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University of South Carolina College of Social Work

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Associate Professor	University of South Carolina College of Social Work	2025–present
Assistant Professor	University of South Carolina College of Social Work	2019–2025
Faculty Associate	Research Consortium on Children and Families	2019–present
Faculty Associate	Walker Institute	2019–present
Adjunct Instructor	University of Maryland School of Social Work	2018

EDUCATION

PhD in Social Work

2015–2019

University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD, United States

Dissertation: Multiple Challenges in Kinship Families: How are They Associated with Children's Behavioral Health in Kinship Care?

Master of Social Work

2012–2015

Fudan University, Shanghai, China

Outstanding Graduate of Shanghai

Bachelor of Social Work

2008–2012

Guangdong University of Foreign Studies (GDUFS), Guangzhou, China

Outstanding Graduate at GDUFS

SCHOLARLY FOCUS

Foster care and kinship care

Child abuse and neglect

Child well-being

Child welfare services and policies

Parenting and grandparenting

International child protection

TEACHING EXPERTISE

Research Methods

Social Welfare Policy

Human Behavior in the Social Environment

RESEARCH GRANTS

Funded***External Grants***

June 2025–
July 2026 **Principal Investigator**
Strengthening mental health provider capacity to provide trauma-informed, resiliency-based, and family-centered telemental health services to children and youth involved in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems in rural South Carolina: An artificial intelligence-integrated training program (Funded by South Carolina Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare through South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services: \$100,000)

January
2025–
January 2026 **Co-Principal Investigator**
Assessing the Impacts of Telehealth on Perceived Accessibility for Prenatal Care in Rural South Carolina
 PI: Wang (Funded by South Carolina Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare through South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services: \$50,000)

May 2024–
July 2025 **R25 Fellow**
STIs and HIV prevalence and health care service utilization patterns and disparities among adolescents in foster care: Using machine learning methods
 PI: Li (Funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of the National Institutes of Health; Grant Number: R25AI164581; 25% salary support and fringe: \$43,849)

January
2024–June
2024 **Site Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator**
Multi-site randomized controlled trial of better futures postsecondary access intervention for youth in foster care
 PI: Salazar (Funded by Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education: \$3,800,000; Subaward to USC: \$21,996 in 2024)

June 2023–
December
2024 **Principal Investigator**
The use of telemental health among foster children in rural South Carolina: A mixed-methods study
 (Funded by South Carolina Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare through South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services: \$50,000)

May 2023–
May 2028 **Co-Principal Investigator**
Children with disabilities: Increasing kinship caregivers' capacity and improving child outcomes
 PI: Denby-Brinson (Funded by the Duke Endowment Child and Family Well-being Division; Total Award: \$2,900,000; Grant Agreement No. 2131-SP; \$1,700,000 direct from Duke Endowment Develop and/or Test Innovative

Approaches Application and \$1,200,000 match; Subaward to USC:
\$1,143,507)

- June 2023–
July 2024 **Principal Investigator**
Visit the University of Kentucky College of Social Work Kentucky Kinship Resource Center
(Funded by 2023–2024 Southeastern Conference Faculty Travel Grant Program: \$1,600)
- August
2020–June
2021 **Statistician**
HALOS Kinship Navigator Program participatory evaluation
(Funded by the Duke Endowment: \$90,000; in-kind contribution)
- January
2020–June
2020 **Co-Investigator**
Child welfare workforce development and decision-making in assessing and reporting child abuse and neglect
PI: Lu (Funded by Guangzhou Child Development Research Association: ¥100,000 [\$13,802]; in-kind contribution)
- April 2017–
March 2019 **Co-Investigator**
Role conflicts and burnout among medical social workers in Shanghai: A mixed methods study
PI: Ma (Funded by Shanghai Hospital Management Association, Shanghai, China: ¥16,000 [\$2,208])

Internal Grants

- March 2024 **Principal Investigator**
2024 Faculty Travel Award
(Funded by Walker Institute of International and Area Studies University of South Carolina: \$1,000)
- May 2023–
May 2025 **Co-Principal Investigator**
Foster Parent Associations' social media communication and its impact on foster parents
PI: Xiao (Funded by University of South Carolina Office of the Vice President for Research EXCEL Program: \$23,500)
- July 2022–
September
2024 **Co-Principal Investigator**
Supporting child welfare case managers' preparation for and performance in child protection court proceedings: A mixed methods study in South Carolina
PI: Rao (Funded by University of South Carolina Office of the Vice President for Research ASPIRE II Program: \$88,915)

- July 2022–
June 2023 **Principal Investigator**
The implementation of new out-of-home care practices in China: Administrators' and practitioners' perspectives
(Funded by Walker Institute of International and Area Studies University of South Carolina: \$4,000)
- July 2021–
September 2023 **Principal Investigator**
Racial/ethnic disparities in mental health service utilization and placement stability among foster children before and during COVID-19 in South Carolina
(Funded by University of South Carolina Office of the Vice President for Research ASPIRE I Program: \$14,970)
- December 2020–
December 2022 **Principal Investigator**
Examining Black-White disparities and identifying empowerment solutions among custodial grandparent-headed families during COVID-19 in South Carolina: A mixed-methods community-based study
(Funded by University of South Carolina Office of the Vice President for Research Racial Justice and Equity Research Fund: \$14,745)
- May 2020–
May 2021 **Principal Investigator**
Material hardship and parenting stress and behavior in the COVID-19 pandemic among grandparent-headed families: The roles of grandparents' social support, resilience, and mental health
(Funded by University of South Carolina College of Social Work: \$6,000)
- January 2019–June 2019 **Principal Investigator**
Multiple challenges in kinship care and their associations with children's behavioral health outcomes
(Funded by University of Maryland Graduate School: \$1,000)

TEACHING GRANTS

- 2024 University of South Carolina Inaugural Provost's AI Teaching Fellow (\$2,000)
2020 University of South Carolina Center for Teaching Excellence Online Teaching Certificate (\$500)

PUBLICATIONS

Google Scholar:

<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=RidIAewAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao>

Research Gate:

<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Yanfeng-Xu>

ORCID:

<https://orcid.org/0000-0002-8489-240X>

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

($n = 61$; first author: $n = 30$; *student author)

1. Harrison, T. M., **Xu, Y.**, Forrester, P., & Lewis, A. (2025). Conducting racial justice research: Perspectives from school and community partners. *Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning*.
2. Barth, R. & **Xu, Y.** (2025). *Satisfaction with casework services: Reports from mothers receiving child welfare services*. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2025.2528017>
3. Soto-Ramirez, N., **Xu, Y.**, *Ayovi-Pace, S., Giles, T., Hung, P., & Weist, M. (2025). Usefulness of telemental health services for children in foster care in rural areas: Insights from foster parents on facilitators and barriers in a southeastern state. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2025.2528016>
4. Abdullah, A., Emery, C., **Xu, Y.**, & Mensah, F. (2025). *Associations between child neglect, informal interventions in food neglect, and child stunting: Evidence from the Ghana families study*. *Children and Youth Services Review*.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2025.108273>
5. **Xu, Y.**, Zhang, L., *Reza, A., Perkins, K., Bottoms, B., & Rao, V. (2025). Good court performance in child protection court proceedings: Perspectives from multiple courtroom stakeholders in a Southeastern state. *Children and Youth Services Review*.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2025.108261>
6. **Xu, Y.**, *Ayovi-Pace, S., Soto-Ramirez, N., *Radke, S, Giles, T, Hung, P., & Weist, M. (2025). Benefits and challenges of providing telemental health services for children in foster care in a southeastern state: Perspectives from telemental health providers. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1086/735580>
7. **Xu, Y.**, Pei, F., Mendoza, N., & Harrison, T. (2025). Resilience profiles among grandparents raising grandchildren in the United States: White and black differences. *The Gerontologist*.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnaf032> [IF: 4.6]
8. *Pace, S., **Xu, Y.**, & Harrison, T. (2025). *The comfort with technology and its association with depression of custodial grandparents during the COVID-19 pandemic*. *Grandfamilies: The Contemporary Journal of Research, Practice and Policy*, 8 (1).
<https://scholarworks.wmich.edu/grandfamilies/vol8/iss1/11>
9. Banyard, Y., Rousseau, D., Shockley McCarthy, K., Stavola, J., **Xu, Y.**, & Hamby, S. (2025). Understanding community-level strengths to support well-being after adversity: A scoping review of research based in urban locales. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/15248380241309374> [IF: 6.4]
10. McCarthy, L, **Xu, Y.**, Hageman, S., & *Wang, Y. (2024). Intersectional disparities in access to mental health services among youth aging out of foster care. *Child Protection and Practice*.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chipro.2024.100066>

11. **Xu, Y.**, Soto-Ramírez N., & *Babalola, O. (2024). Facilitators and barriers of using mental health services among foster children: Insights from foster parents in a Southeastern state. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2024.2381112> [IF: 1.6]
12. Lee, J. Y., Kirsch, J., Presley, S., Beal, S. J., **Xu, Y.**, Radney, A., & Denby, R. (2024). Racial and ethnic disparities in the physical health outcomes of children in foster care: A systematic review. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*, 25(1), 197–214. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15248380221145911> [IF: 6.4]
13. Soto-Ramírez N., **Xu, Y.**, Martin, T., *Babalola, O., Weist, M., & Flynn, C. (2024). Associations of mental health service utilization and mental health diagnosis with placement instability among foster children in a southeastern state. *Child and Adolescent Social Work*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-024-00962-3> [IF: 1.7]
14. Ware, O. D., Zerden, L. D., Duron, J. F., **Xu, Y.**, McCarthy, L. P., Verbiest, S., Afkinich, J., Brown, Q., Williams, D. Y., & Goings, T. (2024) Prevalence of co-occurring conditions among youths receiving treatment with primary anxiety, ADHD, or depressive disorder diagnoses. *Frontiers in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*, 3, 1340480. <https://doi.org/10.3389/frcha.2024.1340480> [IF: N/A]
15. **Xu, Y.**, *He, N., Lu, W., & Jedwab, M. (2024). Secondary traumatic stress and burnout among child welfare social workers in southern China: Focusing on resilience and social support. *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership & Governance*, 48(1), 43–57. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23303131.2023.2231057> [IF: 1.2]
16. Barth, R. P., & **Xu, Y.** (2023). Family poverty, family adversity, neglect, and entry into out-of-home care. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2023.2248048> [IF: 1.6]
17. Lu, W., He, N., & **Xu, Y.** (2023). The evaluation of guardianship risk towards minors and its influencing factors. *Youth Studies*, 450(3), 71–81. (In Chinese) [IF: 2.8]
18. Moldow, E., Anderson, V., Benjamin, S., Johnson, B., Ladson, C., McGuan, L., Xenakis, D., Piñeros Shields, A., & **Xu, Y.** (2023). Lessons from conducting a participatory evaluation of a kinship navigator program. *Research Involvement and Engagement*, 9(82), 1–12. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40900-023-00487-6> [IF: 1.424]
19. Wu, Q., **Xu, Y.**, Pei, F., & Lim, N. (2023). Strength and resilience for kinship caregivers raising children: A scoping review. *Societies*, 13(12), 249. <https://doi.org/10.3390/soc13120249> [IF: 2.1]
20. **Xu, Y.**, & Harrison, T. (2023). Socioemotional and behavioral problems of grandchildren raised by grandparents: The role of grandparent-grandchild relational closeness and conflict. *Children*, 10, 1623. <https://doi.org/10.3390/children10101623> [IF: 2.4]
21. **Xu, Y.**, Harrison, T., Chan, A., Lewis, A., Levkoff, S., & Kunz, G. (2023). Custodial grandchildren's school attendance and academic performance during COVID-19: The role of technology. *Societies*, 13(10), 215. <https://doi.org/10.3390/soc13100215> [IF: 2.1]
22. **Xu, Y.**, Jedwab, M., Lee, K., & Levkoff, S. (2023). The negative effects of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) on behavioral problems of children in kinship care: The protective role of kinship caregivers' mental health. *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*, 31(1), 41–53. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10634266221076475> [IF: 1.9]

23. **Xu, Y.**, Jedwab, M., Soto-Ramírez, N., & Weist, M. D. (2023). The use of mental health services among children in kinship care: An application of Andersen's behavioral model for health services use. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 17(3), 669–694.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2022.2092809> [IF: 1.6]
24. **Xu, Y.**, Winters, A., Soto-Ramirez, N., McCarthy, L., Betz, G., & Liu, M. (2023). Predisposing, enabling, and need factors associated with psychotropic medication and mental health service use among children in out-of-home care in the United States: A scoping review. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 20(18), 6769.
<https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph20186769> [IF: 4.6]
25. Zhang, Y., *He, N., & **Xu, Y.** (2023). Parenting and adolescents' subjective psychological well-being: Does immigration background matter? *Child Indicators Research*, 16(4), 1709–1732.
<https://doi.org/s10.1007/s12187-023-10033-1> [IF: 2.8]
26. Ahn, H., **Xu, Y.**, *Leffler, K., Parks-Bourn, K., Williams, S., & Conway, D. (2022). Family Team Decision Meetings and child welfare service disparities: The influence of race and poverty. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 143, 106705.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chilyouth.2022.106705> [IF: 3.3]
27. Liu, C., **Xu, Y.**, & Li, Q. (2022). Experiences of China's social workers in interprofessional practice during the COVID-19 public health emergency. *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*, 19(3), 1–18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/26408066.2022.2034558> [IF: 1.0]
28. Wang, S., Kim, J. J., & **Xu, Y.** (2022). Inequality in activity participation: Multidimensional disadvantages and daily trips by trip purpose and trip day. *Travel Behaviour and Society*, 29, 211–223. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tbs.2022.06.013> [IF: 5.2]
29. **Xu, Y.**, Jedwab, M., Wu, Q., Levkoff, S., & Xu, L. (2022). Risk and protective factors associated with grandparent kinship caregivers' psychological distress in COVID-19: Kinship license status as a moderator. *Child & Family Social Work*, 27(1), 41–54.
<http://doi.org/10.1111/cfs.12864> [IF: 1.7; top 10 most cited article in 2022–2023]
30. **Xu, Y.**, *Pace, S., Kim, J., Iachini, A., King, L. B., *Harrison, T., DeHart, D., Levkoff, S. E., Browne, T., Lewis, A. A., Kunz, G. M., Reitmerier, M., Utter, K., & Simone, M. (2022). Threats to online surveys: Recognizing, detecting, and preventing survey bots. *Social Work Research*, 46(4), 343–350. <https://doi.org/10.1093/swr/svac023> [IF: 1.7]
31. **Xu, Y.**, *Pace, S., *McCarthy, L., *Harrison, T., & *Wang, Y. (2022). Interventions to improve outcomes of grandchildren raised by grandparents: A systematic review. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 32(6), 635–650. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10497315221079352> [IF: 1.8]
32. **Xu, Y.**, *Wang, Y., *McCarthy, L., *Harrison, T., & *Doherty, H. (2022). Mental/behavioral health and educational outcomes of custodial grandchildren raised by custodial grandparents: A mixed-methods systematic review. *Health & Social Care in the Community*, 30(6), 2096–2127. <https://doi.org/10.1111/hsc.13876> [IF: 1.8]
33. **Xu, Y.**, Wu, Q., Jedwab, M., & Levkoff, S. E. (2022). Understanding the relationships between parenting stress and mental health with grandparent kinship caregivers' risky parenting behaviors in the time of COVID-19. *Journal of Family Violence*, 37(5), 847–859.
<http://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-020-00228-3> [IF: 2.4]
34. **Xu, Y.**, Zhao, Q., Schuler, B., & Levkoff, S. (2022). Material hardship among custodial grandparents in COVID-19 and its association with grandchildren's physical and mental

- health: A latent class analysis. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 132, 106340. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2021.106340> [IF: 3.3]
35. Zhang, S., **Xu, Y.**, Hong, J., Liu, M., & Liao, M. (2022). Discrepancies between children's and caregivers' child maltreatment reporting and their associations with child wellbeing. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 133, 105858. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2022.105858> [IF: 4.8]
 36. Lu, W., & **Xu, Y.** (2021). Network governance among actors involved in the government's contracting out of foster care services: A case study in China. *International Journal of Social Welfare*, 31, 45–55. <http://doi.org/10.1111/ijsw.12479> [IF: 1.9]
 37. Wu, Q., **Xu, Y.**, & Jedwab, M. (2021). Custodial grandparent's job loss during the COVID-19 pandemic and its relationship with parenting stress and mental health. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 40(9), 923–933. <https://doi.org/10.1177/07334648211006222> [IF: 3.0]
 38. **Xu, Y.**, Bright, C., Barth, R. P., & Ahn, H. (2021). Poverty and economic pressure, financial assistance, and children's behavioral health in kinship care. *Child Maltreatment*, 26(1), 28–39. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077559520926568> [IF: 5.1]
 39. **Xu, Y.**, *He, N., Lu, W., & Fluke, J. (2021). Understanding factors associated with barefoot social workers' decision making in assessing and reporting child physical abuse in China. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 120, 105177. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2021.105177> [IF: 4.8]
 40. **Xu, Y.**, Jedwab, M., Soto-Ramirez, N., Levkoff, S., & Wu, Q. (2021). Material hardship and child neglect risk in grandparent-headed kinship families amidst COVID: The role of financial assistance. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 121, 105258. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2021.105258> [IF: 4.8]
 41. Jedwab, M., **Xu, Y.**, & Shaw, T. (2020). Kinship care first? Factors associated with placement moves in out-of-home care. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 115, 105104. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105104> [IF: 3.3]
 42. *Wang, S., & **Xu, Y.** (2020). Transit use for single-parent households: Evidence from Maryland. *Transportation Research Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, 8, 100223. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trip.2020.100223> [CiteScore: 9.9]
 43. Wu, Q., & **Xu, Y.** (2020). Parenting stress and risk of child maltreatment during the COVID-19 pandemic: A family stress theory-informed perspective. *Developmental Child Welfare*, 2(3), 180–196. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2516103220967937> [CiteScore: 2.3]
 44. **Xu, Y.**, Ahn, H., & Keyser, D. (2020). Measuring family-centered practice in child welfare. *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services*, 101(2), 148–166. <https://doi.org/10.1177/104438942090774> [IF: 0.9]
 45. **Xu, Y.**, Bright, C., Ahn, H., Huang, H., & Shaw, T. (2020). A new kinship typology and factors associated with receiving financial assistance in kinship care. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 110, 104822. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.104822> [IF: 3.3]
 46. **Xu, Y.**, Bright, C., Huang, H., Ahn, H., & Shaw, T. (2020). Neighborhood disorder and child behavioral problems among kinship children: Mediated by social support and moderated by race/ethnicity? *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 104, 104483. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2020.104483> [IF: 4.8]
 47. **Xu, Y.**, Huang, H., & Cao, Y. (2020). Associations among early exposure to neighborhood disorder, fathers' early involvement, and children's internalizing and externalizing problems. *Journal of Evidence-based Social Work*, 17(5), 558–575. <https://doi.org/10.1080/26408066.2020.1782302> [IF: 1.0]

48. **Xu, Y.**, Man, X., Zhang, L., & DeForge, B. (2020). Family foster care and children's outcomes in China: Evidence from a scoping review. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 108, 104658. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2019.104658> [IF: 3.3]
49. **Xu, Y.**, Wu, Q., Levkoff, S., & Jedwab, M. (2020). Material hardship and parenting stress among grandparent kinship providers during the COVID-19 pandemic: The mediating role of grandparents' mental health. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 110(2), 104700. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2020.104700>. [IF: 4.8]
50. Jedwab, M., **Xu, Y.**, Keyser, D., & Shaw, T. (2019). Children and youth in out-of-home care: What can predict a change in placement? *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 93, 55–65. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2019.04.009> [IF: 4.8]
51. Kobulsky, J., Dubowitz, H., & **Xu, Y.** (2019). The global challenge of the neglect of children. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 110, 104296. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2019.104296> [IF: 4.8]
52. **Xu, Y.**, Harmon-Darrow, C., & Frey, J. (2019). Rethinking professional quality of life for social workers: Inclusion of ecological self-care barriers. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 29(1), 11–25. <http://doi.org/10.1080/10911359.2018.1452814> [IF: 1.6]
53. **Xu, Y.**, Shdaimah, C., Zhao, F., & Gioia, D. (2019). Qualitative research in the Chinese social work academy: Optimism and invisible disadvantages. *The British Journal of Social Work*, 49(5), 1296–1316. <http://doi.org/10.1093/bjsw/bcy052> [IF: 1.8]
54. Harmon-Darrow, C., & **Xu, Y.** (2018). Predictors of volunteer community mediators' burnout. *Conflict Resolution Quarterly*, 35(4), 367–381. <http://doi.org/10.1002/crq.21216> [IF: 0.6; top 20 most read paper in journal in 2017–2018]
55. **Xu, Y.**, & Bright, C. (2018). Children's mental health and its predictors in kinship and non-kinship foster care: A systematic review. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 89, 243–262. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2018.05.001> [IF: 3.3]
56. **Xu, Y.**, Bright, C., & Ahn, H. (2018). Responding to child maltreatment: Comparison between USA and China. *International Journal of Social Welfare*, 27(2), 107–120. <http://doi.org/10.1111/ijsw.12287> [IF: 1.9; top 20 most read paper in journal in 2017–2018]
57. **Xu, Y.**, Wang, X., Ahn, H., & Harrington, D. (2018). Predictors of non-U.S. born mothers' parenting stress across early childhood in fragile families: A longitudinal analysis. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 89, 62–70. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2018.04.012> [IF: 3.3]
58. Zhao, F., **Xu, Y.**, & Chen, H. L. (2018). An analysis of child protection policy and a construction of a family-centered child protection system in China. *Social Work and Management*, 18(5), 67–77. (In Chinese) [IF=0.9]
59. **Xu, Y.**, Ahn, H., & Bright, C. (2017). Family involvement meetings: Engagement, facilitation, and child and family goals. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 79, 37–43. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2017.05.026> [IF: 3.3]
60. Wang, S., & **Xu, Y.** (2015). Model changes in Chinese urban creative industry: A case study of Tongji economic circle in Shanghai. *China Ancient City*, 2, 15–21. (In Chinese) [IF=0.67]
61. Liu, C. & **Xu, Y.** (2010). The person-centered help model: Social work interventions with street children. *Youth and Juvenile Research*, 3, 33–36. (In Chinese) [IF: 1.03]

Book Reviews

1. **Xu, Y.** (2024). Families we need: Disability, abandonment, and foster care's resistance in contemporary China by Erin Raffety. *The China Journal*, 91(1), 140–141.
<https://doi.org/10.1086/727310> [IF: 4.3]
2. Zhao, F., & **Xu, Y.** (2020). Human rights in child protection: Implications for professional practice and policy. *International Journal of Social Welfare*, 29(1), 110–111.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ijsw.12412> [IF: 1.9]
3. **Xu, Y.** (2018). Labor of love: Gestational surrogacy and the work of making babies, by Heather Jacobson. Reviewed by Yanfeng Xu. *The Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, 45(2), 179–181. [IF: N/A]

Book Chapters

1. **Xu, Y.**, Lu, W. & Zheng, Y. (in press). From basic child well-being to child protection in China. In Connolly, M. & Katz, I. (Eds), *International trajectories of reform and development in child protection systems*. Springer Nature.
2. Liu, M., **Xu, Y.**, Si, Z., & Zhang, T. (2024). Policy initiatives on eliminating anti-Asian racism. In M. Liu & K. Chen (Eds.), *Addressing anti-Asian racism with social work advocacy and action*. Oxford University Press.
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33. **Xu, Y.**, Jedwab, M., Soto-Ramírez, N., Weist, M. (2023, May). *Mental health services use by kinship children: An application of Andersen's model of health care utilization* [Oral presentation]. Child Maltreatment in Context: The 3rd Haruv International Conference, Jerusalem, Israel.
34. **Xu, Y.**, *Babalola, O., Soto-Ramirez, N., Weist, M., & Flynn, C. (2023, April). *Racial/ethnic disparities in mental health service utilization among foster children in South Carolina* [Oral presentation]. 2023 Southeastern School Behavioral Health Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC.
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45. *Harrison, T., **Xu, Y.**, Forrester, P., & Lewis, A. (2022, September). *Conducting racial justice research during the era of anti-equity sentiment* [Oral presentation]. 22nd Annual Conference of the Engagement Scholarship Consortium, Athens, GA.
46. **Xu, Y.**, *Harrison, T., Lewis, A., & Levkoff, S. (2022, April). *Behavioral health challenges and behavioral health services needs among grandchildren raised by grandparents during COVID-19* [Oral presentation]. 2022 Southeastern School Behavioral Health Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC.
47. **Xu, Y.**, *He, N., Lu, W., & Fluke, J. (2022, January). *Factors associated with barefoot social workers' decision-making in assessing and reporting child physical abuse in China* [Oral presentation]. 26th Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
48. **Xu, Y.**, *He, N., & Lu, W. (2022, January). *Secondary traumatic stress and burnout among child welfare workers in China: The roles of social support and resilience* [Oral presentation]. 26th Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
49. **Xu, Y.**, Mendoza, N., Lee, J., Koh, E., & Denby, R. (2022, January). *Child and caregiver well-being: Advancing evidence for culturally responsive kinship care services and policies* [Roundtable discussion]. 26th Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
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54. **Xu, Y.**, Jedwab, M., Soto-Ramirez, N., Weist, M., & Flynn, C. (2021, January). *Mental health services use by kinship children: An application of Andersen's model of health care utilization* [Oral presentation] 25th Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference (Virtual Meeting).
55. **Xu, Y.**, Jedwab, M., Lee, K., & Levkoff, S. (2021, January). *The effects of adverse childhood experiences on behavioral problems of children in kinship care* [Oral presentation]. 25th Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference (Virtual Meeting).
56. Lu, W., & **Xu, Y.** (2021, January). *Network governance among actors involved in the government purchases of foster care services: A case study in China* [Poster presentation]. 25th Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference (Virtual Meeting).

57. Wang, S., Kim, J. H., & **Xu, Y.** (2021, January). *Effects of multidimensional disadvantages on daily trips for three out-of-home activities* [Poster presentation]. 2021 Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting (Virtual Meeting).
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59. **Xu, Y.**, Wu, Q., Levkoff, S., & Jedwab, M. (2020, November). *Material hardship, mental health, and parenting stress among grandparent kinship providers in COVID-19* [Poster presentation]. 2020 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting (Virtual Meeting).
60. **Xu, Y.**, Jedwab, M., Wu, Q., Levkoff, S., & Xu, L. (2020, November). *Risk and protective factors associated with custodial grandparents' psychological distress in COVID-19* [Poster presentation]. 2020 Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting (Virtual Meeting).
61. Ma, K., **Xu, Y.**, Wang., Y., & Jin, Z. (2020, July). *Indigenous medical social work: Professional quality of life among medical social workers* [Oral presentation]. 2020 Joint World Conference on Social Work Education and Social Development, Rimini, Italy. [accepted but not presented due to COVID-19 cancellation]
62. Jedwab, M., **Xu, Y.**, & Shaw, T. (2020, June). *Kinship care first? Factors associated with long-term placement movement in out-of-home care* [Oral presentation]. Child Maltreatment in Context: The 3rd Haruv International Conference, Jerusalem, Israel. [accepted but not presented due to COVID-19 cancellation]
63. **Xu, Y.** (2020, April). *Poverty and economic pressure, financial assistance, and children's behavioral health in kinship care* [Poster presentation]. Southeastern School Behavioral Health Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC. [accepted but not presented due to COVID-19 cancellation]
64. **Xu, Y.** (2020, June). *A new kinship typology and factors associated with receiving financial assistance in kinship care* [Poster presentation]. American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children's 27th Annual Colloquium, New Orleans, LA. [accepted but not presented due to COVID-19 cancellation]
65. Ma, K., **Xu, Y.**, Wang., Y., & Jin, Z. (2020, April). *Role conflict, role ambiguity, and professional quality of life among medical social workers* [Oral presentation]. 10th European Conference for Social Work Research, Bucharest, Romania. [accepted but not presented due to COVID-19 cancellation]
66. **Xu, Y.**, Bright, C., Ahn, H., Shaw, T., & Huang, H. (2020, January). *Economic hardship and economic pressure, financial assistance, and children's behavioral health in kinship care and non-relative foster care* [Oral presentation]. 24th Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
67. **Xu, Y.**, Bright, C., Huang, H., Shaw, T., & Ahn, H. (2020, January). *Neighborhood disorder and child behavioral problems among kinship children: Mediated by social support and moderated by race/ethnicity?* [Oral presentation]. 24th Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

68. Jedwab, M., **Xu, Y.**, Keyser., D., & Shaw, T. (2020, January). *Children and youth in foster care: What can predict an initial change in placement?* [Oral presentation]. 24th Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
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71. Wang, Y., Ma, K., **Xu, Y.**, & Jin, Z. (2020, January). *Managing volunteers or providing clinical services? A mixed methods study among medical social workers in Shanghai* [Poster presentation]. 24th Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
72. Jedwab, M., **Xu, Y.**, Keyser., D., & Shaw, T. (2019, October). *Children and youth in foster care* [Oral presentation]. 34th Federation of Educative Communities International Congress, Tel Aviv, Israel.
73. **Xu, Y.**, Ahn, H., & Keyser, D. (2019, January). *Measuring the family-centered practice in child welfare: A confirmatory factor analysis* [Poster presentation]. 23rd Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
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76. Jedwab, M., & **Xu, Y.** (2019, January). *The impact of early reporting and maltreatment on child's behavioral problems* [Poster presentation]. 23rd Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
77. Wang, S., **Xu, Y.**, & Liu, C. (2019, January). *Is transit important for single parents? Evidence from Maryland* [Poster presentation]. 98th Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
78. **Xu, Y.**, Man, X., Zhang, L., & DeForge, B. (2018, November). *Family foster care and children's outcomes in China: Evidence from a scoping review* [Oral presentation]. CSWE 64th Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.
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82. **Xu, Y.**, Shdaimah, C., Zhao, F., & Gioia, D. (2018, May). *Qualitative research in the Chinese social work academy: Invisible disadvantages and optimism* [Poster presentation]. 14th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, IL.
83. **Xu, Y.**, Wang, X., Ahn, H., & Harrington, D. (2018, March). *Predictors of non-U.S. born mothers' parenting stress across early childhood in fragile families* [Oral presentation]. 40th University of Maryland, Baltimore, Annual Graduate Research Conference, Baltimore, MD.
84. **Xu, Y.**, Harmon-Darrow, C., & Frey, J. (2018, January). *Self-care behaviors, self-care barriers, and professional quality of life among Bachelor-level social workers* [Oral presentation]. 22nd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
85. **Xu, Y.**, Shdaimah, C., Zhao, F., & Gioia, D. (2018, January). *Qualitative research in the Chinese social work academy: Invisible disadvantages or optimism?* [Poster presentation]. 22nd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
86. **Xu, Y.**, & Ahn, H. (2018, January). *Fathers' involvement and maternal parenting stress at children's early age in fragile families* [Oral presentation]. 22nd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
87. Zhao, F., & **Xu, Y.** (2017, December). *Child sexual abuse: Ethical issues in China* [Oral presentation]. Child Maltreatment in Context: The 2nd Haruv International Conference, Jerusalem, Israel.
88. **Xu, Y.**, Bright, C., & Ahn, H. (2017, January). *Responding to child maltreatment: Comparison of child welfare policy between the U.S. and China* [Poster presentation]. 21st Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
89. **Xu, Y.**, & Ahn, H. (2017, January). *The better facilitators' competence leads to the higher level of participants' engagement? An empirical study from the Family Involvement Meeting (FIM)* [Poster presentation]. 21st Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
90. **Xu, Y.** (2014, June). *Child protection and out-of-home placement policy in Finland: What China can learn from?* [Oral presentation]. 6th Social Welfare Research International Conference, Nanjing University, Nanjing, China.
91. **Xu, Y.** (2014, June). *The service coverage and boundary of medical social work: A case study of a children's hospital in Shanghai* [Oral presentation]. 2014 Social Work Graduate Research Conference, Tianjin, Nankai University & Chinese University of Hong Kong, China.
92. Wang, S., & **Xu, Y.** (2014, July). *Discussion on model transformation of China's urban creative industry: A case study of an economic circle around Tongji University in Yangpu, Shanghai* [Oral presentation]. 2014 Chinese Sociology Annual Conference, Wuhan, China. [awarded second place in urban sociology track]
93. **Xu, Y.**, & Wang, S. (2013, August). *The relationship between sexual assault happened in public restrooms and restroom design in Chinese cities: What architectural social work can do?* [Oral presentation]. 2013 China Social Work Education Annual Conference, Guangzhou, China. [awarded third place]
94. **Xu, Y.**, & Wang, S. (2013, July). *The relationship between sexual assault and public urban infrastructures and space: Illustrated by research on public restrooms in Chinese cities* [Oral presentation]. 5th Joint Association of European Schools of Planning/Associations of Collegiate Schools of Planning Joint Congress, Dublin, Ireland.

95. **Xu, Y.** (2013, May). *Empowerment, dynamic, and process: A group intervention to increase the subjective well-being of people with mental retardation* [Oral presentation]. 7th Liang-Guo-Zhi China Social Work Student Paper Competition, Renmin University of China, Suzhou, China. [awarded first place]
96. **Xu, Y.** (2011, August). *Preschool education in rural China: A case study of a southwestern town* [Oral presentation]. 2011 Cross-Strait Social Welfare Conference, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China.

Conference Special Interest Group

1. Mendoza, N., & **Xu, Y.** (2026, January). *Kinship care and grandparents raising grandchildren* [Special interest group]. 30th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
2. Mendoza, N., & **Xu, Y.** (2025, January). *Kinship care and grandparents raising grandchildren* [Special interest group]. 29th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, WA.
3. Mendoza, N., & **Xu, Y.** (2024, January). *Kinship care and grandparents raising grandchildren* [Special interest group]. 28th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
4. Mendoza, N., & **Xu, Y.** (2023, January). *Kinship care and grandparents raising grandchildren* [Special interest group]. 27th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Phoenix, AZ.
5. **Xu, Y.** (2022, January). *Kinship care and grandparents raising grandchildren* [Special interest group]. 26th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
6. **Xu, Y.** (2021, March). *Kinship care in the time of COVID-19* [Special interest group]. 25th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
7. **Xu, Y.** (2018, January). *Child protection in China* [Special interest group]. 22nd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Invited Presentations

1. **Xu, Y.** (2025, April). *Job search considerations for international students*. University of Maryland School of Social Work.
2. **Xu, Y.**, Soto-Ramirez, N., & *Babalola, O. (2024, April). *Mental health service and placement stability study*. Department of Social Services Community Feedback Session, Columbia, SC.
3. **Xu, Y.** (2024, February). *Developing a network of mentors and collaborators* [PhD seminar]. University of South Carolina College of Social Work.
4. **Xu, Y.** (2023, April). *Job search considerations for international students*. University of Maryland School of Social Work.
5. **Xu, Y.**, & *Harrison, T. (2022, December). *Grandparents raising grandchildren study community feedback session*. Columbia, SC.
6. **Xu, Y.** (2021, August). *Research on kinship caregivers during the pandemic*. Sisters of Charity Foundation Kinship Council meeting, Columbia, SC.

7. **Xu, Y.** (2021, July). *Out-of-home care in the United States and China with a focus on kinship care*. School of Sociology and Anthropology Department of Social Work, Xiamen University, Xiamen, China.
8. **Xu, Y.** (2019, November). *Preventing child maltreatment and promoting child wellbeing*. College of Education, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.
9. **Xu, Y.** (2019, October). *Understanding children's behavioral health outcomes in kinship care and non-relative foster care*. University of South Carolina Smart State Center for Healthcare Quality, School of Public Health, Columbia, SC.
10. **Xu, Y.** (2019, April). *Dr. Donna Harrington memorial symposium: Neglected children: An approach to prevention* [Panel]. University of Maryland School of Social Work, Baltimore, MD.
11. **Xu, Y.** (2016, July). *A comparison of child protection systems in China and the United States*. Xiangya Hospital, Central South University, Changsha, China.

Media Coverage

Dr. Yanfeng Xu's kinship research was featured in USC Breakthrough Magazine. Retrieved from https://sc.edu/uofsc/posts/2025/05/breakthrough-palmetto-power.php?utm_campaign=uscnews&utm_medium=email&utm_source=usctoday#andrews

TEACHING AND ADVISING

2019–present	University of South Carolina MSW: SOWK 742: Social Welfare Policy Analysis (Spring 2023, 1 section) SOWK 791: Social Work Research Methodologies (Fall 2019 1 section; Spring 2020 1 section; Fall 2020, 1 section; Spring 2021, 2 sections; Spring 2022, 3 sections; Spring 2023, 3 sections; Spring 2024, 2 sections; Fall 2024, 2 sections; Fall 2025: 4 sections) SOWK 793: Evaluation of Social Work Programs (Fall 2020, 1 section) BSW: SOWK 341: Theories for Understanding Individuals, Families, and Groups (Fall 2021, 2 sections; Fall 2023, 2 sections)	Instructor
2018	University of Maryland Social Work Research Methods (MSW; hybrid)	Instructor
2021	University of Cincinnati Introduction to Social Work (BSW; synchronous)	Guest Lecturer
2020	University of Maryland Qualitative Research Methods (MSW; asynchronous)	Guest Lecturer
2017–2018	University of Maryland Social Welfare and Social Policy (MSW; hybrid)	Teaching Assistant

Social Work Research Methods (MSW; face-to-face)
Human Behavior and Social Environment (MSW; face-to-face)

2016–2016 **University of Maryland** **Teaching Practicum**
Research in Child Welfare (MSW; face-to-face)

Student Mentorship

PhD Dissertation or Qualifying Exam Committee

2024–present Oluranti Babalola (PhD Dissertation Committee Member)
2024–present Shawn McNally (PhD Dissertation Committee Member)
2021–2025 Sarah Ayovi-Pace (PhD Dissertation Committee Member)
2021–2023 Christian Gorchow (PhD Dissertation Committee Member)
2021 Brandi Anderson (PhD Student Qualifying Exam Committee Member)

Research Mentorship

2025–present Shreekrishna Chowdhury (PhD Student; Graduate Research Assistant)
2024–present Mercy Namateng (PhD Student; Graduate Research Assistant)
2025–2026 Nadia Bingham (MSW Student; Graduate Assistant)
2024–2026 Aleyah Maddox (MSW Student; Graduate Assistant)
2024–2026 Josie Davis (MSW Student; Graduate Assistant)
2023–2024 Abigail Reza (PhD Student; Graduate Research Assistant)
2023–2024 Shaunarey Harris-Amos (MA Student; Graduate Assistant)
2023–2024 Mallorie Turner (MSW Student; Graduate Assistant)
2023–2025 Stella Radke (MSW Student; Graduate Assistant)
2023 Stacy Phillips (MSW Student; Graduate Assistant)
2022–2023 Oluranti Babalola (PhD Student; Graduate Research Assistant)
2022–2023 Agnes Nzomene Kahouo Foda (PhD Student; Graduate Research Assistant)
2022–2023 Giovanna Morara (PhD Student; Graduate Research Assistant)
2022 Sarah Pace (Connor Fellow)
2021–2024 Sarah Pace (PhD Student; Graduate Research Assistant)
2021–2022 Megan Lucchese (MSW Student; Graduate Assistant)
2020–2022 Hanna Doherty (MSW Student; Graduate Assistant)
2019–2020 Bryce Kananowicz (MSW Student; Graduate Assistant)
2019–2020 Shonequa Smith (MSW Student; Graduate Assistant)
2019–2020 Khairul Siddiqi (Doctoral Candidate; Graduate Research Assistant;
Arnold School of Public Health)
2019–2023 Christian Holmes (Doctoral Student Advisory Committee)

Teaching mentorship

2024 Sadia Jehan (Teaching Practicum; SOWK 791)
2025 Juan Wang (Teaching Practicum; SOWK 791)

Academic Advising

2021–present	Academic Advisor for PhD students (Shawn McNally; Sarah Pace; Oluranti Babalola; Abigail Reza; Mercy Namateng; Shreekrishna Chowdhury)
2019–present	Field Liaison (2019: five MSW; 2020: six MSW; 2021: five MSW; 2023: two MSW and one BSW; 2024: 4 MSW and one BSW; 2025: 5 MSW)
2019–present	Faculty Advisor for MSW Students (2019: 7; 2020: 5; 2021: 3; 2023: 4; 2025: 12)

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

2013–2014	Medical Social Work Intern	Shanghai Children’s Medical Center, Shanghai
2010	Youth Social Work Intern	Hong Kong Youth Outreach, Hong Kong
2009–2010	School Social Work Intern	Qichuang Social Work Services Center, Guangzhou

SERVICE**Service to the Profession****Editorial Board**

2024–2027	Associate Editor	<i>Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research</i>
2023–present	Editorial Board Member	<i>Research on Social Work Practice</i>
2023–present	Associate Editor	<i>Frontiers in Public Health/Frontiers in Psychiatry/ Frontiers in Psychology</i>
2022–present	Review Editor and Editorial Board Member	<i>Frontiers in Psychology and Frontiers in Developmental Psychology</i>

Special Issue Editor

2024	<i>Child Protection and Practice</i> (Special Issue: Transforming the Child Welfare System)
2023	<i>Children</i> (IF: 2.4; Special Issue: Growing Up Unequal: Family Complexity, Child Maltreatment, and Child Well-Being)

Conference Chair or Co-Chair

2024–2027	Cluster Co-Chair	Adolescent and Youth Development cluster, Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference
2024	Cluster Co-Chair	Program evaluation cluster, 2024 Asian & Pacific Islander Social Work Educators Association International Conference

Conference Abstract Reviewer

2023–2025	Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference (50)
2021	Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting (11)
2019–2020	Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting (2)

2018–2020 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting (3)

Manuscript Reviewer

- 2025 *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research* (1), *Child and Family Social Work* (1), *Child Protection and Practice* (1), *Research on Social Work and Practice* (2), *Frontiers in Psychology* (1)
- 2024 *Child Abuse & Neglect* (2), *Child Maltreatment* (1), *Children and Youth Services Review* (1), *Research on Social Work Practice* (2), *Journal of Intergenerational Relationship* (2), *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research* (3), *PLOS One* (1)
- 2023 *Child Abuse & Neglect* (2), *Child Abuse Review* (1), *Child Maltreatment* (2), *Children and Youth Services Review* (2), *Children & Society* (1), *Frontiers in Psychology* (1), *Journal of Public Child Welfare* (1), *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research* (3), *Journal of Workplace Behavioral Health* (2), *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* (1), *PLOS One* (1), *Psychosocial Intervention* (1), *Research on Social Work Practice* (3), *GrandFamilies: The Contemporary Journal of Research, Practice and Policy* (1), *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse* (1), *Societies* (1)
- 2022 *Academic Pediatrics* (1), *Child Maltreatment* (1), *Children and Youth Services Review* (1), *International Journal on Child Maltreatment* (1), *The Gerontologist* (1), *Preventive Medicine* (1), *Health and Social Care in the Community* (1)
- 2021 *Academic Pediatrics* (1), *Aging and Mental Health* (1), *BMC Psychiatry* (1), *Child Development* (1), *The British Journal of Social Work* (1), *Journal of Family Violence* (1), *Journal of Family Studies* (1), *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research* (1), *Children and Youth Services Review* (2), *Child and Family Social Work* (1), *Child and Adolescence Social Work* (1), *Families in Society* (1), *Oxford Bibliographies in Social Work* (1), *Health and Social Care in the Community* (1), *The Gerontologist* (1)
- 2020 *Academic Pediatrics* (1), *Child Abuse & Neglect* (1), *Child and Family Social Work* (1), *Child Development* (1), *Child: Care, Health & Development* (1), *Children and Youth Services Review* (5), *Drug and Alcohol Review* (1), *Health and Place* (1), *Health and Social Care in the Community* (1), *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership, & Governance* (1), *International Journal of Social Welfare* (1), *Journal of Child and Family Studies* (1), *Journal of Family Violence* (1), *Journal of Public Child Welfare* (1), *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research* (1), *PeerJ* (1), *PLOS One* (1), *Psychology, Health & Medicine* (1), *Social Sciences* (1), *Social Work in Mental Health* (1), *Social Work Research* (2), *The Gerontologist* (1), *Youth and Society* (1)
- 2019 *Child & Family Social Work* (1), *Children and Youth Services Review* (2), *Evaluation and Program Planning* (1), *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research* (1), *Journal of Workplace Behavioral Health* (1), *Vulnerable Children & Youth Studies* (1), *Youth & Society* (1)
- 2018 *Journal of Psychosocial Oncology* (1), *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership, & Governance* (1)

2017 *International Journal of Social Welfare* (1)

Other Conference Service

2025	Judge	The 6th National Big Data Health Science Conference Posters Judge
2023, 2024, 2025	Member	Outstanding Social Work Doctoral Dissertation Award Review Committee
2020, 2022, 2024	Mentor	Coffee with a Scholar program, Society for Social Work and Research
2018	Volunteer	Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting
2016–2018	Volunteer	Society for Social Work and Research Conference

Service to the University and College

University of South Carolina

2025	Member	Ethical and Responsible Use of GenAI in Graduate Education at USC Task Force
2023–2026	Senator	Faculty Senate
2023	Grant Reviewer	University of South Carolina ASPIRE Grant (5 Applications)
2021, 2024	Grant Reviewer	University of South Carolina SPARC Graduate Research Grant (2021: 8 Applications; 2024: 7 Applications)
2021	Grant Reviewer	University of South Carolina Racial Justice and Equity Research Grant (6 Applications)
2021	Judge	Discover USC (Student Conference)

College of Social Work

2025–present	Lead Teacher	SOWK 303
2023–present	Lead Teacher	SOWK 341 and SOWK 716
2025–present	Member	Tenure & Promotion Committee
2024–2025	Member	Online DSW Committee
2024–2025	Member	Grow Grant & Donor Funding Committee
2024–2026	Member	Faculty Council
2022–2024	Reviewer	PhD Admissions Review (4 Applications)
2022–2024	Member	MSW Online Program Subcommittee
2021–2024	Member	MSW Program Committee
2022	Member	Connor Fellow Committee
2022	Member	Student Review Committee
2021–2022	Member	MSW Program Policy Subcommittee
2020–2021	Member	Grievance Committee
2020–2022	Lead Teacher	SOWK 777-CYF and 778-CYF
2019–2020	Member	BSW Program Committee
2019–2020	Reviewer	MSW Admissions

Prior to University of South Carolina

2017–2018	President	International Student Association, University of Maryland Social Work PhD program
2016–2017	Representative	Graduate Student Association of University of Maryland
2016–2017	Member	University of Maryland 2017 Graduate Research Conference Committee
2016–2017	Vice President	Chinese Students and Scholars Association, University of Maryland
2016–2019	Mentor	International Students University of Maryland
2016	Member	Incoming PhD Student Orientation Committee University of Maryland School of Social Work
2015–2016	Member	PhD Recruitment Committee University of Maryland Social Work PhD program
2014–2015	Co-chair	Graduate Student Committee, Fudan University
2013–2014	Chair	Department of Social Survey of Graduate Student Association, Fudan University
2010–2011	President	Social Work Student Association GDUFS
2010–2011	President	Social Work Class of 2012, GDUFS
2009–2010	Project Manager	Junior Achievement (NGO), GDUFS

Service to Community

2021–Present	Member	South Carolina Sisters of Charity Foundation Kinship Care Council
2025–Present	Interim research chair	South Carolina Kinship Care Council

HONORS AND AWARDS

2024	University of South Carolina Inaugural Provost's AI Teaching Fellow
2024	University of South Carolina Propel AI Fellow
2024	Best Overall Poster Presentation, 5th National Big Data Health Science Conference
2024	The Society for Social Work and Research Fellow
2023/2024	Society for Social Work and Research Deborah K. Padgett Early Career Achievement Award Nominee
2022	University of South Carolina Propel Program Participant
2022	First Place, Annual Conference Paper, China Social Work Education Association, China
2022	Mentee, American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare Mentorship Program
2019	Doctoral Scholars Institute Fellow, Annual Network for Social Work Management Conference, Chicago

2019	Chinese Government Award for Outstanding Students Abroad, China Scholarship Council, Ministry of Education, China
2019	Graduate Research Award, University of Maryland, Baltimore
2018	American Public Health Annual Meeting Student Scholarship, Washington DC
2018	Life Paths Promising Author Award, Life Paths Appalachian Research Center
2018	Susan Zuravin Scholarship for Child Welfare Research Achievement, University of Maryland School of Social Work
2018	Fragile Families summer data workshop training fellow, Columbia University, Population Research Center, New York
2017–2018	Professional Development Award, University of Maryland, Baltimore
2017	Student Leader with the President's Cord, President's Student Leadership Institute, University of Maryland, Baltimore
2017–2018	Conference Travel Award, University of Maryland Graduate School, Baltimore
2016–2018	Conference Travel Award, University of Maryland School of Social Work, Baltimore
2015	Housing Scholarship for Competitive Incoming PhD students, University of Maryland, Baltimore
2015	National Graduate Scholarship, Ministry of Education, China
2015	Outstanding Graduate in Shanghai, Bureau of Education, Shanghai, China
2015	Commencement Speaker, Department of Social Work, Fudan University, China
2014	Outstanding Summer Practitioner in Shanghai, Bureau of Education, China
2014	Second Place, Conference Paper, Urban Sociology Track, China Sociology Association, China
2014	Study Abroad Scholarship, Fudan University, China
2013	Third Place Annual Conference Paper, China Social Work Education Association, China
2013	Travel Award, Annual China Social Work Education Conference, China
2013	Conference Travel Award, Fudan University, China
2013	First Place, National 7th Liang Guozhi Social Work Students' Paper Competition, Renmin University of China, China
2013	First Place Scholarship, Fudan University, China
2013–2014	Outstanding Student and Outstanding Student Leader, Fudan University, China
2012–2014	Outstanding Graduate Research and Practice Projects, Graduate School, Fudan University, China
2012–2014	Graduate Research and Practice Funds, Graduate School, Fudan University, China
2012	Outstanding Graduate of GDUFS, Guangzhou, China
2012	Outstanding Thesis, GDUFS, Guangzhou, China
2011	Third Place, 11th "Challenge Cup" National Survey Competition in Guangdong Province, Ministry of Education in Guangdong Province, Guangzhou, China
2010	First Place, "Challenge Cup" National Survey Competition, GDUFS, Guangzhou, China

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| 2009–2012 | Outstanding Student and Outstanding Student Leader, GDUFS, Guangzhou, China |
| 2009–2012 | University Scholarship (Top 5%), GDUFS, Guangzhou, China |

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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| 2017–present | Society of Social Work and Research |
| 2018–present | Council on Social Work Education |
| 2019–present | Asian and Pacific Islander Social Work Educators Association |
| 2020–2024 | Gerontological Society of America |
| 2020–2022 | American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children |
| 2018–2019 | American Public Health Association |