STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

I am a public health social work professor and practitioner whose career objective has focused on the health and well-being of the health and human service workforce in the United States and South Africa. This workforce, composed primarily of women and including large numbers of people of color, is critical to the quality and sustainability of social services. My education and practical training in community organizing, policy, occupational health and safety, and public health facilitates my involvement with interdisciplinary, international and collaborative projects. In the next phase of my career, I seek continued support for my scholarship, research and practice, as I continue to hone my skills in order to provide leadership in social work and the social work contribution to public health.

EDUCATION

ScD University of Massachusetts Lowell
School of Health and Environment, Department of Work Environment, 2005

MSW University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work
Community Organizing and Planning, 1996

BA Temple University
Philosophy, 1991

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2018-present Professor, Social Welfare Policy Chair, Touro College Graduate School of Social Work, New York, NY

2011- 2018 Associate Professor, Social Welfare Policy Chair, Touro College Graduate School of Social Work, New York, NY

2010-2011 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Hunter College of CUNY, School of Social Work, New York, NY
Assistant Professor, Macro Practice Lead Faculty, Salem State University, School of Social Work. Salem, MA

2006 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Lesley University, Cambridge, MA

2006 Assistant Professor, Hunter College of CUNY, School of Social Work, New York, NY

2005 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Brooklyn College of CUNY, Department of Health and Nutrition Sciences, New York NY

2002-2003 Adjunct Lecturer, Salem State College School of Social Work

Salem, MA

CURRENT/RECENT PROJECTS

UNITED STATES

2018-present Florida’s 20 year history of child welfare privatization. Historical case study of how Florida privatized foster care and related services beginning in the mid-1990s, and the ongoing impact to the child welfare system and the vulnerable children and families it serves. Fellowship sponsored by the Jerry Wurf Memorial Fund, established in memory of Jerry Wurf, the late President of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and the Labor and Worklife Program at the Harvard Law School.

2016-2018 Total Worker Health from the shop floor. Participatory research project investigating the connection between work organization, stress, health, and wellness among Administration for Children’s Services workers using an evidence based approach. In collaboration with the Health and Wellness Committee of the Social Service Employees Union Local 371, AFSCME DC 37, AFL-CIO.

2013-2017 Health care provider and community perspectives on providing TB treatment services to the foreign born in New York City: A qualitative needs assessment. Qualitative data in collaboration Jeanne Sullivan-Meissner and Shama Ahuja, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Bureau of Tuberculosis Control.

2016-2017 Safe water is a human right! Series of student-led social work virtual town hall meetings on the Flint MI lead contamination crisis. In collaboration with Drs. Otrude Moyo, Todd Womack, and Kasie Nickel-White, University of Michigan School of Social Work, Flint MI.

2011-present Human Service Workforce Study. Workforce survey of human service workers in New York metropolitan region. This survey explores the impact of privatization
and managerialism on the human service workforce. In collaboration with Dr. Mimi Abramovitz, Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College of CUNY.

SOUTH AFRICA

2015-present Social workers and patient centered care. Training hospital and community social workers employed by the Department of Health in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa as part of a randomized control trial to examine a patient centered approach to improving medication adherence for drug-resistant tuberculosis. In collaboration with Boitumelo Seepamore, Center for the AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA).

2014-2016 The Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development: a tool to teach social welfare policy to social work students in the U.S. and South Africa. An international collaborative policy education initiative using the 4 pillars of the global agenda to frame policy curriculum and exchange of ideas among social work students. In collaboration with Dr. Tanusha Raniga, School of Applied Social Science, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles


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2005

Books and Book Chapters

2016

2014

2010

Editorials

2015

2015

Reports

2018

2018
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Book Reviews


2013 Zelnick, J.R. Review of the book Informal labor, Formal Politics, and Dignified Discontent in India. Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare, 40(3);175


Contributions/Consultancies

AWARDS AND HONORS

2016 Exemplary Mid-Career Social Work Leadership in New York City, the National Association of Social Workers New York City Chapter.

2005 Dissertation Award for Scholarship, Department of Work Environment, University of Massachusetts Lowell.

2004 Elmer C. Matthews Memorial Scholarship, Independent University Alumni Association at Lowell

2000 National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health Training Fellowship, Department of Work Environment, University of Massachusetts Lowell.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS


2018 Principal Investigator Presidential Research Development Grant, Touro College and University System. Impact of Depression on adherence for drug-resistant TB/HIB patients. $11,300

2016 Project Lead. Policy Practice in Field Education Initiative Planning Grant, Council on Social Work Education. Touro Initiative for Policy Engagement. $5,000

2016 Principal Investigator. Center for Promotion of Health in the New England Workforce (CPH-NEW) pilot grant. Total worker health from the shop floor: A
union-led design team process to identify workplace health protection and promotion priorities for New York City child welfare workers. $8,777

2016 Principal Investigator. Center for the programme of AIDS research in South Africa (CAPRISA). Supporting drug-resistant tuberculosis patient medication adherence and retention in care in the transition from hospital to community-based care: An integrated training for hospital and community based social workers to enhance the M/XDR-TB HIV care continuum. $7,000

2015* Principal Investigator. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health R21. Developing an integrated workplace health protection/health promotion program to improve the health of social service workers. $270,528. (Not Funded, but scored, resubmission not funded)

2011 Principal investigator. Touro College Faculty Research Award. Measuring Psychosocial Stressors among Social Service Workers. $3,000

2009-2010 Co-Principal Investigator. Salem State College Faculty Research seed grant. Creating a culture of safety: Social work perspectives on the prevention of workplace violence. $3,500

2009-2010 Co-Investigator. Health Economics HIV/AIDS Research Division (HEARD), University of KwaZulu-Natal: Gibbs (PI) Occupational Risks for Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis among Health Care Workers in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. $5,000

2008-2009 Principal Investigator. National Association of Social Workers, Massachusetts Chapter. (Boston, MA). Massachusetts state-wide agency survey of workplace assault in social and human services. $1,500

2002 Principal Investigator. Harvard-NIOSH Education and Research Center Pilot Project Grant. Needlestick injuries among South African nurses. $15,000

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Peer-reviewed abstracts

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<td>2011</td>
<td>Zelnick, J.R. Double Jeopardy: How work organization in social services leads to occupational health disparities that impact the workforce and the clients they serve.</td>
<td>First National Conference on Eliminating Health and Safety Disparities at Work, Chicago, IL.</td>
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**TEACHING (TRADITIONAL, BLENDED, ONLINE)**

**Policy**

Social Welfare Policy and Services I (history and policy analysis)
Social Welfare Policy and Services II (policy practice)
Health and Mental Health Policy
Organizational Contexts of Social Work Practice

**Practice**

Foundations of Social Work Practice II (macro practice)
Community Practice & Social Change
Intersectionality and Social Justice

**Research**

Introduction to Research Methods
Research Laboratory (applied research methods)
Advanced Research Methods

**Electives**

Urban Issues in Public Health
International Perspectives in Social Welfare Policy
Social Work Macro Practice Intervention at the Client, Agency, and Community Level

**OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2009-2010  **Contributor**, Potts Memorial Foundation (Schenectady, NY) Horsburgh (PI) Improving Care and Treatment Outcomes for Extensively Drug Resistant Tuberculosis Patients in South Africa.

2006-2008  **Research Associate**, National Cancer Institute grant on Tobacco Control and Organized Labor, Tufts University, Community Health Program, Medford MA.

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2006-2007  **Consultant**, PHASE in Healthcare Project, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) grant on health disparities, University of Massachusetts Lowell.


2001-2003  **Research Assistant**, Promoting Healthy and Safe Employment in Health Care, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, MA.


**SOCIAL WORK MACRO PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**


1999-2000  Lead Organizer, House Officers Association/Committee of Interns and Residents National Doctors Alliance, Service Employees International Union, Boston, MA.

1998-1999  Executive Director, Universal Health Care Education Fund Boston, MA

1998  Lead Organizer, Service Employees International Union, Northeast Region, Boston, MA

1996-1998  Staff Organizer, Wisconsin Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals Local 5001, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, Milwaukee, WI

1996  Organizing intern. Organizing Institute, AFL-CIO, Washington D.C.

1995-1996  Editorial/Organizing Staff, Institute of Politics, University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA (internship)

1994-1995  Community Organizer, Mon Valley Initiative Community Development Corporation, Monongahela Valley, Homestead, PA (internship)

1991-1994  Prevention Coordinator, Brewster Center Alternatives to Violence Program

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1989-1990  Client Advocate, Alternatives for Community Empowerment, Youth Employment Program, Philadelphia, PA

SERVICE TO PROFESSION AND COMMUNITY

2018-present  Editorial Board (elected), Affilia, Journal of Women in Social Work
2017-2018  Member, National Task Force for Macro Curricular Guide for Social Work Practice
2016-2018  Regional representative (elected), Association for Community Organization and Social Administration (ACOSA).
2015-present  Steering committee member, CareWork network
2014-present  Member, In the Public Interest scholars’ network
2014-present  Board member, New York State Social Work Education Association
2013-present  Contributing editor, Health and Social Work
2008-2010  Field supervisor, Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (MassCOSH), Boston MA
2008-2012  Founding Member, Massachusetts Statewide Task Force on Maximizing Social Worker Safety

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2016-present  Member, Faculty Personnel and Promotions Committee, Touro College
2014-2018  Curriculum committee chair, Touro College Graduate School of Social Work
2013-present  Institutional Review Board #1, Touro College
2012-2013  Chair, faculty search committee
2011-present  Chair, Social Welfare Policy Sequence, Touro College Graduate School of Social Work
2008-2010  Member, admissions committee, Salem State College School of Social Work
2008-2010  Institutional Review Board, Salem State College
2008-2009  Member, curriculum committee, Salem State College School of Social Work
2008-2010  Chair, Macro Practice, Salem State College
1995-1996  President, Student Executive Council, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work
Professional Memberships

National Association of Social Workers- New York City Chapter
Association for Community Organizing and Social Action
Council on Social Work Education
American Public Health Association
Society for Social Work Research
New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health