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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work, August 2004
(With Distinction).
Dissertation Title: *Citizen Participation and Its Effects in Neighborhood Organizations: The Influence of Perceived Organizational Characteristics and Effectiveness.*
- M.S.W.** Community Organizing and Planning, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, 1986.
- M.P.I.A.** Economic and Social Development, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, 1986.
- Graduate Certification** Latin American Studies, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 1986.
- B.A.** Gannon University, Erie, PA, 1983 (Suma Cum Laude).
Major: Social Work; Minor: Spanish (Proficiency Certification in Spanish)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- **Professor**, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh (2026-present)
- **Chair, Community, Organization, and Social Action (COSA) MSW Specialization**, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh (2019 to present)
- **Associate Professor**, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh (2014 to 2025)
- **Associate Professor**, School of Social Work, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA (2010 to 2014)
- **Assistant Professor**, School of Social Work, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA (2004-2009)
- **Program Director**, Costa Rica Study Abroad Program: *Cross Cultural Perspectives on Health, Social Justice, and Sustainability*, Georgia State University (2010 to 2012)
- **Interdisciplinary Fellow in Policy and Evaluation**, University of Pittsburgh, Office of Child Development, Pittsburgh, PA (September 2001 to August 2004)

- **Teaching Assistant**, University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work (2003-2004):
Interventive Methods III: Generalist Practice with Communities and Organizations (BSW);
Foundations of Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations (MSW).
- **Adjunct Faculty and Field Instructor**, University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work
(1998-2000): Foundations of Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations (MSW);
Introduction to Community Organizing and Planning (MSW), and Community Organizing
Strategies and Tactics (MSW).

EVALUATION EXPERIENCE

- **Lead External Evaluation Consultant**, CQI (Continuous Quality Improvement) and
Practice-based Research Department, Families First, Inc., Atlanta, GA (2010 to 2014)
- **Lead External Evaluator and Community Building Consultant**, Edgewood Community
Resource Program, Families First Inc. (2011-2013)
- **Lead External Evaluator**, Blueprint Communities Initiative, Federal Home Loan Bank of
Pittsburgh (2005-2009)
- **Evaluation Consultant**, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Community Conservation
Program, Pittsburgh, PA (2004-2005)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Vice President (1999-2001), **Senior Program Manager** (1996-1999), **Regional Coordinator**
(1994-1996), **Founding Staff Member** (1994), Consensus Organizing Institute (COI).

- Co-found and co-led this national community organizing and development organization,
working on areas related to board recruitment and engagement; program development,
coordination, and implementation; fund development and financial management; strategic
planning; and consulting and training with diverse and immigrant communities nationally
and in the Pittsburgh region through community initiatives and interventions with local and
national private and public organizations, intermediaries and foundations.

Coordinator, Palm Beach County Development Team, Local Initiatives Support Corporation
(LISC), Palm Beach County, FL (1991-1994).

- Led a three-year community organizing and development effort for LISC, a national
intermediary focusing on community development, and coordinated the formation and
development of six neighborhood-based community development corporations (CDCs),
composed of neighborhood volunteers working on community development, youth, family,
and crime prevention/community policing projects. Recruited and supervised staff and
consultants and raised foundation and corporate grants for program operations and special
projects.

Housing and Community Relations Coordinator, Central Florida Housing and Neighborhood
Development Services (HANDS), Orlando, FL (1990-1991).

- Managed community and public relations, fundraising, budgeting, and strategic planning activities, engaged with neighborhood residents, organizations, lenders, government organizations and officials and architects, and coordinated public/private partnerships for housing development projects. Helped to develop and create a Directory for the Affordable Housing Resource Center.

Manager, Research and Special Projects, Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, Pittsburgh, PA (1987-1990).

- Directed economic research projects and managed business and civic development programs in coordination with private, public, and nonprofit organizations. Produced economic research reports, including quarterly economic updates, and created an *Economic Profile of Pittsburgh* and *Economic Outlook Survey of Western Pennsylvania*, which was presented at the Chamber's annual "Economic Forecast Luncheon."
- Completed two years of the national Chamber of Commerce Institutes for Organizational Management training program.

New Jersey Governor's Fellow, NJ Dept. of Community Affairs, Trenton, NJ (1986-1987).

- Formulated and implemented policy on affordable housing and community development; attended briefings with Governor Thomas Kean and members of the Governor's Cabinet; and produced a report assessing the effectiveness of state economic and housing development policies on New Jersey cities.
- Completed the New Jersey Certified Public Managers Training Program.

PUBLICATIONS

* Indicates that co-author was a student or mentee

Indicates that co-author was a community partner

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- #*Ohmer, M.L., Jacobs, L.A., Beery, J., Fabio, A., Falk, K., Gazarik, I., Gomez, C., Joiner, T., Miller, E., Neumann, A., Oliver, A., Reilly, R., Shedeed, M.R., Zeiner, A., & Culyba, A.J. (2026). A Collective Efficacy Intervention to promote community resiliency: Rationale for and design of a quasi-experimental evaluation. *JMIR Research Protocols*, 15. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2196/93587>
- #*Ortiz-Whittingham, L.R., Scott, S., Jacobs, L.A., Culyba, A.J., Cruce, A., Reilly, R., Ohmer, M., Wang, C., Giankas, J. Miller, E., & Fabio, A. (2025). Characterizing resilient and at-risk neighborhoods with lower- and higher-than expected firearm injuries and fatalities in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. *Injury Prevention*, 32(3), 510-513. <https://doi.org/10.1136/ip-2025-045681>.
- #*Ohmer, M.L., Neumann, A., Jacobs, L., Beery, J., DeMars, K., & Miller, E. (2025). Advancing Data Justice: Lessons from a Collective Efficacy Violence Prevention Intervention. *Journal of Society for Social Work and Research, Special Issue: Research Methods to Elevate the Study of Race and Antiracism in Social Work*, 16(3), 621-653. <https://doi.org/10.1086/738001>
- *Davis, B., Foster, K., Wooten, N., Pitner, R., & Ohmer, M. L. (2025). An Empirical Test of Gentrification-Induced Social and Cultural Displacement and Place Identity: Examining

- Native Black American Residents' Experiences. *Journal of Community Practice*, 1–34. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10705422.2025.2547944>.
- *Li, K., Tang, F., Albert, S., Rautkis, M. & Ohmer, M. (2024). Social Isolation, Loneliness, and Depressive Symptoms among Older Adults: The Moderating Effect of Resilience. *The Gerontologist*, 64(7), gnae056. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnae056>
 - *Davis, B., Foster, K., Pitner, R., Wooten, N. & Ohmer, M. (2024). Innovating Methodologies for Examining Gentrification-Induced Social and Cultural Displacement: An Illustration of Integrating Photovoice into Story Map. *Urban Affairs Review*, 60(1), 367-386.
 - UAR Blog Post: <https://www.urbanaffairsreview.com/uar-archive/innovating-methodologies>
 - *Davis, B., Foster, K., Wooten, N., Pitner, R. & Ohmer, M. (2023). Conceptualizing Gentrification-Induced Social and Cultural Displacement and Place Identity Among Longstanding Black Residents. *Journal of Black Studies*, 54(4), 288-311.
 - *Biernesser, C., Ohmer, M., Mann, E., Nelson, L., Farzan, R., Schwanke, B., & Radovic, A. (2023). Middle School Students' Experiences with Cyberbullying and Perspectives Toward Prevention and Bystander Intervention in Schools. *Journal of School Violence*, 22(3), 339-352.
 - *Ohmer, M.L., Finkelstein, C., Durham, A., Melnick, A., & Dostilio, L. (2022). University-Community Engagement during a Pandemic: Moving Beyond “Helping” to Public Problem Solving. *Metropolitan Universities Journal, COVID19-Innovations Through Crisis*, 33(1), 81-91.
 - Thurber, A., Krings, A., Sprague-Martinez, L., & Ohmer, M.L. (2021). Resisting gentrification: The theoretical and practice contributions of social work. *Journal of Social Work*, 21(1), 26-45.
 - Ohmer, M.L., Booth, J., & Farzan, R. (2021). R U connected? Engaging youth in designing a mobile application for facilitating community organizing and engagement. *Journal of Community Practice, Special Issue on Digital Organizing*, 29(3), 257-279.
 - Ohmer, M.L. (2020). Youth-Adult Partnerships to Prevent Violence. *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships*, 20(1), 105-126.
 - *Booth, J.M., Chapman, D., Ohmer, M.L. & Wei, K., (2017). The Multiple Functions of a Grassroots Community Organization Focused on Developing Community Gardens in a Disadvantaged Neighborhood: A case study. *Journal of Community Practice*, 26(1), 5-22.
 - Ohmer, M.L. (2016). Strategies for preventing youth violence: Facilitating collective efficacy among youth and adults. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, 7(4), 681-705.
 - #Ohmer, M.L., Teixeira, S., Booth, J., Zuberi, A., & Kolke, D. (2016). Preventing violence in disadvantaged communities: Strategies for building collective efficacy and improving community health. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment [Special Issue]*, 26(7-8), 608-621.
 - #Winter, C. & Ohmer, M.L. (2014). Using the best of research and practice to create an outcome measurement framework: A family service agency's experience. *Families in Society: The journal of contemporary social services*, 95(3), 155-162.
 - *Ohmer, M.L., & Owens, J. (2013). Using photovoice to empower youth and adults to prevent crime. *Journal of Community Practice*, 21(4), 410-433.
 - Beck, E., Ohmer, M. L., & Warner, B. (2012). Strategies for preventing neighborhood violence: Toward bringing collective efficacy practice into social work. *Journal of Community Practice*, 20(3), 225-240.

- Warner, B.D., Beck, E., & Ohmer, M.L. (2010). Linking informal social control and restorative justice: Moving social disorganization theory beyond community policing. *Contemporary Justice Review*, 13(4), 355-369.
- Ohmer, M. L., Warner, B., & Beck, E. (2010). Preventing violence in low-income communities: Facilitating residents' ability to intervene in neighborhood problems. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, XXXVII(2), 159-179.
- Littrell, J., Brooks, F., Ivery, J., & Ohmer, M. L. (2010). Why you should care about the threatened middle class. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, XXXVII(2) 85-112.
- Ohmer, M. L. (2010). How theory and research inform citizen participation in poor communities: The ecological perspective and theories on self- and collective efficacy and sense of community. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 20, 1-19.
- *#Ohmer, M. L., Meadowcroft, P., Freed, K., & Lewis, E. (2009). Community gardening and community development: Individual, social and community benefits of a community conservation program. *Journal of Community Practice*, 17(4), 377-399.
- Littrell, J., Brooks, F., Ivery, J., & Ohmer, M. L. (2009). Inequality and its discontents. *Journal of Community Practice*, 17(1/2), 11-30.
- Ohmer, M. L. (2008). The relationship between members' perceptions of their neighborhood organization and their involvement and perceived benefits from participation. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 36(7), 851-870.
- Ohmer, M. L. (2008). The relationship between citizen participation and organizational processes and outcomes and the benefits of citizen participation in neighborhood organizations. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 34(4), 41-60.
- Ohmer, M. L. (2007). Citizen participation in neighborhood organizations and its relationship to volunteers' self- and collective efficacy and sense of community. *Social Work Research*, 31(2), 109-120.
- Ohmer, M., & Beck, E. (2006). Citizen participation in neighborhood organizations in poor communities and its relationship to neighborhood and organizational collective efficacy. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, XXXIII(1), 179-202.
- Ohmer, M. L., & Korr, W. S. (2006). The effectiveness of community practice interventions: A review of the literature. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 16(2), 132-145.

Peer Reviewed Invited Publications

- Ohmer, M.L. (2019). Citizen participation in neighborhood organizations and its relationship to volunteers' self- and collective efficacy and sense of community, in T. Bent-Goodley, J.H. Williams, M.L. Teasley, and S.H. Gorin, (Editors), *Grand Challenges for Society: Evidence-Based Social Work Practice*. Washington, DC: NASW Press.
- Ohmer, M. L. (2008). Assessing and developing the evidence base of macro practice interventions with a community and neighborhood focus. In M. Roberts-DeGennaro (Ed.), *Paradigm of evidence-based macro practice [Special issue]*. *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*, 5(3/4), 519-547.

Editorials

- Hyde, C., Ivery, J., Krings, A., & Ohmer, M. (2026). Community: More than context. *Journal of Community Practice*, 34(1), 1-4.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10705422.2026.2649108>

- Ohmer, M. L., Hyde, C., Krings, A., & Ivery, J. (2025). Hope: What Community Practitioners and Researchers Bring to Community. *Journal of Community Practice*, 33(4), 385-390. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10705422.2025.2610304>
- Ivery, J. M., Hyde, C., Krings, A., & Ohmer, M. L. (2025). Engage, resist, transform: the essential role of community practice. *Journal of Community Practice*, 33(3), 223-227. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10705422.2025.2547131>
- Krings, A., Ohmer, M.L., Hyde, C. & Ivery, J. (2025). Holding space: A defense of community practice research. *Journal of Community Practice*, 33(2), 103-109. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10705422.2025.2508679>.
- Hyde, C., Ivery, J., Krings, A., & Ohmer, M. L. (2025). The past is prologue. *Journal of Community Practice*, 33(1), 1-5. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10705422.2025.2469858>
- Ohmer, M. L., Mendenhall, A., Mohr Carney, M., & Adams, D. (2024). Community organizing and engagement for social change. *Journal of Community Practice*, 32(3), 261–266. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10705422.2024.2389743>
- Mohr C., M., Mendenhall, A.N., Ohmer, M.L., & Adams, D. (2024). Balancing tensions in community work: A look at the influence of power. *Journal of Community Practice*, 32(2). DOI: 10.1080/10705422.2024.2361845.
- Mendenhall, A.N., Santiago-San Roman, A. H., Mohr C., M., Ohmer, M.L. & Adams, D. (2024). Pulling back the curtain on scholarly publishing: the Journal of Community Practice experience. *Journal of Community Practice*, 32(1), 1-7. DOI: 10.1080/10705422.2024.2334608
- Mohr C., M., Adams, D., Mendenhall, A.N., & Ohmer, M.L. (2023). Civic engagement: an antidote to desperation? *Journal of Community Practice*, 31(2), 121-126. DOI: 10.1080/10705422.2023.2224470
- Adams, D., Ohmer, M.L., Mendenhall, A.N. & Mohr Carney. (2023). Global crises and hopefulness in community practice? *Journal of Community Practice*, 31(1), 1-10. DOI: 10.1080/10705422.2023.2196967
- Ohmer, M.L., Mendenhall, A.N. Mohr Carney, M. & Adams, D. (2022). Community engagement: evolution, challenges and opportunities for change, *Journal of Community Practice*, 30(4), 351-358. DOI: 10.1080/10705422.2022.2144061
- Mendenhall, A.N., Adams, D., Ohmer, M.L., & Mohr Carney, M. (2022). A convergence of crises: how do we move community practice forward? *Journal of Community Practice*, 30(3), 225-233. DOI: 10.1080/10705422.2022.2106765
- Mohr C., M., Adams, D., Mendenhall, A.N., & Ohmer, M.L. (2022). The lens of community, *Journal of Community Practice*, 30(2), 105-108. DOI: 10.1080/10705422.2022.2077598.
- Adams, D., Mendenhall, A.N., Ohmer, M.L., & Mohr Carney. (2022). Gratitude and introductions from the new Journal of Community Practice Editor Team. *Journal of Community Practice*, 30(1), 1-2. DOI: 10.1080/10705422.2022.2045812

Special Issue Journal Editing

- Ohmer, M.L., Brisson, D. & Foster, K., Hyde, C. & Ivery, J. (2023). Collaborations in community-engaged research: paving the way for the future of social work research [Special Issue]. *Journal of Community Practice*, 31(3-4), 255–265: DOI: 10.1080/10705422.2023.2287937

Peer Reviewed Books

- Ohmer, M.L., Coulton, C., Freedman, D., Sobeck, J. & Booth, J. (2019). *Measures for Community and Neighborhood Research*. Sage Publications, Inc.
- Weil, M., Reisch, M., & Ohmer, M.L. (editors) (2012). *The Handbook of Community Practice, 2nd edition*. Sage Publications, Inc.
- #Ohmer, M. L. & DeMasi, K. (2009). *Consensus organizing: A community development workbook: A comprehensive guide to designing, implementing, and evaluating community change initiatives*. Sage Publications, Inc.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

- Ohmer, M.L. (2022). Consensus Organizing: Facilitating Community Change, in Rapp-McCall, L., Corcoran, K., & Roberts, B. (Editors), *Social Workers' Desk Reference, 4th Edition*. Oxford University Press.
- *Ohmer, M.L. & Underwood, E. (2022). Communities in Macro Practice, in Mizrahi, T. & Bailey, D. (Editors), *Encyclopedia of Macro Social Work*. Oxford University Press.
- *Ohmer, M.L. & Underwood, E. (2022). Community Assessment in Macro Social Work Practice, in Mizrahi, T. & Bailey, D. (Editors), *Encyclopedia of Macro Social Work*. Oxford University Press.
- Ohmer, M.L. (2019). Preparing social workers to advance social sustainability: Transforming social work education, in A.M.L. Chong & I. Chi (Editors), *Social Work and Sustainability in Asia: Facing the Challenges of Global Environmental Changes*. Abingdon, Oxon, UK: Routledge, Taylor & Francis.
- Ohmer, M.L. (2019). Operationalizing and measuring social and environmental sustainability: Current efforts and future directions, A.M.L. Chong & I. Chi (Editors), *Social Work and Sustainability in Asia: Facing the Challenges of Global Environmental Changes*. Abingdon, Oxon, UK: Routledge, Taylor & Francis.
- Soska, T., & Ohmer, M.L. (2018). Community Theories and Approaches for Addressing Crime: Prevention, Intervention, and Restoration, in Cnaan, R.A. & Milofsky, C. (Editors), *Handbook of Local Organizations and Community Movements*. Secaucus, NJ: Springer.
- Ohmer, M.L., & Brooks, F. (2012). The practice of community organizing: Comparing and contrasting conflict and consensus approaches. In Weil, M., Reisch, M., & Ohmer, M.L. (editors). *The Handbook of Community Practice, 2nd edition*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.
- Ohmer, M.L., Sobeck, J.B, Teixeira, S.N., Wallace, J.M., & Shapiro, V.L. (2012) Community-based research: Rationale, methods, roles, and considerations for community practice. In Weil, M., Reisch, M., & Ohmer, M.L. (editors). *The Handbook of Community Practice, 2nd edition*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.
- Weil, M., & Ohmer, M.L. (2012). Applying Practice Theories in Community Work. In Weil, M., Reisch, M., & Ohmer, M.L. (editors). *The Handbook of Community Practice, 2nd edition*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.
- Weil, M., Gamble, D. N., & Ohmer, M.L. (2012). Evolution, Models, and the Changing Context of Community Practice. In Weil, M., Reisch, M., & Ohmer, M.L. (editors). *The Handbook of Community Practice, 2nd edition*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.
- Weil, M., Reisch, M., & Ohmer, M.L. (2012). Introduction. In Weil, M., Reisch, M., & Ohmer, M.L. (editors). *The Handbook of Community Practice, 2nd edition*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.

Community Facing Publications and Products

- #Jacobs, L., Ohmer, M.L., Neumann, A., Beery, J., Culyba, A., Miller, L., & Gomez, C. (2026-04-29). *ReCAST East Pittsburgh Community Survey*. [Research Report]. University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work and Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.
- #Jacobs, L., Ohmer, M.L., Neumann, A., Beery, J., Culyba, A., Miller, L., & Gomez, C. (2026-03-13). *ReCAST Penn Hills Community Survey*. [Research Report]. University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work and Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.
- #Jacobs, L., Ohmer, M.L., Neumann, A., Beery, J., Culyba, A., Miller, L., & Gomez, C. (2025-10-16). *ReCAST Mt. Oliver, St. Clair, Arlington & Arlington Heights Community Survey*. [Research Report]. University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work and Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.
- #Jacobs, L., Ohmer, M.L., Neumann, A., Beery, J., Culyba, A., Miller, L., & Gomez, C. (2025-08-15). *ReCAST Greater Hazelwood Community Survey*. [Research Report]. University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work and Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.
- #Jacobs, L., Ohmer, M.L., Neumann, A., Beery, J., Culyba, A., Miller, L., & Gomez, C. (2024-10-01). *ReCAST Stowe & McKees Rocks Community Survey*. [Research Report]. University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work and Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.
- #Jacobs, L., Ohmer, M.L., Neumann, A., Beery, J., Culyba, A., Miller, L., & Gomez, C. (2024-08-01). *ReCAST Wilkinsburg Community Survey*. [Research Report]. University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.
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- Nelson, L., Ohmer, M.L., Radovic, A. Farzan, R., Biernesser, C. & Schwanke, B. (2020). *Upstander Junior Cyberbullying Program Training Guide*. University of Pittsburgh, Institute for Cyber Law, Policy, and Security.
- *Ohmer, M. L., Davis, K.L., Eveleth, J.R., Ford, T.R., Green, A.F., Hershey, S.M., Hoffman, K., Micire, M., Webb, C., & Williams, S.J. (2020). *Engaging in Genuine Research Partnerships with the Homewood Community: Results from Interviews and Focus Groups with Homewood and Pitt Stakeholders* (pp.1-14, Rep.). Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Community Engagement Centers.
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Curricular Publications and Book Reviews

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- #Ohmer, M., & Meadowcroft, P. (2005). *Community Garden Program Evaluation: Final Report*. Pittsburgh, PA: Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.
- Ohmer, M. (2003). *Community Conservation Program: Evaluation Report*. Pittsburgh, PA: Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.
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- Pelkowski, J. & Ohmer, M. (2002). *KidsVoice Multidisciplinary Team Process Interviews, Round 1: Evaluation Report*. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh, Office of Child Development, Planning and Evaluation Project.
- Ohmer, M. & Pelkowski, J. (2002). *Executive Service Corps, Inc. Management Assistance Program Evaluation*. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh, Office of Child Development, Planning and Evaluation Program.

RESEARCH PROJECTS AND GRANTS

External Funding

A Community-Centered Collective Efficacy Intervention for Prevention of Community Violence. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention, U-01: Rigorous Evaluation of Community-Centered Approaches for the Prevention of Community Violence. (Miller, L. & Ohmer, M.L., Co-Principal Investigators; Jacobs, L., Culyba, A., Adebe, K., & Fabio, A., Co-Investigators). (9/30/2022 to 9/30/27) (\$2,194,708).

Cluster-randomized controlled trial to examine the effectiveness of an innovative community-centered Collective Efficacy Intervention that engages community partners and youth and adult residents to promote collective efficacy, thriving and resiliency to reduce community and youth violence in 10 intervention communities. This grant supports the implementation of health sessions in the 10 comparison communities, a rigorous evaluation and implementation science evaluation of the Collective Efficacy Intervention, including a fidelity and feedback assessment (Note: Dr. Ohmer developed and leads the Collective Efficacy Intervention).

Exploring Civic Engagement at Hyperlocal and Regional Levels. (2026 AmeriCorps National Service and Civic Engagement Research. (Ohmer, M.L., PI, Suzanne Pritzker, Co-PI; Beery J., Equitable and Just Greater Pittsburgh, Community Partner and Co-PI; Samantha Teixeira, Boston College, Academic Partner and Co-PI; Randi Vega, Age Friendly Greater Pittsburgh, Community Partner). (10/1/2026 to 9/30/2029; \$1,050,000).

This participatory study in under-resourced Allegheny County communities will compare short-term civic engagement projects addressing hyperlocal neighborhood issues with longer-term efforts addressing regional policy issues. Two intergenerational cohorts will participate in community planning, development, and policy-related activities, while researchers use surveys, focus groups, and observation to examine differences in participants' experiences and outcomes. This project is guided by a Regional Steering Committee made up of local advocates, experts and community members working on community development and policy issues impacting communities in Allegheny County.

Research for Equity and Power: Resident Engagement and Advocacy for Equitable Development and Equity Policy Change. (AmeriCorps National Service and Civic Engagement Research. (Ohmer, M.L., & Beery, J., Equitable and Just Greater Pittsburgh, Co-Principal Investigators). (9/30/2022 to 9/30/27; \$1,294,392).

Guided by a Regional Steering Committee, this community partnered project implements and evaluated an Organizing and Advocacy Training program that engaged residents from across the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny county. After the training participants identified a cross-cutting community equity issue they worked together to address through a hands-on Advocacy Project (Year 1 focused on housing eviction, tenant rights and healthy housing, and Year 2 focused on Black mental health awareness and resources). This grant was terminated by DOGE in April 2025 and reinstated in June 2025 via court order. Prior to the termination of our grant by DOGE, we were beginning Year 3, focusing on older adult residents and issues they face across the region, in collaboration with Age Friendly Greater Pittsburgh. We met with our Steering Committee over the summer, and they agreed that we should move forward with the project. We are currently contracting with them and engaging them in developing the Year 3 project.

Community Thriving: Enhancing Resiliency of Communities after Stress and Trauma. U.S. Department of Health and Human Service, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services. (Martone, S., Ohmer, M., & Culyba, A., Co-Principal Investigators and Site Co-Leads) (Co-Investigator: Miller, L.) (9/30/21 to 9/29/26) (\$5,000,000).

This project includes primary (Collective Efficacy Intervention), secondary (Youth Violence Prevention Programs) and tertiary prevention (Support for youth injured by violence) programs to serve marginalized and underserved communities in Allegheny County. Dr. Ohmer leads the implementation and evaluation of the Collective Efficacy Intervention with county wide partners,

youth and adult residents and community partners and facilitators in 10 intervention communities and co-leads the Resiliency Project Steering Committee that guides the project.

Resident Civic Engagement on Behalf of Equitable Development: Partnering for Community-Based Participatory Research in Homewood and Hazelwood. AmeriCorps (formerly Corporation for National and Community Service) (Ohmer, M. & Tharp Gilliam, S., Co-Principal Investigators). (10/1/2018 to 9/30/2022). (\$340,000).

Implementation and evaluation of community conversations with youth and adult residents around neighborhood change, equitable development, revitalization, and community organizing and advocacy in Homewood (community partner: Homewood Children's Village) and Hazelwood (community partner: Center of Life), the creation of Equitable Development Playbooks for each neighborhood, and implementation of Training Academies to share the playbooks. Collaboration with a community partner organization and a Community Advisory Board in each neighborhood.

Child/Youth Thriving Matrix: A Community-level Strategy to Reduce Youth Violence. National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Competitive and Administrative Supplements for Community Interventions to Reduce the Impact of COVID-19 on Health Disparity and Other Vulnerable Populations, Supplementary Award to R01. (Miller, L., Principal Investigator) (Co-Investigators: Ohmer, M.L., Bey, J., Abernathy, P., Ettinger, A., & Culyba, A.) (8/01/20 - 12/31/21). (\$324,997). Implementation and evaluation of the Child/Youth Thriving Matrix in two communities in Pittsburgh (Braddock and West Side City neighborhoods).

Cyber Awareness: Pittsburgh Blueprint Project to Prevention Cyberbullying. AT&T (Nelson, L., Ohmer, M., Radovic, A., & Farzan, R, Co-Principal Investigators.). September 2018 to December 2020 (\$100,000).

Focus groups with middle school students in city and county schools to assess their experiences with cyberbullying and to inform the adaptation and development of a Cyberbullying Training Guide for use in middle schools.

Barriers to Fair Housing Choice in the City of Pittsburgh. The Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations (Ohmer, M., & Booth, J., Co-Principal Investigators). April 1, 2017, to December 31, 2019 (\$35,000).

This study examined factors that impact fair housing choice among residents in the City of Pittsburgh, the role of bias in housing professionals' business practices and how perceptions of neighborhoods influence where people live and work. The overarching goal was to understand how these dynamics influence the persistence of residential segregation in the City of Pittsburgh.

Evaluating Place-Based Engagement: Access + Collaboration + Engagement. The Heinz Endowments (Dostilio, L., Ellerbee, D., Wanless, S., Spear, C., & Ohmer, M.L., Co-Investigators). This grant was through the University of Pittsburgh, Office of Child Development. January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2019 (\$90,000).

This project developed and implemented an evaluation plan to provide robust data to the Homewood Community Engagement Center staff to make decisions about how well they were meeting their goals of access, collaboration, and engagement with the community.

Facilitating Collective Efficacy to Prevent Youth Violence: Using Consensus Organizing and Restorative Justice. FAHS-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation (Ohmer, M., Principal Investigator). September 1, 2009, to August 31, 2010 (\$16,000).

This project pilot tested the development and implementation of a Collective Efficacy Intervention with youth and adult resident in an underserved community in the city Atlanta, Georgia. This intervention extended the initial pilot training program to include three phases (1) community organizing and mobilization, (2) a training program with both youth and adults, and (3) a community prevention project; as well as implementing the project in collaboration with a grassroots community partner.

ACCESS IDA: Assets for Independence Demonstration Program Evaluation (Ohmer, M., & Beck, E., Co-Investigators). Atlanta Cooperative Development Corporation, May 15, 2008, to May 14, 2009. (\$12,425).

This project evaluated the results of a program to help residents build assets and savings.

Internal Funding

An Intervention to Prevent Violence and Improve Community Mental Health. Ohmer, M.L., & Deming, J. (Co-Principal Investigators) (2020). (\$25,000) CiTECH Practice Innovation Opportunity. July 1, 2020, to September 30, 2022.

This project pilot tested the implementation of the Collective Efficacy Intervention with youth and adult residents in an underserved community in Pittsburgh, PA in collaboration with a grassroots community partner and a Community Advisory Board, as well as the creation and implementation of a community wide survey to assess residents' perceptions of collective efficacy, exposure to violence, mental health and trauma impacted by violence.

We are strong! Leveraging Information Technology to Empower Marginalized Communities. University of Pittsburgh, Office of the Vice Provost for Research, Social Science Research Initiative. (Farzan, R., Ohmer, M. & Booth, J., Co-Principal Investigators). March 1, 2017, to May 31, 2018 (\$28,000).

This project engaged youth from a marginalized community in the City of Pittsburgh to design a mobile application for community engagement through a series of hands-on training and implementation sessions focused on mobile application development and community organizing and engagement.

International Research in Ghana, Africa: Evaluation of the Sub-Saharan Education Project (SSEP). Hewlett International Grant Program (Ohmer, M., Principal Investigator). University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh. Spring 2017.

This grant supported research conducted by Dr. Ohmer for SSEP (in collaboration with Dr. Jaime Booth, Dr. Jan Ivery and Sara Allegra, MSW, President of SSEP) to evaluate their programs to support youth education and mentorship, build schools in rural areas and a microenterprise program for women.

Collective Efficacy Intervention. Summer Research Fellowship (Ohmer, M.). College of Health and Human Sciences, Georgia State University, Summer 2008.

This grant supported Dr. Ohmer's summer salary to work on the Collective Efficacy Intervention research implementation funded by the FAHS Beck Fund (see above).

Developing a Training Program to Facilitate Collective Efficacy (Warner, B., Ohmer, M., & Beck, E., Co-Principal Investigators). Georgia State University, FY2007 Research Team Grant, July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007 (\$15,000).

This project developed and pilot tested a six-week training program to facilitate collective efficacy among adult residents in a marginalized community in Atlanta, GA.

Summer Research Fellowship (Ohmer, M.). College of Health and Human Sciences, Georgia State University, Summer 2007. This grant supported the development of several publications based on Dr. Ohmer's dissertation research.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES WITH STUDENTS

Student Research Funding

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention, U-01: Rigorous Evaluation of Community-Centered Approaches for the Prevention of Community Violence
- AmeriCorps, National Service and Civic Engagement Research
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Service, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services
- Corporation for National and Community Service/AmeriCorps, Community Conversations Research
- Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations
- FAHS-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation
- ACCESS IDA: Assets for Independence Demonstration Program Evaluation
- GSU Research Team Grant: Developing a Training Program to Facilitate Collective Efficacy

Roles

- Supervise graduate student researchers, including MSW and Doctoral students.
- Supervise and direct independent studies for students on domestic social justice issues and international poverty and development issues.
- Invited and supervised graduate students to contribute to writing journal articles.

Dissertation, Comprehensive Exams and Thesis Committees

- Ruijie Ma (Ray), Comprehensive Exam (Social Work PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 2026)
- Fredrika Opor, Comprehensive Exam (Social Work PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 2025)
- Seongbo Son, Thesis Committee Chair (Social Work MSW, University of Pittsburgh, 2024)
- Cortney VanHook, Dissertation Committee Chair (Social Work PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 2023)
- Emily Underwood, Comprehensive Exam (Social Work PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 2023)
- Amy Raslevich, Dissertation Committee (Public Health PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 2022)
- Brittany Davis, Dissertation Committee (Social Work PhD, University of South Carolina, 2022)
- Cortney VanHook, Comprehensive Exam (Social Work PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 2021)
- Kei Lee, Comprehensive Exam (Social Work PhD, University of Pittsburgh, 2020)

- Brittany Chamberlain Thesis Committee (Master of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh, 2021)
- Zachery Michaels Thesis Committee (Master of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh, 2022)

Doctoral Student Mentorship

- Meagan Vincello, University of Pittsburgh, Social Work Doctoral Candidate (2026-present)
- Cortney VanHook, University of Pittsburgh, Social Work Doctoral Candidate (2022 to 2023)
- Daniel Abusuampek, University of Pittsburgh, Social Work Doctoral Student (2022 to 2023)
- Brittany Davis, University of South Carolina Doctoral Student (2021 to 2022)
- Amy Raslevich, University of Pittsburgh, School of Public Health Doctoral Student (2020-2022)
- Emily Underwood, University of Pittsburgh, Social Work Doctoral Student (2019-2022)
- Dr. Nick Szoko, University of Pittsburgh, Clinical and Translational Science Fellowship (TL1), Institute for Clinical Research Education, University of Pittsburgh (2021 to present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- *Faculty Honors Convocation*, Election to the Board of the Society for Social Work and Research (2023).
- *Senior Vice Chancellor for Engagement's Partnerships of Distinction Award* (2020). (Ohmer, M., Tharp-Gilliam, S., Pearl, D. & Micire, M.). Research for Equity and Power.
- *Fellow*, Society for Social Work and Research, 2016.
- *Emerging Scholar Award*, Association for Community Organization and Social Administration, October 2008.
- *Interdisciplinary Fellowship in Policy and Evaluation*, Office of Child Development, University of Pittsburgh, 2001-2003.
- *Provost Development Fund Dissertation Award*, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, 2003 and 2004.
- *Excellence in Communication Award*, American Chamber of Commerce Executives, 1989.
- *New Jersey Governor's Fellowship*, NJ Department of Community Affairs, 1986-1987.
- *Community Organization/Public Policy Scholarship*, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, 1986.
- *Owen's Fellowship*, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, 1985-1986.
- *Graduate Student Assistantship and Scholarship*, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, 1984-1985.
- *Suma cum Laude Honor Graduate*, 1983, and Dean's List, Gannon University, 1979-1983.
- *Academic Scholarship*, Gannon University, 1980-1983.
- *Life Membership*, Pi Gamma Mu, National Social Science Honor Society, 1982.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught: University of Pittsburgh

- Community Organizing and Planning (Graduate)

- Community Planning and Development (Graduate)
- Community Based Participatory Research (Graduate)
- Human Services Organization Management (Graduate)
- Group and Intergroup Relations (Graduate)
- Global Social Work (Graduate and Undergraduate)
- Cuban Social Policies (Graduate and Undergraduate)
- Foundations of Social Work Practice with Diverse Populations (Graduate)
- Interventive Methods III: Generalist Practice with Communities and Organizations (Undergraduate)
- Introduction to Community Organizing and Planning (Graduate)
- Community Organizing Strategies and Tactics (Graduate)

Courses Taught: Georgia State University

- Skills and Techniques for Community Partnerships I: Fundamentals of Partnerships and Collaboration (Graduate)
- Skills and Techniques for Community Partnerships II: Evaluation Research and Technology (Graduate)
- Methods of Community Research (Graduate)
- Cross Cultural Perspectives on Health, Social Justice, and Sustainability (Undergraduate and Graduate)
- Global Social Work (Undergraduate and Graduate)
- Perspectives: Culture and Poverty (Undergraduate)
- Social Welfare Policy (Graduate and Undergraduate)

Other Teaching Experience

- **Part-Time English Instructor**, Instituto de Idiomas, Universidad Autonoma de Queretaro, Mexico (1983-1984). Taught high school and college English courses.

PRESENTATIONS

- * Indicates that co-presenter was a student or mentee
- # Indicates that co-presenter was a community partner

Juried National Presentations

- #Jacobs, L., Ohmer, M.L., Neumann, A., Pearl, D., Joiner, T., & Beery, J. (2025). *Dissemination for Data Justice*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington.
- *Son, S., Greeno, C., Ohmer, M.L., Rosen, D. & Lee, Y.R. (2025). *Exploring the Impact of Housing Benefits on Housing Quality and Quality of Life for Low-Income Urban Older Households*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington.

- Hyde, C.A., & Ohmer, M.L., Foster, K.A., Ivery, J.M., & Brisson, D. (2024). *Community-Engaged Research: Strategies for Scholarship and Teaching*. Panel Session, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Kansas City, MO.
- Ohmer, M. & Ivery, J. (2024). *Developing the ACOSA Community Practice Certificate in Diverse Programs: Exemplars from Partner Schools*. Interactive Workshop, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Kansas City, MO.
- Teixeira, S., Strauss, J., Durham, A., Ohmer, M., Lown, J., & Booth, J. (2024). *Routes to Power and Impact: Community-Engaged Neighborhood Research across Methods, Career Stages, and Scales*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington DC.
- *Davis, B., Hopkins, K., Hyde, C., Ohmer, M., Henly, J. & Frey, J. (2024). *Pluralist Approaches to Social Work Research: Finding Synergy and Democratizing Knowledge across Multiple SSWR Special Interest Groups*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington DC.
- Hyde, C., Matthew, R., Ohmer, M., & Thurber, A. (2024). *A Continuum of Community-Engaged Research: Democratizing Processes and Products*. Workshop presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington DC.
- #*Ohmer, M., Jacobs, L. Abusuamleh, D., VanHook, C., Pearl, D., Brilliant, A. & Beery, J. (2024). *Challenges and Lessons Learned in the Co-Creation of a Community Survey to Assess Neighborhood Collective Efficacy*. Paper presentation in Symposium organized by Booth, J., *Exploring Collective Efforts at Centering and Advancing Marginalized Voices and Priorities in University-Community Research Collaborations*. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington DC.
- Ortiz-Whittingham, L.R., Scott, S., Jacobs, L.A., Culyba, A.J., Cruce, A., Reilly, R., Ohmer, M., Wang, C., Giankas, J. Miller, E., Fabio, A. (2024). *Characterizing resilient and at-risk neighborhoods with lower- and higher-than expected firearm injuries and fatalities in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*. Poster presentation at the American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) Conference, Washington, DC.
- Hyde, C.A., Ivery, J., Ohmer, M.L., Sonsteng-Person, M., Brady, S.R., Barbera, R.A., Sarantakos, S. & Grinnell-Davis, C.L. (2023). *Mobilizing Against Attacks on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Support for Marginalized Educators and Students*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Ohmer, M. & Ivery, J. (2023). *The ACOSA Community Practice Certificate in Specialization and Generalist Programs: Insights from Partner Schools*. Interactive Workshop, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Hyde, C., Matthew, R., Ohmer, M., & Thurber, A. (2023). *Community-Based Is Not Necessarily Community-Engaged: A Workshop Linking Concepts, Methods, and Strategies Along a Participatory Continuum*. Workshop presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- Ohmer, M., Durham, A., & Melnick, A. (2023). *Community Engaged Scholarship during a Pandemic: Moving Beyond "Helping" to Public Problem Solving*. Symposium paper for "University-Community Partnerships during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Elevating the Role of Social Work in Community Practice and Knowledge Co-Creation," presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- Ohmer, M., Foster, K., & Brisson, D. (2023). *Challenges and Potential Solutions to Supporting and Rewarding Community Engaged Scholarship*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

- #Ohmer, M.L., & Bey, J. (2023). *Creating Space for Child and Adolescent Thriving*. Presentation at the Newcastle University-Pitt Conference.
- Ivery, J. & Ohmer, M. (2022). *ACOSA Community Practice Certificate: Advancing Macro Curriculum in alignment with the 2022 EPAS*. Interactive Workshop, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Anaheim, CA.
- Foster, K., Ohmer, M.L., & Brisson, D. (January 2022). *Building Anti-Racist Scholarship through Community-Engaged Research*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Foell, A., McMillin, S.E., Meyer, M., Smith, R. & Ohmer, M. (January 2022). *Place-Based Versus People-Based Development and the Role of Social Work Research, Policy, and Practice*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Ohmer, M.L. & Ivery, J. (November 2021). *The ACOSA Community Practice Certificate: A National Credential to Advance Macro Practice*. Interactive Workshop, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- *Durham, A., Ohmer, M., Finkelstein, C. & Melnick, A. (November 2021). *Community Engaged Social Work during a Pandemic: Principles and Lessons Learned*. Interactive Workshop, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- Melnick, A. & Ohmer, M.L. (September 2021). *Developing Community Engagement Fellowships to Foster Engaged Learning*. Engagement Scholarship Consortium 2021 Conference. (Virtual).
- Foster, K., Ohmer, M., Brisson, D., & Shattuck, P. (March 2021). *Building Community and Institutional Capacity for Sustainable Community Change*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference (Virtual).
- *#Ohmer, M.L., Tharp-Gilliam, S., & Pearl, D. (January 2020). *Research for Equity and Power (REP): Developing a Community Engaged Research Partnership to Address Community Identified Issues*. Paper presented in Symposium: Reducing Pittsburgh's Racial and Economic Inequality: The Work of Pitt-Assisted Communities and Schools (PACS), at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Foster, K., Brisson, D., Ohmer, M. & Shattuck, P. (January 2020). *The Role of Community-Engaged Research in Advancing the Science on Racial and Economic Inequality*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Robinson, P.L., Gutierrez, M., Tang Yan, C., Thurber, A. & Ohmer, M.L. (January 2020). *Understanding, Measuring, and Contesting Gentrification through a Critical Race Lens*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- *#Ohmer, M.L., Tharp-Gilliam, S., Pearl, D., & Micire, M. (September 2019). *Research for Equity and Power (REP): Fostering Resident Civic Engagement to Advance Equitable Development*. Workshop presented at the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Research and Evaluation, Research Summit, Washington, D.C.
- *#Ohmer, M.L., Tharp-Gilliam, S., Pearl, D., & Micire, M. (March 2019). *Research for Equity and Power (REP): Developing a Community Engaged Research Partnership to Address Community Identified Issues*. Workshop presented at the University of Pittsburgh Community Engaged Scholarship Forum: Local Citizenship in a Global World.

- Coulton, C., Ohmer, M.L. Sobeck, J. & Booth, J. (January 2019). *Advances in Community Measurement Methods*. Workshop, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Krings, A., Ohmer, M.L., Sprague Martinez, L., & Thurber, A. (January 2019). *The complex relationship between gentrification and community violence: A review of multidisciplinary theory and evidence*. Roundtable, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Ohmer, M. L., Farzan, R. and Booth, J. (November 2018). *Developing a Civic Engagement Mobile App through a Social Work/Information Technology Collaboration*. Interactive Workshop, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- Ohmer, M.L., Krings, A., Sprague Martinez, L., & Thurber, A., (January 2018). *Achieving Equal Opportunity, Equity, and Justice through Equitable Development*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Ohmer, M.L., Kolke, D., Teixeira, S., Booth, J., Zuberi, A., Kim, E., Shapiro, V.B., & Sharpe, T. (January 2017). *Community and Behavioral Health Approaches for Preventing Youth Violence and Improving Well-Being*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Krings, A., Sprague Martinez, L., Ohmer, M.L., & Thurber, A. (January 2017). *The role of social work in advancing equitable development*. Symposium presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- #Ohmer, M.L., Ivery, J. & Allegra, S. (November 2016). *Preparing Community Practitioners to Collaborate with Communities to Address Global Issues*. Paper presented at the Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA.
- Booth, J.M., Chapman, D., Ohmer, M.L., & Wei, K. (January 2016). The multiple functions of a grassroots community organization focused on developing community gardens in a disadvantaged neighborhood: A case study. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- *Ohmer, M.L., & Nguyen, J. (October 2015). *Engaging students in environmental justice and green social work*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Korr, W., Ohmer, M.L., & Fogel, S. (October 2015). *Creating excitement for leading social change: New ideas for macro practice*. Interactive workshop to be presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Ohmer, M.L., Sobeck, J. & Shapiro, V. (January 2015). *Advancing Community-Based Research: Using Community Practice Theories to Inform Community-Level Interventions*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Ohmer, M.L., Walker, L.A., & Pitner, R. (January 2014). *Measures for Community Engagement and Collective Efficacy in Community-Based Research: Opportunities and Challenges*. Roundtable presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- #Ohmer, M.L. & Libby, P. (October 2013). *Engaging Community Practitioners in Policy Change: Pedagogical Innovations for Teaching Legislative Advocacy*. Curriculum workshop presented at the CSWE Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX
- Ohmer, M.L., Lewinson, T., & Freedman, D. (January 2012). *Innovative Methods in Community Research: Using Photovoice to Make a Difference in the lives of Residents*; and

- Ohmer, M.L., & Owens, J. *Using Photovoice to Empower Youth and Adult Residents to Prevent Crime and Violence*. Symposium Organizer and Presenter at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Ohmer, M.L., Sobek, J.B., Wallace, J.M., Shapiro, V.L., & Teixeira, S.N. (January 2011). *Measuring Success in Community Level Interventions: Benefits and Constraints*; and Ohmer, M.L., & Beck, E. *Facilitating Collective Efficacy in Low-Income Neighborhoods: Measuring Success in Pilot Community Level Intervention Studies*. Symposium Organizer and Presenter at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.
 - Ohmer, M. (November 2009). *Meet the Authors*. Panel presentation for new authors at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
 - Ohmer, M., Warner, B., & Beck, E. (January 2009). *Building Community Capacity to Prevent Violence: Findings from a Pilot Project to Facilitate Collective Efficacy among Residents*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
 - Ohmer, M., Beck, E., & DeMasi, K. (October 2008). *Building Collective Efficacy to Prevent Violence: Using Restorative Justice and Consensus Organizing*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
 - Ohmer, M. (January 2008). *Evaluating Community Interventions: How a Community Conservation Program Improves Distressed Communities*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
 - Park, W., & Ohmer, M. (October 2007). *Hands-on Evaluation Experience for Social Work Students: A Systems Approach*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
 - Ohmer, M. & Ivery, J. (November 2006). *The Blueprint Communities Initiative: An Evaluation of a Comprehensive Community-Based Initiative in Pennsylvania*. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the American Evaluation Association, Portland, OR.
 - Ohmer, M. (February 2006). *Citizen Participation and Its Effects in Poor Communities: The Influence of Perceived Organizational Characteristics and Effectiveness*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Chicago, IL.
 - Ohmer, M. (January 2006). *Citizen Participation in Poor Communities: How Residents' Perceptions of their Neighborhood Organization Influence their Involvement*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
 - Ohmer, M. (January 2006). *The Influence of Motivation on Citizen Participation in Poor Communities*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
 - Ohmer, M. (March 2005). *Resident Engagement and Participation in Poor Communities: Theoretical Frameworks and Current Research*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, New York, NY.
 - Ohmer, M. (January 2005). *Neighborhood and Organizational Collective Efficacy: Factor Structure, Reliability, and Relationship to Participation in Neighborhood Organizations*. Poster presented at Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Miami, FL.
 - Ohmer, M., Sales, E. & Koeske, G. (January 2004). *The Relationship between Community Participation and Community Empowerment*. Poster presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Juried International Presentations

- Ohmer, M.L. (April 2014). *Integrating sustainable and social development strategies into the social work curriculum: Creating community partnerships*. Paper presented at the Global Social Sciences Conference, Hong Kong Baptist University, China.

Juried Local Presentations

- #Ohmer, M., Jones, T., Harris, E. & Sewell, C. (March 2025). *On the Ground with Community Partners, Researchers and Residents: Learning from One Another to Foster Community Resilience*. University of Pittsburgh Community Engaged Scholarship Forum.
- #Ohmer, M., Joiner, T., Scott, Z. & Jenks, T. (March 2024). *Engagement in CBPR: Strategies and Lessons Learned*. University of Pittsburgh Community Engaged Scholarship Forum.
- #Ohmer, M., Beery, J., Pearl, D., Son, S., & Abusuampek, D. (June 2023). *Increasing County-wide Organizing and Advocacy on Equity Issues*. Workshop presented at the Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group Community Development Summit.
- *#Ohmer, M.L., S., Pearl, D., Green, A., Carter, N., & Knox, K. (May 2022). *Research for Equity & Power Principles and Strategies for Genuine Collaboration and Community Engagement*. Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group's Annual Community Development Summit, Pittsburgh, PA.
- #Ettinger, A., Ohmer, M.L., Bey, J. & Jenks, T. (May 2022). *Community-partnered intervention to build community resilience and equity in child thriving*. Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group's Annual Community Development Summit, Pittsburgh, PA.
- *#Ohmer, M.L., Tharp-Gilliam, S., Pearl, D., Holler, K., & Green, A. (March 2022). *Principles and Practices for Civic Engagement: Innovation and Challenges*. University of Pittsburgh 2022 Community Engaged Scholarship Forum (Virtual).
- *#Ohmer, M.L., Tharp-Gilliam, S., Pearl, D., Holler, K. & Green, A. (October 2021). *Engaging Community Members in Action-Oriented Dialogue: Using Community-Based Participatory Research for Community Engagement and Organizing*. University of Pittsburgh, Civic Action Week.
- *#Ohmer, M.L., Tharp-Gilliam, S., Pearl, D., & Holler, K. (October 2021). *Using Community Based Participatory Research to Advance Equitable Development*. Greater Pittsburgh Nonprofit Partnership Summit (virtual).
- *#Ohmer, M.L., Tharp-Gilliam, S., Pearl, D., Holler, K. & Damon, E. (March 2021). *Applying Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Principles in a University-Community Partnership to Advance Equitable Development*. University of Pittsburgh 2021 Community Engaged Scholarship Forum (Virtual).
- *#Finkelstein, C., Ohmer, M., Robinson, R., Williams, M., Hardeman, C. & Birchfield, T. (March 2021). *Collaborative Partnerships in the Time of Covid: Care and Connection Partners*. University of Pittsburgh 2021 Community Engaged Scholarship Forum (Virtual).
- *#Ohmer, M.L., Tharp-Gilliam, S., Pearl, D., & Micire, M. (May 2020). *Research for Equity and Power: A University-Community Partnership to increase Resident Civic Engagement around Equitable Development*. Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group's 10th Annual Community Development Summit (Virtual).
- *#Ohmer, M.L., Tharp-Gilliam, S., Pearl, D., & Micire, M. (March 2020). *Fostering Civic Engagement and Activism to Advance Equitable Development in Homewood*. Workshop

presented at the University of Pittsburgh Community Engaged Scholarship Forum: Local Citizenship in a Global World.

Invited International Presentations: Keynote Conference Speaker

- Ohmer, M.L. (June 2016). *Community-Based and Engaged Research: Community Intervention and Prevention*. International Symposium: Japan National Council for Social Welfare and Community Development. Tokyo, Japan.
- Ohmer, M.L. (June 2014). *Advancing social sustainability: Transforming the social work curriculum through community partnerships*. Conference on Social Work and Social Sustainability in Asia. Hong Kong, China: City University of Hong Kong.

Invited National and Regional Presentations

- Ohmer, M. (2023). *Building Successful Community Partnerships to Address Complex Problems*. Special Session on Research Priorities and Capacity Building. Workshop presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
- Ohmer, M.L., Pearl, D., & Holler, K. (June 2021). *Panel Discussion: Incubators for Civic Engagement*, Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Research and Evaluation, Civic Engagement as a Catalyst for Community Change: 2021 Research Grantee Dialogue, Washington, D.C.
- Ohmer, M. & Ivery, J. (March 2021). *ACOSA's Community Practice Certificate, Virtual Webinar*. Association for Community Organization and Social Action (ACOSA).
- Ohmer, M.L., Pearl, D., Carter, N., Holler, K. & Damon, E. (February 2021). *Research for Equity and Power (REP)*. 3H Community Partnership Session (Kresge Foundation; Homewood Children's Village and the Green Building Alliance-Virtual).
- Ohmer, M.L. (April 2019). *Advances in Community Measurement*. Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Research and Evaluation, Research and Evidence Webinar.
- Ohmer, M.L. (June 2014). *Collective efficacy: How can you develop and measure it?* Atlanta, GA: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Injury and Violence Prevention and Control.
- Ohmer, M.L. (May 2014). *Collective efficacy: How can you develop and measure it?* Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Delta Focus Workshop.
- Ohmer, M.L. (June 2012). *Community Level Research: Opportunities and Challenges for Community Practice*. Interdisciplinary Scholarship for Community Practice in the 21st Century. University of Michigan, School of Social Work.
- Ohmer, M. (May 2008). *Evaluation of the West Virginia Blueprint Communities Initiative*, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh.
- Ohmer, M. (May 2007). *Key Findings from the Evaluation of the Blueprint Communities Initiative in Pennsylvania*, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh.
- Ohmer, M. (December 2005). *Using Measurement to Stay the Course, for the Revitalization Training Program for the Blueprint Communities Project*, Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh.

- Ohmer, M. (June 2003). *Discovering Hidden Talent in Individuals and Communities: An Asset-Based Approach, and Tools for Uncovering Hidden Talent in Individuals and Communities, for Discovering Diamonds in your Backyard*, Annual Housing Services Conference, Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency.
- #Ohmer, M., & DeMasi, K. (2000). *Findings from the Field: Highlights on the Pilot Project Sites*, for “Aligning Education and Practice: Challenges and Opportunities for Social Work Education for Community-Centered Practice,” Alliance for Children and Families, at Chapin Hall Center for Children, University of Chicago.
- #Ohmer, M., DeMasi, K., & Eichler, M. (1998). *The Innovations Fund Project: Young Families and Children-Community Support for Challenged Neighborhoods*, for “The Community-Centered Initiatives First Annual Learning Summit,” Alliance for Children and Families, New Orleans.

Invited Local Presentations

- Ohmer, M. (2024). *Community thriving: Resiliency in communities after stress and trauma: Collective Efficacy Intervention*. Presented at the Allegheny County Community Violence Reduction Initiative Convening, organized by Neighborhood Resilience Project.
- Ohmer, M. (2023). *Community thriving: Resiliency in communities after stress and trauma*. Presented at the Allegheny County Community Violence Reduction Initiative 2023 Summit, organized by Neighborhood Resilience Project.
- Ohmer, M.L. (April 2021). *An Intervention to Prevent Violence and Improve Community Mental Health*. Community College of Beaver County, Common Read Program Presentation (Virtual).
- *#Ohmer, M.L., Tharp-Gilliam, S., Pearl, D., Carter, N., Holler, K., & Damon, E. (October 2020). *Community Organizing 101: Key Strategies for Community Organizing and Civic Engagement*. University of Pittsburgh, Community and Government Relations: Civic Action Week: Virtual Workshop (Virtual).
- Ohmer, M.L. (Presenter: January 2019). *Teaching Community-Based Participatory Research: An Applied Approach*. University of Pittsburgh Assessment and Teaching Conference.
- Ohmer, M.L. (March 2014). *Community evaluation techniques*. Atlanta Area Evaluation Association.
- #Ohmer, M.L., Lee, A., Burt, K., Vance, M.F., & Zdencanovic, T. (May 2013). *Voices from the Next Generation: Insights on Evaluation from Georgia State Masters Students*. Atlanta Area Evaluation Association.
- Ohmer, M.L. (November 2010). *Tools for online exercises: Research and Program evaluation courses*. Presented at the Learning with Technology Conference. Georgia State University Technology Exchange, Center for Teaching and Learning and Library.
- Ohmer, M. L., (June 2009). *Challenges to and Solutions for Evaluating Community Interventions*. Atlanta Area Evaluation Association.
- #Ohmer, M., & Wilce, M. (March 2008). *Tools for Evaluating and Strengthening Collaborative Partnerships*, for Georgia State University School of Social Work Community Forum, March 2008.

- #Ohmer, M., Park, W., & Hutcherson, V. (March 2006). *Community Collaborations: Evaluating Process and Outcomes*, for Georgia State University School of Social Work Community Forum, March 2006.
- #Ohmer, M., & Maretski, B. (May 2003). *Community Building: What is it? And Strategies and Tools for Community Building*, for “This is Family Support: Past, Present and Future,” the Annual Family Support Conference, Office of Child Development, University of Pittsburgh.
- Ohmer, M. (2001 and 2002). *Building Skills for Building Collaboration*, for “The Collaboration Series,” The Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management, Robert Morris University.
- #Ohmer, M., & Hawkins, M. (2000). *The Role of Community Organizing in Advancing Family and Neighborhood Issues*, for “Celebrating Success and Forging New Partnerships,” the Annual Family Support Conference, Office of Child Development, University of Pittsburgh.
- #Ohmer, M., & Hawkins, M. (1998). *Consensus Organizing: Its Role in Community Economic Development and Family Support*, for “Moving Forward: Family Support and Economic Development,” the Annual Family Support Conference, Office of Child Development, University of Pittsburgh.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP

Vice President and 2025 Conference Chair, Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington

- Developed the theme for the conference in collaboration with the Conference Committee and Board of Directors: *Strengthening Social Impact Through Collaborative Research*
- Chaired the Conference Committee
- Reviewed and selected individuals for open Cluster Co-Chair positions and Chaired Cluster Co-Chair Meetings before and during the conference, and created a more structured process and updated criteria for Cluster Co-Chair nominations, including a nomination form
- Oversaw Conference Abstract submission, review and selection process and the development of the Conference Agenda
- Created Community Research Partnership Award and secured sponsorship for the award from Cognella Publishing, Chaired Awards Committee Nomination and Selection Process
- Chaired and organized the Opening Plenary, including Land and Asian American acknowledgements with the University of Washington, and Opening Plenary Speaker, Dr. Desmond Patton, PhD, MSW, University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice
- Organized the Invited Symposia
 - *Invited Symposium I: On the Ground with Community Partners and Researchers: Challenges and Lessons Learned from Violence Prevention Research.*
 - Moderators: Mary Ohmer, PhD, MSW, MPIA, University of Pittsburgh, and Cheryl Hyde, PhD, Temple University
 - Community Partner Panelists from RECAST (Resiliency in Communities after Stress and Trauma-funded by SAMHSA): Tyrone Morris, MSW and Katiana Foizen, MSW, Philadelphia ReCAST; Jason Beery, PhD, Community Partner and Cecelia Ware, Infinite Lifestyle Solutions, Pittsburgh RECAST
 - *Invited Symposium II: Funding Collaborative Community Partnered Research: A Discussion with Funders and Researchers*

- Moderator: Sara Goodkind, PhD, University of Pittsburgh
- Panelists: Funders: Joyce Dieterly, MPH and Christopher T. Allen, PhD, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Andrea Robles, PhD, AmeriCorps
- Community and University Researcher Panelists: Kathi Elliott, DNP, MSW, CRNP, Gwen's Girls, Jason Beery, PhD, Community Partner, Pittsburgh RECAST, Liz Miller, PhD and Mary Ohmer, PhD, University of Pittsburgh
- *Invited Symposium III: Resisting Regression II: Strengthening Social Work Science and Collaboration Amid Anti-DEI and Anti-Democratic Initiatives*
 - Moderator: Justin Harty, PhD, Arizona State University
 - Panelists: Mimi Abramovitz, DSW, Hunter College, Kyaieen O. Conner, PhD, University of Pittsburgh and Lenna Nepomnyaschy, PhD, Rutgers University

MEDIA COVERAGE

Martinez, Juliet. *The Homepage: Community Newspaper* (2025, May). *Project to reduce violence coming to Hazelwood*. Volume 14, No. 5.

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Wagner, Allen R. Radio Program: *THE INNER PAGE*: 20AM KBH; 102.1FM; 94.1FM and 92.3FM. (2024, March 27). *Citizens and science at work building resiliency in communities after stress and trauma*.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETOnrNi42Xc&t=1s>

Winger, Amelia, *Public Source* (2023, April 17). 'The ball is rolling now.' Braddock and West End teens share violence intervention initiatives they'll roll out this summer.

<https://www.publicsource.org/pittsburgh-youth-violence-prevention-braddock-west-end-university-pitt/>

Winger, Amelia, *Public Source* (2022, December 19). 'An internal battle': After two multi-fatal shootings, East Allegheny is reviewing past trauma and pushing for solutions.

<https://www.publicsource.org/east-allegheny-pittsburgh-airbnb-sunoco-shooting-gun-violence-solutions/>

Winger, Amelia, *Public Source* (2022, October 12). 'How I can make a change': Youth programs are helping the next generation halt the cycle of gun violence.

<https://www.publicsource.org/youth-violence-pittsburgh-do-write-thing-after-school-programs/>

Lauer, Hallie, *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* (2022, June 13). *Amid surge in violence, Pittsburgh leaders, public seek more details on Mayor Gainey's 'peace' plan*. <https://www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2022/06/12/mayor-gainey-peace-plan-shooting-violence/stories/202206070107>

<https://www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2022/06/12/mayor-gainey-peace-plan-shooting-violence/stories/202206070107>

The Confluence, WESA-90.5 FM. (2022, April 13). *A seven-week program asked teenagers to consider how to build community and reduce violence in their neighborhoods. State GOP leaders accuse Gov. Wolf of evading state legislature on top issues | 90.5 WESA*

Nelson-Jones, Diana, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* (2020, August 16). *Homewood Partnership Goes Proactive in Guiding Future Development.* <https://www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2020/08/16/Homewood-Children-s-Village-Pitt-School-of-Social-Work-Research-for-Equity-and-Power/stories/202008110043>

PittWire (2020, July 16). *A Playbook for Homewood's Future: A playbook for Homewood's future | University of Pittsburgh*

Essential Pittsburgh (2015, November 2). *'Repulsing The Monkey' Stages Gentrification Issues In Pittsburgh.* <https://www.wesa.fm/archives/2015-11-02/repulsing-the-monkey-stages-gentrification-issues-in-pittsburgh>

Evans, Erica, *Deseret News: In Depth, U.S. & World* (2020, June 15). *Can volunteering help heal our country's racial divide? After George Floyd protests, some demonstrators stayed to clean up.* <https://www.deseret.com/indepth/2020/6/15/21286935/george-floyd-volunteering-community-service-racial-divide-racism-united-states-healing/>

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SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

School of Social Work (2014-present)

- **Chair**, Community, Organization, and Social Action Specialization and Chair, of the Social Work COSA Committee
- Social Work MSW Program Committee
- Social Work Planning and Budget Committee, **Chair**
- Social Work Faculty Executive Committee
- Social Work International Committee
- Social Work Doctoral Committee
- Social Work: Dean's Leadership Team
- Social Work Affirmative Action Committee
- Social Work Faculty Search Committee and **Chair**, Search Committee for Community Engagement Director
- Center on Race and Social Problems, Faculty Associate and Reviewer, Student Paper Awards, and Member, Economic Disparities RAP Group

University of Pittsburgh Service

- **Academic Co-Lead**, Policy and Place Committee, The Pittsburgh Study, UPMC, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.
- Internal Advisory Committee, Pitt Community Engagement Centers
- University of Pittsburgh Sustainability Task Force and Thriving Futures Committee
- Urban Studies Advisory Committee
- COVID-19 Task Force, Pitt Pandemic Service Initiative
- Year of Data and Society Steering Committee
- Pitt Latinx Cluster Hire Committee
- Assistant Provost, Advisory Council on Instructional Excellence
- Human Rights Task Force, University of Pittsburgh
- Pitt Cyber Institute, Faculty Affiliate

Georgia State University (2004 to 2014)

- Perspectives Course Committee
- Technology Advisory Committee
- Ph.D. Task Force, **Chair**
- Center for Collaborative Social Work Committee
- MSW Program Committee
- Reaccreditation Committee
- Tenure and Promotion Committee
- Awards and Scholarship Committee
- Research Committee
- Search Committee
- Community Forum Committee
- Admissions Committee

SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- **Co-Chair and Co-Creator, Safeguarding Social Work Research Task Force** (2025-present), *Society for Social Work and Research*.
- **Member, SSWR Fund Development Committee** (2026-present)
- **Chair and Creator, Community Research Partnership Award Committee** (2024-present), *Society for Social Work and Research*.
- **Vice President and 2025 Conference Chair, Vice President Elect, and Past Vice President; Member, Executive Committee** (2023-2026), Board of Directors, *Society for Social Work and Research*
- **Editor, Journal of Community Practice** (2021-present)
- **Editorial Board Member. Journal of Community Practice** (2009-present)
- **Special Interest Group on Community Level-Intervention Research**, Creator and Co-Convener, Annual conference, Society for Social Work and Research (2009-present)
- **Abstract reviewer**, Society for Social Work and Research annual Conference (2013-present)
- **Member, Leadership Team, Specialized Practice Curricular Guide for Macro Social Work Practice, Second Edition.** Council on Social Work Education (2024-present).
- **Member, ACOSA** (Association for Community Organization and Social Action) Community Practice Certificate Committee (2019-present)

- **Board Member**, ACOSA (Association for Community Organization and Social Action), (2017-2022).
- **Co-Chair and Co-Creator**, *Communities and Neighborhoods Cluster*, SSWR Annual Conference (2016-2019).
- **Member**, Leadership Team, *Specialized Practice Curricular Guide for Macro Social Work Practice*, Council on Social Work Education (2017-2018).
- **Co-Chair**, *Community Organization and Social Administration Track*, APM, CSWE (2016).
- **Abstract Reviewer**, *Community Organization and Social Administration Track*, APM, CSWE (2010- 2016).
- **Chair, Research and Program Evaluation Track**, CSWE APM: 2007-2015.
- **Abstract Reviewer**, Social Work Topical Interest Group for the American Evaluation Association, Annual Conference, 2007-2009.
- **Reviewer** for multiple journals and publishers (manuscripts, books, and book chapters) including:
 - Journals: *Journal of Community Practice*, *Arete*, *American Journal of Community Psychology*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Journal for the Society for Social Work and Research*, *Criminal Justice Review*, *Cities*, *City & Community*, *Housing Policy Debate*, *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Journal of Civil Society*, *Sustainability*, *Social Work in Mental Health*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*
 - Publishers: Sage Publications, Rowman & Littlefield, Oxford University Press, Routledge

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- **Member**, Professional Learning Advisory Council, NeighborWorks America (2024-present)
- **Member**, Leadership Committee, NeighborWorks Training Institutes in Pittsburgh, NeighborWorks America, Pittsburgh, PA (2018 and 2024)
- **Board Member** (2016-2022) and **Chair** (February 2016-September 2019), **Co-Chair**, Strategic Planning Committee (February 2021 to December 2022). Landforce.
- **Member**, Advisory Board, Sub-Saharan Education Project (November 2015-2020).
- **Member**, Equitable and Just Greater Pittsburgh (January 2021-present)
- **Member**, Financial Empowerment Centers Selection Committee, Neighborhood Allies (2018)
- **Member**, Resident Engagement Strategy, Advisory Committee, UrbanKind Institute (2016-2020)
- **Co-Chair**, Latino Community Engagement Committee (2016-2017)
- **Member**, Policy Link Working Groups and Action Teams, Equitable Development Strategies for Pittsburgh (2015-2016)
- **Board Member**, Resources for Residents and Communities (2010 to 2014)
 - **Chair** (2013-2014); **Vice Chair** (2012-2013); CEO Search Committee (2011); **Chair**, CEO Transition Committee (2011-2012)
- **Member**, Evaluation and Community Engagement Committee, Families First (2011-2014)
- **Facilitator**, Evaluation Workshop, Atlanta Area Evaluation Association (June 2009)
- **Evaluation Mentor**, United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta (August 2007-August 2008)
- **Vice President**, Westwood Terrace Townhome Association (2006-2008)

- **Member**, Hands on Atlanta (2004-2014)
- **Board Member**, Morewood Point Homeowner's Association (1997-2004)
- **Board Member**, Florida Low Income Housing Coalition (1991-1994)
- **Member**, Community Organization Advisory Committee, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh (1987-1990)
- **Member**, Pittsburgh Cares (2001-2004)
- **Committee Member**, Shining Lights: Recognition of Pittsburgh Cares Volunteers (2003)

NATIONAL TECHNICAL EXPERT AND REVIEWER

- **Technical Expert**, AmeriCorps, Enterprise-Wide Surveys for AmeriCorps Partners and Participants, 2024-2025.
- **External Reviewer**, RFA-CE-25-021, Research Grants for Preventing Violence and Violence Related Injury (R01), Centers for Disease Control and Preventions, April-May 2025.
- **Technical Expert**, AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) Community Study, 2023-2024.
- **External Reviewer**, Israel Science Foundation (ISF), Research Grant Applications, 2024
- **External Reviewer**, Special Emphasis Panel, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Grants for Injury Control Research Centers (ICRC), May-June 2023.
- **External Reviewer**, Special Emphasis Panel, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Research Grants for Prevention Violence and Violence Related Injury (R01), May-June 2022.
- **Technical Expert**, AmeriCorps Technical Working Group, Strengthening Communities, 2019 to 2023.
- **Technical Expert**, AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) Service Project Database and Analysis, 2019 to 2022.
- **Reviewer**, ASCEND CBPR Small Grant Projects, National Institutes of Health, 2017
- **Expert Panel**, Systematic Screening and Assessment, Community Development Initiatives, North Carolina Coalition against Domestic Violence. September 2014 and March 2015.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2002- Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)

2001- Association for Community Organization and Social Administration (ACOSA)

2004- Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

SPECIALIZED TRAINING AT UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

- **Big Proposal Boot Camp**, Office of the Senior Vice Chancellor for Research (2020)
- **The Highly Engaging & Highly Interactive Instructor**, Center for Teaching and Learning (2019-2020)

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: Spanish