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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor	2026 – present
Assistant Professor	2020 – 2026
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work Texas Tech University	
Associate Director	2025 – present
Texas Security Center Texas Tech University	
Adjunct Instructor	2017 – 2020
Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences Case Western Reserve University	

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences	2020
MSW	Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea School of Social Welfare (*Accredited by CSWE for Foreign Degree Equivalency)	2011
BA	Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea Department of Social Work	2009

LICENSURE

Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW)	2022 – present
Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners (License #109515)	
Social Worker	2009 – present
Korea Association of Social Workers (License #1-156182)	

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

President's Emerging Engaged Scholarship Award	2026
Texas Tech University Selected to be the winner of the 2026 President's Emerging Engaged Scholarship Award	

Excellence in Engagement and Outreach Award College of Arts & Sciences, Texas Tech University Selected to be the winner of the 2023-2024 Excellence in Engagement and Outreach Award	2024
Ethics in Teaching & Learning Program Teaching, Learning, & Professional Development Center, Texas Tech University Selected to be one of the 18 faculty members of the 2024-2025 cohort (last cohort)	2024
GSA Diversity Fellow Award Gerontological Society of America (GSA) & National Institute on Aging (NIA) Selected to be one of the recipients of the 2023 GSA Diversity Mentoring and Career Development Technical Assistance Workshop Diversity Fellow Award	2023
Faculty Mentorship Academy Teaching, Learning, & Professional Development Center, Texas Tech University Selected to be one of the first 35 faculty members helps launch the faculty peer mentorship program Selected to be the second faculty mentorship academy (2023-2024) members	2023, 2024
Open Access Publication Initiative Office of Research & Innovation, Texas Tech University Helps defray the cost of open access publication fees and expedite the dissemination of research findings	2021, 2022
Faculty C-Startup Program Award 2020-2021 Faculty Ambassador of Innovation Hub Innovation Hub at Research Park, Texas Tech University For faculty creating a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship	2020
The Ruth Barber Moon Award School of Graduate Studies, Case Western Reserve University For those who demonstrated academic promise, leadership ability, and financial need	2019
The Marie Haug Award University Center on Aging and Health, Case Western Reserve University For those who showed exemplary performance in their gerontological studies	2019
Brain Korea 21 Project Scholarship, Government Grant National Research Foundation of Korea	2010

BOOK AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- Cho, S.** (2026). *Aging, neighborhoods, and mental health*. Nova Science Publishers, Inc.
<https://doi.org/10.52305/ZLCQ6605> or <https://novapublishers.com/shop/aging-neighborhoods-and-mental-health/>
- Timmons-Mitchell, J., & **Cho, S.** (2019). Gender differences in bullying and suicide. In C. Boone (Ed.), *Bullying in schools: Prevention, gender differences and perspectives* (pp. 99-142). Nova Science Publishers, Inc. <https://novapublishers.com/shop/bullying-in-schools-prevention-gender-differences-and-perspectives/>

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- Cho, S.** (in press). Middle-aged and older caregivers' loneliness and neighborhood disorder: The buffering role of social support. *Health & Social Work*.
- Cho, S.,** Lavender-Bratcher, D., & Okafor, F.* (in press). Fostering racial justice in social work education. *Health & Social Work*.
(*Former student collaborator)
- Wang, F., **Cho, S.,** Conway, A., Heo, Y. J., Lau, C. Y. C., & Da Silva, K. M. (2026). Caregiving stressors and sleep outcomes: Examining group differences among caregivers of persons living with dementia. *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*.
- Choi, Y. J., **Cho, S.,** Jeong, J., & Tuladhar, L. (2026). Neighborhood social cohesion and psychological distress among caregiving spouses with or without a nearby social support network. *Frontiers in Public Health, 14*, 1774526.
- Yu, J., **Cho, S.,** & Nguyen, A. W. (2026). Assessing biological pathways in the longitudinal association between neighborhood environment and depressive symptoms. *Journal of Affective Disorders, 407*, 121784. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jad.2026.121784>
- Koo, B., Jung, H., & **Cho, S.** (2025). Bad caring: Reframing the role of empathy in the hospitality industry. *International Journal of Contemporary Hospitality Management, 38*(3), 809-831. <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJCHM-01-2025-0113>
- Jeong, K., Song, D., **Cho, S.,** & Cho, H. (2025). Do adverse childhood experiences contribute to social isolation in young single-person households? A sex-based inquiry. *Journal of Men's Health, 21*(11), 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.22514/jomh.2025.130>
- Rose, A. H., Skipper, A. D., & **Cho, S.** (2025). Relational sanctification, forgiveness, and family functioning in African American couples. *Marriage & Family Review, 61*(8), 936-952. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01494929.2025.2564993>
- Cho, S.** (2025). Lost in translation: Addressing the sensitivity of cognitive functioning measures for non-English-speaking social work clients. *Health & Social Work, 50*(3), 262-264. <https://doi.org/10.1093/hsw/hlaf020>
- Cho, S.,** & Hamler, T. C. (2025). Understanding the dual burden of physical and neurodegenerative multimorbidity on depressive symptoms in older Black adults. *Discover Public Health, 22*, 283. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12982-025-00681-9>
- Cho, S.,** Skipper, A. D., & Rose, A. H. (2025). Countering deficits: Relational sanctification, forgiveness, and family functioning among older, romantically involved African Americans. *Journal of Applied Gerontology, 45*(2), 353-364. <https://doi.org/10.1177/07334648251336799>
- Park, C., & **Cho, S.** (2025). Exploring why and how long older adults use the internet. *Activities, Adaptation & Aging, 50*(1), 117-132. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01924788.2025.2492985>

- Cho, S., & Townsend, A. L.** (2025). Positive spousal interactions as a mediator between perceived neighborhood disorder and depressive symptoms among married/partnered adults. *Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics Plus*, 2(2), 100160. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aggp.2025.100160>
- Cho, S., & Hamler, T. C.** (2025). Neighborhood racial/ethnic composition and depressive symptoms of later life: The moderation effects of individual race/ethnicity. *Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics Plus*, 2(1), 100114. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aggp.2024.100114>
- Cho, S.** (2024). Navigating economic inequities: Neighborhood relative deprivation and depressive symptoms in later life. *Journal of Ageing and Longevity*, 4(4), 442-450. <https://doi.org/10.3390/jal4040032>
- Cho, S., & Branch, K. R.*** (2023). A review of evidence on the relationships between neighbourhood stressors and depressive symptoms. *Relational Social Work*, 7(2), 31-60. <https://doi.org/10.14605/RSW722303>
(*Former student collaborator)
- Cho, S.** (2022). Theories explaining the relationship between neighbourhood stressors and depressive symptoms. *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, 9(10). 1-6. <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41599-021-01014-2>
- Jeong, K. H., & Cho, S.**** (2021). Gender differences in suicide rates of municipalities in South Korea: A latent profile analysis by life cycles. *Crisis: The Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention*, 44(2), 115-121. <https://doi.org/10.1027/0227-5910/a000841>
(**Corresponding author)
- Cho, S.** (2021). Relationships between perceived neighborhood disorder and depressive symptomatology: The stress buffering effects of social support among older adults. *Social Work in Public Health*, 37(1), 45-56. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19371918.2021.1974636>
- Cho, S., & Bulgar, M.** (2021). Social support and depressive symptoms among trauma-impacted older adults. *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*, 18(4), 371-378. <https://doi.org/10.1080/26408066.2020.1866729>
- Qin, W., Wang, Y., & Cho, S.** (2021). Neighborhood social cohesion, physical disorder, and daily activity limitations among community-dwelling older adults. *Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics*, 93, 104295. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.archger.2020.104295>
- Cho, S., & Hamler, T.** (2021). Depressive symptoms and multimorbidity: Is there an association for older Black Americans? *Journal of Aging and Health*, 33(5-6). 310-316. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0898264320981244>
- Cho, S., & Townsend, A. L.** (2019). Perceived neighborhood social disorder as a predictor of depressive symptoms among unmarried older women and the stress-buffering effect of friends support. *Journal of Women & Aging*, 31(6). 1-16. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08952841.2019.1682922>
- Cho, S., & Yoon, M.** (2019). A study on employment of HOPE VI projects: Examining the impact of neighborhood disadvantage, housing type diversity, and supportive services. *Housing & Society*, 46(1), 23-37. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08882746.2019.1580944>

- Timmons-Mitchell, J., Albright, G., McMillan, J., Shockley, K. & **Cho, S.** (2019). Virtual role-play: Middle school educators addressing student mental health. *Health Behavior and Policy Review*, 6(6), 546-557. <https://doi.org/10.14485/HBPR.6.6.1>
- Yoon, M., **Cho, S.**, & Yoon, D. (2019). Child maltreatment and depressive symptomatology among adolescents in out-of-home care: The mediating role of self-esteem. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 101, 255-260. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2019.04.015>
- Gress, T. H., Joseph, M. L., & **Cho, S.** (2019). Confirmations, new insights, and future implications for HOPE VI mixed-income redevelopment. *Cityscape*, 21(2), 185-212. <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/periodicals/cityscpe/vol21num2/article11.html>
- Kang, C., **Cho, S.**, & An, S. (2011). Giving behavior of low-income citizens: Predictors on participation and philanthropic effort. *Journal of Korean Social Welfare Administration*, 13(3), 88-120. <https://www.dbpia.co.kr/Journal/articleDetail?nodeId=NODE02225162>
- Choi, S., Cheong, J., **Cho, S.**, & Jin, S. (2009). The effects of voluntary activities attitude and contentment of university students toward the elderly on awareness of supporting, and the mediating effects of attitude toward the elderly. *Journal of Welfare for the Aged Institute*, 46, 239-261. <https://doi.org/10.21194/kjgsw..46.200912.239>

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

- Hamler, T. C., **Cho, S.**, Pederson, T., Ingle, P., Gaona, A., & Nguyen, A. (under review). Resilience in older adults with advanced chronic kidney disease: The role of psychological and clinical factors. *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*.
- Kim, M., **Cho, S.**,** & Song, E. (under review). Gender differences in depression among older adults: A latent class analysis. *The International Journal of Aging and Human Development*.
(**Corresponding author)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- Sellers, A. N.*, & **Cho, S.** (in preparation). A systematic review and proposed conceptual model for co-occurring substance use and mental disorders.
(*Former student collaborator)
- Lee, Y., Noh, S., **Cho, S.**, Jang, S., Moon, H., & Warne, D. K. (in preparation). Alzheimer's disease knowledge, social support, and depressive symptoms among American Indians.
- Cho, S.** (in preparation). Middle-aged and older caregivers' loneliness and neighborhood disorder: The buffering role of social support.
- Cho, S.** (in preparation). Social support and multimorbidity among trauma-impacted middle-to-older adults in the United States.
- Park, S., & **Cho, S.** (in preparation). Cognitive functioning and social life efficacy of older adults.
- Kim, S. K., & **Cho, S.** (in preparation). Stress, social support, and depressive symptoms in mid-life women: A biopsychosocial longitudinal analysis from the SWAN study.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS/REPORTS

Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health. (2024). *Sequential intercept model mapping report for Lubbock County*.

Coder, T., Lucas, A., Timmons-Mitchell, J., **Cho, S.**, Park, J., & Tossone, K. J. (2020). *Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF) Ohio's campaign for hope: Collaboration for advancing strategies for youth suicide prevention Year 5: Annual Report September 30, 2019 – September 29, 2020* (SAMHSA 1H79SM062894-01).

Coder, T., Lucas, A., Price, M., Mulligan, A., Timmons-Mitchell, J., & **Cho, S.** (2019). *Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF) Mental health awareness training grant: Serving Ohio guardsmen and women Year 1: Annual Report September 30, 2018 – September 29, 2019* (SAMHSA SM080997).

Coder, T., Lucas, A., Price, M., Timmons-Mitchell, J. & **Cho, S.** (2019). *Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF) Ohio's campaign for hope: Collaboration for advancing strategies for youth suicide prevention Year 4: Annual Report September 30, 2018 – September 29, 2019* (SAMHSA 1H79SM062894-01).

Gress, T. H., **Cho, S.**, & Joseph, M. L. (2016). *HOPE VI data compilation and analysis. PD&R Research Partnerships* (HUD RP-14-OH-005). Office of Policy Development and Research, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/publications/HOPE-VI-Data-Compilation-and-Analysis.html>

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Cho, S., & Hamler, T. C. (2026, July 5-8). Loneliness and the city: Psychological determinants of perceived neighbourhood disorder in ageing populations. Paper presented at the 23rd International Association of Geriatrics and Gerontology (IAGG) World Conference, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Hamler, T. C., **Cho, S.**, Pederson, T., & Ingle, P. (2026, July 5-8). Exploring resilience in older African Americans with advanced chronic kidney disease. Paper presented the 23rd International Association of Geriatrics and Gerontology (IAGG) World Conference, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Cho, S., Choi, Y. J., & Kim, S. K. (2025, November 12-15). Middle-aged and older caregivers' depressive symptoms and multiple sources of social support. Poster presented at the 2025 Gerontological Society of America (GSA)'s Annual Scientific Meeting, Boston, MA.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igaf122.3320>

Cho, S., & Yu, J. (2025, November 12-15). Longitudinal associations between neighborhood disorder, diabetes, and depressive symptoms in later life. Paper presented at the 2025 Gerontological Society of America (GSA)'s Annual Scientific Meeting, Boston, MA.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igaf122.2170>

Choi, Y. J., **Cho, S.**, & Jeong, J. (2025, November 12-15). Social support network, neighborhood social cohesion, and psychological distress among caregiving spouses. Poster presented at the 2025

Gerontological Society of America (GSA)'s Annual Scientific Meeting, Boston, MA.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igaf122.3325>

- Lee, Y., Roh, S., **Cho, S.**, Jang S., Moon, H. E., Warne, D. K., Steele, J., & Stone S. T. (2025, November 12-15). Alzheimer's disease knowledge, social support, and depressive symptoms among American Indians. Poster presented at the 2025 Gerontological Society of America (GSA)'s Annual Scientific Meeting, Boston, MA. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igaf122.3173>
- Hamler, T. C., **Cho, S.**, Pederson, T., & Ingle, P. (2025, November 12-15). Exploring resilience in older African Americans with advanced chronic kidney disease. Paper presented in Symposium (*From Risk to Resilience: Multidimensional Influences on Health and Well-being in Later Life*) at the 2025 Gerontological Society of America (GSA)'s Annual Scientific Meeting, Boston, MA. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igaf122.1365>
- Kim, M., Song, E., & **Cho, S.** (2025, October 23-26). Gender differences in depression among older adults: A latent class analysis. Poster presented at the 71st Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Denver, CO.
- Cho, S.** (2025, October 3-4). The efficacy and future of virtual reality interventions for veterans with trauma-related disorders: A scoping review. Paper presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) South 2025 Conference, Lubbock, TX.
- Cho, S.**, & Hamler, T. C. (2025, January 15-19). Depressive symptomatology and physical/neurodegenerative multimorbidity among older Black Americans. Poster presented at the 29th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Seattle, WA.
- Cho, S.** (2024, November 13-16). Middle-aged and older caregivers' loneliness and neighborhood disorder: The buffering role of social support. Paper presented in Symposium (*Social Isolation, Loneliness, and the Living Arrangements and Contexts of Older Adults*) at the 2024 Gerontological Society of America (GSA)'s Annual Scientific Meeting, Seattle, WA. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igae098.0826>
- Rose, A. H., Skipper, A. D., & **Cho, S.** (2024, November 20-23). Relational sanctification, forgiveness, and family functioning in African American couples. Paper presented in Symposium (*The Role of Religiosity and Spirituality in Building Couple and Familial Resilience*) at the 2024 National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) Annual Conference, Bellevue, WA.
- Skipper, A. D., Rose, A. H., & **Cho, S.** (2024, November 13-16). Relational religiosity, forgiveness, and family functioning in older African American couples. Poster presented at the 2024 Gerontological Society of America (GSA)'s Annual Scientific Meeting, Seattle, WA. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igae098.2554>
- Koo, B., Jung, H., & **Cho, S.** (2024, July 24-26). Bad caring: Reframing the role of empathy in the hospitality industry.* Poster presented at the 2024 Annual International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education (ICHRIE) Global Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. (***Won the best poster award**)
- Cho, S.** (2024, June 21-22). Community responses and adaptations to COVID-19: Coproduction, volunteering, and giving in times of crisis. Paper Session Chair at the 8th Annual Conference of Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)-Asia, Seoul, South Korea.

- Cho, S.** (2022, November 10–13). Relationship between neighborhood stressors and depressive symptoms. Poster presented at the 68th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Anaheim, CA.
- Cho, S., & Hamler, T. C.** (2022, November 2–6). Relationships between physical/mental multimorbidity and depressive symptoms among older Black Americans. Poster presented at the 2022 Gerontological Society of America (GSA)'s Annual Scientific Meeting, Indianapolis, IN. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igac059.2648>
- Cho, S., & Kim, Y.** (2022, January 12–16). What determines perceptions of neighborhood disorder? The importance of psychological characteristics. Poster presented at the 26th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington, DC.
- Lee, G., **Cho, S., & Burlaka, V.** (2022, January 12–16). The effects of social cohesion on psychological distress among low-income immigrant adolescents. Poster presented at the 26th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington, DC.
- Cho, S.** (2021, November 10–13). Race/ethnicity moderation on the relationship between neighborhood minority composition and depressive symptoms. Poster presented at the 2021 Gerontological Society of America (GSA)'s Annual Scientific Meeting, Phoenix, AZ.
- Cho, S.** (2021, November 4–7). Educating social entrepreneurship for economic justice. Poster presented at the 67th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Orlando, FL.
- Cho, S.** (2019, November). Power of social support against depressive symptoms of older African Americans. Poster presented at the 2019 Gerontological Society of America (GSA)'s Annual Scientific Meeting, Austin, TX. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igz038.580>
- Cho, S., & Townsend, A. L.** (2019, November). Perceived neighborhood social disorder, friends' support, and depressive symptomatology of non-married older women. Poster presented at the 2019 Gerontological Society of America (GSA)'s Annual Scientific Meeting, Austin, TX. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igz038.1142>
- Cho, S., & Kim, S.** (2019, January). Comparing the effects of different sources of social support on depressive symptoms among older adults. Poster presented at the 23rd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), San Francisco, CA.
- Cho, S., & Hamler, T. C.** (2018, November). Depressive symptoms and chronic disease: Is there an association for older African Americans? Poster presented at the 2018 Gerontological Society of America (GSA)'s Annual Scientific Meeting, Boston, MA. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igy023.2489>
- Cho, S., & Townsend, A. L.** (2018, January). Negative spousal interactions as a mediator between perceived neighborhood disorder and depressive symptoms among married older adults: A structural equation model. Poster presented at the 22nd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington, DC.

- Gress, T. H., **Cho, S.**, & Joseph, M. L. (2017, April). What did two decades of HOPE VI produce? Confirmations, revelations and implications. Paper presented at the 2017 Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Cho, S.**, Gress, T. H., & Joseph, M. L. (2016, November). What did two decades of HOPE VI produce? Confirmations, revelations and implications. Paper presented at the 2016 Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC.
- Cho, S.**, & Kim, S. (2016, April). Adjustment problems of female spouses of international students: Theoretical frameworks. Paper presented at Research ShowCASE 2016, Cleveland, OH.
- Cho, S.** (2015, January). An inquiry on “us versus them” dynamics in mixed-income housing development. Paper presented at the 6th Annual Conference of The Qualitative Report (TQR), Fort Lauderdale, FL. <https://nsuworks.nova.edu/tqrc/sixth/day1/27>
- Cho, S.** (2014, November). An inquiry on “us versus them” dynamics in mixed-income housing development. Poster presented at the 43rd Annual Conference of Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), Denver, CO.
- Kang, C., Ku, J., Chung, H., & **Cho, S.** (2010, July). Impact of economic crisis on giving: Trend analysis of individual giving and volunteering in Korea. Paper presented at the 9th International Conference of International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR), Istanbul, Turkey.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Cho, S.** (2025, May 7). Ethics in teaching and learning with social work. Presentation at the 3rd Annual Ethics in Teaching & Learning Symposium, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX.
- Cho, S.** (2024, June 7). Depressive symptomatology among middle-to-older adults in the United States. Guest presentation at Handong Global University School of Counseling Psychology & Social Welfare, Pohang, South Korea.
- Cho, S.** (2023, November 13). Case Study – Good Neighbors International. Guest presentation for the *POLS 3368 Transnational Issues* Course at Texas Tech University Department of Political Science, Lubbock, TX.
- Kim-Goh, M., Choi, Y., & **Cho, S.** (2021, November 12). Academic job market in social work: Experiences and expectations. [Panel presentation] The 6th Korean Research Talk (KR Talk) of Korean American Social Work Educators Association.

GRANTS

GRANTS: FUNDED

Texas Tech University – Office of Provost & International Affairs
Global Exchange Research One-Way Seed Grants (inaugural)
Funded \$3,500
Role: Principal Investigator

2026

South Plains Foundation Proposal Title: Wellness Workshops Principal Investigator: Danielle Demetria East at East Lubbock Art House Funded \$10,000 Role: Co-Principal Investigator	2024
The Community Foundation of West Texas Proposal Title: Wellness Workshops Principal Investigator: Danielle Demetria East at East Lubbock Art House Funded \$5,000 Role: Co-Principal Investigator	2023
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Proposal Title: Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Grant, Social Work Program (ORS 21-0862) Principal Investigator: Andrew Rose, Ph.D. Funded \$100,356 Role: Co-Principal Investigator	2021
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Proposal Title: Title IV-E Child Welfare Training Grant, Social Work Program (ORS 20-0835) Principal Investigator: Andrew Rose, Ph.D. Funded \$314,999 Role: Co-Principal Investigator	2020
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Mental Health Awareness Training: Services for Ohio Guardsmen/women Principal Investigator: Jane Timmons-Mitchell, Ph.D. & Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation Funded \$125,000 (SM080997-01)	2019

GRANTS: NOT FUNDED

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Exploring Equitable Futures 2025 Call for Proposals Proposal Title: Empowering Small Business Owners' Emotional Health: Community-Based Social Entrepreneurship Education and Research Not funded \$250,000 Role: Principal Investigator	2025
The CH Foundation Proposal Title: Valor VR – Virtual Reality Interventions for Traumatized Veterans Not funded \$20,000 Role: Principal Investigator	2025
Institute of Museum and Library Services Museums for America Proposal Title: Hearten Happiness – Creative Aging, Art, Affirmation Principal Investigator: Hyojung Cho, Ph.D. Not funded \$132,907 Role: Co-Principal Investigator	2023

Korea Department of Education and National Research Foundation of Korea 2023 Social Science Research Support Projects – New Proposals Proposal Title: Asian Immigrants, Aging, and Future Social Work in South Korea Principal Investigator: Madhu Atteraya, Ph.D. Not funded (approximately) \$105,000 (134,280,000 KRW - South Korean currency) Role: Co-Principal Investigator	2023
Helen Jones Foundation Proposal Title: Re-Entry Social Entrepreneurship Training (RESET) Not funded \$60,000 Role: Principal Investigator	2022
U.S. Department of State U.S. Mission to North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Office of the Public Affairs Advisor Adapting to the New Geostrategic Threats (DOS-USNATO-PAA-2022-002) Proposal Title: The NATO Initiative Principal Investigator: Ori Swed, Ph.D. Not funded \$149,484 Role: Co-Principal Investigator	2022
National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine The Gulf Research Program Reducing the Burden of Disaster-Related Mental Health Proposal Title: Supporting Hispanic Adolescents’ Resilience in Mental Health through Tele-counseling and Virtual Reality Principal Investigator: Changwon Son, Ph.D. Not funded \$998,504 Role: Co-Principal Investigator	2021
National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Site Proposal Title: Interdisciplinary Research Experiences to Mitigate Disaster Challenges for the Socioeconomically Disadvantaged Principal Investigator: Sunho Lim, Ph.D. Not funded \$389,709 Role: Senior Personnel	2021
National Science Foundation Designing Accountable Software Systems (NSF 21-554) Proposal Title: Reframing Software Engineering: Evolutionary and Accountable Systems Principal Investigator: Michael E. Shin, Ph.D. Not funded \$749,999 Role: Co-Principal Investigator	2021
Texas Tech University – The Humanities Center Interdisciplinary Working Groups Principal Investigator: Nadia Y. Flores-Yeffal, Ph.D. Not funded \$7,500 Role: Co-Principal Investigator	2021

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) 2019
Transforming Health Care for Children and Youth with Epilepsy
Principal Investigator: Tatiana Falcone, Ph.D. & Cleveland Clinic
Not funded
Role: Preparing and writing references for the grant application.

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) 2017
Suicide and Non-suicide Opioid Deaths among Youth: Trends and Implications
Principal Investigator: Jane Timmons-Mitchell, Ph.D.
Not funded; Pilot Research Grant \$30,000

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Principal Investigator Mar 2026 – present
Texas Tech University
Tackling depressive symptoms of microentrepreneurs (TTU IRB 2025-276).

Principal Investigator May 2025 – present
Texas Security Center, Texas Tech University
Valor VR: Using virtual reality (VR) technology for traumatized veterans (TTU IRB 2025-917). Funded by Texas Security Center, Texas Tech University.

Principal Investigator Sep 2020 – present
Texas Tech University
Relationship between neighborhood poverty and depressive symptoms: The role of social support from family, friends, and communities (TTU IRB 2020-668). Funded by Texas Tech University.

Co-Principal Investigator Mar 2024 – Mar 2026
Texas Tech University
Bad caring: Reframing the role of empathy in the hospitality industry (TTU IRB 2024-247).
Principal Investigator: Bonhak Koo, Ph.D.

Co-Principal Investigator Jan 2024 – May 2024
Lubbock County and Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health (JCMH)
Lubbock Sequential Intercept Map (SIM) Planning Team: Criminal Justice Process and Its Interactions with Behavioral Health Services.
Principal Investigator: Nancy Trevino, Ph.D.

Principal Investigator Feb 2023 – Mar 2024
Texas Tech University
Addressing Homelessness in Lubbock: A Social Work Perspective (TTU IRB 2023-108).

Research Assistant Dec 2018 – April 2020
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center; Investigation of High Risk Suicide Flagged Veterans 18-24 Years Old. Study Number: VA 18022-H10. Supervisor: Josephine Ridley, Ph.D., Principal Investigator
Role: Chart review, quantitative data compilation, and analysis.

Research Assistant Sep 2018 – May 2020
Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education, Case Western Reserve University

Mental Health Awareness Training Grant: Serving Ohio Guardsmen and Women (SOG). Funded by SAMHSA (SM080997). Supervisor: Jane Timmons-Mitchell, Ph.D., Principal Investigator
Role: Quantitative/qualitative data analysis and annual reports writing.

Research Assistant Dec 2015 – May 2020
Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education, Case Western Reserve University
Ohio's Campaign for Hope: Collaboration for Advancing Strategies for Youth Suicide Prevention.
Funded by SAMHSA (1H79SM062894-01). Supervisor: Jane Timmons-Mitchell, Ph.D., Principal Investigator
Role: Quantitative/qualitative data analysis and annual reports writing.

Research Assistant Jun 2015 – Apr 2019
National Initiative on Mixed-Income Communities, Case Western Reserve University
HOPE VI Data Compilation and Analysis. Funded by HUD (RP-14-OH-005). Supervisor: Mark Joseph, Ph.D., Principal Investigator
Role: Quantitative data compilation and analysis.

Research Assistant Mar 2014 – May 2015
NIMC, Case Western Reserve University
State of the Field Scan #2 by NIMC. Supervisor: Mark Joseph, Ph.D., Principal Investigator
Role: Online survey development, quantitative data collection, and analysis.

Research Assistant Oct 2011 – Dec 2011
Ministry of Health & Welfare (South Korea) and Ewha Womans University
Institutional Certification System of Social Work Field Education of Ewha Womans University.
Supervisor: Chulhee Kang, Ph.D., Principal Investigator
Role: Quantitative data collection and analysis.

Research Assistant Dec 2009 – Jun 2010
Beautiful Foundation (South Korea)
Planned Giving. Supervisor: Chulhee Kang, Ph.D., Principal Investigator
Role: Survey development, quantitative data collection, analysis, and budget management.

Research Assistant Jun 2010 – Dec 2010
Community Chest of Korea (South Korea)
Social Performance of Community Chest of Korea and Future Implication. Supervisor: Chulhee Kang, Ph.D., Principal Investigator
Role: Survey development, quantitative data collection, and analysis.

TEACHING

Course Developer Since Fall 2024
SW 4315: Special Topics in Social Work (Innovative Solutions to Social Work Problems)
Texas Tech University, BASW Program at Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

Course Developer Since Summer II 2021
SW 6370: Special Topics in Social Work (Innovative Solutions to Social Work Problems)
Texas Tech University, MSW Program at Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

Instructor Fall 2024, 2025
Special Topics in Social Work (Innovative Solutions to Social Work Problems)
Texas Tech University, BASW Program at Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

Instructor Summer II 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
Special Topics in Social Work (Innovative Solutions to Social Work Problems)
Texas Tech University, MSW Program at Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

Instructor Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, Fall 2021, 2022, 2023, 2026
Human Behavior in the Social Environment: Systems
Texas Tech University, BASW Program at Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

Instructor Fall 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
Advanced Social Work Research
Texas Tech University, MSW Program at Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

Instructor Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026A, 2026B
Social Welfare Policy Analysis
Texas Tech University, MSW Program at Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

Instructor Fall 2020
Social Policy and Social Welfare Legislation
Texas Tech University, BASW Program at Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

Instructor Spring 2019, 2020
Poverty, Wealth Building and Social Entrepreneurship
Case Western Reserve University, Undergraduate Program at Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences

Instructor Spring 2018, 2019
Research Methods in Social Work
Case Western Reserve University, Masters Program at Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences

Instructor Spring 2017
Research Methods in Social Work (Online Program)
Case Western Reserve University, Masters Program at Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences

Instructor Spring 2017
Social Policy (Online Program)
Case Western Reserve University, Masters Program at Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences

Teaching Assistant Spring 2019
Structural Equation Modeling (Instructor: Aloen Townsend, Ph.D.)
Case Western Reserve University, Doctoral Program at Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences

Teaching Assistant Fall 2016
Applied Regression and General Linear Model (Instructor: Aloen Townsend, Ph.D.)

Case Western Reserve University, Doctoral Program at Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences

ADVISING

Faculty Supervisor for Graduate Research Assistant Kayla Branch Texas Tech University, Master of Social Work Program	Aug 2020 – Aug 2022
Master of Interdisciplinary Studies Professional Portfolio Advisor Kari Barrow Texas Tech University, Interdisciplinary Studies	Jul 2022 – Dec 2022
Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Kelly Chrobak Texas Tech University, Addictive Disorders and Recovery Studies Program	Nov 2021 – Mar 2022
Faculty Advisor Returning Citizens Association On-Campus Chapter (student organization) Texas Tech University	Aug 2025 – present
Faculty Advisor Graduate Social Work Society (GSWS), Texas Tech University	Jul 2025 – present

SERVICE: EDITORIAL

Editorial Board Member	
The Gerontologist	Feb 2022 – present
Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences	Jan 2024 – present
Humanities and Social Sciences Communications	Mar 2022 – present
Aging and Public Health	Aug 2023 – present
Armed Forces & Society	Feb 2025 – present
Journal Reviewer	
The Gerontologist	2020 – present
Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences	2022 – present
Humanities and Social Sciences Communications	2022 – present
Armed Forces & Society	2025 – present
Housing Policy Debate	2017 – 2021
Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics	2020 – present
Health and Place	2021 – present
Journal of Aging and Health	2021 – present
Scientific Reports	2021 – present
BMC Psychiatry	2022 – present
BMC Public Health	2022 – present
Mental Health & Prevention	2022 – present
BMC Psychology	2023 – present
Relational Social Work	2024 – present
European Social Work Research	2024 – present
BMC Geriatrics	2024 – present

Journal of Urban Health	2024 – present
Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work	2024 – present
Research on Aging	2024 – present
Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health	2024 – present
Journal of Affective Disorders	2024 – present
Social Science & Medicine – Mental Health	2024 – present

Academic Conferences

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) – Annual Conference Abstract Reviewer	2019 – present
Gerontological Society of America – Annual Conference Abstract Reviewer	2019 – present
West Texas Regional Mental Health Conference – Abstract Reviewer	2021 – present
West Texas Regional Mental Health Conference – Conference Development Team	2023 – present

SERVICE: SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Volunteer – Program Review United Way (Lubbock Area), Lubbock, TX	Feb 2021 – present
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The 6th Principal Lubbock Korean School, Lubbock, TX	Oct 2020 – present
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Committee Member – Policy Committee Korea Academy of Mental Health Social Work, Seoul, South Korea	Jan 2026 – present
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Guest Speaker and Partner Returning Citizens Association, Oakland, CA (Lubbock, TX)	Feb 2025 – present
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Committee Member – Mentoring Committee Korean American Social Work Educators Association (KASWEA)	Feb 2021 – May 2026
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Committee Member – Online Social Work Faculty Search Committee Texas Tech University, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work	Jan 2026 – Jun 2026
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Committee Member – Social Work Faculty Search Committee Texas Tech University, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work	Dec 2025 – Jun 2026
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Committee Member – Online Social Work Faculty Search Committee Texas Tech University, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work	Dec 2023 – Jun 2024
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Committee Member – Social Work Faculty Search Committee Texas Tech University, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work	Sep 2021 – Jan 2022
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Committee Member – BASW Strategic Planning Committee Texas Tech University, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work	Feb 2025 – Dec 2025
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Faculty Senator (Budget Study Committee) Texas Tech University	Sep 2023 – Dec 2025
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The 5th Chair Korean Faculty Association, Texas Tech University	Jan 2023 – Dec 2024
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Community Workshop Organizer Wellness Workshop Series, East Lubbock Art House	Apr 2022 – Apr 2026
Ambassador YWCA AMEND Together, Lubbock, TX	Aug 2024 – Dec 2025
Guest Speaker Lubbock County Juvenile Justice Center, Lubbock, TX	Nov 2023 – Dec 2025
Guest Lecturer – Windham School District Formby State Jail, Plainview, TX	Sep 2022 – Dec 2025
Reviewer for Excellence in Engagement and Outreach Award College of Arts & Sciences, Texas Tech University	Oct 2024 – Jan 2025
Committee Member – Fundraising Committee Catholic Charities, Lubbock, TX	Nov 2020 – May 2023
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Reaccreditation BASW Program and MSW Program, Texas Tech University	Dec 2021 – Aug 2022
Student Associate University Center on Aging and Health, Case Western Reserve University	Apr 2017 – Aug 2020
Volunteer – Art Studio Judson Smart Living, Cleveland, OH	Mar 2016 – Jan 2020
Doctoral Student Representative, Harris Library Committee Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University	Sep 2016 – Aug 2020
Doctoral Student Representative, PhD Executive Committee Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University	Aug 2013 – Jul 2015
The 6th President Graduate Student Union, School of Social Welfare, Yonsei University, South Korea	Sep 2009 – Jan 2010
The 23rd and 24th Student President Undergraduate Student Union, Social Work Major, Yonsei University, South Korea	Sep 2003 – Aug 2005
The 4th President University Forum of Foreign Affairs & National Security, South Korea	Dec 2006 – Mar 2008

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICES

Social Worker (Post-MSW Experience) Good Neighbors International, Seoul, South Korea Supervisor: Jin-Ok Yang	Mar 2011 – Jun 2013
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Role: Worked for one of the most influential international nonprofits in South Korea. Mostly worked for strategic consulting, strategic planning, fundraising planning, and contents planning in both Marketing Division and Planning Division.

Social Worker

Aug 2005 – Oct 2007

Haenuri Food Market, Seoul, South Korea

Supervisor: Chang-Young Jeong

Role: Worked for an experimental foodbank system, called Food Market, where low-income citizens, including North Korean refugees, can afford to buy various groceries.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGESW)	2019 – present
The Gerontological Society of America (GSA)	2017 – present
Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)	2016 – present
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)	2016 – present
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)	2010 – present
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)	2016 – 2018
American Public Health Association (APHA)	2016 – 2021