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***EDUCATION***

**Ph.D.** June 2005, University of California, Los Angeles

School of Public Affairs

Department of Social Welfare

Dissertation Title: *The State of the National Substance Abuse Treatment System in the U.S: Organizational and Individual-level Correlates of Treatment and its Outcomes.*

**M.S.W.** June 2000, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

School of Social Work

Concentration: Mental Health.

**M.A.** December 1998, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Department of Sociology

Thesis Title: *Identity politics: The Effects of Social Movement Participation on the Identities of Queer People of Color.*

**B.S., B.A.** May 1994, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio Majors: Black World Studies & Physics.

***SELECTED POSITIONS & EMPLOYMENT***

2013-present *Associate Professor*, School of Social Policy and Practice, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

2018-present *Founding Coordinator*. MSW-MFA dual degree program. School of Social Policy and Practice, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

2014-present *Founding Director*. The Center for Carceral Communities. Philadelphia.

2018-2024 *Calvin Bland Faculty Fellow*. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

2021-2023 *Fulbright Fellow*, Nehru India Academic and Professional Excellence Award.

2019-2021 *Chair*, MSW Macro Sequence, School of Social Policy and Practice,

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

2016-2018 *Chair*, MSW Governance , School of Social Policy and Practice, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

2013-2016 *Chair*, Racism and Social Change Sequence, School of Social Policy and Practice, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

2007-2013 *Chair*, Foundations of Social Work Practice, First Year, School of Social

Policy and Practice, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

2007-2013 *Assistant Professor*, School of Social Policy and Practice, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

2005-2007 *National Institute of Mental Health Postdoctoral Fellow*, Center for

Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS, Yale University, New Haven, CT.

2002-2005 *National Institute of Mental Health Predoctoral Fellow*, University of California, Los Angeles.

* 1. *Clinical Social Worker*, Gay, Lesbian Adolescent Social Services; Prototypes Substance Abuse Treatment Center for Women; San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center, Los Angeles.

***PUBLICATIONS (BOOK)***

Ghose. T. (2025) *Sex Work and Social Movement in India: Mobilizing in the Time of*

*Pandemics.* Routledge.

***PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED MANUSCRIPTS)***

Updyke, A., & Ghose, T. (2023). “We're the CHATS old‐heads”: Engaging with evidence‐based practice in a reentry agency. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 51(3), 945-961.

Ali, S., Chaudhuri, S., Ghose, T., Jana, S., & Dolui, R. (2022). Sexual health communication between sex worker mothers and their children in India. *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, 24(4), 533-547.

Ghose, T., Shubert, V., Chaudhuri, S., Poitevien, V., & Updyke, A. (2021). Are financial incentives appropriate means of encouraging medication adherence among people living with HIV? *AMA Journal of Ethics*, 23(5), 124-131.

Ali, S., Chaudhuri, S., Ghose, T., & Jana, S. (2021). Examining the role of a community-led structural intervention in shaping mothering among sex workers in India. *Affilia*, 36(1), 80-96.

Ghose, T., Ali, S., Chowdhury, S., Stanton, M., Shubert, G., & Walker, L. (2019). ***“***This is my room and my life”: The effects of housing on adherence for women with HIV

released from prison. *The Journal of the Poor and Underserved,* 30(1), 182-201.

Ghose, T., Shubert, G, Poitvien, V, Chowdhuri, S., & Gross, R. (2019). Examining the effects of a viral load suppression intervention for highly vulnerable people living with HIV*. Aids & Behavior*, 23(9), 2443-2452.

Ghose, T., Chandra, M., & Kroehle, K. (2019). HIV management in the queer rights movement in India. In Chiang et al. (Eds.) *Global Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer History.* Gale [Winner of the 2020 Dartmouth Medal for Most Outstanding Reference Work.](https://rusaupdate.org/2020/01/dartmouth-medal-for-excellence-in-reference-awarded-to-global-encyclopedia-of-lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender-and-queer-lgbtq-history/)

Gambone, G., Feldman, F., Thomas-Farraioli, A., Shubert, V, & Ghose, T. (2019). Scaling up

interventions using financial incentives to promote viral load suppression: Considerations for program development and implementation*. Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*. DOI: [10.1097/phh.0000000000001020](https://doi.org/10.1097/phh.0000000000001020)

Ghose, T., Ali, S. & Keio-Meier, B. (2018). Diversity in doctoral programs in Social Work: Mapping the road ahead. *Research on Social Work Practice,* 28(3), 265-71

Ghose, T., & Cnaan, R. (2018). Doctoral social work education: Responding to trends in society and the academy. *Research on Social Work Practice*. 28(3), 224-33.

Swendeman, D., Fehrenbacher, A.E., Roy, S., Das, R., Ray, P., Sumstine, S., Ghose, T. and Jana,

S. (2018). Gender disparities in depression severity and coping among people living with

HIV/AIDS in Kolkata, India. *PloS one*, *13*(11), p.e0207055.

Stanton, M. & Ghose, T. (2017). Community-led economic initiatives with sex workers: Establishing a conceptual framework for a multidimensional structural intervention. *Sexuality, Research and Social Policy*, 14(4), 454-66.

Jana, S., Ray, P, Roy, S., Jana, S., Ghose, T., & Piduttia, J. (2017). Depression and its relationship with HIV risk and social well-being among brothel-based female sex workers in Kolkata, India. *Community Medicine & Public Health Care*, 4, 1-12.

Fehrenbacher, A., Chowdhury, D., Ghose, T., & Swendeman, D. (2016). Consistent condom use among female sex workers in Kolkata, India: Testing theories of economic security, behavior change, life course vulnerability, and empowerment. *Aids and Behavior,* 20(10), 2332-2345.

Ghose, T., Gordon, A.J., Metraux, S., & Justice A.C. (2015). The association between HIV status and homelessness among veterans in care. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 43, 2, 189-198.

Swendeman, D., Fehrenbacher, A., Ali, S., Mindry, D., Collins, M., Ghose, T., & Dey, B. (2015). Whatever I have, I have made by coming into this profession: The intersection of resources, agency, and achievements in pathways to sex work in Kolkata, India. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 44, 1011-23*.*

Ali, S., Ghose, T., Jana, S. & Chaudhuri, S. (2014). Exceeding the individual: A qualitative examination of a community-led structural intervention and its implications for sex workers and their families. *Global Social Welfare*, 1, 56-63.

Ghose, T., Fiellin, D.A., Gordon, A.J., Metraux, S., Goetz, M.B., Blackstock, O., McInnes, K., Rodriguez-Barradas, M.C., Justice, A.C. (2013). Hazardous drinking and its association with homelessness among veterans in care. *Drug & Alcohol Dependence,* 132 (1-2), 202-206.

Ghose, T. (2013). Democracy by day, police state by night: What the Occupy arrests revealed about policing in the U.S. *Radical Philosophy Review.* 16(2), 559-574.

Ghose, T., Chowdhuri, A., Ali, S., & Solomon, P. (2013). Depression and anxiety among HIV-positive sex workers in Kolkata, India: Testing and modifying the Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale. *International Social Work.* DOI:10.1177/0020872813497381

Ghose, T., Boucicaut, E., King, C.& Shubert, V. (2013). Stilling the tremors: Resurrecting HIV services in post-earthquake encampments in Haiti. *Journal of International Social Welfare,* 22(4), 374-383 DOI: 10.1111/ijsw12011.

Ghose, T., Boucicaut, E., King, C., Doyle, A., & Shubert, V. (2013). Surviving the aftershock: Postearthquake access and adherence to HIV treatment among Haiti's tent residents. *Qualitative Health Research*, 23(4), 495-506, DOI: 10.1177/1049732312469463.

Ghose, T. (2012). Teaching about a sex work community in India: Towards a postcolonial pedagogy. *Journal of Social Work Education*. 48(4), 707-726. DOI: 10.5175/JSWE.2012.201100134.

Ghose, T. & Kassam, Meenaz. (2012).Correlates of volunteering among college students in India. *Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations.* DOI: 10.1007/s11266-012-9327-4.

Ghose, T. (2012). Politicizing political society: Mobilizing sex workers in Sonagachi, Calcutta. In Loomba, A. & Lukose, R. (Eds.) *South Asian Feminisms*. Duke University Press, Durham, NC.

Rich, D., Wohl., Ghose, T., et al., on behalf of the Centers of AIDS Research - Collaborations on

HIV in Corrections (CFAR-CHIC[[1]](#footnote-2)) Working Group. (2011). HIV-Related Research in

Correctional Populations: Now is the Time. Current HIV/AIDS Report, 8(4), 288-296.

Ghose, T., Gordon, A.J., Metraux, S., & Justice A.C. (2011). Mental health correlates of homelessness among patients in the Veterans Affairs health care system. *Psychiatric Services*, 62(12), 1514-1515.

Ghose, T., Swendeman, D. & George, S. (2011). The role of brothels in reducing HIV

risk among sex workers in Sonagachi, India. *Qualitative Health Research,* 21(5), 587-

600.

Ghose, T., Swendeman, D., George, S. & Chowdhury, D. (2008). Mobilizing collective identity to reduce HIV risk among sex workers in Sonagachi, India: The boundaries, consciousness, negotiation framework. *Social Science & Medicine* 67, 311-320.

Ghose, T. (2008). Organizational and individual-level correlates of post-treatment substance use: A multilevel analysis. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment,* 34, 249-62.

Ghose, T. (2006). Organizational correlates of specialized substance abuse treatment provision to seropositive clients: A political economy perspective. *Journal of HIV/AIDS & Social Services,* 5, 141-59.

Hasenfeld, Y., Ghose. T., & Hillesland-Larson, K. (2004). The logic of sanctioning welfare clients: An empirical assessment, *Social Service Review,* 76, 304-19.

***MANUSCRIPTS UNDER PEER REVIEW***

Addison, H. H., Richmond, T.S., Ghose, T., & Jacoby, S.F. (Under Review). The lasting impact of incarceration: A qualitative thematic analysis of mental health in formerly incarcerated Black men

Addison, H. H., Richmond, T.S., Ghose, T., & Jacoby, S.F. (Under Review). A mixed-methods exploration of health-seeking behaviors of formerly incarcerated black men.

***ART SHOWS, PROJECTS, & FILM SCRIPTS***

*The IT Guy*. (2023, Under Review). A movie script on the Rohingya human rights crisis on the

borders of Myanmar, Bangladesh, and India.

*Red Light*.(2022, Under Review). A 10-episode script on India’s sex work movement for

streaming media (currently under negotiation with Netflix, Apple, and Amazon Prime in

India, represented by RSVP, one of Bombay’s largest studios).

*re/verse*. A performative collaboration with Macedonian musical composer Vasko Dukovski,

C R Ettinger Studio & Gallery, Philadelphia, December, 14, 2017.

*Poetry in brass media*. Curated by Ivanco Talevski. C R Ettinger Studio & Gallery,

Philadelphia. May, 2017.

*SuperCuts*. Curated by Marc Blumthal. Savery Gallery, Philadelphia, April, 2017.

day 59 (installation poetry) in *Fanmail* curated by Matt Neff. Museum of Modern Art, PS1,

New York. September 18-September 20, 2016.

andyet… (installation poetry and performance) in *They* curated by Marc Blumthal, Savery

Gallery, Philadelphia. September 15 –November 4, 2016.

lyricalwars (installation poetry and performance) in *Supercuts* curated by Marc Blumthal,

Napolean Gallery, Philadelphia. October 10, 2015.

***PUBLICATIONS (MEDIA ARTICLES)***

Ghose, T. (2020, March 23). <https://www.inquirer.com/health/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-jail-philadelphia-release-20200323.html> *The Philadelphia Inquirer.*

Ghose, T. (2014, May 26). [We have to expect the worst](https://www.outlookindia.com/magazine/story/we-have-to-expect-the-worst/290741). *Outlook.*

***PUBLICATIONS (CHAPTERS, WHITE PAPERS AND REPORTS)***

Ghose, T., Neff, A., Keim, N., Morgan, B., & Akbar, G. *The Alternative Felony Disposition at the Center for Carceral Communities: Examining Effects*. Report for the Schusterman Foundation. The Center for Carceral Communities.

Ghose, T. & Neff, A. (2020). *The Guild Program: An Analysis*. Report for the Mural Arts Program, Philadelphia, PA.

Ghose, T. (2017). *An Evaluation of the Housing for People With AIDS (HOPWA) program in Philadelphia*. Office of Housing and Community Development, Philadelphia.

Ghose, T., Shubert, G. (2017). *Evaluating the Viral Load Suppression Project at Housing Works, New York*. Robin Hood Foundation, New York.

Jana, S., Ghose, T., Lazzarini, Z., Burris, S. & Case, P. (2010). *Reducing HIV risk in vulnerable populations: Rapid policy assessment and response at Sonagachi, Kolkata*. White Paper on an NIH-supported intervention adopted by the Government of India as part of the national toolkit on evidence-based practices to reduce HIV.

Ickovics, J., White, K., Stasko, E, & Ghose, T. (2007). *HIV related stigma and discrimination in Asia: A review of human development consequences*. United Nations Development Program, Colombo Regional Center.

Hasenfeld, Y., Ghose, T. & Hillesland-Larson, K. (2001). *Characteristic of sanctioned*

*and non-sanctioned single-parent CALWORKS recipients.* The Lewis Center for

Regional and Policy Studies. University of California, Los Angeles.

***OTHER PUBLICATIONS (BOOK CHAPTERS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES)***

Ghose, T. (2016). Democracy by day, police state by night: What the Occupy arrests revealed about policing in the U.S. in *Critical Refusals.* Temple University Press.

Ghose, T. (2015). Community-based participatory research. In Phyllis Solomon (ed.), *The handbook of social work interventions*. Sage Publications.

Ghose, T. (2009). Linking organizational factors to substance abuse treatment outcomes: Multilevel correlates of treatment effectiveness. In Hasenfeld Y. (Ed.) *Human Services as Complex Organizations*, *2nd Ed.* (pp. 429-452). CA: Newbury Park.

Ghose, T. (1997). *When men are raped: A brochure for service providers*. Rape

Education and Prevention Program, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

***GRANTS***

2022-2024 Principal Investigator. Schusterman Foundation. Intervening with People Reentering after Incarceration. $350,000.

2021-2023 Principal Investigator. MacArthur Foundation. Philadelphia’s Representative to the National Racial and Safety Justice Cohort. Intervening with People of Color Reentering after Incarceration. $250,000.

2020-2021 Principal Investigator. Bloomberg Foundation’s, Vital Strategies Fund. Smartphone intervention with sex workers. $96,000.

2020-2021 Principal Investigator. Ford Foundation. Smartphone intervention with released prisoners. $60,000.

2020-2021 Principal Investigator. Bloomberg Foundation’s, Chan Zuckerberg Institute. Releasing prisoners in response to Covid. $25,000

2019-2020 Principal Investigator. Alternative Felony disposition: Intervening with people charged with a gun violation. Vital Projects Fund. $120,000.

2020-2025 Principal Investigator. The Center for Carceral Communities. Private Donor, Senvest Foundation Grant, $250,000.

2019-2020 Keefe Group Grant for implementation and research of interventions with people coming out of prison. $50,000.

2018-2019 Principal Investigator. Evaluating mural-making as an intervention for formerly incarcerated people. Ford Foundation. $30,000 (part of a $200,000 grant).

2016-2019 Principal Investigator. Stop AIDS by 2030 through Viral Suppression: Integrating art with public health interventions. Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York City. $200,000

2016-2018 Principal Investigator. A Multi-tiered intervention to achieve viral suppression among homeless people with HIV and Hep-C, Robin Hood Foundation, New York City. $78,500

2016-2018 Principal Investigator. A multi-systemic intervention with homeless transgender people living with HIV, MAC AIDS Foundation, New York City. $27,000.

2015-2020 Principal Investigator. The Center for Carceral Communities. Private Donor, Senvest Foundation Grant, $250,000.

2015-2017 Principal Investigator. Health Outreach Utilization and Support Enhancement (HOUSE) Project, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA), $60,000.

2015-2016 Principal Investigator. Increasing adherence among HIV-positive

homeless clients. MAC AIDS Foundation Grant. $30,000.

2015-2017 Principal Investigator. Examining a CBT group intervention for substance

using people re-engaging with education after incarceration. Innovation

Grant, Community College of Philadelphia. $10,000.

2015-2016 Principal Investigator. Examining the impact of the Viral Load Reduction

project at Housing Works. Robin Hood Foundation. $20,000.

2013-2015 Principal Investigator. Implementing DRISHTI: Reducing HIV risk among sex workers with depression. National Institute of Mental Health R21, India Bilateral Collaborative Research Partnerships # R21MH100935-01. $200,000.

2013-2014 Co-Principal Investigator. Housing for homeless HIV positive women

released from prison. MAC AIDS Foundation Grant. $50,000.

2012-2013 Principal Investigator. Assessing the need for housing among people living with HIV/AIDS in Philadelphia county in order to secure Federal HOPWA funds. Office of Housing and Community Development, City of Philadelphia. $75,000.

2011-2012 Principal Investigator. HIV risk among men who have sex with men and sex workers in Haiti’s tent encampments. Elton John Foundation. $7,000.

2011-2012 Principal Investigator, Philadelphia site. Interventions to enhance HUD-

VASH services for substance users. Veterans Administration.

2010-2015 Principal Evaluator. Examining the effectiveness of “Safety Counts” for

homeless Latino injection drug users. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Counseling Testing, Referral and Services Grant.

2011 Provost’s International Initiative Grant on Postcolonial Social Work

Practice in India, $6,500.

2011 Penn South Asia Center grant on Microfinance in India, $20,000.

2010-2012 Co-Principal Investigator. Housing for homeless HIV positive women

released from prison. MAC AIDS Foundation Grant. $50,000.

2009-2010 Principal Investigator. Examining housing as an intervention for

homeless released female prisoners living with HIV/AIDS. University

Research Foundation, University of Pennsylvania, $50,000.

2008-2010 Principal Investigator. Implementing PATH-India: Reducing HIV risk among the dually diagnosed in India. Center For AIDS Research, University of Pennsylvania, $45,000.

2007-2008 Co-Principal Investigator. Reducing HIV risk in vulnerable populations: Rapid policy assessment and response. Administrative R01 Supplement for US-India Bilateral Collaborative Research on Prevention of HIV/AIDS, Grant # AI-07-022. National Institute on Drug Abuse, $100,000.

2005-2006 Co-Principal Investigator. *Community-level Interventions with Sex-Workers in Sonagachi, Calcutta.* Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services, University of California, New Researcher Grant. $75,000.

***TEACHING EXPERIENCE***

2021-present Developer and Instructor, MSW Program. School of Social Policy & Practice, University of Pennsylvania.

Course: Social Work in the time of Covid.

2016-present Developer and Instructor, MSW Program. School of Social Policy & Practice, University of Pennsylvania.

Course: Art and the Ecology of Social Justice. (co-taught with 2 other instructors)

2016-present Developer and Instructor, MSW Program. School of Social Policy & Practice, University of Pennsylvania.

Course: Taking Down the Prison Industrial Complex.

2016-present Developer and Supervisor, MSW Program. School of Social Policy & Practice, University of Pennsylvania.

Course: Direct and Policy Practice in the era of the Affordable Care Act.

2016-present Developer and Instructor, MSW Program. School of Social Policy & Practice, University of Pennsylvania.

Course: Working with Groups.

2007- present Sequence Coordinator and Instructor, MSW Program. School of Social Policy & Practice, University of Pennsylvania.

Course: Foundations of Social Work Practice.

2009- present Instructor, MSW Program. School of Social Policy & Practice, University of Pennsylvania.

Course: Post-colonial Social Work Practice: International Social Welfare

in India.

2010- present Developer and Supervisor, MSW Program. School of Social Policy &

Practice, University of Pennsylvania.

Course: Social Work on the Borders: Engaging with communities Puerto Rico.

2009- present Instructor, DSW Program. School of Social Policy & Practice, University

of Pennsylvania.

Course: Module on Substance Abuse Treatment.

2003 (Spring) Teaching Assistant, University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Psychology.

Course: Abnormal Psychology.

2001 (Spring) Teaching Assistant*,* University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Social Welfare.

Course:Introduction to Social Welfare.

1998-2000 Instructor*,* The Ohio State University, Department of Sociology.

Course: *World Comparative Cultures: Minority Groups in India.*

1997 (Fall) Teaching Assistant, The Ohio State University, Department of Sociology.

Course:Quantitative Research Methods.

1994-1997 Teaching Assistant*,* The Ohio State University, Department of Sociology

Course:Introduction to Sociology.

***CLINICAL EXPERIENCE***

2015-present Founding Director and Clinician

The Center for Carceral Communites

Group and individual therapy for people with a history of incarceration, s substance use, and homelessness. Supervised clinicians and interns.

2004 -2005 *Therapist, Dual Diagnosis Program.*

San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center

Provided individual and group therapy, coordinated services for dually

diagnosed clients.

2003- 2004 *Clinical Social Worker.*

Prototypes Dual Diagnosis Program, Los Angeles, CA.

Provided individual, family and group psychotherapy to dually diagnosed clients in an outpatient program. Coordinator of mental health, psychiatric, case management and substance abuse counseling services for clients. Board registered Associate Clinical Social Worker.

2001-2002 *Service Coordinator.*

42nd Street Elementary School, Afterschool Learning Program

Coordinated provision of tutoring, counseling, skills-evaluation and

psychosocial services to children in kindergarten through 4th grade.

2000 – 2001 *Clinical Social Worker.*

Gay Lesbian Adolescent Social Services, Los Angeles, CA.

Provided individual and group therapy, as well as case-management to GLBT adolescents in a group home.

1999 – 2000 *Clinical Social Work Intern.*

Counseling and Consultation Services, Ohio State University, Columbus.

Provided individual and group therapy to students with presenting issues ranging from depression to schizophrenia. Worked in a multidisciplinary clinical team comprising social workers, psychologists and psychiatrists. Was one of two interns selected through a competitive process.

1998 – 1999 *Social Work Intern.*

Nisonger Center for Developmental Disabilities, Columbus, Ohio.

Provided case-management to people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

1997– 1998 *Counselor.*

Rape Education and Prevention Program, Ohio State University,

Provided case-management and rape crisis counseling to survivors of sexual assault.

***SELECTED PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PANELS***

October, 2024 [*A Decade of Improving Adherence: A Longitudinal Study of the Undetectables Intervention.* Fast Track Cities 2024, International Association of Providers of AIDS Care, Paris.](https://www.iapac.org/files/2024/10/1445-T-Ghose.pdf)

January, 2024 [*The Mechanism of Risk for Black Men in a Felony Diversion Program: A Path Analysis*](https://sswr.confex.com/sswr/2024/webprogram/Paper53674.html). Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Washington D.C.

January, 2024 "They Using Us As Guinea Pigs Again": Resistance to Vaccination Among Criminal Justice-Involved Black Men. Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Washington D.C.

January, 2023 [The Trojan Horse Resists: Gun Diversion As a Transformer of Institutional Isomorphism in the Reentry Services Field](https://sswr.confex.com/sswr/2023/webprogram/Paper50326.html). Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Washington D.C.

January, 2016 *The empowering effects of microfinance for sex workers in India.* The Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Washington D.C.

February, 2016 *High-level discussion on the social determinants of health for people living with HIV*. The World Bank, Washington, DC.

May, 2015 *Addressing the needs of vulnerable populations: The Social Drivers of HIV*. The United Nations. New York.

July, 2012 *Housing as a structural intervention for vulnerable communities*. International AIDS Conference, International Leadership Summit on Housing. Washington D.C. , July, 21.

September, 2011 *HIV services in post-earthquake Haiti*. North American Housing and HIV/AIDS Research Summit VI, New Orleans, LA.

May, 2011 *Community mobilization as HIV intervention among sex workers in Kolkata, India*, Invited presentation to the Office of AIDS Research, National Institutes of Health.

January, 2010 *Limitations of the “Rights” Approach: The Adverse Consequences of Liberal Feminist Juridical Organizing on Sex Workers in Sonagachi, India.* The Society for Social Work Research Conference, San Francisco.

January, 2009 *Mental Illness Among HIV-Infected Sex Workers in India: Validating the HADS Instrument*. The Society for Social Work Research Conference, New Orleans

January, 2009 *In-House Sex: The Role Brothels Play in Reducing HIV Risk Among Sex Workers in the Sonagachi Project, India*. The Society for Social Work Research Conference, New Orleans

October, 2008 *Integrating Critical Race Theory into Social Work Education*. The Council for Social Work Education, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

January, 2006 *“I Kick Them Out if They Don’t Use a Condom”: Mobilizing Collective Identity to Reduce HIV Risk Among Sex Workers in Sonagachi, India*. The Society for Social Work Research Conference, San Francisco.

October, 2004 *“We don’t do that here”: Predictors of Specialized Substance Abuse Service Provision to Seropositive Clients.* National Institute of Mental Health Research Training Conference, Washington D.C.

April, 2003 Predictors of getting tested for HIV: A Multilevel Analysis. HIV Research: Next Generation Conference organized by the Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services, UCLA. Los Angeles, CA.

November, 2002 At Risk of Being Sanctioned: Comparing Sanctioned and Non-Sanctioned Welfare Recipients in California’s CalWORKS. 24th Annual Research Conferences of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Dallas, TX

August, 1998 Identity politics: The effects of social movement participation on the identities of queer people of color. American Sociological Association National Conference, San Francisco.

***HONORS, AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS***

2021-2023 Fulbright Fellowship, United States, State Department.

2018-2023 Calvin Bland Fellow, Engaging with at-risk Black Youth.

2021, January Society for Social Work Research Conference, Selected for Brief & Brilliant Research Panel.

2013-current Invited by the World Bank and UNAIDS to participate in a think-tank on HIV and Development in resource-poor communities.

2012, September Invited by the Centers for Disease Control, United States Government to participate in a think-tank on the role of HIV-related community-based organizations under the Affordable Care Act: Moving Forward. The Role of CBOs in a New Era of HIV Prevention. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, September 5-6.

2011, October Invited by the White House Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP) to facilitate sessions on HIV care implementation under the Affordable Care Act. Moderated panels with Jeff Crowley (Director, ONAP), Janet Cleveland (Deputy Division Director, HIV, CDC), Paul Kawata (Director, National Minority AIDS Council) and Margarita Figueroa-González (Division Director, Health Resources and Services Administration). Philadelphia.

2010, December Appointed by The White House Office of National AIDS Policy as team facilitator for policy development group on Homelessness and HIV as part of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy formulation team, The White House, Washington, D.C.

2010 *Qualitative Health Research* article (“The role of brothels in reducing HIV

risk among sex workers in Sonagachi, India”) selected by United Nations Development Program in its annual summary of evidence-based practice research on HIV in international settings.

2007-present Manuscript Reviewer for The Journal of the American Medical

Association (JAMA), American Journal of Public Health, Social Service

Review, Social Science & Medicine, Journal of Substance Abuse

Treatment, Drug and Alcohol Dependence, AIDS and Behavior, Public

Administration Review, Voluntas, Qualitative Health Research, Journal of Community Psychology, Society for Social Work Research Conference

Abstracts, Journal of HIV/AIDS & Social Services.

2010 Session Chair, Society for Social Work Research Conference, San Francisco.

* 1. National Institute of Mental Health HIV/AIDS Postdoctoral Fellowship,

Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS, Yale University.

2002-2005 National Institute of Mental Health HIV/AIDS Research Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles.

1. Summer Research Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles.

2000 Director's Award, Gender Services, Ohio State University.

1997 Community Activist Award, Gender Services, Ohio State University.

1992 Scholar Leader Award, Miami University.

***COMMUNITY SERVICE***

2015-2016 *Organizing and Founding Member*

The Center for Carceral Communities

SP2, University of Pennsylvania

2011-present *Organizer & Member.*

Occupy Philadelphia.

Organized rallies and participated in negotiations with city and state

governments over policies on policing practices, homelessness and

education budgets.

2010-present *Community Advocate.*

Attic Youth Center, Philadelphia.

Organized fundraisers, participated in community activities and consulted

with staff on healthcare reform policies affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered youth in Philadelphia.

2011-present *Community Advocate.*

Housing Works, New York.

Consulted with staff on implementing evidence-based practices with

homeless clients living with HIV. Partnered with staff members in participating in federal government policy-formulation processes addressing HIV and homelessness.

2011-present *Member.*

Annual National HIV/AIDS Housing Conference Steering Committee.

Helped to organize conference sessions, screen submitted abstracts and

consult on policy statements.

2002-present *Community Advocate.*

Durbar Mahila Samanwaya Committee

Consulted on the implementation of interventions with sex workers. Organized classes for sex workers on mental health interventions, research methods and evaluation. Organized community-based classes in collaboration with the University of Pennsylvania taking MSW students to India annually. Organized conferences on microfinance in the U.S., involving staff members. Participated in advocacy activities.

1998 – 2000 *Founder and Volunteer Organizer.*

Students for Equal Rights and Justice (SERJ): An organization working on affirmative action and access to education for disadvantaged students. Received the “Most Supportive Organization” award by Gender Services, Ohio State University, 2000.

1995 – 2000 *Volunteer Outreach Worker.*

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