

Anna Ferris, MSW, LSW

**Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

PhD Social Welfare University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice Faculty Advisor: Ram Cnaan, PhD	2021- present
Master of Social Work University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice	August 2016
Bachelor of Social Work University of North Carolina at Wilmington School of Social Work	May 2014

PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

- Intersection of social welfare and migration
- Welfare access for forced migrants and its impact on integration outcomes
- Refugee resettlement policy

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH POSITIONS

Graduate Research Assistant, University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice,
Philadelphia, PA
August 2020- present

GRANTS, CONTRACTS AND RESEARCH SUPPORT

University of Pennsylvania
School of Social Policy and Practice
Four years of stipend support for research
2021-2015

PUBLICATIONS

Choi, D., Ferris, A., Marrese, T., Cnaan, R., and Handy, F. 2023. The Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Recruitment and Retention of Volunteers and Donors in the US. *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership, and Governance*. 1-15.

Cnaan, R.A., Handy, F., Marrese, T., Choi, D. Y., and Ferris, A. 2022. Generosity Trends and Impacts: Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic in the USA.

Ferris, A., Marrese, T., Choi, D., Cnaan, R., Handy, F. "Who Volunteers at Refugee and Immigrant Nonprofits? Two Studies Exploring Volunteering at Nonprofits Serving Refugees and Immigrants. (Under review)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Migration Practicalities: Host Country Responses to Authorized and Unauthorized Migrants
Madrid, Spain
October 2022

IMISCOE (International Migration Research Network)
Warsaw, Poland (presented online)
July 2023

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Generosity Trends and Impacts: Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic in the USA.
Co-Investigator
May 2021-April 2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant September 2019-Januray 2020
University of Pennsylvania
SWK 749: Civil Society Organizations in Israel and Palestine
Jerusalem

SERVICE

- *President*, UNC-Wilmington Student Social Work Organization (2012- 2014)

- *Community Outreach Committee Member*, Interfaith Refugee Ministry. Wilmington, NC (2014- 2015)
- *Member*, Unitarian Universalist Church of the Restoration Justice Council (2019- present)

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

United Communities of Southeast Philadelphia

Community Schools Specialist
November 2020-August 2021

SEAMAAC

(Southeast Asian Mutual Assistance Associations Coalition)

Lead Case Manager
September 2016-November 2019

HIAS Pennsylvania

(Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society)

Refugee Resettlement Case Manager (MSW Field Placement)
July 2015-May 2016

Congressman Mike McIntyre

Veterans Services Case Manager (BSW Field Placement)
August 2013-May 2014

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Project Hope Palestine

Volunteer/Arabic Student

January 2020- March 2020
Nablus, Palestine

SEAMAAC, Inc. Refugee Health and Social Services

Trauma-Informed Yoga Teacher

March 2017- November 2019
Philadelphia, PA

Interfaith Refugee Ministry

Community Neighbor Volunteer/ESL Instructor

January 2013- June 2015
Wilmington, NC

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, Society for Social Work and Research

2022-present

CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING

Pennsylvania Social Work License (LSW)

Studio 34 Healing Arts: Yoga Teacher Training (YTT) Certification (200 hours)

Certificate in Trauma from Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research

Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, and Publisher.

R (beginner)

Languages: English: Native language. Arabic: Intermediate working proficiency in Levant dialects.