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Education

Luskin School of Public Affairs, UCLA expected 2025
PhD, Social Welfare
Advisor: Professor Lee Ann Wang

University of Minnesota 2018
MS, Social Work, Concentration: Community Practice and Nonprofit Management

Gustavus Adolphus College 2014
BA, Political Science and Gender, Women, Sexuality Studies

Publications

Murray, B. J., Copeland V., Dettlaff, A. J. (Forthcoming, Spring 2023). Contradictions and Possibilities of Abolitionist Praxis in Social Work. *Affilia*.

Murray, B.J. (2014). Legislating Lust: A Comparative Analysis of Prostitution Policies in Western and Central Europe. *Proceedings of the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) 2014*, University of Kentucky.

Research Experience

Social Work, White Supremacy and Racial Justice: Reckoning with Our History, Interrogating our Present, Re-Imagining our Future
University of California, Los Angeles
Graduate Research Assistant 2022
Faculty Advisor: Professor Laura Abrams
Curated an edited 40 chapter volume in which a diverse set of authors critically examine social work's history, values, mission, and offer innovation strategies for education and practice, and make a call-to-action for social work to eliminate structural racism in, education, research, practice, and social service institutions and systems.

Police and Social Work Historical Analysis Study 2021-Ongoing
University of Pittsburgh
Research Team Member
Faculty Advisor: Professor Leah Jacobs
Analyzing the historical professional relationship of the law enforcement and social work fields throughout the late 19th century through the mid-1980s. The study traces convergences and divergences of cooperation between the professionals and explores professional identity, emphasizing time periods of civil unrest.

Sanctuary Case Study 2021-Ongoing
UCLA
Principal Investigator
Faculty Advisor: Professor Lee Ann Wang
Explores how local activists, community organizers and social workers came together in an effort to shelter unhoused people from state violence during the mass protests in Minneapolis during the summer of 2020. These efforts provide a location to explore the crux of social work situating itself along the continuum of racial justice movements and examine the potentials of an anti-carceral social work praxis.

Immigrant-Origin Youth Civic Engagement Study 2020-Ongoing
UCLA
Research Team Member
Faculty Advisor: Professor Laura Wray-Lake
Examining how immigrant-origin youth were civically engaged online during three time periods/ overlapping events in 2020: COVID-19, Black Lives Matter uprising, and the election. We explore how their multiple and immigrant identities may have played a role in their engagement by analyzing social media posts and semi-structured interviews. This study remains underway.

Needs Assessment for TakeAction Minnesota 2017 -2018
University of Minnesota
Masters Practicum
Faculty Advisor: Professor Colleen Fischer
Analyzed the activities leading to deeper engagement and political empowerment for membership base of TakeAction Minnesota, community organizing program. Developed and implemented needs assessment survey, emphasizing women of color subgroup in analysis. Found statistically significant evidence indicating women were less likely than men to leave the program feeling empowered to take political action, identifying gender-specific organizing program may be useful moving forward.

Supporting Parents with Disabilities October 2016 - May 2017
University of Minnesota
Research Assistant
Faculty Advisor: Professor Elizabeth Lightfoot
Created a database of support circles and person-centered planning interventions and manuals specific to parents with disabilities, identifying current best practices in the field. Additionally, composed comprehensive nation-wide analysis of legal cases on parents' with disabilities parental rights, identifying discriminatory legal practices.

Presentations

Praxis Interrupted: A Case Study of the Minneapolis Sanctuary Movement 2022
International Grounded Theory Conference

Grants, Awards, Fellowships

UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellow Fellowship to receive mentorship for independent research	2021
Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr. Social Justice Award, UCLA Independent Research Grant	2021
Center for the Study of Women, UCLA Travel Grant	2020

Teaching Experience

University of California, Los Angeles, Luskin School of Public Affairs Teaching Assistant PUB AFF 187: Experiential Learning Capstone	2021- Ongoing
University of Minnesota, School of Social Work Adjunct Instructor SW 8551: Community Assessment and Intervention, Spring Semester	2021
National Association of Social Workers and St. Kate's University Guest Lecturer	
• <i>Political Social Work: What is that?</i>	2019
• <i>Social Workers as Leaders in Public Life</i>	2020
• <i>Social Workers as Leaders in Fundraising</i>	2020

Professional Experience

TakeAction Minnesota Development Manager	2018 - 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Built new grants tracking and relationship management database• Managed all proposal content creation processes and grant writing for nearly 4 million dollar budget (80% of organizational revenue)• Optimized grants administrative process and managed timelines and deliverables• Prospected potential new funding sources and assessed programmatic funding needs• Tracked all grant deliverables, led all reporting processes and quarterly organizational assessments• Project managed large scale annual fundraiser of nearly 800 Attendees• Supported membership program development and coordination• Supported numerous policy and electoral campaigns	
Graduate Social Work Intern	September 2017-May 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initiated and coordinated story collection efforts of membership base	

- Facilitated use of storytelling in organization's political efforts
- Initiated, implemented, and analyzed needs assessment evaluation of membership base
- Created and implemented story collection training for new staff members and volunteers
- Participated in policy tracking, policy research, political actions, and canvassing

Hennepin-University Partnership, University of Minnesota

2017-2018

Graduate Assistant

- Served as liaison between Minnesota's largest research university and the state's largest county
- Catalyzed and facilitated research collaborations and partnerships between leaders of the institutions
- Planned and coordinated events of up to 80 people
- Sustained long-term partnerships of various stakeholders
- Provided high quality project and collaboration management
- Created various promotional materials, newsletters, and annual report
- Created grant application, proposal assessment materials, and facilitated entire annual grant round processes

Center for Community Engaged Learning, University of Minnesota

September 2016-April 2017

Graduate Social Work Intern

- Coordinated with service-learning classes to assign them with service-learning placements and provide support
- Advised students in scholars program and provided feedback on required reflections
- Facilitated service-learning trainings for students to prepare them for their placements
- Gathered and evaluated feedback from student participants, community partners, and university faculty
- Initiated development of online training module for service-learners
- Assisted with tracking program data and student progress within database

Cornerstone Advocacy Services

2014-2016

School-Based Violence Prevention Advocate

- Provided counseling, advocacy, and support to individual students referred to services
- Assisted in identification, progression and completion of goals established for each youth
- Developed and presented anti-violence education curriculum to students and staff in Northwest Hennepin area schools
- Spear-headed expansion of services and establish programming in Northwest Hennepin schools
- Worked in compliance with school policies and procedures
- Performed assessment and evaluation for grant funders of all services provided
- Assisted with annual Camp Peacemaker curriculum each summer and served as camp counselor

Leadership and Service

Abolitionist Perspectives in Social Work Journal

2022-Present

Editorial Board Member

- Reviewed academic journal articles

- Attended bi-annual journal advisory meetings

National Association of Social Workers, Minnesota Chapter

2018-2020

Board Member

- Served as co-chair of social policy action network
- Organized social workers to track and advocate for key policies throughout legislative session
- Designed survey of membership base to assess legislative priorities
- Assisted with the execution of annual social work lobby day with nearly 1000 attendees
- Presented 2 webinars on political social work to chapter members

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January 2021 -September 2021

Board Member

- Advised on network building to increase volunteer base and engagement for nonprofit focused on supporting BIPOC children and families
- Assisted in strategic planning and building fundraising strategy

University of Minnesota, School of Social Work

January 2018-May 2018

Community Practice Curriculum Committee Member

- Reviewed and advised on revisions to community practice concentration graduate curriculum