E. Casey Foundation for Ethnographic Project #3: Ethnographic research in New Orleans; follow-up fieldwork in Milwaukee, St. Louis, Philadelphia, and Seattle.

2002 \$1,500. Principal Awardee. "A Brooklyn Family Tale" outreach grant from Outreach Extensions and Annie E. Casey Foundation.

- 2001 \$160,000. Principal Investigator. Grant award from Annie E. Casey Foundation for Ethnographic Project #2: Ethnographic research in Philadelphia and St. Louis. Replication and extension of Ethnographic Project #1; follow-up fieldwork in Seattle and Milwaukee.
- 2000 \$ 120,000. Principal Investigator. Grant award from Annie E. Casey Foundation for Ethnographic Project #1: Ethnographic research in Seattle and Milwaukee. Study of the effects of family-wage employment on previously un- and underemployed individuals, their families, and communities. Part of the 8-year, 6-city Casey Foundation Jobs Initiative demonstration. I also examined the role of social work and social policy in the provision of work supports.
- 1999 \$ 4,900. Co-Principal Investigator. Grant award from Penn School of Social Work Research Development Fund for “Job Retention and Working Conditions among TANF Recipients in a Welfare-to-Work Program: A Pilot Study” (with L. Rich and B. Lewis).
- 1999 \$ 6,000. Contract for development and codification of welfare-to-work training program assessment materials for Philadelphia Hospital and Health Care -- District 1199C Training and Upgrading Fund (with B. Lewis)
- 1999 \$3000. Principal Awardee. Grant award from W.K. Kellogg Foundation for summer course development. Designed (with SSW doctoral candidate Howard Nemon), taught, and oversaw delivery of SWRK 300 Community & Human Services course to Penn undergraduates entitled: “Challenges of Welfare Reform: Policy Implications and Community Responses in West Philadelphia,” Spring 2000.
- 1998 \$ 10,500. Contract for workshops and development of Family Therapy course materials, Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems, Inc, Bradford, NY.
- 1991 \$3,000. Supplementary dissertation grant awarded by the Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation.
- 1989 \$3,000. Dissertation grant awarded by the Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation.

INVITED and JURIED LECTURES and PRESENTATIONS

International

- 2018 Invited presentation for Symposium, “ Ambivalences of the Rising Welfare Service State,” Sponsored by University of Bielefeld and VW Foundation;

- Hannover, Germany, May 27-30. “Transforming Work: From Capability Approaches to Ulrich Beck’s Civil Labor.”
- 2010 Inaugural International Conference of the Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies (SLLS), September 22-24, Clare College, Cambridge, UK. Invited (and peer-reviewed) paper: “Middle-Income Families and Economic Downturn: Challenges and Management Strategies over Time.” (co-authors Laura Napolitano and Frank F. Furstenberg)
- 2006 International Conference on “Why Social Work? Perspectives of Public Welfare,” University of Bielefeld, Bielefeld, Germany. Invited paper: “‘Natural’ or ‘Unnatural’ Disaster? Low-Income Families, Hurricane Katrina, and Social Welfare.”
- 2006 International Summer Program in Social Welfare, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland. Paper presentation: “Natural and Unnatural Disasters: Unemployment, Low-Income Families, and Hurricane Katrina.”
- 2005 International Conference on “What Works,” University of Bielefeld, Bielefeld, Germany. Paper presentation: “Are We Subjugating the ‘User’ of Social Work Research to Save the Profession?”
- 2004 International Society for Quality of Life Studies, 6th Annual Conference. Paper presentation. “The Left Tail of the QOL Distribution: From Welfare to Work in the USA.”
- 2000 Tokyo, Japan. Invited colloquium for Japanese social welfare scholars and labor researchers from Japan Women’s University and Japan Institute of Labor, a research arm of the Ministry of Labor. Presentation: “Occupational Social Workers as “Boundary-Spanners” Between Labor Market Intermediaries and Employers: Implications for the Retention and Advancement Process.”
- 2000 International Study Group on Privatization: Philadelphia, PA. Paper presentation: “Contracting out welfare-to-work in Philadelphia.”
- 1999 NASW International Chapter Fall Symposium, Heidelberg, Germany: 2-day workshop: “Interactive Assessment Tools for Social Work Practice in Changing Economic and Demographic Conditions.”
- 1998 Joint World Congress of the International Federation of Social Workers and the International Association of Schools of Social Work, Jerusalem, Israel. Paper presentation: “The need for global redefinition and reorientation of occupational social work.”
- 1998 Workshop for Family Resource and Training Centre, Singapore Association of Social Work. “Use of interactive assessment tools for systemic and constructionist

family therapy modalities.

National

- 2019 SSWR Annual Conference, January 2019, Roundtable presentation, “Transforming “Work”: From Sole Reliance on Labor Market Jobs to Ulrich Beck’s Civil Labor – and Beyond”
- 2018 “After the Care Crisis” Conference: Penn Sociology (11-16-18). Invited presentation: Transforming Ideas about “Work”: Care Work and Other Work “Heart-Strings”
- 2018 American Sociological Association Annual Conference: August 2018, Philadelphia. Presider and Commenter on Session called “Technology, Work and Family”
- 2018 SSWR Annual Conference, January 2018. Paper presentation (Chenyi Ma + RR Iversen): “Mental Illness Prevalence and Disparities among Hurricane Sandy Survivors: A Two-Year Retrospective.”
- 2017 SSWR Annual Conference, January 2017. Paper presentation (Chenyi Ma + RR Iversen): "Racial Disparity in Speed of Housing Recovery after Hurricane Katrina: Ten Years Later.
- 2016 SSWR Annual Conference, January 2016. Organized roundtable, "Innovative Research-based Solutions to Intersecting Grand Policy Challenges: Transformative Ideas for the Next U.S. President's Agenda," and presented paper: "Moving Beyond Today's Wage Work Crisis."
- 2016 SSWR Annual Conference, January 2016. "Hurricane Recovery in Damaged Communities in New Jersey after Hurricane Sandy", first author doctoral student, Chenyi Ma.
- 2015 SSWR Annual Conference, January 2015. "How Public Policy Programs Addressed Housing Recovery: Case Study of Pre-Disaster Community in Galveston, Texas." Ma, C. & Iversen, R.R.
- 2015 SSWR Annual Conference, January 2015. Organized Symposium of 4 scholars and a discussant on "Transforming Work: Merging Evidence and Theory." Gave oral presentation: "Using Ethnographic Evidence to Theorize Work as Problem and Opportunity for Families". Iversen, R.R.
- 2014 Transforming Social Work Conference. October, 2014, Burlington, VT. Oral presentation, "The Risk of Risk".

- 2014 SSWR Annual Conference, January 2014. “How the National Flood Insurance Program Affected Galveston, Texas after Hurricane Ike”. Oral presentation: Ma, C., Iversen, R.R. & Culhane, D.
- 2013 APPAM Annual Conference, November 2013. “The Impact of the National Flood Insurance Program on Galveston, Texas”. Oral presentation: Ma, C., Iversen, R.R. & Culhane, D.
- 2013 Iversen, R.R., Ma, C., & Luhr, S. “The Political is Personal: Middle-Income Families in the U.S. and Canada in the Great Recession.” Oral presentation at the 17th annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), San Diego, Ca.
- 2012 Work and Family Researchers Network Inaugural Conference, New York City, June 2012. Paper presentation: “Middle-income families and economic downturn: Changes and continuities over time.” Also, invited Session Chair.
- 2012 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC, January. Moderator and Discussant for Invited Symposium: “Shaping Public Policy: Poverty and Low-Income Families.”
- 2012 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC, January. Symposium presentation: “Workforce Development Collaboratives: Do They Work?” (Discussant, Laura Lein, Dean, University of Michigan)
- 2011 Invited closing keynote address at the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Family Assistance (OFA), Regions I, II, and III annual meeting, *TANF at 15: Where Do We Go From Here?-Tri-Regional TANF Directors’ Meeting*, in Providence, RI. Address title: TANF at 15: Thinking Outside the Box during Tough Times.
- 2011 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Tampa, FL, January. Oral presentation: “Middle-income Families and Economic Downturn: Changes and Continuities over Time.
- 2010 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, January 2010. Two presentations:
 Workshop presentation: “Reflections on Ethnographic Research, Social Constructionism, and Social Work”
 Roundtable title: “One Size Does Not Fit All: Current Issues in Qualitative Research.”
- 2009 Invited discussant, together with Jodie Levin-Epstein from CLASP, on Panel, "The Variable Conditions of Low-Wage Service Sector Jobs: Lessons for Developing Public and Private Sector Strategies for Employment Quality," AAPAM annual conference, November 2009.

- 2009 Invited keynote speaker at the Research Forum at Loyola University Chicago, School of Social Work, November, 20, 2009. Talk title: “Following My Heart: Reflections on Ethnographic Research and Social Work”
- 2009 Presenter on panel on Gender, Work and Health, at 35th Anniversary Conference of Women’s Studies at Penn, October 2009. Title: “Gender, Depression, and Economic Crisis.”
- 2009 Invited presenter at Symposium on Employment and Social Work (“Putting Research to Work: Improving Low-Wage Jobs and Public Policies to Support Vulnerable Workers”) that was organized to celebrate the Centennial of the University of Chicago School of Social Administration.
- 2009 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA. Paper presentation: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans: “Contributing a Sociological Embeddedness Perspective to Disaster Research and Policy”
- 2008 Organized a Symposium about work and social work entitled "Shifting the Research Focus to Include Individuals and Institutions: The Perils and Prospects of Improving Today's Low-Wage Jobs" at the Society for Social Work and Research conference January 20, 2008. Presented a paper as part of the Symposium entitled “The Research-Informed Shift from Individual Job Training Programs to Workforce Development Networks.”
- 2007 Conference on “Classical Sociology and the Future of Organization Studies.” Organized by Paul Adler, USC. Philadelphia, Wharton. Invited to prepare comments and serve as discussant for Paul Du Gay’s chapter, *Max Weber and the Ethics of Office*.
- 2007 Council on Contemporary Families, 10th Anniversary Conference. Invited presentation: “Can You Go Home Again? Low-Income Families after Hurricane Katrina”
- 2007 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA. Paper presentation: “Job Training Programs and Work: Human Capital, Social Capital, or Both?”
- 2007 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA. Paper presentation: “Saving the Profession: Epistemological and Rhetorical Choices”
- 2006 University of Chicago, Chapin Hall, invited talk: “Children’s Schools, Parents’ Work and Policy: Alignment and Misalignment”

- 2006 University of Michigan School of Social Work Conference on Work, the Workplace and Social Work. Invited participant.
- 2006 MIT, Sloan School of Management, Institute for Work and Employment Research. Invited presentation: “Toward ‘Firm as Partner’ for Low-Income Families.”
- 2006 American Sociological Association, Annual Conference, Montreal. Paper presentation in Economic Sociology section: “Stuck in Motion: Low-Income Workers, Career Advancement, and New Thoughts about Economic Mobility
- 2006 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Boston, MA. Paper presentation: Does “Place” Matter to the Economic Mobility of Low-Income Families?
- 2006 Invited facilitator for session on “Depression” at the Annie E. Casey Foundation’s *Making Connections* Conference, Baltimore, MD, March.
- 2005 Wharton School Center for Human Resources Conference, Philadelphia, PA. Paper presentation: “Stuck in Motion: Today’s Low-skill Low-income Workers Seldom Advance” (with A.L. Armstrong).
- 2005 Society for Social Work and Research, Annual Conference. Paper presentation w/ Sarah Suh. “Depressive Symptoms and Employment Status of Low-income Parents: Findings from a Longitudinal Ethnographic Study.”
- 2004 The Center for Mental Health Services & Criminal Justice Research, Rutgers University. “Is Moving Up Through Work Even Possible?”
- 2004 Society for Social Work and Research, Annual Conference. “Marriage Isn’t the Only Answer to Poverty Reduction: Voices of Low-income Parents, Children and Others.”
- 2003 Society for Social Work and Research, Annual Conference. [Symposium Session: Social Work Research Methods in Context: Influencing State and Local Implementation of Welfare Policy] Symposium presentation: “What do welfare recipients *really* need? How ethnographic research can guide state and local policy implementation.”
- 2003 Houston-Galveston Institute/ Taos Institute conference on social constructionism and practice workshop: “Conversations beyond the therapeutic.”
- 2002 Invited participant at “Transforming Social Work Practice and Inquiry” Conference at University of Vermont.

- 2002 Invited workshop at Annie E. Casey Foundation Conference on Race and Cultural Competence, Chicago, IL: “Racism in the Workplace: Real Stories and Solutions from the Jobs Initiative.”
- 2002 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference. Paper presentation: “How performance-based funding intersects with program and practice evaluation: Ethnographic research in the Jobs Initiative.”
- 2002 Invited speaker and moderator of Panel “Up Close and Personal—Real-life Stories of Hard-working Families” at the Southern Growth Policies Board 2002 Conference on the Future of the South.
- 2001 Invited consultant and speaker at meeting about the Ford Foundation—WNET and Public Policy Production’s documentary project on low-wage working families: “Breaking the Cycle.”
- 2001 Plenary speaker at Annie E. Casey Foundation “Showcase Conference,” Baltimore, MD. “Casey Jobs Initiative research results: Ethnographic Project #1.”
- 2001 Invited participant at “Transforming Social Work Practice and Inquiry” Conference at University of Vermont.
- 2001 Society for the Study of Social Problems, Annual Meeting. Paper presentation: “Identity and social status: Immigrant experiences in the Jobs Initiative” (with M. Basta).
- 2001 Invited panelist for “Planning for a New Century: The Big Issues” Symposium, The University of Pennsylvania.
- 2001 Society for Social Work and Research, Annual Conference. Paper presentation: “The role of social work in job programs for unemployed and low-wage workers.”
- 2000 Invited participant at “Transforming Social Work Practice and Inquiry” Conference at University of Vermont.
- 2000 Invited presentation (with K. J. Gergen), “Catalytic conversations: The fruits of family assessment in a constructionist frame,” at Conference on Social Construction and Human Transformation sponsored by the Houston Galveston Institute and the Taos Institute.
- 1999 American Sociological Association, Annual Conference. Paper presentation: “Job retention processes and outcomes in TANF programs: The implementation story.”

- 1999 Presentation to Family Service of Chester County (West Chester, PA): “Social work practice and welfare-to-work programs: Challenges and opportunities.”
- 1999 National Black Family Summit, Annual Conference. Paper presentation: “Work and opportunity among Black Americans: Evidence from Black literature and social policy.
- 1999 National Black Family Summit, Annual Conference. Paper presentation: “Supporting youth’s achievement: Enhancing the transmission of family values among urban Black families.” (with N. Farber)
- 1999 Eastern Sociological Society, Annual Meeting. Paper presentation: “Job retention supports in TANF programs: Combining research and action. (with B. Lewis)
- 1999 Eastern Sociological Society, Annual Meeting. Invited discussant for session “Work and the Changing Economy.”
- 1998 Two one-day Family Therapy Workshops for Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems, Bradford, PA.
- 1998 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. “Status attainment among African Americans: Links between Black literature and social policy.
- 1997 Eastern Sociological Society, Annual Meeting. Paper presentation: “Interpretation, literacy skills and error making in the 1990 Census: Issues in methodology.”
- 1997 Invited Faculty Expert from Bryn Mawr College at a Weekend Symposium for Swarthmore, Bryn Mawr and Haverford alumni. Paper presented: “Issues of work in the U.S. today.”
- 1997 Society for the Study of Social Problems, Annual Meeting. Paper presentation: “Who counts? Who doesn’t?: Interpretive issues, literacy skills and error making in the 1990 census.”
- 1997 American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting. Paper presentation: “Interpretation and error-making in the 1990 Census.”
- 1996-97 Designed and conducted Engagement and Assessment modules for case management training for St. Gabriel’s Systems, Philadelphia, Temple University School of Social Administration.
- 1996 Independence Research Network Conference: Unintended Pregnancy: State of the Art Programs. Paper presentation: “Transmission of family values, work and welfare among poor urban Black women.”
- 1996 American Orthopsychiatric Association, Annual Meeting. Paper presentation: “Intrafamilial transmission of values among inner-city youth: A comparison of adolescent mothers and non-parent peers.”

- 1996 University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Conference: Protecting Families, Protecting Children: Research and Practice. Paper presentation: “Transmission of family values, work and welfare among poor urban Black women.”
- 1996 Eastern Sociological Society, Annual Meeting. Paper presentation: “Family values about work and welfare in relation to economic self-sufficiency among poor urban Black women.”
- 1995 Independence Research Network Conference: Research in Adolescent Health: New Findings, New Directions. Paper presentation: “The occupational attainment process of poor urban African-American women.”
- 1995 Eastern Sociological Society, Annual Meeting. Paper presentation: “The intrafamilial transmission of values about education among inner city youth: A comparison of adolescent mothers and non-parent peers.”
- 1995 Co-leader of 2-day workshop sponsored by Bryn Mawr-Haverford-Swarthmore Colleges. “Issues of Class.”
- 1995 Co-leader of workshop on conflict management and interview skills for Bryn Mawr College undergraduate resident advisors.
- 1994 Consultant for 1-day Diversity Workshop: InterAct Theatre Company, University of Pennsylvania.
- 1992 Panel Moderator. Association for Women in Social Work Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

EDITORIAL BOARD SERVICE

- 2012--on *Analysis of Social Issues and Public Policy (ASAP)* (Editorial Advisory Board)
- 2009-2018 *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research (JSSWR)* (Editorial Review Board)
- 2008-2017 *Child & Family Social Work* (Associate Editor for North America)
- 2011 *Families in Society* (Selection committee for new Editor)
- 2009-2015 *Families in Society* (Editorial Advisory Board)
- 2004-2009 *Families in Society* (Consulting Editor)
- 2000-2004 *Social Work* (Consulting Editor)

ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

- 2013 – 2018 Executive Advisory Committee/ Steering-Oversight Committee for Philadelphia Mayor's Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity's (CEO) "Shared Prosperity Philadelphia" initiative.
- 2013-16 Invited (by SSWR Board) to serve as “cluster chair” for the Poverty and Social Policy topic for SSWR annual conferences (heads the abstract

review process for the topic) -- Dan Meyer (U.Wisc-Madison) will be co-chair.

2009-2012 Elected (national election) to the position of Member-at-Large on the Board of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)

Manuscript & Book Proposal Reviews

2019 *Qualitative Social Work* Manuscript review & re-review
 2018 *Social Work & Society*: Manuscript review(s) - multiple.
 2017 *Social Work in Health Care*
 2015-16 *Societies* - International Open Access journal - Invited reviewer of article for special edition on teenage pregnancy and childbearing; Also additional article review in 2016
 2015 Invited prospectus review for new edition of Deborah Padgett's book on qualitative research
 2002-++ *Social Service Review* (often multiple)
 2009-++ *JSSWR (Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research)*
 2013 *Qualitative Social Work* –for a Special issue on ethnography
 2006-yrly *British Journal of Social Work*
 2013 *Children and Youth Services Review*
 2008++ *Economic Development Quarterly*
 2012-on *Analysis of Social Issues and Public Policy (ASAP)*
 2012 *American Journal of Sociology*
 2008 *Qualitative Social Work*
 2011 Invited review of draft manuscript on qualitative methods for practice research (Oxford University Press)
 2011 *International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education*
 2011 *CENTRO: Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies*, Hunter College
 2010 *Journal of Vocational Behavior*
 2010 *Medical Anthropology*
 2009 *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*
 2007 *Children and Youth Services Review*
 2004 -- *Families in Society*
 2004; 05; 06 *Work and Occupations*
 1995-96; 03; 04 *Social Problems*
 2002 Columbia University Press (Book Proposal review).
 2002 *Sociological Forum*
 2000-- *Journal of Social Service Research*
 1999 John Wiley & Sons (Book Proposal review)
 1998-- *Arete*
 1988; 1989 *Social Casework*

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2020 Invited abstracts reviewer for Society for Social Work and Research annual conference, January 2021.
- 2019-on Invited by Darrell L. Clarke, City Council President, to serve as member of the City of Philadelphia's Special Committee on Poverty Reduction and Prevention.
- 2016-20 Invited to serve as Chair of SSWR Excellence in Research Award Committee for Annual SSWR Conferences, 2016 through 2020.
- 2017 Promotion and tenure review for candidate at University of Maryland, School of Social Work
- 2017-18 Invited to serve as Chair of SSWR Excellence in Research Award Committee for conference January 2018.
- 2017 Promotion and tenure review for candidate at University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration.
- 2017 Promotion and tenure review for candidate at University of Michigan, School of Social Work
- 2016 Invited member of Health & Human Services Cabinet on Jobs and Economic Security, under Eva Gladstein, Deputy Managing Director for Health & Human Services, City of Philadelphia.
- 2016 Invited workshop at District 1199C Training & Upgrading Fund to staff and educators about using the CES-D depression scale in program assessment.
- 2016 Appointment and tenure review for candidate at Rutgers University, School of Social Work.
- 2015 Invited to provide expert advice to Shared Prosperity Philadelphia's Working Group on Workforce Development (fall 2015).
- 2015 Invited provision of expert commentary on the proposed Guidelines for Qualitative Research manuscripts submitted to the Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research (JSSWR).
- 2014 Tenure review conducted for Columbia University School of Social Work.
- 2013 Tenure and promotion review conducted for Rutgers University School of Social Work

- 2013 Interviewed (and videotaped) by students from Merion-Mercy Academy about the “working poor”
- 2013--on Invited to consult with Eva Gladstein, executive director of the Mayor’s cabinet-level Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity, about anti-poverty strategies for the City of Philadelphia.
- Served on Executive Advisory Committee 2013-2018 and informally thereafter (when teaching schedule precluded meeting attendance)
- 2013-2016 Invited to co-chair the Poverty & Social Policy topic cluster for the Society for Social Work and Research
- 2010 – 2014 Invited abstract reviewer for presentations at Society for Social Work and Research annual conferences
- 2012--on Review committee for Excellence in Research Award -- Society for Social Work and Research (also 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014).
- 2012 Tenure and promotion review conducted for Rutgers University School of Social Work.
- 2012 External reviewer for research proposal titled " Exploring Policies and Interventions for Tackling Intergenerational Poverty in Low-income Households: Social Investment and Family Strategy, submitted to the Research Grant Council (RGC) of Hong Kong. Invited by Prof Emily Hannum, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2012 Grant reviewer for research proposals to EINet (The Employment Instability, Family Well-Being, and Social Policy Network) at the University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration.
- 2012 External reviewer for research proposal submitted to the Research Grant Council (RGC) of Hong Kong, at the request of Prof. Mark Courtney, University of Chicago.
- 2011-12 Chair of the local arrangements committee for the inaugural conference of the Work and Family Researchers Network (housed at Penn), June 2012, in Philadelphia (invited by Jerry Jacobs, Penn Sociology & WFRN Executive Officer.
- 2011 Invited commentary on forthcoming book about change research for Columbia University Press (authors C.S. Shdaimah, R.W. Stahl, & S.F. Schram)

- 2011 External reviewer for research proposal submitted to the Research Grant Council (RGC) of Hong Kong, at the request of Prof. Mark Courtney, University of Chicago.
- 2010 Tenure and promotion review conducted for Boston University School of Social Work
- 2009 Tenure and promotion review conducted for University of Windsor School of Social Work, Ontario, Canada
- 2009 Tenure and promotion review conducted for Loyola University Chicago, School of Social Work.
- 2009 Tenure and promotion review conducted for Silver School of Social Work, New York University.
- 2009 Advisory Group for Sage Series “Social Work in the New Century”.
- 2009 Grant proposal review for the United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF)
- 2008-- Consultant/advisor to Zoeza Institute principals about their school-to-work program, Philadelphia (pro bono)
- 2008 Tenure review conducted for Arizona State University School of Social Work.
- 2005-2009 Invited reviewer of abstracts for presentations at the Society for Social Work and Research annual conferences, 2005 through 2009.
- 2007 Invited panelist with Swarthmore College faculty on the Employee Free Choice Act.
- 2007 Free Library of Philadelphia Panel: *Jobs Aren't Enough* panel presentation and discussion, together with another recent Philadelphia author.
- 2006 Tenure and promotion review conducted for University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration.
- 2005 Tenure and promotion review conducted for University of Vermont, Department of Social Work.
- 2006 International Summer Program in Social Work & Social Welfare, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland. Co-instructor of 2 ½-week program.

- 2005-- Consultation and Workshop for Center for Working Families, Atlanta, GA on Family Assessment for Welfare-to-Work Program participants.
- 2005-- Advisory Board Member & Secretary of Global Partnership for Transformative Social Work.
- 2005-- Associate of the Taos Institute.
- 2005 Invited consultant to Ford Foundation/Casey Foundation on PBS Outreach Meeting for “Waging a Living” in Washington, DC.
- 2004 Review panel for TANF Neighborhood Center demonstration proposals to Philadelphia Workforce Development Corporation
- 2004-- Invited member of the Council for Contemporary Families
- 2004 Delivery of a four-week on-line course for the New School University Community Development Research Center: “How Training Pays.”
- 2003 Invited participant at the Networking and Best Practices in Workforce Development Seminar sponsored by The New School University and the Ford Foundation.
- 2002 Invited participant at Center for Working Families national design meeting, Potomac, MD, sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.
- 2002 Invited participant at Self-Sufficiency Standard consultative session, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Baltimore.
- 2002 Invited Center Advisor for the Bryn Mawr College Center for Poverty Research (proposal under review).
- 2002-- Planning Committee for Transforming Social Work Practice and Inquiry conference and future development
- 2001-- Advisory Board to Ford Foundation for “Networking and Best Practice in Workforce Development” project (PI: Edwin Melendez, Professor and Director of Community Development Research Center, R.J. Milano Graduate School of Management and Urban Policy, New School University)
- 2001 Society for Social Work and Research Awards Review Board
- 2001 Invited consultant at Roundtable on “Assessing the Impact of Workforce Development Efforts on Companies and Workers,” The Reinvestment Fund, Philadelphia, PA,

- 2001 Invited panelist at “Peoplespeak: Welfare Reform in Human Terms,” conference at Community Division, Crozer-Chester Medical Center, sponsored by Widener University Center for Social Work Education and Brandywine Division of NASW.
- 1999-00 Invited consultant about social work practices and job retention to Philadelphia-area welfare-to-work programs at Children’s Seashore House, Philadelphia Hospital and Healthcare District 1199C Training and Upgrading Fund, and Jewish Educational and Vocational Services.
- 1999 Invited External Examiner for senior honors thesis on welfare reform—Swarthmore College, Department of Sociology/Anthropology.
- 1999-2000 Invited advisor for Swarthmore College senior thesis on the role of the caseworker under TANF.
- 1999 Reviewed content of Oral Examination for Administrative Supervisor candidates for City of Philadelphia Department of Human Services.
- 1999 Presentation to Family Service of Chester County (West Chester, PA): “Social work practice and welfare-to-work programs: Challenges and opportunities.”
- 1998 Rater for Administrative Supervisor candidates for City of Philadelphia Department of Human Services
- 1997- 1999 Member of Philadelphia School Research Forum

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2020 Invited member of Advisory Board for an 18-month research project on out-of-home care for children, sponsored by Penn Child Research Center and Penn Futures Project at University of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia Department of Human Services
- 2016 Invited faculty panelist for Wharton's PennSEM (Penn Social Entrepreneurship Movement) Social Impact Talks, April 5.
- 2016 Invited participant at Faculty Seminar on "The Role of Higher Educational and Other Anchor Institutions in Promoting Employment and College and Career Readiness of High School Students in Philadelphia," sponsored by Laura Perna, GSE, Executive Director of Alliance for Higher Education and Democracy, March 18.

- 2014-16 Advised and mentored SAS undergraduate Neil Cholli (C'16) on his community-based anti-poverty research and action in Philadelphia, which resulted in a Netter Center Implementation Award and CURF nomination for a Marshall Fellowship (finalist), Rhodes Fellowship, and National Science Foundation Fellowship. [Received NSF Fellowship for PhD study in Economics at U.C. Berkeley]
- 2015 Invited reviewer of two (2) applications for the GAPSA-Provost Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Innovation for Summer 2015.
- 2014 Chair of panel session at the Penn Social Science & Policy Conference on the War on Poverty at 50: Its History & Legacy.
- 2014 Invited panel discussant for the panel on "Labor Rights and Welfare Rights in Europe after the Financial Crisis" in the Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism (DCC) annual conference, May 2014.
- 2012--2015 Executive Committee member for the Penn Social Science and Policy Forum (Director, Tom Sugrue)
- 2011-12 Back-up SP2 representative to University Research Council
- 2011 Nominated for the Faculty Senate Executive Committee; unable to serve because committee meeting time conflicted with class time for SP 628.
- 2010 – on One of about 20 interdisciplinary Penn scholars on the inaugural committee for the Work and Family Researchers Network, funded from the Sloan Foundation to Jerry Jacobs (Sociology); also Founding Member.
- 2010 Nominated by the University Council Committee on Committees for one-year service on the University Council Committee on Campus and Community Life; unable to serve because committee meeting time conflicted with class time for SP 628.
- 2009 Invited member of the Scientific Committee for the Penn-ICOWHI (International Council on Women's Health Issues) 18th Congress, "Urbanization and Women's Health," in April 2010
- 2008-09 Faculty Senate Nominating Committee
- 2006 Invited member of Penn Global Initiative Fund conference application and planning committee; sponsored by SAS.
- 2003 Faculty Advisory Committee for Urban Ethnography Conference, sponsored by the American Academy of Political and Social Science, the

	School of Arts and Sciences, Africana Studies, and the Philadelphia Ethnography Project
2000--05	Council of Graduate Deans
2001--	Advisory Board to President's Office—Penn-Alexander School
2001	Faculty Seminar on Urban Affairs—Fels Center for Government.
2000	Provost's Seminar on Academically-Based Community Service Learning
1999-00	Planning committee for Gender and Work Program: Alice Paul Women's Center
1999--	Penn Social Work representative to Otto and Grace Pollack Scholarship Committee
1997-98	President's Special Committee on Alcohol Abuse

SCHOOL (SP2) SERVICE

2019-fall	Mentored Hong Kong doctoral student, Chen, Honghou (Shirly)
2019-20	MSSP Governance Committee Member
2019-20	PhD Advisory Committee Member
2019-20	SP2 Task Force on Policy Content across Curriculum Member
2019-20	Academic Freedom and Responsibility Committee (Chair)
2018-19	Academic Freedom and Responsibility Committee
2017-18	Academic Freedom and Responsibility Committee
2014-16	Chair of Personnel/Search Committee
2010-16	Faculty Director of Master of Science in Social Policy (MSSP) program.
2009	Interim Faculty Director of Master of Science in Social Policy (MSSP) program - Spring & Summer
2009-16	Chair of MSSP Governance Committee
2009-16	Member of SP2 Executive Committee
2012-13	Chair, MSW Policy Sequence Committee
2012-13	MSW Governance Committee member
2010-15	PhD Advisory Committee
2009	MSW Program Policy Sequence Chair; Curriculum Committee member (Fall semester only)
2008	Interim Director of International Summer Programs (Spring-Summer)
2005-08	Chair of Student Policies & Procedures Committee
2005-08	Executive Committee
2004--07	International Committee
2000--07	Ph.D. Steering Committee
2000-01	Coordinated Council on Social Work Education site visit and review for highly successful MSW program re-accreditation

1998--	Curriculum Committee
1999-00	Graduate Group subcommittee to review doctoral examination format
1999--	Admissions Committee
1998-00	Chair of Racism Sequence
1998-99	Co-chair of Academic Standing Committee
1998-99	Contributor and participant of Welfare Reform Research Focus Group
1997--	Member of Practice Sequence and 2 nd Year Direct Practice Committee
1997	Graduate Group subcommittee to evaluate SW811 (Advanced Social and Behavioral Theory)

Doctoral Committees (PhD unless otherwise designated) and Chair Positions

2015-2018	Chair of Doctoral Committee for Kalen Flynn
2014--2018	Chair of Doctoral Committee for Jeffrey Sharlein
2013--2018	Chair of Doctoral Committee for Chenyi Ma
2013-15	Member of Doctoral Committee for Marlene Walk
2011-13	Chair of Doctoral Committee for Casey Bohrman
2010-14	Chair of Doctoral Committee for Minseop Kim
2010-15	Chair of Doctoral Committee for Liz Noll
2010-13	T. Clebourn-Jacobs, Clinical DSW, Second Reader
2006-09	Chair of Doctoral Committee for T.K. Kim
2005-07	Doctoral Committee for V. Klein, GSE
2004-10	Chair of Doctoral Committee for S. Raphael
2002-08	Chair of Doctoral Committee for M. Belliveau
2002--	Doctoral Committee for M. Koppel
2001-02	Doctoral Committee for M. Park
2001-09	Chair of Doctoral Committee for M. Basta
1999-02	Doctoral Committee for D. Eldridge (DSW)
1998--	Doctoral Committee for K. Fattorosi (DSW)
1997--	Doctoral Committee for L. Liss (DSW)

Master's & Senior Thesis Committees

2004-05	Faculty advisor for senior thesis of Ophelia Roman, Philosophy, Politics & Economics major (Independent Study – Spring 2005)
2003-04	Faculty advisor for senior thesis of Maya Krigman, Philosophy, Politics & Economics major (Independent Study – Spring 2004)
1999	Faculty Capstone thesis mentor for MLA candidate, Y. Simpson
1999-00	Masters Thesis committee for S. Eachus, Department of Sociology

Presentations

2016	Doctoral Proseminar presentation: "The Job Search"
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- 2013 Doctoral Proseminar presentation: “Doing Ethnographic Research”
- 2012 Invited to Stouffer House for Fellows Night, January 26. Dinner and conversation with students about my research.
- 2011 Invited by the Wharton Politics and Business Association to be on a panel member discussing the Occupy Wall Street protest. Ultimately unable to participate because of changes in the event schedule.
- 2010 “Online Journals: In Line with the Tenure Track?” Invited presentation at the Doctoral Student Steering Committee Colloquium, December 1, 2010. Followed by published summary of talk in *The Fellow*, January 2011, 5(2), 4.
- 2010 “Water, Water, Everywhere: The Gulf Oil Spill, Katrina and Embeddedness.” Presentation for Crisis as Catalyst conference, Center for Public Health Initiatives, University of Pennsylvania, October 13.
- 2010 “Ethnographic Research and Public Policy in the U.S.” – Seminar presentation for visiting scholars/students from China, Aug. 2, 2010.
- 2009 Invited for “conversation and dessert” by MSW Student Government member to talk about my research and social work and economics.
- 2009 Guest instructor in SW 968, Economics and Social Welfare: “Poverty and Poverty Measurement”
- 2008 Anti-poverty Action Week invited lecture, Civic House, November 18: “Why Are Families Working but Still Poor”?
- 2007 Urban Studies Program Public Conversation Series 2007, Invited panel participation: “Welfare Reform a Decade Later: Consequences and Prospects”
- 2006 Presentation to SP2 Board of Overseers: “Natural” or “Unnatural” Disaster? Low-Income Families, Hurricane Katrina, and Social Welfare
- 2006 Invited to facilitate and speak in a national panel on Rebuilding New Orleans at the 33rd Annual Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Conference in Philadelphia, sponsored by the Wharton African American MBA organization
- 2005 Presentation at SP2 Doctoral Seminar on “Turning Research into a Book.”
- 2004 Invited guest lecture on welfare policy evaluation to combined classes of SW 611 (Contemporary Social Policy)
- 2003 Presentation at Doctoral Colloquium: “Turning Research into Scholarship.”
- 2003 Invited guest lecture on qualitative research to combined research methods classes (with R. Sands)
- 2003 Presentation at SSW Doctoral Seminar (with M. Belliveau and R.P. Fairbanks II)
- 2002 Invited guest lecture on welfare policy implementation to combined classes of SW 611 (Contemporary Social Policy)
- 2001 Presentation at SSW Doctoral Seminar (with M. Basta and M. Belliveau)
- 1999 Field Instructor Workshop Series (1/2 day workshop): “Impact of Welfare Reform on Service Delivery and Practice”
- 1999 Invited faculty presenter at undergraduate Hunger Banquet, Poverty Awareness Week

- 1999 Presented research on TANF policy implementation at Doctoral Colloquium
- 1999 Lecture on “History of Social Welfare” to visiting German social workers
- Other
- 2014-16 Expert consultant to Neil Cholli, Penn undergraduate, for his chapter on Economic Opportunity in Philadelphia for the new, student-run, think & action tank organization that is researching pertinent social issues and city policy affecting the Philadelphia community called ENGAGE. The Status Report was published (electronically) in Summer 2014.
- 2011 Supervised summer 2011 Independent Study (Ethnography in the Guatemala Health Initiative) for MSW student, Katherine Bisanz
- 2003 Discussant for Dr. Rebecca J. Kissane, Penn 2003, presentation for Urban Studies Graduate Student Certificate Colloquium Series
- 2002-03 Faculty host for Professor T. Akimoto, Visiting Faculty Scholar from Japan Women’s University and Japan Institute of Labor, a research arm of the Ministry of Labor, Tokyo, Japan. Collaborative consultation on issues of social welfare and the labor market.
- 2003 Consultant for Penn senior honors thesis about welfare-to-work programs in Philadelphia; Department of Sociology; E. Eckenrode.
- 2002-- Co-development and oversight of Penn SSW International Exchange Programs (Germany, Austria, Lapland/Finland [collaboration with University of Vermont]) (with R. Estes)
- 1999 Arranged 3-day visit by Japanese scholars-researchers from Japan Women’s University and Japan Institute of Labor, a research arm of the Ministry of Labor.
- 1999 Consultant to Kathryn Edin, Department of Sociology, on ethnographic portion of Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation’s national welfare-to-work evaluation.
- 1998-- Consultant on welfare reform for 4 SSW doctoral students and 2 doctoral students in Department of Sociology
- 1998-99 Linked Department of Sociology professor Frank F. Furstenberg, Jr. and Resources for Change in social work-sociology seminar collaboration at Audenreid H.S. Oversaw progress of the project.
- 1997 Rewrote *The Penn Approach* (with M. Reisch and H. Arnold)
- 1997 Arranged colloquium with both practice and policy implications by Professor Carol Joffe, University of California, Davis: “Welfare reform and reproductive politics on a collision course: Contradictions in the conservative agenda.”

HONORSAWARDS

- 2019 Excellence in Teaching Award (Standing Faculty) in SP2 (for 2018 teaching).

- 2015 Named one of "100 Distinguished Alums" by Bryn Mawr College, Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, in its Centennial year
- 2014 Named SSWR Fellow - inaugural class of SSWR Fellows
- 2009 Excellence in Teaching Award in the MSW Program (standing faculty) [also nominated in other years, including 2012; 2016; 2017]
- 2004 Social Worker of the Year, NASW-PA, Philadelphia Division.
- 1985 Susan M. Kingsbury Award for Academic Excellence, awarded by the faculty of Bryn Mawr Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research.
- 1988-89 Teagle Foundation Scholarship Program: Honorary Recipient.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS AND APPEARANCES

- Jan. 30, 2019 Invited guest expert on Knowledge@Wharton, Business Radio, Sirius XM show, on effects of the partial government shutdown – during and after.
- December 2018 Interviewed by Al Lubrano on poverty among elders in Philadelphia – for Philadelphia Daily News. (published, but not told the date)
- November 2018 Interviewed by Michael D'Onofrio about the “Fair Work Week” bill then in City Council (published 11-15-19 in Philadelphia Tribune)
- May 7, 2018 Interviewed by WHYI-FM Philadelphia about Poor People’s Campaigns 2018 and 1968 for News Works Tonight radio program (airing 5-14-18).
- February 20, 2018 Invited guest expert on Knowledge@Wharton, Business Radio, Sirius XM show, with Amy Castro Baker, on the White House Budget Proposal on food assistance.
- January 23, 2018 Invited guest expert on Knowledge@Wharton, Business Radio, Sirius XM show (requested Amy Castro Baker to be co-presenter) -- on safety net programs and entitlements under the current administration. [[Later posted on Knowledge@Wharton "Best of Site"]]
- March 21, 2017 Invited guest expert on Knowledge@Wharton, Business Radio, Sirius XM show (together with Robert Hawkins, NYU) on the President's proposed budget.
- March 11, 2016 Invited guest expert on Knowledge@Wharton, (together with A. Yesim Orhun from Ross Business School at University of Michigan) on the challenges of being poor and frugal.

August 31, 2015 Interviewed by Alan Field, Contributing Editor for Knowledge@Wharton, for an article (with Peter Cappelli) on the meaning of the current set of bipartisan apprenticeship proposals.

May 29, 2015 Invited guest expert on Knowledge@Wharton, Sirius XM show (together with Liz Schott from Center on Budget and Policy Priorities) for a segment about how states are treating low-income Americans and people on assistance.

September 2014 Interviewed and quoted by Alfred Lubrano, *the Philadelphia Inquirer*, about concentrated poverty in Philadelphia following dissemination of the poverty statistics for 2013: "Phila. Rates Highest among Top 10 Cities for Deep Poverty," 9-25-14, page 3.

January 2014 Contacted by reporter from the biggest Brazilian newspaper, Folha de S.Paulo, about drug policy in the U.S. Engaged one of the MSW/MSSP dual degree students who's an expert in this area for a response to the reporter.

April 2013 Interviewed by Dustin A. Racioppi, Asbury Park Press staff writer, for a feature story on the likely social and emotional environment at the New Jersey shore six months after Hurricane Sandy

September 2012, Consulted again by Alfred Lubrano, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, about Governor Corbett's proposed budget cuts

June 21, 2011 "Poor targeted in PA budget." Interviewed for and quoted in article by Alfred Lubrano, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, about Governor Corbett's proposed budget cuts in welfare (Medicaid; TANF).

June 13, 2010 "Summer bummer: Tough job market for Delaware teens." Interviewed for and quoted in article by Chad Livengood from *The News Journal* (Delaware) about youth unemployment and the recession and possible long-term impact of not finding a job.

February 24, 2010 Bob Herbert, Op-Ed columnist for *The New York Times*, interviewed on the "middle class" – regarding the current economic situation, the historical background for it, and the interrelated changes in life in the U.S. – for a book he's writing entitled *Wounded Colossus*. About ½ hour discussion followed by his request for us to remain in contact.

Sept. 5, 2009 WVON-Chicago; 1 hour radio interview for "How Much is Your Labor Worth Today"?

Feb. 2009 *Essence* magazine, background interview w/ Jeannine Amber, about low-income families during the economic crisis

Fall 2008 Reuters, interview w/ Joanne Morrison, U.S. macroeconomic correspondent, about the federal stimulus package

May 3, 2008 Quoted in Burling, Stacey. 'Underemployed' not always counted. Philadelphia Inquirer, pp. A1-4.

April 11, 2008 Shoup, Anna. Interview about Pennsylvania economy for The Online NewsHour with Jim Lehrer

November 26, 2007 – WHY Y Radio

“Radio Times with Marty Moss-Coane”

Roberta Iversen of the School of Social Policy and Practice discusses African-American upward mobility in America and is cited for her book, "Jobs Aren't Enough."

August 31, 2007, Philadelphia Tribune

Philly ranks among poorest U.S. cities

Parents demand resignations

Dr. Roberta Iversen discusses the meaning of the latest Census poverty figures for Philadelphia.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Society for Social Work and Research
American Sociological Association
Council on Contemporary Families
Work and Family Researchers Network