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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Candidate, GPA 4.0

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, *expected May 2021*

Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Doctoral Certificate, *expected May 2021*

Dissertation: An Examination of How Parents in Low-Wage Hospital Jobs Navigate Home, Work, and Their Children's School

Committee: Sara Goodkind (Chair), Elizabeth Farmer, Jeffrey Shook, & Julia Henly

Master of Social Work, GPA 4.0

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, December 2017

Master of Arts in Teaching, Special Education, GPA 4.0

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, May 2012

Bachelor of Science, Health Policy and Administration, GPA 3.96

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, May 2008

Schreyer Honors Scholar, Minor in Economics

Honors Thesis: The Impact of Parenting Quality on Outcomes in Therapeutic Foster Care

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Child & Family Well-Being, Poverty & Income Inequality, Racism and Sexism, Critical Theory, Anti-Oppressive & Feminist Approaches, Work-Life Interaction, Parent Engagement and Advocacy

TEACHING INTERESTS

Social Welfare History & Policy Analysis, Child and Family Policy, Foundation Courses, Theory, Qualitative Research, Diversity & Oppression, Macro Practice, Anti-Oppressive & Feminist Social Work

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Ballentine, K. L. & Woo, J. (in press). A structural equation model of emotional labor, work-home interaction, and well-being. *Social Work Research*.

Woo, J., **Ballentine, K. L.**, Shook, J., Engel, R., & Goodkind, S. (In press). Relationships among material hardships, perceived stress, and health among low-wage hospital workers. *Health and Social Work*.

Ballentine, K. L., Goodkind, S., & Shook, J. (2020). From scarcity to investment: The range of strategies used by low-income parents with "good" low-wage jobs. [Special Issue]. *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services*, 101(3), 260-274.

Ballentine, K. L., Jones-Casey, G., Goodkind, S., & Shook, J. (2020). The power of organizing: Micro meets macro. *Social Work Today*, 20(4), 6-7.

Farmer, E. M. Z., Murray, M., **Ballentine, K. L.**, Rautkis, M. & Burns, B. J. (2017). Would we know it if we saw it? Assessing quality of care in group homes for youth. *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Problems* 25(1), 28-36.

Ballentine, K. L., Morris, A., & Farmer, E. M. Z. (2012). Following youth after out-of-home placement: Navigating a data collection obstacle course. *Residential Treatment for Children and Youth*, 29(1), 32-47.

Murray, M., Southerland, D., Farmer, E. M. Z., & **Ballentine, K. L.** (2010). Enhancing and adapting treatment foster care: Lessons Learned in trying to change practice. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 19, 393-403.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Woo, J., **Ballentine, K.L.**, Engel, R., Shook, J., & Goodkind, S. (2020, November 12-15). Relationships among Material Hardships, Perceived Stress, and Health among Low-Wage Workers. Paper to be presented at the 66th CSWE Annual Program Meeting. Denver, Colorado. (Abstract accepted)

- Ballentine, K. L.** & Woo, J. Symposium. A qualitative study of work-family interaction among low-income hospital workers with a “high road” employer. Work Family Research Network, New York City, June 2020. (Conference online).
- Ballentine, K. L.** Symposium. “I could have been there to help him more”: A qualitative study of work-family conflict among low-wage hospital workers with dependent children. Society for Social Work Research, 24th Annual Conference, Washington, DC, January 2020.
- Ballentine, K. L.** & Woo, J. Oral Paper. Using structural equation modeling to understand the pathway between work-home interaction and well-being among social workers. Society for Social Work Research, 24th Annual Conference, Washington, DC, January 2020.
- Farmer, E. M. Z. & **Ballentine, K. L.** Poster Presentation. Listening to youth: The importance of youth perspectives in understanding perceptions of safety and outcomes in group homes. Society for Social Work Research, 24th Annual Conference, Washington, DC, January 2020.
- Goodkind, S., **Ballentine, K. L.**, Hill, H., Shook, J., Engel, R. & Allard, S. Roundtable. Studying the Impact of Raising Wages of Low-Wage Workers. Society for Social Work Research, 22nd Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., January 2018.
- Farmer, E. M. Z, Murray, M., **Ballentine, K. L.**, Morris, A. & Burns, B. J. Symposium. Improving Usual Care: The Care of Treatment Foster Care. A System of Care for Children’s Mental Health Annual Conference, Tampa, FL, March 2011.

FUNDING

Research Director, Understanding the Effects of the Benefits Cliff on Low-wage Workers and their Young Children, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, \$90,000, 2019-2021

Research Associate, Pittsburgh Wage Study: The Effects of Wage Increases on Hospital Workers’ Lives and Work, Heinz Endowments, \$250,000, 2017-2020

Dissertation Funding

Eileen Blackey Doctoral Fellow & Principal Investigator, NASW Foundation, \$6,500, 2019-2020

Principal Investigator, University of Pittsburgh, \$500, 2019

Principal Investigator, Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Department Student Research Fund, University of Pittsburgh, \$960, 2019

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Director, University of Pittsburgh, January 2020 - Present

Understanding the Effects of the Benefits Cliff on Low-wage Workers and their Young Children

Research Associate, University of Pittsburgh, June 2015 - Present

Pittsburgh Wage Study

Research Assistant, University of Pittsburgh, August 2015 - May 2016

Child Welfare Resource Center

Training Manual Developer and Editor, Duke University Medical Center, October 2014 - September 2015

Together Facing the Challenge

Research Interviewer and Data Technician, Duke University Medical Center, June 2008 - August 2011

Group Home Study

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow, Foundations of Social Welfare, BASW August 2019 - December 2019

Co-Instructor, Foundations of Social Welfare, MSW January 2019 - May 2019

Teaching Assistant, Foundations of Social Welfare, MSW August 2018 - December 2018

Guest Lecturer,

Feminist Social Work, MSW, 2018-2020

Seminar for Social Work Education, PhD, 2017

Foundations of Social Welfare, BASW, 2017

