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**AREAS OF SCHOLARSHIP**

- Action science and theories of change evaluation
- Community practice and development
- Global social development and international social work
- Microfinance and solidarity economy approaches to poverty alleviation
- Natural disasters and disaster recovery
- Participatory action research
- Participation and empowerment of oppressed individuals/communities
- Qualitative research

**EDUCATION**

2010-2015	<b>Ph.D. in Social Work and Social Welfare</b> University at Albany, State University of New York (USA), School of Social Welfare. Dissertation: “Discourses of Disaster, Recovery, and Recovery Actors in Post-earthquake Haiti: A Critical Discourse Analysis.” Committee members: Dr. Loretta Pyles (chair), Dr. Hal Lawson, Dr. Patricia Strach
2008 - 2010	<b>M.S.W., (Fulbright Scholar)</b> University at Albany, State University of New York (USA), School of Social Welfare
2004 - 2008	<b>B.A. in Social Work</b> University of Latvia

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

08/2023 - present	<b>Full Professor</b> , Department of Social Work, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
08/2020 – 08/2023	<b>Associate Professor</b> , Department of Social Work, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
08/2015 – 07/2020	<b>Assistant Professor</b> , Department of Social Work, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
01/2015 – 08/2015	<b>Part-Time Instructor (Instructor of Record)</b> , School of Social Welfare, University at Albany, SUNY
09/2012 – 12/2012	<b>Part-Time Instructor (Instructor of Record)</b> , School of Social Welfare, University at Albany, SUNY

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

01/2015 – 05/2015	<b>Research and Program Evaluation Consultant</b> , <i>Kore Fanmi</i> (“Family Support/Coaching”), UNICEF and Heart to Heart International
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Consultancy work regarding research and program evaluation of *KoreFanmi* program in Haiti. Assistance with: identifying gaps in the current theory of change of the program and exploring reluctant behavior changes and service utilization through community dialogues.

- 01/2015 – 05/2015     **Data Analyst**, School of Public Health, University at Albany, SUNY  
Qualitative research project studying the implementation of breastfeeding policies across hospitals in New York State. Qualitative coding of data using NVivo software, analysis of coded results, production of research reports, and dissemination of findings.
- 06/2014 – 08/2014     **Research Assistant**, School of Education, the Department of Educational Theory and Practice, University at Albany, SUNY  
Multiple case study design research project exploring the implementation of Common Core Learning Standards in elementary schools in the New York State. Qualitative coding of data using NVivo software, analysis of coded results, and writing of case studies. Site visit as an assistant researcher.
- 09/2011 – 05/2014     **Research Assistant/Project Coordinator**, School of Social Welfare, University at Albany, SUNY  
Mixed-methods research project studying participation and disaster recovery in disaster-affected communities in Haiti and the U.S. Gulf Coast. Co-conducted research training in Haiti, assisted with data collection, entry, transcription (using express Scribe), analysis (using NVivo and SPSS softwares) and dissemination of findings (through conferences, presentations, and publications). General project coordination role.
- 06/2011 – 08/2012     **Senior Research Aide**, School of Public Health, University at Albany, SUNY  
Community-based participatory research on childhood obesity. Evaluation of the Community Advisory Board empowerment process and theories of change evaluation of the overall research initiative. Qualitative data collection, analysis, and dissemination.
- 09/2010 – 06/2011     **Graduate/Research Assistant**, School of Social Welfare/Public Health, University at Albany, SUNY  
Community-based participatory research on childhood obesity. Peer-to-peer training, qualitative data collection and analysis, evaluation of the Community Advisory Board participatory process, and dissemination of findings.
- 09/2008 – 06/2010     **Graduate Assistant**, School of Social Welfare, University at Albany, SUNY  
Assisted with literature reviews on women and substance abuse and general administrative work.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **A. Undergraduate**

Service Learning Trip to Haiti (Spring, 2018; Summer 2019)

First Year Seminar *Global Social Problems and Social Change* (Fall 2018, 2019, 2020; 2022; 2023)

Foundations of Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (Fall 2015, Spring & Fall 2016; Spring & Fall 2017; Spring & Fall 2018; Spring & Fall 2019; Spring & Fall 2020; Spring & Fall 2021; Spring & Fall 2022; Spring 2024)

Introduction to Social Work Research (Fall 2019, 2020, 2021;2022)

Professional Context (Spring 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024)  
Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare (Spring 2016, 2017, 2018)  
Human Behavior in Social Environment (online; Fall 2015, 2016, 2017, 2024)  
Poverty and Social Welfare (Fall 2015)  
Organizational and Community Theory (Fall 2012)

**B. Master's**

Foundations of Social Work Research (Fall 2021)  
Human Behavior in Social Environment (online, Fall 2021; 2022; 2023)  
Foundations of Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (Spring 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022)  
Advanced Internship (Spring 2016, 2017, 2019; 2023/24)  
Introduction to Research Methodology (Summer 2015)  
Policy and Practice of International Development (hybrid; Spring 2015)  
Community Building (hybrid, Fall 2014)

**C. Doctoral**

Qualitative Analysis (online; Fall 2016, 2017, 2018; Summer 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022; 2023)

**D. Dissertation Committees**

*Chair*

Tessa Palmer, DSW (in process) -- Social Work, Kutztown University  
Janine Speiser, DSW (in process) – Social Work, Kutztown University/Millersville University  
Christina Kulp, DSW (in process) – Social Work, Kutztown University/Millersville University  
Megan Tritt, DSW (2022) – Social Work, Kutztown University/Millersville University  
Barbe Fogarty, DSW (2020) – Social Work, Kutztown University/Millersville University  
Amy Downes, DSW (2020) – Social Work, Kutztown University/Millersville University  
Hanif Bey, DSW (2018) – Social Work, Kutztown University/Millersville University  
Kimberly Hardner, DSW (2018) – Social Work, Kutztown University/Millersville University  
Karey Murphy, DSW (2018) – Social Work, Kutztown University/Millersville University

*Member*

Kelly Smith, DSW (2023) – Social Work, Kutztown University/Millersville University  
Gina Daniel, DSW (2021) – Social Work, Kutztown University/Millersville University  
Paula Ude, DSW (2021) – Social Work, Kutztown University/Millersville University  
Michael Hassler, DSW (2021) – Social Work, Kutztown University/Millersville University  
Rachel Bernini, DSW (2020) – Social Work, Kutztown University/Millersville University  
Bonnie Marsh, DSW (2020) – Social Work, Kutztown University/Millersville University  
Diane Irish, DSW (2019) – Social Work, Kutztown University/Millersville University  
Lexi Patrick, DSW (2019) – Social Work, Kutztown University/Millersville University  
Pia Houseal-Allport, DSW (2018) – Social Work, Kutztown University/Millersville University

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

06/2007 – 07/2008     **Senior Social Worker**, Agency of Social Services, Riga (Latvia)  
06/2006 – 01/2007     Conducted needs assessment and coordinated social work services (home care, transportation, day care, social rehabilitation) for individuals with physical disabilities.

- 04/2007 – 08/2007 **Project Coordinator**, Charity Organization “Elija” (Latvia)  
 Wrote a grant for a public information campaign and created an informative brochure on public assistance and social services available for children with disabilities and their families.
- 08/2005 – 05/2006 **Social Rehabilitator**, Agency of Social Services, Riga (Latvia)  
 Home visits, needs assessment and coordination of home care services for senior citizens.

## **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS**

### **A. Books**

**Svistova, J.** and Pyles, L. (2018). *Production of Disaster and Recovery in Post-Earthquake Haiti: Disaster Industrial Complex*. Routledge Humanitarian Studies Series. Related podcast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-8kD74EGPU&feature=youtu.be&t=1s>

### **B. Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

Fogarty, B., Massie, K. and **Svistova, J.** (2023). Unmasking Twitter Discourse: An Infodemiology Study of Covid-19 Mitigation Practices. *The Atlantic Journal of Communication*.

**Svistova, J.**, and Pyles, L. (2022). US Systemic Violence amid the COVID-19 Disaster: A Conceptual Critical Disaster Framework for Social Workers. *Critical and Radical Social Work*, XX(XX): 1–18, DOI: 10.1332/204986021X16626381345490

**Svistova, J.**, Harris, C., Fogarty, B., Kulp, C., and Lee, A. (2021). Use of Telehealth amid the COVID-19 Pandemic: Experiences of Mental Health Providers Serving Rural Youth and Elderly in Pennsylvania. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10488-021-01181-z>

Fogarty, B., Gasker, J., Vafeas, J. and **Svistova, J.** (2020). Family-In-Environment: A Multi-Disciplinary Framework for Analyzing and Developing Family-Centered Public Policies. *Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Science*.

**Svistova, J.**, Pyles, L., and Dylan, A. (2020). *Sustainability*. The Encyclopedia of Social Work, National Association of Social Workers Press and Oxford University Press.

**Svistova, J.** and Celenk, O. (2020). Book Review of *Disasters, Vulnerability, and Narratives: Writing Haiti's Futures* by Kasia Mika, London: Routledge, 2018; *New West Indian Guide*, 94 (1-2), 184-185.

Pyles, L., **Svistova, J.**, and Ahn, S. (2017). Securitization, Racial Cleansing, and Disaster Capitalism: Neoliberal Disaster Governance in the U.S. Gulf Coast and Haiti. *Critical Social Policy*, 37(3), 1–22

Haymovitz, E., Houseal-Allport, P., Lee, S., and **Svistova, J.** (2017). Exploring the Perceived Benefits and Limitations of a School-based Social-Emotional Learning Program: A Concept Map Evaluation. *Children & Schools*, 40(1), 45-54.

Pyles, L., **Svistova, J.**, Ahn, S. and Bikland, T. (2017). Citizen Participation in Disaster Recovery Projects in Rural Communities: Comparison of the Haiti earthquake and Hurricane Katrina. *Disasters*, 42(3), 498-518. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/disa.12260/full>

Jurkowski, J., **Svistova, J.** and Dennison, B. (2016). Public Reporting of Hospital-Specific Breastfeeding Measures: A Qualitative Study of Hospital Staff and Administrators. *Journal of Human Lactation*, 1-9.

**Svistova, J.**, Bowen, L. and Bhat, M. (2016). Teaching to the Holistic Self: A Case Study of Critical Social Work Classroom, in Pyles & Adam (Eds.) *Holistic engagement: Transformative education for helping professionals in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*, pp.179-197. New York: Oxford University Press.

Pyles, L. and **Svistova, J.** (2015). The Critical-Emancipatory Traditions of Participatory Action Research in Post-Disaster Recovery, Chapter 5 in Lawson, H., Caringi, J., Pyles, L., Jurkowski, J. & Bozlak, C. (Eds.) *Participatory Action Research*, pp.119-147. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Pyles, L. and **Svistova, J.** (2015). A Critical Discourse Analysis of Haiti Earthquake Recovery in *New York Times* articles: Implications for Social Welfare Policies, Practices and Education. *Critical Social Work*, 16 (1).

**Svistova, J.**, Pyles, L., and Andre, J. (2014). The Meaning and Possibilities of Participation in Research in Haiti: A Case of Counter-Hegemonic Resistance. *Social Development Issues Journal*, 36 (3), 108-123.

### **C. Research Reports**

**Svistova, J.**, Lee, A., Harris, C., Song, J., Horton, J., Fogarty, B., Hansen, J., and Mills, C. (2021). Access to Mental Health Services in Rural Pennsylvania. Research report prepared for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania: <https://www.rural.pa.gov/download.cfm?file=Resources/PDFs/research-report/Mental%20Health%20Access%20Final%20Report%20January%202022.pdf>

Lee, A., **Svistova, J.**, and Baukman, C. (2018). 2018 Community Needs Assessment of Kutztown, Fleetwood, and Brandywine Heights School Districts: Report of Findings. Unpublished Manuscript. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/bvptd0ddsntf6ho/Report%20November%202018%20latest.pdf?dl=0>

**Svistova, J.**, Durand, F., Wilcox, K., & Schiller, K. (2014). Supporting Student Achievement on Common Core Learning Standards: A Case Study of an Odds-Beating Elementary School. [Case Study for New York State Education Department]. Albany: University at Albany.

**Svistova, J.**, Durand, F., Wilcox, K., & Schiller, K. (2014). Supporting Student Achievement on Common Core Learning Standards: A Case Study of an Average Performing Elementary School. [Unpublished Case Study for New York State Education Department]. Albany: University at Albany.

Pyles, L., **Svistova, J.** and Andre, J. (2015). Disaster Recovery in Post-Earthquake Rural Haiti: Research Findings and Recommendations for Participatory, Sustainable Development. Albany: University at Albany. [http://www.albany.edu/ssw/assets/HaitirecoveryreportNSF\\_final.pdf](http://www.albany.edu/ssw/assets/HaitirecoveryreportNSF_final.pdf)

### **PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Horton, J., **Svistova, J.** and Croft, N. (2022). “Gaps in Mental Health Policy Filled by Faith Leaders: Identifying the Gaps and Understanding the Faith Leaders' Experiences.” *NASW-PA Conference*, Mount Pocono, PA.

Fogarty, B., Massie, K. and **Svistova, J.** (2022). “Unmasking Twitter Discourse: An Infodemiology Study of Covid-19 Mitigation Practices.” *National Communication Association*, New Orleans, LA.

- Hansen, J., Lee, A., Harris, C., and **Svistova, J.** (2022). "Mental Health Literacy, Stigma, and Acceptance in Rural Settings: A State-Wide Qualitative Study of Mental Health Professionals." *SSWR Conference*, Washington, DC.
- Horton, J., **Svistova, J.**, Lee, A., and Harris, C. (2022). "Interagency Collaboration in Rural Mental Health: Experiences and Perspectives of Service and Public Insurance Providers." *SSWR Conference*, Washington, DC.
- Bhat, M., **Svistova, J.**, Fogarty, B., Lee, A., and Andre, J. (2022). "The Impact of Mutual Solidarity Banking in Haiti: A Qualitative Inquiry." *SSWR Conference*, Washington, DC.
- Svistova, J.**, Bhat, M., Fogarty, B., Lee, A. and Andre, J. (2022). "Empowerment vs. Intimidation: Local Perspectives on Microfinance in Haiti." *SSWR Conference*, Washington, DC.
- Svistova, J.**, Harris, C., Lee, A. and Fogarty, B. (2021). "Use of Telehealth amid the COVID-19 Pandemic: Experiences of PA Mental Health Providers Serving Youth and Elderly in Rural Pennsylvania." *NASW-PA Conference*, Mount Pocono, PA.
- Lee, A., Harris, C., and **Svistova, J.** (2021). "Comparison of Mental Health Status among Rural and Urban Older Residents in Pennsylvania." *NASW-PA Conference*, Mount Pocono, PA.
- Bhat, M., **Svistova, J.** and Andre, J. (2021). "Perceptions of Community-Driven Welfare in Mutual Solidarity Microfinance Groups in Haiti." *International Consortium for Social Development*, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Gross, K., Bhat, M. and **Svistova, J.** (2021). "Entrepreneurship of the Poor: Experiences from the Global South to the Global North." Roundtable presentation. *22nd Biennial Online Conference of the International Consortium for Social Development*.
- Svistova, J.** and Lee, A. (2021). "From a Community Needs Assessment to a Behavioral Health Coalition: A Road Map for Community-Engaged Scholars." *International Conference on Practice Research*, Melbourne, Australia.
- Svistova, J.** Harris, C., and Kulp, C. (2021). "Revolutionizing Focus Group Data Collection via Zoom: Lessons from a State-Wide Study on Mental Health." International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, IL.
- Svistova, J.** Bhat, M., and Andre, J. (2021). "Cross-Cultural Research for Social Development: Lost & Found in Culture." International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, IL
- Lee, A., **Svistova, J.**, and Yoon, H. (2020). "Predictors of Mental Health Service Use among Rural Residents in Eastern Pennsylvania." *Society for Social Work and Research*, Washington DC.
- Svistova, J.**, Vasconcelos, J., and Fogarty, B. (2019). "Designing Short-Term Study Abroad and International Service Learning Opportunities for Social Work Students: Do's and Don'ts" Interactive Workshop. *The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual PM*, Denver, CO.
- Gross, K. and **Svistova, J.** (2019). "Participatory Action Research to Enhance Social/Racial Justice: Cases of Haiti and Malawi." *The 6th Annual Global Well-Being and Social Change conference*, Millersville University.

- Svistova, J.** and Pyles, L. (2018). "Media Savvy Social Workers: Exploring the Role of Media in Disaster Situations." *The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual PM*, Orlando, FL.
- Bhat, M., Maynard, S., and **Svistova, J.** (2018). "Designing Community Practice Simulations for Effective Interprofessional Collaborations." *The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual PM*, Orlando, FL.
- Svistova, J.** (2018). "(Re)Production of Disaster and Recovery in Post-earthquake Haiti: Disaster Industrial Complex." *Joint Conference on Social Work, Education, and Social Development*, Dublin, Ireland.
- Svistova, J.** and Navistky, L. (2018). "Environmental Justice and Extractivist Disaster Recovery: Locating Sustainability in Post-Earthquake Haiti." *Joint Conference on Social Work, Education, and Social Development*, Dublin, Ireland.
- Svistova, J.** and Pyles, L. (2018). "Humanitarian Innovation and Technological Experimentation in Post-Earthquake Haiti: A Panacea or a Curse?" *Joint Conference on Social Work, Education, and Social Development*, Dublin, Ireland.
- Blackwell-Rogers, K., Mousley, A., Weaver, R., and **Svistova, J.** (as faculty sponsor) (2018). "Immersive Field Work in Haiti: An Examination of Gender and Development, Microcredit, and the Building of Cultural Competency." *9th Annual Berks County Undergraduate Research & Creativity Conference*, Kutztown University.
- LaBarre, H., Cassellia, L., Weaver, R., and **Svistova, J.** (2018). "Discussions around the Dinner Table: The Prevalence of Food Insecurity among College Students." *Diversity Conference*, Kutztown University.
- Svistova, J.**, and Ahn, S. (2017). "Seven Years Post-Earthquake: New and Better Haiti?" *the 20th Biennial ICSD International Symposium*, Zagreb, Croatia.
- Svistova, J.** and Andre, J. (2017). "The Meaning and Possibilities of Participation in Research in Haiti: A Case of Counterhegemonic Resistance," *the 20th Biennial ICSD International Symposium*, Zagreb, Croatia.
- Svistova, J.**, Ahn, S., and Pyles, L. (2017). "Securitization, Racial Cleansing, and Disaster Capitalism: Neoliberal Disaster Governance in the US Gulf Coast and Haiti," *the 20th Biennial ICSD International Symposium*, Zagreb, Croatia.
- Stere, M. and **Svistova, J.** (2017). "Understanding Rural Poverty in Berks County: A Photovoice Study," *NASW-PA Conference*.
- Fernandez, L. and **Svistova, J.** (2017). "Trials and Tribulations of Exploring Barriers to Substance Abuse Treatment in Rural Pennsylvania: Lessons from a Student-Faculty Project." *International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry*, Urbana-Champaign, IL.
- Fernandez, L. and **Svistova, J.** (2017). "A Student's Journey through a BSW Program as a Novice Qualitative Scholar Change Agent." *International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry*, Urbana-Champaign, IL.
- Svistova, J.** (2017). "Broken Bodies, Souls, and Ecology: Policy and Practice Gaps of the 2010 Haiti Earthquake Recovery." Twenty First Annual Conference of the *Society for Social Work and Research*, New Orleans, LA.

- Pyles, L., **Svistova, J.**, and Ahn, S. (2017). "Participation in Disaster Recovery in Rural Communities: Comparison of the Haiti Earthquake and U.S. Hurricane Katrina." Twenty First Annual Conference of the *Society for Social Work and Research*, New Orleans, LA.
- Svistova, J.** and Pyles, L. (2016). Interactive Workshop "Building Environmental Justice Competencies Through the Implicit and Explicit Social Work Curricula," the *Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual PM*. Atlanta, GA.
- Maynard, S., and **Svistova, J.** (2016). Interactive Workshop "Using Team-Based Learning to Model Constructive Collaborations in Social Work Courses," the *Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual PM*. Atlanta, GA.
- Felix, G. and **Svistova, J.** (2016). Interactive Poster "Preparedness of Senior BSW Students to Serve the Hispanic/Latino Community: An Exploratory Study," the *Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual PM*. Atlanta, GA.
- Svistova, J.** and Maynard, S. (2015). "Breaking through the Misconceptions: Teaching about the Modern Day Slavery," Interactive Workshop at the *Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual PM*. Denver, CO.
- Svistova, J.** and Bowen, L. (2014). "Teaching to the Holistic Self: A Case Study of a Critical Social Work Classroom," *Council Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual PM*. Tampa, FL (U.S.A).
- Svistova, J.** (2014). "Communities of Discourse and Recovery in Post-Earthquake Haiti." *International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry (ICQI)*, Urbana-Champaign, IL (U.S.A).
- Svistova, J.**, Bowen, L., and Bhat, M. (2013). "A Case Study of Critical Social Work Education. Boal and Freire in the Classroom: Teaching to the Liberated Self," *Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual PM*. Dallas, TX (U.S.A).
- Weldon, T., **Svistova, J.**, and Pyles, L. (2013). "Constructions of Haitian Earthquake Survivors in the New Diaspora: Implications for Psycho-Social Recovery," the *Global Health and Well-Being: The Social Work Response* conference. NYU, New York, NY (U.S.A).
- Svistova, J.**, Jurkowski, J., and Davison, K. (2013). "The Effect of Parental Stresses on Childhood Obesity in Head Start Children: A Photovoice Inquiry," *International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry (ICQI)*, Urbana-Champaign, IL (U.S.A).
- Pyles, L. and **Svistova, J.** (2012). "Social Construction of Recovery Actors after the Haiti Earthquake: Replications of Post-Colonialist Development," *Haitian Studies Association*, New York, NY (U.S.A).
- Svistova, J.** and Pyles, L. (2012). "U.S. Policy Discourse of Relief Actors in Post-Earthquake Haiti: Implications for Participatory and Sustainable Recovery," *2nd World Conference on Social Work and Social Development*, Stockholm (Sweden).

## **WORKSHOPS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PODCASTS**

- 02/2022 Faculty First Thursday Presentation "Unmasking Twitter Discourse: An Infodemiology Study of Covid-19 Mitigation Practices" with Fogarty, B. and Massie, K.

- 11/2021 Invited speaker at the KU Social Work in the Global Environment Conference. “U.S. Structural Violence amidst the COVID-19 Disaster: A Critical Disaster Framework for Social Workers.”
- 04/2021 “Understanding the Impacts of Mutual Solidarity Microfinance Groups on Community Wellbeing in Rural Haiti” – a report of findings delivered to the Heart to Heart International organization and other stakeholders.
- 06/2020 Invited panel speaker for the Summer KU Online Pedagogy Institute.
- 04/2020 Campus-wide CET presentation “Ensuring the Integrity of Online Exams: To Zoom or not to Zoom” in collaboration with Dr. Stoeffler and Dr. Sharma.
- 05/2019 Invited presentation “Conducting Effective Community Assessments” at the Rotary International District Training Assembly, Allentown, PA.
- 04/2018 Campus-wide presentation entitled “Production of Disaster and Recovery in Post-earthquake Haiti” given at the University at Albany, SUNY. Associated podcast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-8kD74EGPU&feature=youtu.be&t=1s>
- 03/2018 Campus-wide presentation entitled “Production of Disaster and Recovery in Post-earthquake Haiti” given at Kutztown University.
- 03/2018 Campus-wide presentation entitled “Disaster Industrial Complex” given at Lehigh University.
- 04/2016 Invited presentation on “green social work,” Social Workers and Advocates of Kutztown student association meeting, Kutztown University Department of Social Work.
- 04/2016 Presented on environmental justice in social work and the need to “green” the profession to social work faculty members, Kutztown University Department of Social Work.
- 01/2015 Conducted a training/workshop on participatory education “Holistic, Engaged Learning as a Path of Transformation” with teachers and students in Jacmel, Haiti.
- 05/2014 Invited talk “International Research and Community Development in Haiti,” Social Work Doctoral Student Association, University at Albany, SUNY.
- 02/2013 Co-conducted a university-wide workshop on community-engaged research.
- Conducted an introductory NVivo 9 workshop for graduate students at the School of Educational Administration and Policy Studies, University at Albany, SUNY.
- 05/2012 Co-led a two-day training on data collection techniques and procedures (household surveys regarding participation in post-quake recovery) with Haitian community leaders in Haiti.

## **GRANTS**

- PASSHE Faculty Professional Development Council grant (PI, 2022)
  - *Autistic Adults Experiences with Interventions based in Applied Behavior Analysis* - \$ 7,300
- PASSHE Faculty Professional Development Council grant (PI, 2021)
  - *Gaps in Mental Health Policy Filled by Faith Leaders: Identifying the Gaps and Understanding the Faith Leaders' Experiences* - \$ 8,000.
- Kutztown University Research Grant (PI, 2020-2021)

- *Gaps in Mental Health Policy Filled by Faith Leaders: Identifying the Gaps and Understanding the Faith Leaders' Experiences* - \$ 5,000.
- Kutztown University Research Grant (Co-PI, 2020-2021)
  - *Twitter Analysis of the Dissemination and Utilization of Public Health Coronavirus Messaging* - \$ 5,000.
- KU Bears Summer Research Grant (PI, 2020)
  - *Understanding the impacts of Mutual Solidarity (MUSO) microfinance groups on community wellbeing in rural Haiti* - \$ 2,000.
- The Center for Rural Pennsylvania (PI, Project Director 2019-2020)
  - *Access to Mental Health Services in Rural Pennsylvania* - \$ 50,000.
- Kutztown University Research Grant (PI, 2019-2020)
  - *Understanding the impacts of Mutual Solidarity (MUSO) microfinance groups on community wellbeing in rural Haiti: Phase II* - \$ 8,000.
- PASSHE Faculty Professional Development Council grant (PI, 2019)
  - *Understanding the impacts of Mutual Solidarity (MUSO) microfinance groups on community wellbeing in rural Haiti* - \$ 9,890.
- KU Bears Summer Research Grant (PI, 2019)
  - *Understanding the impacts of Mutual Solidarity (MUSO) microfinance groups on community wellbeing in rural Haiti* - \$ 2,000.
- Kutztown University Research Grant (PI, 2018-2019)
  - *Understanding the impacts of Mutual Solidarity (MUSO) microfinance groups on community wellbeing in rural Haiti* - \$ 8,000.
- KU Bears Summer Research Grant (Co-PI, 2018)
  - *Community needs assessment of Kutztown, Fleetwood, and Brandywine Heights school districts*, in collaboration with Dr. Ahyoung Lee - \$2,000.
- Kutztown University Foundation Grant (Co-PI, 2018)
  - *Learning from Disasters, Supporting Disaster Recovery: Service Learning Trips and Community-Based Research in Haiti and Puerto Rico*, in collaboration with Dr. Madrigal - \$ 4,000.
- Kutztown University Research Grant (Co-PI, 2017-2018)
  - *Hungry for More: Understanding the Impact of Food Insecurity on College Students*, in collaboration with Dr. LaBarre - \$ 5,775.
- Kutztown University Research Grant (PI, 2016-2017)
  - *Barriers to Substance Abuse Treatment in Berks County, Pennsylvania: A Qualitative Study*, \$ 8,000.
- University at Albany Dissertation Research Fellowship Award (2013-2014) – \$ 1,000.
- Bonnie Carlson Doctoral Scholarship, University at Albany School of Social Welfare (2014).
- Professional Development Grant, SUNY Albany Graduate Student Association (2014).
- Professional Development Grant, SUNY Albany Graduate Student Association (2013).
- Research Grant, SUNY Albany Graduate Student Association (2013).

### **FELLOWSHIPS**

- Fulbright (Institute for International Education) Grant Award, 2008-2010
- Socrates/Erasmus Scholarship Award (EU Educational Exchange Program at the University of Lapland, Finland), 2007

### **SERVICE**

- Supervisor of three social work interns (Spring, 2020; Summer, 2020 – 2021)
- First Year Seminar mentor (2020 –present)

- Faculty mentor (2020 –present)
- Co-chair of the Annual KU Social Work in Global Environment conference (2018 –present);
- Committee member of the University Tenure Committee (2021-2022)
- Peer reviewer for the annual PASSHE FPDC grant program (Spring, 2022)
- Committee member of the International Affairs Committee, Kutztown University (2020-2022);
- Committee member of the university-wide Institutional Climate Committee, Kutztown University (2016-present); secretary during the Fall 2018, Fall 2020-Spring 2022 semester;
- Board of Directors Member of Friend, Inc. (2016-2021);
- Advisory board member for the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching (2018-2020);
- Abstract reviewer for the CSWE International Issues Track (2020);
- Committee member of the university-wide Commission on Human Diversity, Kutztown University (2016-2018);
- PA state-wide committee on Learning Management System and Web Conferencing RFP (Spring, 2017);
- Advisor of the KU Slavic Club (2018-2022);
- Advisor of the International Student Organization (2019 –2020);
- Reviewer of a qualitative research textbook manuscript for SAGE Publications, Inc (2019).
- Peer reviewer for the *International Journal of Social Welfare* journal (2019 – present);
- Peer reviewer for the *International Social Work* journal (2015-present);
- Peer reviewer for the *Social Development Issues* journal (2016-present);
- Peer reviewer for the *International Journal of Climate Change Strategies and Management* (2017-present);
- Peer reviewer for the *Journal of Contingencies and Crisis Management* (2018-present)
- Peer reviewer for the *Qualitative Social Work* journal (2019-present)
- Peer reviewer for and member of the planning committee of the Annual Conference of the National Association of Social Workers – Pennsylvania (2017);
- Occasional peer reviewer for the *Journal of Research in Gender Studies* (2017-present);
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- Grant reviewer, United Way of the Capital Region, New York (2010).

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Member of Consortium for Social Work Education (CSWE);
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