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## **EDUCATION**

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2016, Spring	B.A., Psychology, San Francisco State University
2018, May	MSW., Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University
2019, August	PhD., Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University Older Adults' Health Path Analysis

## **PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS**

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2022-Present	Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track), Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University
2021-2022	Methodology Center Coordinator, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University

## **RESEARCH INTEREST**

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His research focuses on developing and applying mathematical modeling methods to evaluate public health and social issues in disparities in accessing healthcare and social resources. Using both qualitative and quantitative approaches, he examines gaps in accessing both quality and affordability of healthcare. Also, investigates barriers to accessing mainstream financial products and promotes multi-generational workplaces in the social context.

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

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Aaron H. Beckerman Research Award (2018, May)

First place award in the annual Center for Healthy Aging in Multicultural Populations (CHAMP) student poster competition (2015, April)

## **EXTERNAL & CONTRACT FUNDING**

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2025-2026 (awarded)	<b>Principal Investigator</b> Mother Cabrini Health Foundation – Mental and Behavioral Health Grant Evaluation Study: The Impact of Virtual Senior Center on Older Adults' Well-being. Total: \$100,000
2023-2025 (awarded)	<b>Co – Investigator</b> Center for Rural Pennsylvania A comparative Analysis of Job

Urban caseworkers in Pennsylvania's Child Welfare Agencies  
Total: \$17,190

2020-2024  
*(awarded)*      **Consultant** (PIs: Drs. Mingon Kang, Ji Yoo, University of Nevada, Las Vegas)  
The Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services Minority Research Program (CMS)  
'Ethnic-Specific opioid risk prediction in primary care using deep learning.'  
Total: \$300,000

**INTERNAL GRANT FUNDING**

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2024-2025  
*(awarded)*      **Principal Investigator**  
Yeshiva University: Faculty Research Fund  
Connected and Engaged: Exploring the Impact of Online Programming on Older  
Adults' Well-Being  
Total: \$3,000

2022-2023  
*(awarded)*      **Principal Investigator**  
Yeshiva University: Faculty Research Fund  
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study. *American Journal of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation*, 102(8), 715-719.

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- [4] **Lee, S.R** & Kim, L.S<sup>2</sup> (2022). Co-residence of Older Parents and Adult Children Benefits Older Adults' Psychological well-being: Path Analysis. *International Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*.

[12] Kim, Y.M., Kovarie, G., **Lee, S.R.** (2023). Identifying the predictors of turnover intentions

San Francisco, CA.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Public Health Association (APHA)  
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)  
Gerontological Society of America (GSA)  
Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)  
State Society on Aging of New York (SSA)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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2024-presnet Judging Panel for Students Awards, Gerontological Society of America (GSA) – Aging among Asians (AAA)

2023-present Associate editor, Journal for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology

2023-present Research Sharing Committee (KR Talk), Korean American Social Work Educators Association (KASWEA)  
Elected Chair for 2025-2027

2023-present Professional Development Committee, Korean American Social Work Educators Association (KASWEA)

2023-2024 Guest Associate editor, Frontiers in Public Health | Aging and Public Health

## **UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

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2023-present Yeshiva University: Sequence Chair, Electives

2023-present Yeshiva University: Continuing Education committee

2023-present Yeshiva University: PhD program Steering committee

2022 Yeshiva University: CSWE conferences workshop

2021-2024 Yeshiva University: Doctoral Research (“Bootcamp”) – Developed the program to supervise dissertation and to provide mentorship, coordinating workshops and writing center for PhD students, as well as IRB liaison.

## **RESEARCH PROJECTS**

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2024 The Retirement Research Foundation (RRF) | Foundation for Research Enhancing Older Adults’ Quality of Life through Digital Means: A Longitudinal Study. (*Not awarded*)

2024 Creating Ambassadors to an Aging Society Through Intergenerational Community Engagement. (*Not awarded*)

Spencer Grant  
Co-Investigator with Dr. Levy-Storms, Lené (UCLA)

- 2023-present Using Virtual Reality Technology to Improve Experiential Learning in Online Classes (PI: Dr. Hanni B. Flaherty)  
Co-author with Drs., Henshaw, L.A., Bekerman, N., Auerbach, C.
- 2022 Nevada Interprofessional Health Aging Network (NIHAN) Development and optimization of the age-friendly healthcare system.  
Consultant & Training personnel (PI: Dr. Yoo Ji, University of Nevada, Las Vegas) (*Not awarded*)
- 2021 Opioid Safety Climate: Education and Patient Centered Approach  
Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PICORI)  
Co-Investigator with Dr. SeWon Lee (*Not awarded*)
- 2017-2019 Investigating the effectiveness of the school safety systems on student connectedness and school performance.  
National Institute Justice, R01 (PI: Dr. Matthew J Cuellar)  
Research Coordinator
- 2014-2016 Cognition and Aging Lab (PI: Dr. Sarah J Barber)  
Department of Psychology, San Francisco State University  
Research Assistant
- 2015 Cognitive Psychophysiology Lab (PI: Dr. Mark Geisler)  
Department of Psychology, San Francisco State University  
Project “*Your brain on stereotypes: Social context biases early cortical attention.*”  
Research Assistant

## **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

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- 2020-2021 HCA Healthcare Center, Graduate Medical Education  
2019-2020 Kei Ai LA Health Center  
2017-2018 Triboro Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing, Social Work Intern  
2016-2017 Selfhelp, Inc., Latimer Garden Senior Center & Virtual Senior Center, Intern

## **INSTRUCTOR of RECORD**

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- [7] Social Practice School – Master’s level  
Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University
- [6] Social Gerontology – Master’s level  
Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University
- [5] Social Work Practice and Evaluation Research – Master’s Level  
Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University

- [4] Dissertation Proposal Seminar I & II – PhD level  
Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University
- [3] Strategies of Inquiry Qualitative and Quantitative Research – Ph.D. Level  
Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University
- [2] Fundamentals of Applied Statistics – Ph.D. Level  
Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University
- [1] Social Work Practice with Older Adults – Guest Lecture  
Department of Social Work, University of South Dakota (Dr. Roh Soonhee)  
School of Social Work, University of Alaska (Dr. Matthew J Cuellar)

### **GRADUATE STUDENT DISSERTATION COMMITTEE**

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#### **Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Chair**

##### **In progress:**

2024	Molly Miskiewicz	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2023	Maria Kazaki	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2023	Charmain Williams	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work

#### **Ph.D. Dissertation Committee member**

##### **Completed:**

2024	Francine Plata	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2024	Maryann Ponton	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2024	Sumantha Sen	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2024	Nakia Miller	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2022	Howard Chi	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2022	Melanie Zuckerman	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2022	Hannah Phillip	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2021	Michele Bialeck	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work

##### **In progress:**

2024	Defny Gamboa	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2024	Shira Silton	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2024	Perl Stein	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2023	Sheila Singleton	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work