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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Social Work Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work Texas Tech University	2020 – present
Faculty Affiliate Population Center Texas Tech University	2020 – present
Adjunct Instructor Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences Case Western Reserve University	2017 – 2020

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 *Reviewed & 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) Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners (License #109515)	2022 – present
Social Worker Korea Association of Social Workers (License #1-156182)	2009 – present

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

National Science Foundation Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Innovation Fellow (SBE Innovation Fellow) (NSF-SBE-2023-00001) Applied	2024
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**Ethics in Teaching & Learning Program**

2024-2025

Teaching, Learning, & Professional Development Center, Texas Tech University

Selected to be one of the 18 faculty members of the 2024-2025 cohort

Excellence in Engagement and Outreach Award

2024

College of Arts & Sciences, Texas Tech University

Selected to be the winner of the 2023-2024 Excellence in Engagement and Outreach Award

GSA Diversity Fellow Award

2023

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

Faculty Mentorship Academy

2023, 2023-2024

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

Open Access Publication Initiative

2021

Office of Research & Innovation, Texas Tech University

Helps defray the cost of open access publication fees and expedite the dissemination of research findings

Faculty C-Startup Program Award

2020

2020-2021 Faculty Ambassador of Innovation Hub

Innovation Hub at Research Park, Texas Tech University

For faculty creating a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship

The Ruth Barber Moon Award

2019

School of Graduate Studies, Case Western Reserve University

For those who demonstrated academic promise, leadership ability, and financial need

The Marie Haug Award

2019

University Center on Aging and Health, Case Western Reserve University

For those who showed exemplary performance in their gerontological studies

Brain Korea 21 Project Scholarship, Government Grant

2010

National Research Foundation of Korea

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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). What did two decades of HOPE VI mixed-income redevelopment produce? Confirmations, new insights and future implications. *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

Cho, S., & Hamler, T. C. (minor revision). Neighborhood racial/ethnic composition and depressive symptoms of later life: The moderation effects of individual race/ethnicity. *Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics Plus*.

Cho, S., Skipper, A. D., & Rose, A. H. (under review). Countering deficits: Relational religiosity, forgiveness, and family functioning among older, romantically involved African Americans. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*.

Koo, B., Jung, H., & **Cho, S.** (under review). Bad caring: Reframing the role of empathy in the hospitality industry. *International Journal of Hospitality Management*.

Cho, S., & Townsend, A. L. (under review). Positive spousal interactions as a mediator between perceived neighborhood disorder and depressive symptoms among married/partnered adults. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*.

Cho, S., & Hamler, T. C. (under review). Understanding the dual burden of physical and neurodegenerative multimorbidity on depressive symptoms in older Black adults. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*.

Park, C., & **Cho, S.** (under review). How active are older adults online? The time spent on, purposes of, and predictors of older adults' internet use. *Activities, Adaptation & Aging*.

Cho, S., Lavender-Bratcher, D., & Okafor, F.* (under review). Fostering racial justice in social work education. *Journal of Social Work Education*.
(*Former student collaborator)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Wang, F., **Cho, S.**, & Heo, Y. (in preparation). The Black-White differences in the relationships between caregiving stressors and sleep quality among dementia caregivers.

Lee, Y., Noh, S., & **Cho, S.** (in preparation). Examining the influence of social support on the relationship between Alzheimer's disease knowledge and depression among American Indians in rural South Dakota: A multi-group SEM approach.

Kim, M., **Cho, S.**, & Song, E. (in preparation). A latent class analysis of the depressive symptomatology of later life by gender.

Jeong, K. H., Song, D., **Cho, S.**, & Cho, H. (in preparation). Do adverse childhood experiences contribute to social isolation in young single-person households? A gender-based inquiry. *Journal of Men's Health*.



- Cho, S.** (in preparation). Cognitive functioning measures' sensitivity to capture language fluency.
- Cho, S.** (in preparation). Relationship between perceived neighborhood disorder and depressive symptoms: The moderating effects of social support among Lubbockites.
- Cho, S.** (in preparation). Social support and multimorbidity among trauma-impacted middle-to-older adults in the United States.
- Cho, S.** (in preparation). Power of social support against depressive symptoms of older African Americans.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 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/>

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. (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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.



- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.** (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.** (2022, September 7; 2023, March 25; 2023, November 1). Social entrepreneurship, social enterprise, and microenterprise. Guest presentation at Formby State Jail of Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Plainview, 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

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 – South Plains Foundation 2023-2024 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) Role: Preparing and writing descriptive statistics and other quantitative portions of the grant application.	2019

GRANTS: NOT FUNDED

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

**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

Helen Jones Foundation

2022

Proposal Title: Re-Entry Social Entrepreneurship Training (RESET)

Not funded \$60,000

Role: Principal Investigator

U.S. Department of State

2022

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

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

2021

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

National Science Foundation

2021

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

National Science Foundation

2021

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

Texas Tech University – The Humanities Center

2021

Interdisciplinary Working Groups

Principal Investigator: Nadia Y. Flores-Yeffal, Ph.D.

Not funded \$7,500

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

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
Role: Write the following three sections: (a) Specific Aims and Hypotheses, (b) Background, and (c) Significance.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

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 – present
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
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 data 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 Fall 2024
SW 4315: Special Topics in Social Work (Social Entrepreneurship in Social Work)
Texas Tech University, BASW Program at Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

Course Developer Summer II 2021
SW 6370: Social Entrepreneurship in Social Work
Texas Tech University, MSW Program at Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

Instructor Fall 2024
Special Topics in Social Work (Social Entrepreneurship in Social Work)
Texas Tech University, BASW Program at Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

Instructor Summer II 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Social Entrepreneurship in Social Work
Texas Tech University, MSW Program at Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work



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

Instructor Spring 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
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 Chroback
Texas Tech University, Addictive Disorders and Recovery Studies Program

Nov 2021 – Mar 2022

SERVICE: EDITORIAL

Editorial Board Member

The Gerontologist
Humanities and Social Sciences Communications
Aging and Public Health
Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences

Feb 2022 – present

Mar 2022 – present

Aug 2023 – present

Jan 2024 – present

Journal Reviewer

Housing Policy Debate
Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics
The Gerontologist
Health and Place
Journal of Aging and Health
Scientific Reports
BMC Psychiatry
BMC Public Health
Humanities and Social Sciences Communications
Mental Health & Prevention
Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences
BMC Psychology
Relational Social Work
European Social Work Research
BMC Geriatrics
Journal of Urban Health
Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work
Research on Aging
Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health
Journal of Affective Disorders
Social Science & Medicine – Mental Health

2017 – 2021

2020 – present

2020 – present

2021 – present

2021 – present

2021 – present

2022 – present

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2023 – present

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2024 – present

Academic Conferences

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

2019 – present

2019 – present

2021 – present

2023 – present

SERVICE: SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY



Member – Faculty Senate (Budget Study Committee) Texas Tech University	Sep 2023 – present
Community Workshop Organizer Wellness Workshop Series, East Lubbock Art House	Apr 2022 – present
Reviewer for Excellence in Engagement and Outreach Award College of Arts & Sciences, Texas Tech University	October 2024 – present
Ambassador YWCA AMEND Together, Lubbock, TX	Aug 2024 – present
Guest Speaker Lubbock County Juvenile Justice Center, Lubbock, TX	Nov 2023 – present
Guest Lecturer – Windham School District Formby State Jail, Plainview, TX	Sep 2022 – present
Committee Member – Mentoring Committee Korean American Social Work Educators Association (KASWEA)	Feb 2021 – present
The 6th Principal Lubbock Korean School, Lubbock, TX	Oct 2020 – present
Volunteer – Program Review United Way (Lubbock Area), Lubbock, TX	Feb 2021 – present
The 5th Chair Korean Faculty Association, Texas Tech University	Jan 2023 – Dec 2024
Committee Member – Social Work Faculty Search Committee Texas Tech University, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work	Dec 2023 – Jun 2024
Committee Member – Social Work Faculty Search Committee Texas Tech University, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work	Sep 2021 – Jan 2022
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

Aug 2013 –Jul 2015

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

The 6th President

Sep 2009 – Jan 2010

Graduate Student Union, School of Social Welfare, Yonsei University, South Korea

The 23rd and 24th Student President

Sep 2003 –Aug 2005

Undergraduate Student Union, Social Work Major, Yonsei University, South Korea

The 4th President

Dec 2006 – Mar 2008

University Forum of Foreign Affairs & National Security, South Korea

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICES

Social Worker (Post-MSW Experience)

Mar 2011 – Jun 2013

Good Neighbors International, Seoul, South Korea

Supervisor: Jin-Ok Yang

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