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Education

University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Ph.D., Social Work & Political Science, 2017

Concentrations in social service systems, American politics, and research methods

Dissertation: *The Spirit of '96: States and the Implementation of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families*

Dissertation committee: H. Luke Shaefer (co-chair, Social Work), Vincent L. Hutchings (co-chair, Political Science), Sandra K. Danziger (Social Work), Charles R. Shipan (Political Science)

Boston University

Boston, Massachusetts

Master of Social Work, 2005

Concentration: Macro practice

University of Rhode Island

Kingston, Rhode Island

Bachelor of Arts, 2002

Summa Cum Laude

Major: Political Science

Research Interests

Poverty and low-wage work in the United States; evaluation of policies and programs to address poverty in low-income families; social, political, and economic influences on policy and program implementation; durable inequalities; social workers as policy actors

Teaching Interests

History and theory of social welfare policy; poverty and economic inequality; policy design and implementation; program and policy evaluation; methods of social research

Publications

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Krings, A., **Fusaro, V.**, Lee, N.Y., & Nicoll, K. (in press). Social work, politics, and social policy education: Applying a multidimensional framework of power. *Journal of Social Work Education*.

Fusaro, V. & Shaefer, H.L. (2016). How should we define low-wage work? An analysis using the Current Population Survey. *Monthly Labor Review*, October 2016.

Fusaro, V. (2015) Who's left out: Characteristics of households in economic need not receiving public support. *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, 42(3), 65-85.

Contributions to Edited Volumes

Fusaro, V., Bassuk, E., Grandin, M., Guilderson, L., & Hayes, M. (2012). Homeless families: United States. In Smith, S. et al. (eds.), *International Encyclopedia of Housing and Home* (pp. 8-14). Oxford, U.K.: Elsevier.

Book Reviews

Fusaro, V. (in press) *Read my lips: Why Americans are proud to pay taxes* by Vanessa Williamson. *Social Work*.

Evaluation Reports

Fusaro, V. (2009). *Strengthening At Risk and Homeless Young Mothers and Children: Year 2, 2008-2009*. Newton, MA: The National Center on Family Homelessness. <http://www.familyhomelessness.org/media/188.pdf>.

Fusaro, V. (2008). *Strengthening At Risk and Homeless Young Mothers and Children: Year 1, 2007-2008*. Newton, MA: The National Center on Family Homelessness. <http://www.familyhomelessness.org/media/186.pdf>.

Manuscripts in Progress

Revise & Resubmit

Fusaro, V., Levy, H., & Shaefer, H.L. Racial and ethnic disparities in the lifetime prevalence of homelessness in the United States.

Shaefer, H.L., Edin, K., **Fusaro, V.**, & Wu, P. The decline of cash assistance and the well-being of poor children.

Under Review

Fusaro, V. States & cash assistance under Temporary Assistance for Needy Families: Race, politics, and policy structure.

In Preparation

Fusaro, V. Beyond cash assistance: states & Temporary Assistance for Needy Families as a funding stream.

Fusaro, V. & Nicoll, K. Children in immigrant families & participation in public economic support programs.

Fusaro, V. Twenty years of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (invited submission to *Encyclopedia of Social Work*).

Conference Presentations

Fusaro, V. Still a safety net? TANF Cash assistance coverage and state fiscal health. January 2018 oral presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Fusaro, V. The decline of cash assistance: The state politics of TANF-as-funding-stream. November 2017 oral presentation at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Chicago, IL.

Nicoll, K., **Fusaro, V.**, & Wernick, L. Advocating for justice in an age of adversity. October 2017 interactive workshop presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.

Fusaro, V. States and the decline of cash assistance: Race, politics & policy structure under Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. April 2017 oral presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Fusaro, V. & Nicoll, K. Children in immigrant families & economic hardship: Patterns of program participation. January, 2017 poster presentation at the Society for Social Work & Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Fusaro, V. Beyond cash assistance: Race and state TANF spending priorities. January 2016 oral presentation at the Society for Social Work & Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Fusaro, V. State TANF funding priorities & material hardship: Evidence from the Current Population Survey. November 2015 poster presentation at the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Fall Research Conference, Miami, FL.

Fusaro, V. Party polarization in the United States: Implications for advocacy practice & social work education. October 2015 oral presentation at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.

Fusaro, V. Frayed safety net: Households in economic need and non-participation in income support programs. January 2015 poster presentation at the Society for Social Work & Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Fusaro, V. Institutional control & welfare policy change in the American states. April 2014 oral presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Fusaro, V. & Tillotson, A. Symbolic stringency in American welfare policy: State implementation of TANF EBT restrictions. January 2014 poster presentation at the Society for Social Work & Research Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Fusaro, V. & Tillotson, A. Symbolic stringency in American welfare policy: Patterns of rapid diffusion following the passage of the middle class tax relief and job creation act. April 2013 oral presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Fusaro, V. & Lein, L. Low-income non-residential fathers and public support programs. January 2013 oral presentation at the Society for Social Work & Research Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.

Desovich, T., Patton, S. & **Fusaro, V.** POP² (Power of Positive Prevention project): How to sell social norms to your community. July 2007 oral presentation at the National Conference on the Social Norm Approach, Cambridge, MA.

Additional Research Experience

University of Michigan School of Social Work, 2013-2014
Research Assistant for H. Luke Shaefer

University of Michigan School of Social Work, 2011-2012
Research Assistant for Laura Lein

Boston University, 2003-2005
Research Assistant for Maryann Amodeo and Scott Miyake Geron

Additional Research Methods Training

Inter-university Consortium for Social & Political Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research 2011, 2015 (coursework in advanced linear regression, maximum likelihood estimation, rational choice modeling, and Bayesian methods)

American Evaluation Association/Centers for Disease Control Summer Evaluation Institute 2007, 2009

Awards and Honors

Outstanding Social Work Doctoral Dissertation Award 2018 \$1000
Society for Social Work and Research

Doctoral Student Research Poster Award 2017 (for best research poster presented by a student in the University of Michigan Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Social Science)
University of Michigan School of Social Work

Henry J. Meyer Award 2016-2017 (for best paper by a student in the University of Michigan Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Social Science) \$7500
University of Michigan School of Social Work

Robert L. Schneider Dissertation Award 2016 \$1500
Influencing Social Policy

Joint Doctoral Program Grant 2016 (for distinguished achievement in the Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Social Science) \$9000
University of Michigan School of Social Work

Rackham Debt Management Award 2014 (for commitment to public service) \$7500
University of Michigan Rackham School of Graduate Studies

Clara P. & Larry E. Davis Scholarship 2013, \$5000
University of Michigan School of Social Work

Urban Practice Scholarship 2003-2005
Boston University School of Social Work

Grants and Fellowships

Gerald R. Ford Fellowship 2015-2016 \$20,000, 2016-2017 \$24,695
University of Michigan Department of Political Science

Fahs-Beck Scholar 2015 \$5000
Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation

Summer Research Partnership 2013 \$4000, 2014 \$4000
University of Michigan School of Social Work

Rackham Conference Travel Grant 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
University of Michigan Rackham School of Graduate Studies

Rackham Summer Training Grant 2011
University of Michigan Rackham School of Graduate Studies

Teaching Experience

Instructor

Social Welfare System (SCWK 7701), Spring 2018
Boston College School of Social Work

Social Policy Design & Enactment, Fall 2014
University of Michigan School of Social Work

Teaching Assistant

Contemporary Issues in American Politics, Fall 2012, Fall 2013
University of Michigan College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Introduction to American Politics, Winter 2013, Winter 2014
University of Michigan College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

Political Theory, Fall 2001
University of Rhode Island

Additional Teaching Experience

Institute for Social Research/National Science Foundation-Census Research Network
Teaching Assistant
Conducting Research Using the Survey of Income and Program Participation
Summer 2014 (Ann Arbor, MI), Summer 2015 (Suitland, MD)

Tufts University
Guest lecturer
November 20, 2009 for course, *Child and Youth Development: International Perspectives on Children in Exceptionally Difficult Circumstances*

Practice Experience

Research Associate National Center on Family Homelessness 2007-2010

Project manager for national multi-site program evaluation. Responsible for instrument development, data management, and analysis. Conducted focus groups and qualitative interviews with program clients, staff, and leadership. Oversaw on-site data collectors. Developed written products and presentations for a variety of audiences.

Community Health Health Care of Southeastern Massachusetts 2005-2007
Analyst

Designed, conducted, and analyzed data for process and outcome evaluations of substance abuse prevention, suicide prevention, teen pregnancy prevention, and parenting education interventions. Conducted community health needs assessment surveys with eight Massachusetts high schools. Provided training and technical assistance to eleven community coalitions on substance abuse prevention, youth development, needs assessment, and evaluation.

Academic Service

Boston College

Member, Master of Social Work Admissions Committee, 2018

University of Michigan

Chair, University of Michigan School of Social Work Doctoral Students Organization, 2013-2015

Co-coordinator, University of Michigan Interdisciplinary Group on Poverty & Inequality, 2011-2013

Treasurer, University of Michigan School of Social Work Doctoral Students Organization, 2011-2013

Panel chair, University of Michigan Interdisciplinary Group on Poverty & Inequality Graduate Student Conference, 2012

Manuscript reviewer, University of Michigan Interdisciplinary Group on Poverty & Inequality Graduate Student Conference, 2011

External

Member, Grand Challenges for Social Work Extreme Economic Inequality Tax Working Group, 2017-present

Proposal reviewer, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, 2017

Ad hoc reviewer, *Social Forces*

Public Service

Grant review volunteer, United Way of Massachusetts Bay & Merrimack Valley. Evaluated proposals, conducted site visits, and participated in grant review meetings for financial capacity enhancement program initiatives.

Guest instructor, Huron High School introductory economics. Taught three classes on poverty in the United States. March 15, 2017.

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association

Association for Community Organization and Social Administration

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management

Influencing Social Policy

Midwest Political Science Association

Society for Social Work & Research

References

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