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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2023 (expected)

Social Welfare – Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work

Dissertation: *Affordable Housing and Healthy Aging in the Current Long-Term Care Landscape*

Committee: Stephanie Robert (Chair), Marah Curtis, Tracy Schroepfer, & Marguerite Burns

Master of Social Work, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, 2012

Concentration: Gerontology

Specialization: Research

Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, University of Iowa School of Social Work, 2008

Second Major: Psychology

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2022 **Teaching Excellence Award** (\$1,000 monetary prize), *Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison*
This award is given to a doctoral student who demonstrates talent and dedication in teaching.
- 2022 **Most Influential Manuscript Focused on Social and Economic Justice** (\$500 monetary prize), *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*
Jenkins Morales, M., Miller, V. J., & Hamler, T. (2022) Dismantling systemic racism in long-term services and supports: A call to action for social workers. *The Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 65(2), 121-128.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01634372.2021.1942375>
- 2021 **Doctoral Student Leadership Award**, *Association of Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGESW)*
This national award is given to a doctoral student who demonstrates strong leadership in social work education and aging.
- 2021 **Doctoral Student Research Paper Competition Award** (\$1,000 monetary prize), *Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Jenkins Morales, M. & Robert, S. A. (2020). The effects of housing cost burden and housing tenure on moves to a nursing home among low- and moderate-income older adults. *The Gerontologist*, 60(8), 1485-1494.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnaa052>

- 2020 **Irving Piliavin Award** (\$2,000 monetary prize), *Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison*
This award is given to a doctoral student for demonstrating commitment to the use of statistical research methods to support solutions to real-world problems.
- 2019 **New Investigator Award** (\$300 monetary prize), *Institute on Aging, University of Wisconsin-Madison*
This award is given to a UW-Madison student or advanced trainee to recognize outstanding achievement in aging or life course studies.

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021-present **Research Fellow**, *Center for Financial Security, University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Nominated and unanimously approved by the Steering Committee to join a group of leading researchers from over 20 disciplines whose work relates to financial security.
- 2017-present **Graduate Research Fellow** (\$725 annually for research support), *Institute of Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Interdisciplinary training program for doctoral students whose research focuses on issues related to poverty and inequality.
- 2018 **Pre-Dissertation Fellow** (\$1,200 conference travel grant), *Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work*
Selected for doctoral student training program led by nationally recognized faculty in gerontological social work at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting.
- 2008-2010 **Turning the Tide Fellow**, *Public Allies and Alliance for Children & Families*
Selected for a national training program committed to advancing social justice and equity by engaging and activating leadership in young people.

GRANTS

- Pending *Housing Assistance & Unmet Care Needs: Identifying Disparities & Changes Over Time Among Low-Income Older Renters*
Social Security Administration (\$70,054 requested)
Role: **Principal Investigator** (Dissertation Study)
Dissertation Chair & Co-Principal Investigator: Dr. Stephanie Robert
- 2021-2022 *The Geography of Long-Term Care: Implications for SSI and Understanding Disparities in Living Arrangements Among Older Adults*
Social Security Administration (\$141,774)
Role: **Researcher**
Principal Investigators: Dr. Mary Hamman & Dr. Stephanie Robert

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Refereed Journals

Jenkins Morales, M. & Robert, S. A. (2022). Examining consequences related to unmet care needs across the long-term care continuum. *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*, 77(1), S63-S73. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gbab210>

Jenkins Morales, M. & Robert, S. A. (2022). Housing cost burden and health decline among low- and moderate-income older renters. *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*, 77(4), 815-826. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gbab184>

Jenkins Morales, M., Miller, V. J., & Hamler, T. (2022) Dismantling systemic racism in long-term services and supports: A call to action for social workers. *The Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 65(2), 121-128. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01634372.2021.1942375>

Fortuna, K. L., Myers, A., Brinen, A., Mois, G., Bianco, C., Hamilton, J., **Jenkins Morales, M.**, & Bartels, S. J. (2021). Advancing the science of recovery: The utility of the Recovery Assessment Scale in the prediction of self-directed health and wellness outcomes in adults with a diagnosis of a serious mental illness. *Psychiatric Quarterly*, 93, 443-452. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11126-021-09963-2>

Jenkins Morales, M. & Robert, S. A. (2020). The effects of housing cost burden and housing tenure on moves to a nursing home among low- and moderate-income older adults. *The Gerontologist*, 60(8), 1485-1494. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnaa052>

Jenkins Morales, M. & Robert, S. A. (2020). Black-white disparities in moves to assisted living and nursing homes among older Medicare beneficiaries. *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*, 75(9), 1972-1982. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gbz141>

Jenkins Morales, M., King, M. D., Hiler, H., Coopwood, M. S., & Wayland, S. (2014). The greater St. Louis LGBT health and human services needs assessment: An examination of the Silent and Baby Boom generations. *Journal of Homosexuality*, 61(1), 103-128. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00918369.2013.835239>

Article also featured in: B. De Vries & C. F. Croghan (Eds.), *Community-Based Research on LGBT Aging* (pp. 103-128). London, England: Routledge.

Invited Articles in Non-Refereed Journals

Robert, S. A. & **Jenkins Morales, M.** (2021). Addressing health equity for older adults at the neighborhood level. *Generations*, 45(2). <https://generations.asaging.org/health-equity-elders-neighborhood-level>

Reports and Other Publications

Jenkins Morales, M. & Robert, S. A. (2020, Fall/Winter). Racial Disparities in Moving to Nursing Homes vs. Assisted Living. *Institute on Aging Newsletter*. Retrieved from <https://aging.wisc.edu/aging-news/>

Moses, T. & **Jenkins Morales, M.** (2017). *Final Report: 2016-2017 Behavioral Health in Schools Impact Survey*. The University of Wisconsin-Madison Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work.

Jenkins Morales, M. (2012, November 15). *Results and Implications of the St. Louis LGBT Older Adults Needs Assessment*. Retrieved from <http://www.asaging.org/blog/results-and-implications-st-louis-lgbt-older-adults-needs-assessment>

Jenkins, M. & Frieswick, J. (2012). *Final Report: Dementia Friendly Hospital Initiative Program Evaluation*. Alzheimer's Association St. Louis Chapter.

Jenkins, M., Greenfield, J.C., & Morrow-Howell, N. (2012). *Final Report: Second National Survey*. The OASIS Institute and the Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Jenkins Morales, M. & Robert, S. A. (May 27, 2021). Examining Consequences Related to Unmet Care Needs Across the Long-Term Care Continuum. NHATS 10th Anniversary Virtual Conference.

Jenkins Morales, M. & Robert, S. A. (January 22, 2021). Examining Black-White Disparities in Experiencing Unmet Care Need Consequences Across Community-Based Care Arrangements. Society for Social Work Research, Virtual Conference.

Jenkins Morales, M. & Robert, S. A. (November 5, 2020). Examining Consequences Related to Unmet Care Needs Across the Long-Term Care Continuum. Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Virtual Conference.

Jenkins Morales, M. & Robert, S. A. (January 19, 2020). Housing Cost Burden and Health Decline Among Older Adults. Society for Social Work Research, Washington, D.C.

Jenkins Morales, M. & Robert, S. A. (November 13, 2019). Looking Upstream: The Association Between Affordable Housing, Nursing Home Use and Unmet Care Needs in the Community. Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Austin, TX.

Jenkins Morales, M. & Robert, S. A. (September 27, 2019). The Association Between Housing Cost Burden, Unmet Care Needs and Nursing Home Entry Among Community-Dwelling Older Adults. Annual Colloquium on Aging, Madison, WI.

Jenkins Morales, M. & Robert, S. A. (January 18, 2019). Disparities in Unmet Care Needs and Long-Term Care Transitions Among Older Renters Versus Homeowners. Society for Social Work Research, San Francisco, CA.

Jenkins Morales, M. & Robert, S. A. (November 15, 2018). Social Determinants of Transition out of Community Residence to Assisted Living and Nursing Homes Among Older Adults. Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Boston, MA.

- Jenkins Morales, M.** & Robert, S. A. (October 25, 2018). Examining Potential Income and Black/White Disparities in Access to Long-Term Care Options for Older Adults. Annual Colloquium on Aging, Madison, WI.
- Siegel, K., **Jenkins Morales, M.**, Moses, T., & Curti, A. (October 23, 2017). The Greatness and Challenges in Providing Integrated Mental Health Services in Schools: Lessons from the Field. National Association of Social Workers Wisconsin Chapter Annual Conference, Madison, WI.
- Clark, K., Orr, N., Russell, J., & **Jenkins Morales, M.** (July 14, 2015). Engaging and Preparing the Next Generation of Leaders to Advocate for Aging Issues. National Association of Area Agencies on Aging Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Lee, K., & **Jenkins Morales, M.** (March, 22, 2015). Home-Delivered Meals Satisfaction Survey Results among Older Adults in Suburban Cook County Illinois. American Society on Aging, Chicago, IL.
- Cahill, K., & **Jenkins Morales, M.** (March 22, 2015). Visualize How to Improve Your Community Based Program: The Power of Creating Free Interactive Maps. American Society on Aging Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Lee, K., & **Jenkins Morales, M.** (January 15, 2015). Home-Delivered Meals Program: A Promising Intervention for Suburban Older Adults Living Alone. Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Jenkins Morales, M.**, Coniglio, R., & Mitchell, J. (December 13, 2013). Emergency Preparedness: Collaboration is the KEY. Governor's Conference on Aging and Disability, Chicago, IL.
- Jenkins Morales, M.**, Goldbaum, C., Reko, R., & McClain, A. (December 12, 2013). Discovering the Assets and Benefits of Older Professional Level Volunteers. Governor's Conference on Aging and Disability, Chicago, IL.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2021-present **Doctoral Research Assistant**, *Center for Financial Security, University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Working with an interdisciplinary team of researchers to examine racial inequities in access to long-term care options using a national longitudinal business database.
- 2018-2021 **Doctoral Research Assistant**, *Center for Demography of Health and Aging, University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Worked with Dr. Stephanie Robert using restricted data from the National Health and Aging Trends Study (NHATS) to examine social and economic disparities among older adults.

- 2017-2018 **Doctoral Project Assistant**, *Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison*
Assisted Dr. Tally Moses with the data analysis and management of the Behavioral Health in Schools program evaluation funded by the Wisconsin Partnership Program.
- 2011-2012 **Graduate Project Assistant**, *Center for Aging, Washington University in St. Louis*
Worked with Dr. Nancy Morrow-Howell on the program evaluation of a national volunteer program.
- 2010-2011 **Field Interviewer**, *Center for Violence and Injury Prevention, Washington University in St. Louis*
Administered caregiver interviews and child development screens to families connected to the child welfare system. Worked with the research team to streamline recruitment, interview, and data entry processes.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2019-present **Adjunct Faculty**, *Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work Part-Time MSW Program, Madison, WI*
Independently teach the MSW advanced practice course SW821: Social Work Practice in Aging in Mental Health.
- 2016-present **Guest Lecturer**, *Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, Madison, WI*
Invited to present in undergraduate and graduate-level courses on the following topics: older adults and substance mis/use, the Older Americans Act, and systemic racism in long-term services and supports.
- Spring 2021 **Instructional Designer**, *Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work Part-Time MSW Program, Madison, WI*
Developed a hybrid version of the course Social Work Practice in Aging and Mental Health that incorporates both in-person and online learning modules.
- 2016-2017 **Teaching Assistant**, *Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, Madison, WI*
Assisted Lucas Moore with the undergraduate course SW453: Social Work and Substance Use Disorders.

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Post-MSW Experience

- 2014-2016 **Manager of Benefits, Information & Education**, *AgeOptions, Oak Park, IL*
Led a team of social workers on federal, state and foundation funded projects that reached approximately 81,000 older adults and people with disabilities in 2014.
- 2012-2014 **Planning Specialist**, *AgeOptions, Oak Park, IL*
Facilitated listening sessions with diverse groups of participants to identify strengths and gaps in the aging network. Analyzed program, census, and

funding formula data to identify trends and make informed recommendations for planning, program design and advocacy.

Post-BSW Experience

- 2011-2012 **Graduate Intern, Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE), St. Louis**
Co-facilitated an LGBT friendly grief support group. Secured grant funding for the SAGE friendly visitor program. Analyzed and disseminated needs assessment data from an online survey tool.
- 2011-2012 **Family Services and Education Intern, Alzheimer's Association, St. Louis, MO**
Provided support and guidance to individuals with dementia and family members on the Helpline. Led family and professional education classes in a variety of settings. Analyzed program evaluation data of the Dementia Friendly Hospital Initiative at five major hospitals.
- 2010-2012 **Clinical Interviewer, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO**
Assessed active duty military personnel for PTSD and depression using the Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale (CAPS) and Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale (MADRS).
- 2008-2010 **Mental Health Professional, Rice Child and Family Center, Evanston, IL**
Provided emotional and environmental support to children with a history of severe trauma. Served as an Educational Surrogate Parent in the school setting.

Undergraduate Experience

- 2008 **Medical Social Work Intern, University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, Iowa City, IA**
Conducted psychosocial assessments in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and collaborated with a multidisciplinary team to ensure continuity of care in discharge planning.
- 2006-2008 **Crisis Intervention Program Volunteer, Crisis Center, Iowa City, IA**
Provided over 300 hours of crisis intervention counseling and referrals to community resources.

CERTIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2021 **TeachOnline@UW Certificate, University of Wisconsin-Madison**
Completed an online curriculum and participated in a learning community to design and teach quality online courses.
- 2015 **Options Counseling Certificate, Center for Aging and Disability Education and Research, Boston University School of Social Work**
Completed certificate program on options counseling designed to support self-determination and connection to a range of community resources for older adults and people with disabilities.

2008 **Iowa N.E.W. Leadership**, *Women's Resource & Action Center, University of Iowa*
Selected for an intensive institute designed to empower women in all sectors
of public leadership.

SELECTED SERVICE EXPERIENCE

2020-present **Social Workers Confronting Racial Injustice Planning Committee Member**,
Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, Madison, WI

2018-2022 **Doctoral Student Mentor**, *Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work, Madison, WI*

2020-2022 **Board Member**, *Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGESW)*

2018-2020 **Field Education Committee Member**, *Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work,
Madison, WI*

2017-2019 **Doctoral Student Advisor**, *BSW Chapter of the Phi Alpha Honor Society, Sandra
Rosenbaum School of Social Work, Madison, WI*

2017-2018 **Curriculum Committee Member**, *Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work,
Madison, WI*

2016-2017 **Pro Bono Consultant**, *National Resource Center on LGBT Aging, New York, NY*

2015-2016 **Benefits Access Workgroup Member**, *Illinois Commission to End Hunger, Chicago,
IL*

2013-2015 **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee Member**, *AgeOptions, Oak Park, IL*

2012-2014 **Leadership Core**, *Chicago Bridge, Chicago, IL*

2012 **Research Without Walls Committee Co-Chair**, *Brown School of Social Work, St.
Louis, MO*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGESW)
Gerontological Society of America (GSA)
Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences (IAPHS)
Society for Social Work & Research (SSWR)