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Education

University of Georgia, School of Social Work PhD Candidate Family Separation from a Comprehensive Perspective. A Qualitative Three Study Dissertation. Dissertation Committee Chair, Dr. Harold Briggs	Anticipated Graduation Date 2025
University of Georgia, School of Social Work Master of Clinical Social Work (<i>Magna Cum Laude</i>)	2016
Georgia State University, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Bachelor of Social Work (<i>Suma Cum Laude</i>)	2015
Georgia Perimeter College Associate of Science	2013

Research:

Research Interests

Immigration related family separation, adverse childhood events, child welfare, theory development, and trauma and trauma informed interventions, policy analysis

Publications

Boyas, J. F., **Woodiwiss, J. L.**, & Nahar, V. K. (2021). Examining intentions to engage in sun protective behaviors among Latino day laborers: An application of the theory of planned behavior. *Health promotion perspectives*, 11(3), 351–359.

Boyas, J. F., McCoy, L. M., **Woodiwiss, J. L.**, & Adams, J. E. (2022). Applying the Stress Process Theory to Assess Correlates of Suicide Ideation-to-Action Among Persons on Parole in the United States. *Community mental health journal*, 1–16. Advance online publication.

Woodiwiss J.L., foreword to: *DNA Family Reunification Project: Pro Búsqueda's History of Reuniting Families*, by UC Berkeley School of Law Human Rights Center and Asociación Pro-Búsqueda de Niñas y Niños Desaparecidos. (2022).

Boyas, J., Moore, D., Duran, M., Fuentes, J. **Woodiwiss, J.L.**, Cirino, A. Exploring the health of child protection workers: A Call to Action. *Health Promotion Perspectives*, 12 (4), 381-390.

Boyas, J.; Valera, P.; McCoy, L.; **Woodiwiss, J.L.** (2023). Residential mobility and suicidal ideation among persons on parole. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 306624X231159894. Advance online publication.

Woodiwiss, J.L., Graves, B., Pless, J, Dodd, K. & Afroz, F. (2023) Conquering Chaos: Critical Reflections of Beginning doctoral Education in 2020. Reflections; Narratives of Professional Helping.

Under-Review

Pless, J., Dodd, K., Graves, B., Afroz, F., **Woodiwiss, J.L.**, “I Just Be Chillin”: CBD Use & Anxiety Among College Students (JACH-2022-05-0362)

In progress

Woodiwiss, J., Boyas, J.F., Briggs, H. Mental Health Outcomes of Latin American Children by Parent Nativity Status Using the Theory of Acculturative Stress.

Woodiwiss, J., Childs, E., Boyas, J. The Impacts of Family Separation on Latin American Immigrant Children; A Scoping Review

Woodiwiss, J., Boyas, J. Immigration Insights: Experiences of Families Impacted by the Detention and Deportation of Loved Ones.

Woodiwiss, J., Hunkins, S., Svetaz, V., Shramko, M. The Measurement of Family Separation; A Scoping Review.

Research Experience:

Publication and Abstract Reviews:

Current Psychology – 3 article reviews

Child Welfare – 10 abstract reviews

University of Georgia School of Social Work
Research Assistant

Athens, GA

2024-current

- Transcription and coding for the qualitative portion of a mixed methods study examining the impact of COVID-19 on reporting of child abuse and neglect in a Mid-Western state using Dedoose Qualitative Coding Software.

Carl Vincent Institute of Government
Research Assistant

Athens, GA

2021-2024

- Conduct and prepare a literature review and trend analysis examining racial and gender disparities of students receiving Associate’s and post-secondary degrees across the nation and among University of Georgia institutions.

- Provide facilitation and data analytic support in the development of a 5-year strategic plan for the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL), and GA Department of Administrative Services Workforce Projects
- Conduct and present Child Safety Assessment with state agencies and administer ongoing support to the CVIOG facilitation team of the Georgia's Children's Cabinet

University of Georgia School of Social Work **Athens, GA** 2020- 2022
Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Javier Boyas

- Work with faculty supervisor on manuscripts regarding populations including Latino Day Laborers, Child Welfare Social Workers, and Parolees
- Network with organizations providing social services to identify potential research partners.
- Prepare manuscripts for publication in accordance to journal specifications.
- Generate new research projects and secure co-author collaboration.

Qualitative Data Analyst **Athens, GA** 2020-2021
Independent Contract

- Analyzed 433 Reddit discussion threads and comments posted to subreddit community devoted to civil discussions about all facets of sexuality and sexual relationships.
- Completion of data analysis using ATLAS.ti.

University of Georgia School of Social Work **Athens, GA** 2015-2016
Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Harold Briggs

- Completed qualitative data analysis on two large data sets that contained over 360 scholarly peer-reviewed journal articles.
- Conducted content analysis on over 200 journal articles in order to categorize and identify major areas of research interests.
- Developed tracking tool to identify content analysis outcomes and qualitative data calculations needed for multiple research studies.

Georgia State University **Atlanta, GA** 2015-2015
Directed Independent Study with Dr. Terri Lewinson and Dr. Karen Watkins

- Participated in Summer internship with the School of Economics at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies and Completed manuscript "Identifying Role Strain and Role Reciprocity Among Older Adults Living in Extended Stay Hotels."
- Completed secondary data analysis and presented findings at Georgia State Spring Undergraduate Research Conference identifying the link between infant adoption and immigration for Latin American countries in "An Exploration of the Border Crisis and Adoptions from Latin American Countries."

Teaching:

Teaching Experience

Teacher of Record Positions:

Developed syllabus, provided bi-weekly and tri-weekly lectures, provided assignment feedback, and final grades for all students.

Understanding Human Behavior. and the Social Environment

Level: BSW, Lecture Based
Spring Semester

Athens, GA

2024 - current

Social Work in Healthcare Settings SOWK5400

Level: BSW, Lecture Based
Fall Semester

Athens, GA

2023 - current

Introduction to Social Work SOWK2154

Level: BSW, Lecture Based
Fall/Spring— both semesters

Athens, GA

2022-2023

Assistant Teaching Positions:

Set up classes in **Blackboard**, **Canva**, and **Moodle** platforms, provided grading, assignment feedback, and ongoing discussion post feedback throughout the semester.

Advanced Social Work Policy and Practice SOWK8035 Level: PhD

Atlanta, GA

2020-Current

Advanced Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations in Complex Systems SOWK8035

Level: PhD

Atlanta, GA

2020-Current

Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families SOWK6370

Level: Masters

Atlanta, GA

2020-Current

Research I: Social Work Research Methods SOWK6250

Level: Masters

Atlanta, GA

2020-Current

Gerontology; Assessment and Intervention SOWK5100

Level: Masters

Atlanta, GA

2020-Current

Invited Lectures:

Kennesaw State University

Invited by: Dr. Yomi Paseda, LCSW

Lecture: Medical and Child Social Work,

Pursuing Graduate studies, and clinical licensure.

Kennesaw, GA

10/16/2024

University of Georgia

Invited by: Dr. Jane McPherson

Lecture: Immigration and Detention in the U.S.

Athens, GA

2/3/2023

University of Georgia **Athens, GA** 3/30/2020
Invited by Yomi Paseda, LMSW
Lecture: Communication in Helping Professions

University of Georgia **Athens, GA** 3/30/2020
Invited by Dr. Mary Ager
 Lecture: Healthcare Programs and Policy

University of Georgia **Athens, GA** 10/23/2020
Invited by Luis Roberto-Alvarez, LCSW
 Lecture: Child Welfare and Pusing the Field of Social Work

Georgia State University **Atlanta, GA** 3/22/2019
Invited by Dr. Karen Watkins, LCSW
 Panel Discussion: Medical and Child Social Work, Pursuing Graduate studies and clinical licensure.

Georgia State University **Atlanta, GA** 3/16/2018
Invited by Dr. Karen Watkins, LCSW
 Panel Discussion: Medical and Child Social Work, Pursuing Graduate studies, and clinical licensure.

Invited Presentations:

Society for Social Work and Research **Seattle, WA** **1/17/25**
Invited by Society of Social Work and Research
 Poster: Measuring Family Separation; A Scoping Review

CSWE 2024 Annual Program Meeting **Kansas City, MO** 10/26/24
Invited by Council of Social Work Education
 Panel: The Importance of Teaching Critical Theory in Doctoral Education

Society for Social Work and Research **Phoenix, AZ** 1/11/24
Invited by Society of Social Work and Research
 Roundtable: Strengthening the Action in Community Based Participatory Research Methods

Society for Social Work and Research **Phoenix, AZ** **1/15/23**
Invited by Society of Social Work and Research
 Poster: The Impacts of Family Separation on Latin American Immigrant Children; A Scoping Review
 Poster: "I Just be Chillin": Cbd Use & Anxiety Among College Students

Society for Social Work and Research **Phoenix, AZ** **1/15/23**
Invited by Society of Social Work and Research
 Poster: The Impacts of Family Separation on Latin American Immigrant Children; A Scoping Review
 Poster: "I Just be Chillin": Cbd Use & Anxiety Among College Students

CSWE 2022 Annual Program Meeting <i>Invited by Council of Social Work Education</i> Poster: Mental Health Outcomes of Latin American Children by Parent Nativity Status	Anaheim, CA	11/11/22
UC Berkeley Human Rights Center Invited by Eric Stover, Director of the Human Right Center at UC Berkeley Interview: Participation in the DNA Reunification Project	Berkeley, CA	10/13/22
Georgia Governor's Mansion <i>Invited by The Georgia Children's Cabinet</i> Lecture: Child Safety Definitions and Safety Tools Used Among Child-Serving Agencies in Georgia	Atlanta, GA	9/30/22

Practice:

Professional Experience

US Renal Care <i>Licensed Social Worker</i> Provide psychosocial support to patients and families along their dialysis journey to help them acclimate and remain adherent with lifesaving treatments. In addition, in many fortunate cases the transplant journey as well. Ensure facility compliance with CMS guidelines and other federal requirements by way of clinical social work documentation.	Winder/Royston, GA	2024- Current
Child Welfare League of America <i>Consultant</i> Formerly, created content for the development of the 21 st Century Research Agenda website. Ongoing creation of protocol for data gathering of scholarly literature that addresses research gaps in the agenda. Developed conference proposal for roundtable discussion regarding the implementation of participatory action research at the Society of Social Work Research 2024 Annual Conference.		2022-Current
Northeast Georgia Department of Public Health <i>Infectious Disease Medical Case Manager – COVID 19 Relief Support</i> Worked with individuals living with HIV to ameliorate barriers to their medical care. Delivered guidance and recommendations regarding guidelines and documentation requirements for CARES Act funding applications. Provided medical case management regarding medication adherence and compliance education.	Athens, GA	2020-2021
Georgia Cares <i>Assessment Coordinator</i> Conducted psychosocial assessments with youth exiting sex trafficking using the Evidence Based CANS Assessment Tool. Submitted referrals to all at-risk youth to appropriate community service partners. Complete Assessment Outcome Summary and entrance documentation for all confirmed youth entering into the Georgia Cares Program.	Marietta, GA	2019-2019

Global Industrial Inc <i>Operations Supervisor</i>	Buford, GA	2018-2019
<p>Provided direct supervision to 43 associates and managed 1.2 million dollars in both inventory and receiving departments. Managed implementation of Employee Labor Management System installation of distribution center safety system. Completed process evaluation and implementation of current operational procedures.</p>		
Crystal Adoptions <i>Adoption Specialist (Contract)</i>	Johns Creek, GA	2017-2020
<p>Completed home studies including individual and collective psychosocial assessments for adoptive families who are seeking to adopt domestically. Served as key point of contact to adoptive families to navigate resources, training, supportive services helpful pre- and post-placement.</p>		
Positive Impact Health Centers <i>Program Manager / Medical Case Manager</i>	Decatur, GA	2017-2018
<p>Supervised a team of Community Health Workers implementing supportive services to an Aids Service Delivery Model. Provided budgetary and other key performance indicator reporting to designated funding source (National Association of County and City Officials). Provided medical case management services to identified patients per guidelines established by HRSA/Ryan White and the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council.</p>		
Care4All Children Services <i>Recruiter and Licensing / Training Coordinator</i>	Duluth, GA	2017-2017
<p>Networked agency among local community leaders, businesses, and organizations to gain partnerships in recruiting therapeutic foster families. Completed home study assessments, motivational interviews, and quality assurance measures to license homes for therapeutic foster care. Completed trauma informed care training and education with potential foster parents during the licensure process.</p>		
Bethany Christian Services <i>Adoption Specialist/Intern</i>	Atlanta, GA	2015-2016
<p>Facilitated international and domestic adoptions with families by completing home study interviews and individual interviews using the SAFE Home Study Model. Completed ADOPTS (address distress of post-traumatic stress) group therapy with children ages 5-9 experiencing effects of trauma and anxiety. Provided on call pregnancy counseling services and made adoption plans with birth-families, as well as coordinated interim care for adoptees following discharge.</p>		
Crossroads Hospice <i>Hospice Social Work Intern</i>	Tucker, GA	2014-2015
<p>Conducted intake assessments for patients coming onto service, as well as met with caretakers, living assistance staff, and medical team on behalf of patient. Performed comprehensive evaluations including site visits and follow-up calls to assess social service needs.</p>		

Fusion Health	Johns Creek, GA	2010-2017
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Account Manager and Treatment Manager

Managed three major client account contracts including sleep management services for over 700 patients. Conducted client negotiations regarding program roll-out and contract details. Built client reporting process using data analytics of patient compliance and testimonials to highlight program benefits and program expansion. Provided therapeutic support to patients overcoming medical, technical, and behavioral barriers to Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) therapy.

Awards & Affiliations:

Tri Alpha Honors Society	2022-current
University of Georgia	

Doctoral Fellow, SREB Doctoral Scholars Program	2021-current
Southern Regional Education Board	
(\$60,000 over 3 years)	

DNA Bridge Consortium	2022-current
<i>Role: Advisor</i>	
Advise as a member of a consortium of scientists and human rights experts working to enable and promote the ethical and secure use of DNA data to reunify families separated by armed conflicts, political repression, immigration, climate change, and disasters.	

Diane C. Davidson Graduate Fellowship	2022-2023
University of Georgia Graduate School	
(\$4,500 – on-time)	

Society of Social Work Research	2021-current
<i>Member</i>	

Council of Social Work Education	2021- current
<i>Member</i>	

Doctoral Program Committee	2020-2022
<i>Elected position</i>	
Worked with committee members to create and host the UGA School of Social Work’s first “Research in Action Colloquium,” highlighting current research being conducting within the school with the school of Social Work community. Initiated and co-facilitated the School of Social Work’s first “Virtual Happy Hour” for PhD students in response to social distancing restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic.	

Phi Alpha Honors Society	2011-2013
Georgia Perimeter College	

Licensure:

Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) - GA	2017-current
MSW007747	