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# Education

Ph.D. August 2018

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice

Committee: Jeanne C. Marsh, Ph.D. (Chair), Colleen M. Grogan, Ph.D.,

Keith Humphreys, Ph.D., Harold A. Pollack, Ph.D.

A.M. June 2010

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice

Concentration: Social Administration (M.S.W. Equivalent)

B.A. May 2003

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

College of Arts and Sciences

Major: Psychology, Minors: Asian American Studies and History

# Faculty Appointment

2018 to *Assistant Professor*

Present University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI

Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health, Department of Social Work

# Research Interests

Substance Use and Behavioral Health Service Delivery, Workforce Development, and Policy; Filipino Diaspora and Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Health Disparities; Recovery Support and Mutual Aid

# Publications

**Peer-Reviewed Publications – Published or Accepted** (^Student co-author)

*Since Academic Appointment*

1. **Bersamira, C. S.,** Lau, S. B., Lee, Y. J., & ^Yamauchi, J. (2024). Anti-Asian Hate’s Impact on Asian American Social Workers: Implications for Professional Training and Education. *Social Work*.
2. ^Macaraeg, J., & **Bersamira, C. S.,** (2024). Intersecting Kapwa, Resilience, and Empowerment A Case Study of Filipinos in Hawai'i during the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Asian American Journal of Psychology.*
3. Godinet, M. T., **Bersamira, C. S.,** Wu, Y., Arnsbarger, P., & Nelson, P. (2024). Testing the Effectiveness of Substance Misuse Outpatient Treatment Settings on Treatment Completion for Women with Substance Use Disorder Using Propensity Score Matching. *Journal of Addiction and Addiction Disorders.*
4. Sevillano, S., La Torre, J., Aquino-Adriatico, G., Macapugay, K. A., Banada, R., Cadiz, M. P., Taban, K., Duldulao, A. A., **Bersamira, C. S.,** Sangalang, C. C., Maglalang, D. D., Enrile, A. (Accepted)., Atangs to Kuwentos: The Power of Communal Care as Decolonial Mental Health Praxis Among Pilipinx Americans. *American Psychologist.*
5. ^Page, J., **Bersamira, C. S.,** & Burrage, R. (Accepted). Filipino Diaspora’s Engagement in Mental Health Services. *Transcultural Psychiatry.*
6. Arndt, R. G., **Bersamira, C. S.,** Kreif, T., Stotzer, R. (Accepted). Social Work Labor Force, Licensing, and Hawai'i: An Overview.*Hawai‘i Journal of Health and Social Welfare.*
7. Lee, Y. J., Lau, S. B., **Bersamira, C. S.,** & ^Yamauchi, J. (2023). Anti-Asian Racism and COVID-19 Impact on Older Adults: The Voices of Social Workers. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work,* 1-20.
8. Lau, S. B., **Bersamira, C. S.,** Lee, Y. J., & ^Yamauchi, J. (2023). Asian American social workers’ experiences and perspectives on anti-Asian hate. *Journal of Social Work.*
9. Grogan, C. M., **Bersamira, C.,** Singer, P., Abraham, A. J., Smith, B. T., Westlake, M. M., Andrews, C., Friedmann, P. D., & Pollack, H. A. (2020). Are Policy Strategies to Address the Opioid Epidemic Partisan? A View from the States. *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law.*
10. Abraham, A. J., Smith, B. T., Andrews, C. M., **Bersamira, C. S.,** Grogan, C. M., Pollack, H. A., & Friedmann, P. D. (2019). Changes in State Technical Assistance Priorities and Block Grant Funds for Addiction After ACA Implementation. *American Journal of Public Health,* 109(6), 885-891.
11. Andrews, C. M., Pollack, H. A., Abraham, A. J., Grogan, C. M., **Bersamira, C. S.,** D'Aunno, T., & Friedmann, P. D. (2019). Medicaid coverage in substance use disorder treatment after the Affordable Care Act. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment,* 102, 1-7.
12. Marsh, J. C., Park, K., Lin, Y., & **Bersamira, C.** (2018). Gender differences in trends for heroin use and nonmedical prescription opioid use, 2007–2014. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment.*

*Before Academic Appointment*

1. **Bersamira, C. S.,** Lin, Y., Park, K., & Marsh, J. C. (2017). Drug Use Among Asian Americans: Differentiating Use by Acculturation Status and Gender. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment,* 76-81.
2. Andrews, C., Abraham, A., Grogan, C. M., Pollack, H. A., **Bersamira, C. S.,** Humphreys, K., & Friedmann, P. (2015). Despite Resources From The ACA, Most States Do Little To Help Addiction Treatment Programs Implement Health Care Reform. *Health Affairs,* 34(5), 828-835.

**Peer-Reviewed Manuscripts – Under Review or In Preparation** (^Student co-author)

1. **Bersamira, C. S.,** ^Igarashi, T., & ^Kam, B. (2024). *Media Coverage of Filipino Healthcare and Frontline Workers: The Real Cost of Labor and the Consequences of Heroism*. Manuscript under review.
2. **Bersamira, C. S.,** & ^Raneses, R. (2024). *Filipino Community and Behavioral Health Provider Best Practices for Addressing Substance Use.* Manuscript in preparation.
3. **Bersamira, C. S.,** Stotzer, R., Godinet, M., DeMattos, M., Arndt, R. *Addressing Substance Use in Hawai‘i Through Collaborative Workforce Development & Training: A Planning and Implementation Case Study*. Manuscript in preparation.
4. **Bersamira, C. S.,** & ^Dizon, M. *Filipino Cultural Considerations for Addiction Recovery and 12-Step Programs.* Manuscript in preparation.
5. **Bersamira, C. S.** *Risk and Protective Factors for Filipino American Community Substance Use and Behavioral Health.* Manuscript in preparation.
6. **Bersamira, C. S.** *Stakeholder Perspectives on Conceptualizing Addiction Recovery in the Era of Health Reform.* Manuscript in preparation.
7. Klodnick, V., Sapiro, B., Jones, N., Lebeck, K., Morris, C., Cohen, D., LaPelusa, B., Johnson, R. & **Bersamira, C. S.** *Promoting Mutual Aid and Lived/Living Experience in the Social Work Profession.* Manuscript in preparation.

**Published Invited Articles and Book Chapters** (^Student co-author)

1. **Bersamira, C. S.,** Lau, S.B., Lee, Y.J., (2024). The Importance of Community-based Solutions in Addressing Anti-Asian Racism. In M. Liu. & K. Chan (Eds.)., *Addressing Anti-Asian Racism with Social Work Advocacy and Action*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
2. **Bersamira, C. S.,** & ^Macaraeg, J. (2022). Advocacy and Community Building to Address Filipino Behavioral Health. *Hawai'i Journal of Health & Social Welfare*, *81*(12), 338.
3. **Bersamira, C. S.** (2020). Roles for social work and other professions in support of recovery-oriented addiction policies and services. In A. L. Begun & M. Murray (Eds.), *Handbook of Social Work and Addictive Behaviours*. Abingdon-on-Thames: Routledge.
4. **Bersamira, C. S.,** ^Robertson, T., & Sabagala, A. P. (2020). How the Hawai‘i CARES Program Aims to Strengthen Addiction Treatment Through a Social Work Lens. *Hawai'i Journal of Health & Social Welfare,* 79(1), 28.
5. Andrews, C. M., **Bersamira, C. S.,** & Westlake, W. (2017). The Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Substance Use Disorder Treatment for Emerging Adults. In D.C. Smith (Ed.), *Emerging Adults and Substance Use Disorder Treatment: Developmental Considerations and Innovative Approaches.* New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

**Published Trade, Policy, and Other Reports**

1. Arndt, R., **Bersamira, C. S.**, Kreif, T., & Stotzer, R. (2022). *Social Work in Hawai’i: A Workforce Profile.* University of Hawai’i at Mānoa Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health.
2. Wurzburg, S., Zentgraf, K., Russell, C. **Bersamira, C. S.,** Morrison, R., & Harwood, H. (2014*). State Adolescent Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Practice Guide*. National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors.
3. **Bersamira, C. S.,** Wurzburg, S., Zentgraf, K., Harwood, H., Morrison, R., Diehl, A., Trick, M., & Buchanan, K. (2013). *State Substance Abuse Agencies, Program Management, and Data Utilization: Case Studies of Eleven States.* National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors.
4. **Bersamira, C. S.,** Harwood, H., Morrison, R., Beardsley, E., Wurzburg, S., Trick, M., & Carmona, J. (2013). *State Progress Toward Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care.* National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors and Abt Associates, Inc.
5. Mandell, K., Wurzburg, S., **Bersamira, C. S.,** Carmona, J., Trick, M., Buchanan, K., Zentgraf, Z., & Harwood, H. (2012). *State Regulations on Substance Use Disorder Programs and Counselors: An Overview.* National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors.
6. **Bersamira, C. S.,** Wurzburg, S., Harwood, H., Zentgraf., K., Buchanan, K., Trick, M., & Russell, C. (2012). *Substance Use Disorder and Primary Care Services Integration: State Assessment and Planning through the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Application.* National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors.
7. **Bersamira, C. S.,** Harwood, C., Diehl, A., Wurzburg, S., et al. (2012). *State Substance Abuse Agencies and Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse: Results from a NASADAD Membership Inquiry.* National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors.
8. **Bersamira, C. S.,** Beardsley, E. & Harwood, H. (2011). *State Substance Abuse Agency and Substance Abuse Program Efforts Towards Healthcare Integration: An Environmental Scan.* National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors.
9. Paduano, D., Drown, D., **Bersamira, C. S.** (2005). Finding a middle ground: An exploration of abstinence, harm reduction and a goal-directed approach. *Addictions Newsletter*: American Psychological Association, Division 50, Vol. 12(2).

# Presentations

**Peer-Reviewed Presentations** (Presenting Author\*)

1. Macaraeg, J.\* & **Bersamira, C. S.\*** (2024 September). *Intersecting Kapwa, Resilience, and Empowerment: A Case Study of Filipinos in Hawai‘i during the COVID-19 Pandemic.* Hawai‘i Behavioral Health and Wellness Convention, Honolulu, HI.
2. **Bersamira, C. S.,\*** (2024 January). *Filipino American Cultural Perspectives on Addiction Recovery and the Navigation Around 12-Step Spaces*. Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
3. **Bersamira, C. S.,\*** (2023 January). *Perceptions of Substance-Use and Treatment in the Filipino Community in Hawaii and the United States.* Society for Social Work and Research, Phoenix, AZ.
4. Macaraeg, J.\* & **Bersamira, C. S.,** (2023 January). *Kwentong Pandemya: Stories of Filipino Empowerment and Resilience during the COVID-19 Pandemic.* Society for Social Work and Research, Phoenix, AZ.
5. Lau, S.\*, **Bersamira, C. S.,** & Lee, Y .J. (2023 January). *Understanding anti-Asian Racism and Violence from an Asian American Social Worker Lens.* Society for Social Work and Research, Phoenix, AZ.
6. **Bersamira, C. S.,\*** Igarashi, T., & Kam, B. (2022 January). *Filipino American Health and Frontline Workers and the COVID-19 Pandemic.* Virtual poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
7. **Bersamira, C. S.,\*** Igarashi, T., & Kam, B. (2021 May). *Filipino American Health and Frontline Workers and the COVID-19 Pandemic.* Paper presentation at the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Virtual Conference.
8. **Bersamira, C. S.\*** (2019 January). *Recovery-Oriented Addiction Treatment Policy in the Context of the ACA and Opioid Epidemic.* Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
9. Andrews, C., **Bersamira, C. S.\*** Pollack, H. A., Abraham, A. J., Grogan, C. M., Westlake, M. A., Friedmann, P. D.(2019 January). *Changes in Substance Use Disorder Treatment Coverage and Receipt after Medicaid Expansion.* Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
10. Lin, Y.,\* Park, K., **Bersamira, C. S.**, Marsh, J. C.(2019 January). *Longitudinal Analysis of Need-Service Gap for Substance-Involved Parents in the Child Welfare System.* Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
11. Smith, B. T.,\*, **Bersamira, C. S.**, Abraham, A., Grogan, C., Pollack, H., Andrews, C., & Friedmann, P. (2019 January). *Barriers to Health Information Technology Adoption: Understanding the Value of Data and Being Able to Use It.* Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
12. **Bersamira, C. S.,** & Humphreys, K.\* (2018 November). *A Transatlantic Perspective on the Adoption of Recovery Concepts and Practices into Health Care Systems.* Plenary session paper presentation at the Society for the Study of Addiction, New Castle, UK.
13. **Bersamira., C. S.,** Grogan, C. M.,\* Pollack, H. A., Smith, B. T., Abraham, A. J., Andrews, C. N., & Friedmann, P. D. (2018 October). *Medicaid Policy in Addiction Treatment: Understanding State Delivery Model Innovations.* Paper presentation at the Addiction Health Services Research (AHSR) Conference, Savannah, GA.
14. Grogan, C. M.,\* **Bersamira, C. S.,** & Pollack, H. A. (2018 August). *When the Politics of Health Reform and the Opioid Epidemic Meet, The Complexity of Medicaid Entrenchment Enters*. Paper presentation at the American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
15. **Bersamira, C. S.,\*** Grogan, C.M., Abraham, A.J., Smith, B.T., Westlake, M.M., Andrews, C.M., & Friedmann, P.D. Pollack, H.A., (2018 June). *The Opioid Epidemic and the Politics of Implementation of Addiction Treatment Under State-Level Policy Reforms.* Opening Plenary paper presentation at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) National Research Service Award (NRSA) Trainee Conference, Seattle, WA.
16. **Bersamira, C. S.,\*** Grogan, C. M., Abraham, A. J., Smith, B. T., Westlake, M. M., Andrews, C.M., & Friedmann, P.D. Pollack, H.A., (2018 June). *The Opioid Epidemic and the Politics of Implementation of Addiction Treatment Under State-Level Policy Reforms.* Poster presentation at the AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (ARM), Seattle, WA.
17. Pollack, H.A.,\* **Bersamira, C. S.,** Grogan, C.M., Abraham, A.J., Smith, B.T., Westlake, M.M., Andrews, C.M., & Friedmann, P.D. (2018 May). *The Opioid Epidemic and the Politics of Implementation of Addiction Treatment Under State-Level Policy Reforms.* Paper presentation at the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (ISSDP), Vancouver, BC, Canada.
18. **Bersamira, C. S,\*** Pollack, H. A., Grogan, C. M., Abraham, A. J., Tran Smith, B., Westlake, M., Andrews, C., & Friedman, P. D. (2018 January). *Understanding Stakeholder Perspectives and the Implementation of Substance Use Disorder Services Under State-Level Health Policy Reforms.* Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), Washington, DC.
19. Lin, Y.,\* Park, K., **Bersamira, C. S.** Marsh, J. (2018 January). *Integrated Service Delivery for Substance-Involved Parents in the Child Welfare System*. Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), Washington, DC.
20. **Bersamira, C. S.,** Pollack, H. A.,\* Grogan, C. M., Abraham, A. J., Tran Smith, B., Andrews, C., & Friedman, P. D. (2017 October). *Understanding Stakeholder Perspectives and the Implementation of Substance Use Disorder Services Under State-Level Health Policy Reforms.* Paper presentation at the Addiction Health Services Research (AHSR) Conference, Madison, WI.
21. **Bersamira, C. S.\*** (2017 June). *Defining Addiction Recovery and Conceptualizing a Recovery-Oriented System of Care in the Era of Healthcare Reform.* Poster presentation at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) National Research Service Award (NRSA) Trainee Conference, New Orleans, LA.
22. **Bersamira, C. S.**,\* Lin, Y.,\* Park, K., & Marsh, J.C. (2017 January). *Substance Use Among Asian Americans: Differentiating Use by Acculturation Status and Gender*. Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA.
23. Tran Smith, B.,\* **Bersamira, C. S.**,\*& Grogan, C. (2017 January). *Agenda-Setting the Heroin and Prescription Opioid Epidemics: Comparing State Media Salience and Overdose Deaths.* Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA.
24. Park, K.,\* Marsh, J.C., **Bersamira, C. S.**, & Lin, Y. (2017 January). *Gender Differences in Prevalence Trends for Heroin and Opioid Painkillers, 2007-2013*. Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA.
25. Tran Smith, B.,\* **Bersamira, C. S.**,\*& Grogan, C. (2016 November). *Agenda-Setting the Heroin and Prescription Opioid Epidemics: Comparing State Media Salience and Overdose Deaths.* Poster presentation at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Washington, DC.
26. Marsh, J.C.,\* **Bersamira, C. S.,** Lin, Y., & Park, K. (2016 October). *Substance Use Among Asian Americans: Differentiating Use by Acculturation Status and Gender*. Paper presentation at the Addiction Health Services Research (AHSR) Conference, Seattle, WA.
27. Park, K.,\* Marsh, J. C., & **Bersamira, C. S.** (2015 October). *Gender and Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Opioid Drug Use: Gender Gap Narrowing Over Time in U.S., Findings from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) 2017-2013.* Paper presentation at the Addiction Health Services Research (AHSR) Conference, Marina del Rey, CA.
28. **Bersamira, C. S.,\*** Lin, Y.\* & Marsh, J. C. (2015 January). *Substance Abuse Among Asian Pacific Islander Americans: Results from the National Latino and Asian American Study Related to Ethnicity, Native-Born Status, English Proficiency, and Gender.* Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA.
29. Andrews, C. M.,\* Grogan, C. M., **Bersamira, C. S.** Pollack, H. A. & Friedmann, P. D. (2014 October). *State and Treatment Program Responses to Health Reform: Preliminary Findings from the National Drug Abuse Treatment System Survey (NDATSS) – Single State Agencies, the ACA, and SAPT Block Grant Reallocation*. Paper presentation at the Addiction Health Services Research (AHSR) Conference, Boston, MA.

**Invited Presentations** (Presenting Author\*)

1. **Bersamira, C.\*** (2023 October). *Substance Use & Behavioral Health in the Filipino Community.* “Araw ng Saliksik” (Research report-back to the Filipino community), Honolulu, HI
2. **Bersamira, C.\* & DeMattos, M.\*** (2023 September). *Addressing Substance Use in Hawai‘i Through Collaborative Workforce Development and Training.* Guam’s Fourth Annual Conference on Substance Use Disorders among Pacific Islanders, Virtual Conference.
3. **Bersamira, C.\* & Amare-Herrera, M.\*** (2023 September). *Update on Hawai'i SUPD (Substance Use Professional Development): A Workforce Development and Training Initiative.* Hawai‘i Health Workforce Summit, Honolulu, HI.
4. **Bersamira, C.\*** (2022 September). *Introducing Hawai'i SUPD (Substance Use Professional Development): A Workforce Development and Training Initiative.* Hawai‘i Health Workforce Summit, Honolulu, HI.
5. **Bersamira, C.,\*** DeMattos, M.,\* Riley, L.,\* & Sugimoto-Matsuda, J.\* (2021 November). *Mental Health: Impact of Covid-19 on Social Determinants of Health*. Healthcare Association of Hawaii – 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment, Honolulu, HI.
6. Minahal, M.,\* Ruiz, A.K.,**\*** **Bersamira, C.,\*** & Perillo, L.\* (2021 October). *Proud Faculty and Staff: Growing Up LGBTQ+/Bakla/Māhū and Filipin@/x.* University of Hawai‘i System – 2021 Pamantasan Conference, Honolulu, HI.
7. Page, J.,\*& **Bersamira, C.,\*** (2021 October). *Filipino Diaspora Mental Health and Well-being in the COVID-19 Era* Ilokano Language Acquisition and Immersion for a New Generation (iLAING) – Hawai'i, Honolulu, HI.
8. Page, J.,\* & **Bersamira, C.,\*** (2021 September). *Filipino Diaspora’s Engagement in Help Seeking Behaviors.* Filipino American Educators Association of California. Virtual Conference.
9. **Bersamira, C.,\*** & Page, J.\* (2021 August). *Filipino Diaspora Mental Health and Well-being in the COVID-19 Era.* Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health Continuing Education Series, Honolulu, HI.
10. **Bersamira, C.\*** (2021 Spring*). Recovery-Oriented Addiction Policy in Context.* Council on Social Work Education Learning Academy. Webinar Presentation.
11. **Bersamira,\*** C., Lusk, H.,\* Beighley, P.\* & Boyer, K.\* (2020 June). *How are Behavioral Health Providers Adapting to the COVID-19 Context?* Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health Continuing Education Series: COVID-19 and Our Evolving Social Service Landscape Series, Honolulu, HI.
12. Boyer, K.\* & **Bersamira, C.\*** (2020 June). Hawai'i CARES: Implementing a Coordinated Behavioral Health Service System. Hawai'i Behavioral Health and Homelessness State Unified Response Group Webinar Series, Honolulu, HI.
13. **Bersamira, C.\*** & Saucedo J. (2019 September). *Hawaiʻi CARES: Coordinating the Addiction Treatment Continuum of Care*. Presentation on the Hawaiʻi CARES Program at the Methamphetamine Abuse Training: Past Presentation & Future Conference, Honolulu, HI.
14. **Bersamira, C.\*** (2019 September). *Hawaiʻi CARES: Coordinating the Addiction Treatment Continuum of CARE*. Legislative Briefing presentation on the Hawaiʻi CARES Program at the Hawaiʻi State Capitol, Honolulu, HI.
15. Abraham, A.,\* Andrews, C.,\* **Bersamira, C.,\*** & Grogan, C.\* (2019 August). *Leveraging Public Financing to Enhance Treatment Access and Quality*. Webinar presentation to the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, Washington, DC.
16. **Bersamira, C.\*** (2019 July). *Hawaiʻi CARES: Coordinating the Addiction Treatment Continuum of CARE*. Presentation on the Hawaiʻi CARES Program at the Healing the Offender through Opioid Recovery, Habilitation, and Rehabilitation and Culture Conference, Honolulu, HI.
17. **Bersamira, C.\*** (2019 March). *Recovery-Oriented Addiction Treatment Policy in the Context of the ACA and Opioid Epidemic.* Presentation to Medical Social Workers. Queen’s Medical Center, Honolulu, HI.
18. Morrison, R.\* & **Bersamira, C.** (2012 November). *Addiction Recovery and the States: Working with the State Substance Abuse Agencies*. Panel presentation at the Faces and Voices of Recovery (FAVOR) Association of Recovery Community Organizations (ARCO) Executive Director Leadership Academy, Philadelphia, PA.
19. **Bersamira, C.\*** & Harwood, H. (2012 April). *State Substance Abuse Agencies and Prescription Drug Abuse: Initial Results from a NASADAD Membership Inquiry*. Webinar paper presentation to the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors’ National Treatment Network, Washington, DC.
20. **Bersamira, C.\*** (2011 February). *State Transformations Toward Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care*. Webinar paper presentation to the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors’ National Treatment Network, Washington, DC.

# Research Experience

2022 – Principal Investigator, *Hawai'i SUPD (Substance Use Professional Development)*

Present *Workforce and Training Initiative,* Co-I: Rebecca Stotzer, Ph.D., Meripa Godinet, PhD., Michael DeMattos, PhD., Robin Arndt, MSW, Funding: Hawai'i State Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division

2022 – Principal Investigator, *Perceptions of Substance-Use and Treatment in the*

Present *Filipino Community*, Funding: PIKO Pilot Project Program Grant, National Institute of General Medical Sciences/NIH (U54GM138062)

2021 – Co-Principal Investigator, *Improving Social Work and Training to Better Serve*

Present *Asian American Communities in the Era of anti-Asian Hate,* Co-P.I.s: Sophia Lau,

Yeonjung Jane Lee, Ph.D.

2019 – 2020 Principal Investigator*, Hawaiʻi Coordinated Access Resource Entry System,* Funding: Hawai'i State Department of Health, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division

2017 – 2018 Predoctoral Trainee, *AHRQ T32 Health Services Research Training Program,*

The University of Chicago and Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

Kathleen Cagney, Ph.D. (P.I.), Funding: National Research Service Award, Health Services Research Training Program, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (T32 HS000084)

2015 – 2018 Project Coordinator, *National Drug Abuse Treatment System Survey (NDATSS) State Case Studies,* The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, Peter D. Friedmann, M.D. (P.I.), Co-I: Colleen M. Grogan, Ph.D. Harold A. Pollack, Ph.D., Christina Andrews, Ph.D., & Amanda Abraham, Ph.D., Funding: National Institute on Drug Abuse/NIH (R01DA034634)

2015 – 2018 Principal Investigator, *Dissertation: Conceptualizing Addiction Recovery and*

*Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care in the Era of Healthcare Reform*, Funding: AHRQ T32 Predoctoral Training Grant (T32 HS000084)

2013 – 2018 Doctoral Research Assistant, *Addiction Health Services Research Lab*

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, Jeanne C. Marsh, Ph.D. (P.I.)

2013 – 2015 Doctoral Research Assistant, *National Drug Abuse Treatment System Survey*

*(NDATSS) State Surveys*,The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Peter D. Friedmann, M.D. (P.I.), Co-I: Colleen M. Grogan, Ph.D.,

Harold A. Pollack, Ph.D., Christina Andrews, Ph.D., & Amanda Abraham, Ph.D., Funding: National Institute on Drug Abuse/NIH (R01DA034634)

2010 – 2013 Research Analyst – Alcohol and Other Drugs, *National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors*, Washington, DC

2004 – 2005 Research Assistant, *Clinical Trial Network: Baclofen Clinical Trial for Cocaine*

*Dependence,* University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Valerie Gruber, Ph.D. (P.I), Funding: National Institute on Drug Abuse/NIH

2003 – 2005 Research Assistant, *Therapeutic Communities and Opioid Replacement Therapy,*

University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

James Sorensen, Ph.D. (P.I.), Funding: National Institute on Drug Abuse/NIH

# Teaching Interests

Social Welfare Policy, Policymaking, and Policy Analysis; History of Social Welfare and the Social Work Profession; Human Service Organizations

**Teaching Experiences**

*Assistant Professor,* UH Mānoa, Thompson School, Department of Social Work

Fall 2024 SW325. SW325. History of Social Welfare (BSW-level, 1 section)

SW743. Independent Research (MSW-level, 1 student)

Spring 2024 SW731. SW731. Social Policy Analysis (PhD-level, 1 section)

SW746. Independent Research (MSW-level, 1 student)

SW699. Independent Research (PhD-level, 2 students)

Fall 2023 SW325. History of Social Welfare (BSW-level, 1 section)

Spring 2023 SW797. Advanced Social Welfare Policy Analysis and Change (MSW-level,

2 sections)

SW744. Independent Research (MSW-level, 1 student)

Fall 2022 SW325. History of Social Welfare (BSW-level, 1 section)

SW743. Independent Research (MSW-level, 2 students)

SW746. Independent Research (MSW-level, 1 student)

Spring 2022 SW797. Advanced Social Welfare Policy Analysis and Change (MSW-level,

2 sections)

SW731. Social Policy Analysis (PhD-level, 1 section)

SW744. Independent Research (MSW-level, 1 student)

SW746. Independent Research (MSW-level, 3 students)

Fall 2021 SW325. History of Social Welfare (BSW-level, 2 sections)

SW699. Teaching Practicum (PhD-level, 1 student)

SW743. Independent Research (MSW-level, 1 student)

Summer 2021 SW699. Directed Reading and Research (MSW-level, 1 student)

Spring 2021 SW326 DE. Social Welfare as a Social Institution (BSW-level, 1 section)

SW797. Advanced Social Welfare Policy Analysis and Change (MSW-level,

2 sections)

SW744. Independent Research (MSW-level, 2 students)

SW746. Independent Research (MSW-level, 1 student)

Fall 2020 SW325. History of Social Welfare (BSW-level, 2 sections)

SW743. Independent Research (MSW-level, 2 students)

Summer 2020 SW699. Directed Reading and Research (PhD-level, 1 student)

Spring 2020 SW731. Social Policy Analysis (PhD-level, 1 section)

SW797. Advanced Social Welfare Policy Analysis and Change (MSW-level,

1 section)

Fall 2019 SW325. History of Social Welfare (BSW-level, 1 section)

Spring 2019 SW797. Advanced Social Welfare Policy Analysis and Change (MSW-level,

1 section)

Fall 2018 SW325. History of Social Welfare (BSW-level, 2 sections)

SW746. Independent Research (MSW-level, 1 student)

*Adjunct Instructor* and *Teaching Assistant,* The University of Chicago, Crown Family School

Winter 2017 *Instructor*, SSAD 30200. Social Intervention: Research and Evaluation

Spring 2016 *Grader,* SSAD 45400. Economics for Social Welfare

Instructor: Harold A. Pollack, Ph.D.

Winter 2016 *Lab Instructor, Teaching Assistant, and Guest Lecturer,* SSAD 48500. Data for Policy Analysis and Management

Instructor: Dana A. Weiner, Ph.D.

**Professional and Practice Experience**

2016, *Evaluation Consultant***,** Branch Associates, Inc. Chicago, IL**,** Subsidized and Transitional Employment Demonstration (STED) Project - Bridges to Pathways

2015 – 2016, *Peer Education Graduate Assistant, Office of Multicultural Student Affairs,* The University of Chicago, Center for Identity and Inclusion, Chicago, IL

2013, *Policy Academy Facilitator*, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Advisory Center Strategy (BRSS TACS) State Policy Academy, Little Rock, AR

2009 – 2010, *Graduate Program Assistant*, George M. Pullman Educational Foundation, Chicago, IL

2009 – 2010, *Administrative Social Work Graduate Intern*, Asian Human Services – Mental Health Program, Chicago, IL

2009, *Human Rights Summer Fellow,* The University of Chicago, Pozen Family Center for Human Rightsplaced at Small Island Institute, The Seychelles – Indian Ocean

2008 – 2009, *Social Work Graduate Intern*, SGA Youth and Family Services, Chicago, IL

2008 – 2009, *Graduate Student Coordinator – Diversity and Multicultural Affairs*, The University of Chicago, Crown Family School, Chicago, IL

2005 – 2008, *Extension Agent – Girls’ Education and Empowerment Program*, United States Peace Corps, Togo – West Africa

**Professional and Academic Community Service**

2023 *Study Section Reviewer*, PIKO Pilot Project Program, UH Mānoa

2023 – Present, *Member,* Pinerds (Filipino Health Research Workgroup in Hawai‘i)

2023 – Present, *Advisory Board Member - Region 1 (Alaska & Hawai‘i)*, AANHPI ‘Ohana

Center for Excellence, SAMHSA-funded Behavioral Health Initiative

2023 – Present, *Elected Committee Member,* Thompson School, Department of Social Work, Faculty Recruitment Committee

2023 – Present, *Elected Committee Member,* Thompson School, Department of Social Work, Global Affairs Committee

2023 - Present, *External Reviewer,* Hawai‘i Pacific University Undergraduate Infrastructure

Student Research Center (HUI SRC)

2022 – Present, *Member and Reviewer,*  Ola HAWAII Community Engagement Core (CEC) Hui, UH Mānoa

2022 – Present, *Member,* Filipino Mental Health Initiative of Hawai‘i , Honolulu, HI

2020 – Present, *Policy Sequence Chair,* UH Mānoa Thompson School, Honolulu, HI

2019 – Present, *Elected Committee Member* (and *Assistant Chair,* Fall 2023)*,* Thompson School, Department of Social Work, PhD Program Committee

2022 – 2023, *Search Advisory Committee,* Dean of Thompson School, UH Mānoa

2021 – 2023, *Elected Member,* UH Mānoa Faculty Senate Member, Faculty Senate Committee on Student Affairs

2021 – 2023, *Affiliate,* Bulosan Center for Filipino Studies,University of California – Davis,

Asian American Studies, Davis, CA

2020 – 2023, *Member,* Pilipino Underrepresented Scholars Organization (PUSO) – Hawai‘i

2021 – 2022, *Training Co-Facilitator,* UH Mānoa, Interprofessional Education: Hawaiʻi Inter-Professional – Team Collaboration Simulation

2021 – 2022, *Volunteer Member* Thompson School, Department of Social Work, RTRF Workgroup

2020 – 2022, *Elected Committee Member,* Thompson SchoolDepartment of Social Work, Indigenous Affairs Committee

2020 – 2021, *Training Co-Facilitator,* UH Mānoa, Interprofessional Education: Hawaiʻi Inter-Professional – Team Collaboration Simulation

2019 – 2021, *Steering Committee Member,* UH Mānoa, Mālama Project and Mālama Hui

2019, *Judge,* UH Mānoa,Spring 2019 Undergraduate Showcase – Research Competition

2019 – 2020, *Training Co-Facilitator,* UH Mānoa, Interprofessional Education: Hawaiʻi Inter-Professional – Team Collaboration Simulation

2019 – 2020, *Member,* Hawaiʻi Opioid Initiative, State of Hawai‘i Department of Health

2019 – 2020, *Member, Hawai'i State Epidemiologic Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW)*

2010 – 2016, *Member,* The UNITE Foundation Board of Directors, Washington, DC

2011 – 2013, *President,* The UNITE Foundation Board of Directors, Washington, DC

2014 – 2015, *Co-Chairperson,* Doctoral Students Association*,* The University of Chicago, Crown Family School, Chicago, IL

2014 – 2015, *Student Advisory Council,* Office of Multicultural Student Affairs*,* The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

2012 – 2013, *Conference Planning Committee,* National Prevention Network Research Conference, Oklahoma City, OK

2012, *Expert Panel, Federal Guidelines for Opioid Treatment Programs,* SAMHSA Division of Pharmacologic Therapies, Washington, DC (On expert panel revising *Federal Guidelines for Opioid Treatment Programs, March 2015)*

2011 – 2012, *Planning Partner,* SAMHSA National Recovery Month, Washington, DC

2010 – 2011, *Conference Planning Committee,* National Prevention Network Research Conference, Atlanta, GA

**Peer Review (Ad Hoc)**

*American Journal of Public Health; Drug & Alcohol Dependence; Drugs: Education, Prevention & Policy; Families and Society; Hawai‘i Journal of Health & Social Welfare; International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health; International Perspectives in Psychology: Research, Practice, Consultation; Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, & Policy; Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*

# Funding Received

2022 – Present, Hawai‘i SUPD (Substance Use Professional Development) Workforce and Training Initiative, Hawai‘i State Department of Health Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD)-funded, *$2,800,000 from 01/2022 to 09/2023*, *$800,000 from 10/2023 to 9/2024, $800,000 from 10/2024 to 09/2025*

2022 – 2023, Perceptions of Substance-Use and Treatment in the Filipino Community, PIKO Pilot Project Program Grant, National Institute of General Medical Sciences/NIH (U54GM138062), *$50,000 from 08/2022 to 07/2023*

2021 – 2022, Promoting Filipino Behavioral Health and Wellness Research, University of Hawai'i SEED IDEAS Award, *$1,000 for Spring 2022*

2019 – 2020, Hawai‘i CARES (Coordinated Access Resource Entry System), Hawaii State Department of Health Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD)-funded contract*, $517,000 from 07/2019 to 03/2020, $3,000,000 from 10/2019 to 09/2020*

2017 – 2018, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), (T32 HS000084) National Research Service Award, The University of Chicago and Northwestern University Health Services Research Training Program, Predoctoral Fellowship, *$84,000 for 2017, 2018*

2017 – 2018, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), NRSA Conference Fellowship, *$2,600 conference travel support for 2017, 2018*

2015 – 2017, The University of Chicago, Center for Health Administration Studies, Predoctoral Research Award, *$6,000 award for academic year 2015-2016, 2016-2017*

2014 – 2016, The University of Chicago, Provost’s Graduate Aid Initiative, Summer Fellowship, *$9,000 total award for summer 2014, 2015, 2016*

2013 – 2018, The University of Chicago, Crown Family School, Predoctoral Fellowship, *Full-tuition fellowship and stipend, up to five years*

2009, The University of Chicago, Pozen Family Center for Human Rights, Summer Fellowship, *$5,000 award*

# Awards

2023-2024, Nominee, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa Excellence in Teaching Award

2013, National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors Service Award

2003, University of Pennsylvania, Oracle Senior Honor Society for Asian American Leadership

# Affiliations

2012 to present, Society for Social Work and Research

2017 to present, Council on Social Work Education

2017-2018, AcademyHealth

2016-2017, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

2012-2021, Friends of Togo

2012-2020, National Asian Pacific American Families Against Substance Abuse

# Media Coverage

University of Hawai‘i News. (2024, September 30). [Filipino cultural values drive resilience, empowerment during COVID-19](https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2024/09/03/filipino-cultural-values-covid/)**.**

University of Hawai‘i News. (2024, April 3). [Asian-American social workers witness rise in anti-Asian racism.](https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2024/04/03/rise-in-anti-asian-racism/)

DJ ‘Ono Real Talk Tuesday - KTUH 90.1 FM (2023, June 20). Talk Story about the substance use workforce and deconstructing substance use systems and their role in our communities [radio broadcast].

Filipino Community CARES Radiothon - KNDI 1270 AM, 104.7 FM, 102.5 FM. (2023, May 27). Destigmatizing conversations about Filipino mental health and substance use [radio broadcast].

University of Hawai‘i News. (2023, March 28). [New social work report provides insights into Hawai‘i workforce.](https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2023/03/28/social-work-workforce-report/)

University of Hawai‘i News. (2022, October 12). [Substance use professional development initiative led by social work faculty.](https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2022/10/12/substance-use-workforce-initiative/)

University of Hawai‘i News. (2020, August 6). [Behavioral health hotline providing comprehensive services.](https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2020/08/06/hotline-comprehensive-services/)