

Kelley Fong
Department of Sociology
University of California, Irvine
kelly.fong@uci.edu

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine, 2026–

Affiliations: Center for Organizational Research; Center for Population, Inequality, and Policy;
Center for the Study of Democracy; Initiative to End Family Violence

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine, 2022–2026

Assistant Professor, School of History and Sociology, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2020–2022

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology and Social Policy, Harvard University, 2020

A.M., Sociology, Harvard University, 2016

B.A., American Studies and History, Stanford University, 2009

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Fong, Kelley. 2023. *Investigating Families: Motherhood in the Shadow of Child Protective Services*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. [[Link](#)]

- Herbert Jacob Book Prize (Co-Winner), Law and Society Association (LSA)
- William J. Goode Book Award, American Sociological Association (ASA) Family Section
- Outstanding Book Award, ASA Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section
- Honorable Mention, Ida B. Wells-Barnett Distinguished Book Award, ASA Crime, Law, and Deviance Section
- Finalist, Media for a Just Society Book Award, Evident Change

Academic Articles

White, Ariel, Marie-Pascale Grimon, Rebecca Goldstein, and **Kelley Fong** (equal authorship). Forthcoming. “Child Welfare System Contact and Voting.” *Journal of Politics*. [[Accepted Manuscript](#)]

Chiarello, Elizabeth, **Kelley Fong**, and Josh Seim (equal authorship). 2026. “Handing Off: Frontline Redistribution of Work.” *American Sociological Review* 91(4):651–673. [[Link](#)]

Fong, Kelley, and Nora McCarthy. 2026. “Child Protective Services as Gateway and Gatekeeper in the New Welfare State.” *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 12(1):122–143. [[Link](#)]

Edwards, Frank, **Kelley Fong**, and Robert Apel. 2025. “Foster Care and Child Maltreatment Mortality Rates in the U.S.” *JAMA Network Open* 8(12):e2551677. [[Link](#)]

Fong, Kelley, and Hope Harvey (equal authorship). 2025. “When the House Finds You: Spontaneous Opportunities in the Housing ‘Search.’” *Social Problems*. [[Advance Article Link](#)]

Sheely, Amanda, Frank Edwards, and **Kelley Fong**. 2025. "Children's Pathways of Exposure to Child Protective Services Over the Life Course and by Race/Ethnicity." *Population Research and Policy Review* 40(2):20. [\[Link\]](#)

Self-Brown, Shannon, Ashley Watson, **Kelley Fong**, Hannah Espeleta, Lindsey Bullinger, Daniel J. Whitaker, Manderley Recinos, Michelle Ogrodnick, Connie Olwit, and Michaela Cotner. 2024. "A Comparison of Virtual Versus In-Person Delivery of SafeCare on Parent and Implementation Outcomes." *Child Abuse & Neglect* 154:106951. [\[Link\]](#)

Fong, Kelley. 2024. "I Know How It Feels: Empathy and Reluctance to Mobilize Legal Authorities." *Social Problems* 71(1):291–307. [\[Link\]](#)

- Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity

Chizeck, Seth, **Kelley Fong**, Rebecca Goldstein, and Ariel R. White (equal authorship). 2023. "Political Underrepresentation Among Public Benefits Recipients: Evidence from Linked Administrative Data." *Urban Affairs Review* 60(1):420–34. [\[Link\]](#)

Edwards, Frank, **Kelley Fong**, Victoria Copeland, Mical Raz, and Alan J. Dettlaff. 2023. "Administrative Burdens in Child Welfare Systems." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 9(5):214–31. [\[Link\]](#)

Bullinger, Lindsey Rose, Julia Fleckman, and **Kelley Fong**. 2021. "Proximity to SNAP-Authorized Retailers and Child Maltreatment Reports." *Economics and Human Biology* 42:101015. [\[Link\]](#)

Bullinger, Lindsey Rose, and **Kelley Fong**. 2021. "Evictions and Neighborhood Child Maltreatment Reports." *Housing Policy Debate* 31(3):490–515. [\[Link\]](#)

Fong, Kelley. 2020. "Getting Eyes in the Home: Child Protective Services Investigations and State Surveillance of Family Life." *American Sociological Review* 85(4):610–38. [\[Link\]](#)

- Article of the Year Award, ASA Family Section
- Publication Award, ASA Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Section

Darrah-Okike, Jennifer, Hope Harvey, and **Kelley Fong**. 2020. "'Because the World Consists of Everybody': Understanding Parents' Preferences for Neighborhood Diversity." *City & Community* 19(2):374–97. [\[Link\]](#)

Harvey, Hope, **Kelley Fong**, Kathryn Edin, and Stefanie DeLuca. 2020. "Forever Homes and Temporary Stops: Housing Search Logics and Residential Selection." *Social Forces* 98(4):1498–1523. [\[Link\]](#)

Fong, Kelley. 2019. "Concealment and Constraint: Child Protective Services Fears and Poor Mothers' Institutional Engagement." *Social Forces* 97(4):1785–1810. [\[Link\]](#)

- Candace Rogers Student Paper Award, Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)
- Student Paper Award, Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

Fong, Kelley. 2019. "Neighborhood Inequality in the Prevalence of Reported and Substantiated Child Maltreatment." *Child Abuse & Neglect* 90:13–21. [\[Link\]](#)

Fong, Kelley. 2019. "Subject to Evaluation: How Parents Assess and Mobilize Information from Social Networks in School Choice." *Sociological Forum* 34(1):158–80. [\[Link\]](#)

Fong, Kelley, and Sarah Faude. 2018. "Timing is Everything: Late Registration and Stratified Access to School Choice." *Sociology of Education* 91(3):242–62. [\[Link\]](#)

- Student Paper Award, SSSP Educational Problems Division

Fong, Kelley. 2017. "Child Welfare Involvement and Contexts of Poverty: The Role of Parental Adversities, Social Networks, and Social Services." *Children and Youth Services Review* 72:5–13. [\[Link\]](#)

Fong, Kelley, Rachel A. Wright, and Christopher Wimer. 2016. “The Cost of Free Assistance: Why Low-Income Individuals Do Not Access Food Pantries.” *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare* 43(1):71–93. [\[Link\]](#)

Book Chapter

Fong, Kelley, and AshLee Smith. 2025. “‘We’re All Working Together’: Interinstitutional Collaborations between Police and Child Protective Services.” Pp. 193–212 in *Policing Not Protecting Families: The Child Welfare System as Poverty Governance*, edited by Jennifer Randles and Kerry Woodward. [\[Link\]](#)

Other Writing

White, Shereen A., and **Kelley Fong**. 2026. “Pete Buttigieg’s Darkest Hours Reveal a Hidden Reality of Child Welfare Investigations.” Blog post for Children’s Rights. [\[Link\]](#)

Fong, Kelley. 2026. “How California Reduced Foster Care Without Risking Kids.” *The Sacramento Bee / Fresno Bee / Modesto Bee* [\[Link\]](#)

Fong, Kelley. 2025. “Tax Changes in the Federal Budget Bill Are a Disaster for Many American Families.” *The Fulcrum* [\[Link\]](#)

Fong, Kelley, and Mical Raz. 2025. “Burdensome Care.” *Southwestern Law Review* 53(2):218–25. [\[Link\]](#)

Fong, Kelley. 2023. “More Runway, Less Tightrope: Moving Away from Insecurity and Isolation in Child Protection.” *Family Justice Journal*. [\[Link\]](#)

Fong, Kelley. 2023. “The Cascading Costs of a Child Protective Services Call.” Princeton University Press *Ideas*. [\[Link\]](#)

Fong, Kelley. 2023. “‘No Matter What I Do, I’m Not in Control’: What Happens When the State Takes Your Child.” *The Guardian*. [\[Link\]](#)

Fong, Kelley. 2023. “Don’t Take the Wrong Lessons After Toddler’s Death.” *Hartford Courant*. [\[Link\]](#)

Fong, Kelley. 2023. “The Maternal Control Complex.” *Law & Political Economy Blog*. [\[Link\]](#)

Fong, Kelley. 2023. “ASFA Is a Dangerous Tool in an Arbitrary System.” *The Imprint*. [\[Link\]](#)

Fong, Kelley. 2022. “Trans Families in Texas Are Right: DFPS Investigations Inflict Trauma.” *The Dallas Morning News*. [\[Link\]](#)

Bullinger, Lindsey Rose, **Kelley Fong**, and Ashley Watson. 2022. “Virtual Delivery in Home Visiting: Insights from Administrative, Survey, and Focus Group Data.” Brief prepared for National SafeCare Training and Research Center. [\[Link\]](#)

Fong, Kelley. 2022. “‘Like a Trap’: Mandatory Reporting and Dilemmas of Help-Seeking.” *Family Integrity and Justice Quarterly*.

Fong, Kelley. 2022. “Morality Infuses Ideas About Reporting Victimization to Authorities – But Not Always in the Way We Might Presume.” ASA Section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Newsletter.

Fong, Kelley. 2020. “We Shouldn’t Rely on Child Protective Services To Address Family Adversity.” *The Imprint*. [\[Link\]](#)

Fong, Kelley. 2020. “‘The Tool We Have’: Why Child Protective Services Investigates So Many Families and How Even Good Intentions Backfire.” Briefing paper prepared for the Council on Contemporary Families. [\[Link\]](#)

Fong, Kelley. 2019. “When DCF Arrives: Intake Participants’ Perceptions and Perspectives.” Brief prepared for Connecticut Department of Children and Families.

Fong, Kelley. 2019. “Neighborhood Inequality in Reported and Substantiated Maltreatment in Connecticut.” Brief prepared for Connecticut Department of Children and Families, Division of Quality and Planning. [[Link](#)]

Fong, Kelley. 2016. “Encouraging Parental Trust and Honesty to Promote Food Security for All Children” (Letter to the Editor). *Pediatrics* 137(4). [[Link](#)]

Fong, Kelley. 2014. “Parents Navigating BPS Kindergarten Registration and Choice.” Brief prepared for Boston Public Schools Office of Welcome Services.

Mayer, Alexander K., Oscar Cerna, Dan Cullinan, **Kelley Fong**, Elizabeth Zachry Rutschow, and Davis Jenkins. 2014. *Moving Ahead with Institutional Change: Lessons from the First Round of Achieving the Dream Community Colleges*. New York: MDRC. [[Link](#)]

Fong, Kelley and Mary G. Visser. 2013. *Fast Forward: A Case Study of Two Community College Programs Designed to Accelerate Students Through Developmental Math*. New York: MDRC. [[Link](#)]

AWARDS

Herbert Jacob Book Prize (Co-Winner), LSA, 2024

William J. Goode Book Award, ASA Family Section, 2024

Outstanding Book Award, ASA Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section, 2024

Honorable Mention, Ida B. Wells-Barnett Distinguished Book Award, ASA Crime, Law, and Deviance Section, 2024

Finalist, Media for a Just Society Book Award, Evident Change, 2024

Outstanding Teaching Award, UC Irvine School of Social Sciences, Spring 2024

Student Recognition of Excellence in Teaching: CIOS Honor Roll, Georgia Tech, 2022

Article of the Year Award, ASA Family Section, 2021

Publication Award, ASA Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Section, 2021

Faculty Excellence in Research Award, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, Georgia Tech, 2021

Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity, 2020

Student Paper Award, SSSP Educational Problems Division, 2017

Candace Rogers Student Paper Award, ESS, 2017

Student Paper Award, SSSP Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division, 2016

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University, 2016

FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

“Parenting and Political (Dis)Engagement” (\$3,600). Seed Grant, Jack W. Peltason Center for the Study of Democracy, 2026

National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2025–2027

“Understanding Educators’ Perspectives on Mandatory Reporting” (\$5,000). Seed Grant, UCI Center for Population, Inequality, and Policy, 2023–2024

“The Next Generation of Evidence-Based Home Visiting Services: Learning from COVID-19 Pandemic Experiences with Virtual Delivery” (\$80,000, Co-PI with Lindsey Bullinger). Research to Action Grant, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, 2021–2022

“Challenging Motherhood: Child Protective Services and Families Facing Adversity” (\$7,500). Small Grant for Research, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, Georgia Tech, 2021

“Housing Insecurity and Child Well-Being: A National Analysis” (\$12,204, Co-PI with Lindsey Bullinger). Special Opportunity for Faculty Development Activities, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, Georgia Tech, 2021

Doris Duke Fellowship for the Promotion of Child Well-Being, 2016–2018

Julius B. Richmond Fellowship, Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University, 2016–2017

“The Role of Late Registration in School Choice Inequality” (\$2,300, with Sarah Faude). Research Seed Grant, Boston Area Research Initiative, 2016

“The Spatial Dynamics of Child Welfare System Involvement” (\$3,000). Summer Predissertation Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, 2015

Doctoral Fellowship, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy, 2014–2020

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2014–2019

“Understanding Boston Public Schools Late Registrants” (\$1,000). Graduate Seed Grant, Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University, 2014

“How Boston Kindergarten Parents Navigate School Choice and Registration” (\$3,500). Joblessness and Urban Poverty Research Program, Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy, Harvard University, 2014

SELECTED ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

“Investigating Families: Motherhood in the Shadow of Child Protective Services” (and other titles)

- Center for the Study of Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley, 2025
- Factor-Inwetsch Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto, 2025
- Bissell-Heyd Symposium, University of Toronto, 2025
- Department of Sociology, University of Southern California, 2025
- Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics, Arizona State University, 2025
- Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, 2024
- Crime, Law, and Punishment Workshop, NYU/Columbia University, 2023
- Department of Sociology, University of Illinois – Chicago, 2023
- CUNY Law School, 2023 (in conversation with Babe Howell)
- Child Well-Being Research Network Research to Action Summit, 2023

“When the House Finds You: Spontaneous Opportunities in the Housing ‘Search’” (with Hope Harvey), Center for Economic Studies at the U.S. Census Bureau, 2025

“Material Support Provision Through Child Protective Services: A Case Study of New York City and Connecticut,” Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, 2025

“The Next Generation of Evidence-Based Home Visiting Services: Learning from COVID-19 Pandemic Experiences with Virtual Delivery” (with Ashley Watson), Child Well-Being Research Network Research to Action Summit, 2023

“I Know How It Feels: Empathy and Reluctance To Mobilize Legal Authorities,” UCI Initiative to End Family Violence, 2023

“‘The Tool We Have’: How Frontline Professionals Shuttle Family Adversity to Child Protective Services,” LSA 2023

“Rethinking Family-School Relations: From Parents’ Involvement in Schools to Schools’ Involvement in Parenting”

- Family Working Group and Stratification, Inequality and Mobility Working Group, UCLA, 2023
- Education Research Section, Princeton University, 2023

“What Makes a ‘Good Mother’? Reading Risk in Child Protective Services Investigations”

- Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2021
- ASA 2021
- Ethnography Workshop, NYU, 2021

“Critical Conversations on Race: Race and the Public Side of Family Law,” University of Tennessee College of Law, 2020

“Origins and Implications of Expansive Child Protective Services Reporting,” Center on Poverty and Social Policy, Columbia University, 2019

“Interrogating Child Protective Services Reporting as an Institutional Response to Children’s Adversities,” Punishing Trauma Conference, Columbia University, 2019

“Who Knows Best? Conflicting Logics of Expertise in School Choice” (with Sarah Faude), ESS 2019

“Neighborhood Inequality and the Concentration of Child Welfare Contact During Childhood,” ASA 2017

“Child Welfare Reporting and Poor Urban Mothers’ Disengagement,” ASA 2016 and Population Association of America Annual Meeting (PAA) 2016

“Choosing Late: Understanding the Causes and Implications of Late Registration for Boston Public Schools” (with Sarah Faude), ESS 2016 and SSSP 2015

“With A Little Help from My Friends? Social Capital Mobilization Among Parents Choosing Schools,” ESS 2015

“Child Welfare Involvement and Contexts of Poverty: The Role of Parental Adversities, Social Networks, and Social Services,” Economic Causes and Consequences of Child Maltreatment Workshop, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2015

TEACHING

University of California, Irvine

Research Design (graduate)

Social Problems (undergraduate)

Georgia Institute of Technology

Social Issues and Public Policy (undergraduate)

Sociology of Education (undergraduate)

U.S. Poverty and Social Welfare Policy (undergraduate majors writing seminar)

SERVICE

Reviewing and Editorial Board Service

Editorial Board, *Sociological Methodology*, 2025–2028

Editorial Board, *American Sociological Review*, 2022–2025

Editorial Board, *Social Problems*, 2021–2024

Reviewer, *American Journal of Education*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Annals of the American Academy for Political and Social Science*, *Child & Family Social Work*, *Child Maltreatment*, *Child Welfare*, *Children & Youth Services Review*, *City & Community*, *Demography*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Gender & Society*, *Housing Policy Debate*, *Journal of Children and Media*, *Journal of Family Violence*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Law and Society Review*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Race and Social Problems*, Russell Sage Foundation, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Social Service Review*, *Social Science Computer Review*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Sociological Focus*, *Sociological Methodology*, *Sociological Science*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Sociology of Education*, *Socius*, *Stanford Law Review*, *Theoretical Criminology*, University of California Press, University of Chicago Press, *Urban Affairs Review*

Conference, Panel, Symposium, and Workshop Service

Discussant, “Drivers of Families and Households,” ASA 2026

Author/Panelist, *Investigating Families* Book Forum, ASA 2026

Panelist, *Test, Measure, and Punish* Book Forum, Pacific Sociological Association 2026

Panelist, *Sons, Daughters, and Sidewalk Psychotics* Book Forum, ASA 2025

Workshop Leader/Presenter, “U.S. Child Protective Services,” NextGenPop 2025

Author/Panelist, *Investigating Families* and *The End of Family Court* Author Meets Reader Session, LSA 2024

Presenter/Panelist, “Surveillance of Mothers Living in Poverty: Effects on Children, Families, and Communities,” Institute for Research on Poverty Webinar, 2024

Presenter/Panelist, “Writing Better Research Articles” Professional Development Workshop, LSA 2024

Session Organizer, “Social Welfare Programs,” ASA 2024

Panelist, “What’s Next? Supporting Children, Youth, and Families in a Post-Abolition World,” Rutgers Law School, 2023

Panelist, “Poverty, Inequality, and Child Welfare Involvement,” Child Well-Being Research Network Research to Action Summit, 2023

Co-Presenter (with Jennifer Geiger and Lisa Schelbe), “Publishing a Scholarly Book,” Child Well-Being Research Network Research to Action Summit, 2023

Organizer and Moderator, “Supporting Families Beyond Mandatory Reporting: Policy and Practice Innovations,” Kempe Center Conference: A Call to Action to Change Child Welfare, 2023

Panelist, *The Politics of Surviving* Book Forum, ASA 2023

Panelist, *Prosecuting Poverty*, *Criminalizing Care* and *Torn Apart* Author Meets Reader Session, LSA 2023

Discussant, “Separation and Inequality among Children and Youth in the Swedish Welfare State,” LSA 2023

Guest Presenter, “Navigating Confidentiality in Qualitative Research,” Qualitative Working Group, Rice University Department of Sociology, 2023

Thematic and Presidential Panel Organizer, “Racialized Bureaucracies of U.S. Family Displacement and Separation,” ASA 2022

Session Organizer, “Children and Youth,” ASA 2022

Panelist, First Time Attendees Orientation, ASA 2022

Session Organizer, “Public Policy and Child Well-Being,” PAA 2022

Discussant, Bellow Scholars Program Workshop, 2021

Panel Moderator, “Family Surveillance,” Strengthened Bonds Symposium, *Columbia Journal of Race and Law*, 2021

Panel Organizer, “The Child Welfare System: Historical Developments and Contemporary Inequalities” and “The Child Welfare System: Family and Community Experiences,” ESS 2020

University Committee Service

Executive Committee, Center for Population, Inequality, and Policy, UC Irvine, 2026–

Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Irvine, 2025–

Seminar Planning Committee, Center for Population, Inequality, and Policy, UC Irvine, 2025–2026

Justice and Equity Research Paper Award Committee (Chair), UC Irvine, 2024

Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Irvine, 2022–2023

Undergraduate Committee, School of History and Sociology, Georgia Tech, 2021–2022

Speakers Committee, School of History and Sociology, Georgia Tech, 2021–2022

External Committee Service

National Racial Equity Scholars in Residence Committee, Child Welfare League of America, 2025–

Herbert Jacob Book Prize Committee, LSA, 2025

William J. Goode Book Award Committee, ASA Family Section, 2025

Distinguished Article Award Committee, ASA Crime, Law, & Deviance Section, 2025

Evaluation Advisory Group, Opportunities for Prevention & Transformation Initiative, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, 2024–

Award Committee, Council on Contemporary Families, 2024

Article of the Year Award Committee, ASA Family Section, 2023–2025

Outstanding Scholarly Contribution (Book) Award Committee, ASA Section on Children and Youth, 2022

Membership Committee, Child Well-Being Research Network, 2021–2022

Student Paper Award Committee, SSSP Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division, 2017

Presentations to Policy and Practice Audiences

Panelist, “Family Reunification and Preservation through the Scholarly Lens,” The Path Restored: Realities of the Road from Separation to Reunification, New York State Judicial Institute, 2026

“The Cascading Consequences of a Child Protective Services Call,” CASA for Children of Essex County, 2025

“Motherhood in the Shadow of Child Protective Services: Insights from Impacted Mothers as a Call to Action” (keynote speaker). Kempe Center Conference: A Call to Action to Change Child Welfare, 2025

“Child Welfare System Involvement and Voting,” Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Office of Analytics, Technology, and Planning, 2025

“Investigating Families: Rethinking Reporting,” New Jersey Children in Court and Race Equity Education Conference (presentation to judges, attorneys, other court officials, and child welfare agency leaders), 2025

“Disrupting Pipelines to Family Surveillance and Protecting Historically and Systematically Marginalized Patients from Criminalization” (with Atsuko Koyama and Lauren Paulk), Medical Students for Choice Conference on Family Planning, 2023

“Investigating Families: Motherhood in the Shadow of Child Protective Services,” Legal Aid Chicago, 2023

“Historical, Political, and Social Context,” Catalyzing Justice for Black Communities in the Illinois Family Regulation System, The Illinois Black Advocacy Initiative, 2023

Panelist, “Separating Support from Surveillance” webinar, JMacForFamilies, 2023

Panelist, “Book Salon: New Books by Profs. Alan Dettlaff, Kelley Fong, and Jane M. Spinak,” Kempe Center Conference: A Call to Action to Change Child Welfare, 2023

“Classism and Poverty Bias in the Child Welfare System: Advocacy Starts on Day 1” (training for attorneys and judges), Judicial Counsel of California / Children’s Law Center of California, 2023

“‘The Tool We Have’: Mandated Reporters on Reporting,” Colorado Mandatory Reporter Task Force, 2023

“Supporting Child Welfare Beyond ‘Child Welfare.’” Government Performance Lab, 2023

“A Conversation on Mandated Reporting.” Kempe Center Conference: A Call to Action to Change Child Welfare, 2021

“Transformation Points: Redesigning Child Welfare to Help Youth and Families Thrive.” The Imprint, 2021

“COVID-19 and Child Maltreatment Reporting: What Are We Missing?” (part of webinar on Family Well-Being and Child Welfare Services Against the Backdrop of COVID-19), National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics, 2020

“A Paradigm Shift: Using Micro and Macro Data to Disrupt Norms” (with Meg Feely and Kerri Raissian). CTData Conference: Counting What Matters, 2019

“How Mandated Reporters, Agency Investigators, and Investigated Mothers Interpret Child Protective Services: Disjunctures and Implications.” Action Research Partners, 2019

“Perspectives of Intake Stakeholders” (two presentations to Connecticut Department of Children and Families investigative staff), 2019

“Low-Income Providence Mothers on DCYF Reporting and Investigations” (presentation to Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth, and Families administrators), 2018

“What They Don’t Tell You: How DCYF Concerns Inform Healthcare Interactions for Low-Income Mothers in Providence” (presentation to pediatric residents and medical students), Hasbro Children’s Hospital, 2017

“Racial Disparity in the Child Welfare System in Middletown,” Middlesex Coalition for Children, 2017

“The Spatial Concentration of Child Maltreatment Reports in Connecticut” (presentations to regional office leadership and Commissioner with senior administrative team), 2016 and 2017

“School Choice and Student Assignment,” Boston Area Research Initiative and Boston University Initiative on Cities, 2016

“Findings from Survey of BPS Late Registrants” (presentations to Boston Public Schools Welcome Center leadership, with Sarah Faude), 2014 and 2015

Public Testimony

Written comments and oral testimony to the DC Council Committees on Youth Affairs and the Judiciary and Public Safety on B26-400, 2025

Written comments to the California State Senate Public Safety Committee and the California State Senate on Senate Bill 1126, 2024

Written testimony to the New York State Assembly Standing Committee on Children and Families, Assembly Subcommittee on Foster Care, 2023

Written comments to the California State Senate Human Services Committee on Senate Bill 578, 2023

Written comments and oral testimony to the California State Assembly Committee on Public Safety on Assembly Bill 2085, 2022

Written comments and oral testimony to the Massachusetts Mandated Reporter Commission, 2021

SELECTED ADDITIONAL RESEARCH, EMPLOYMENT, AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Court Appointed Special Advocate, Rhode Island CASA, 2014–2019; San Francisco CASA, 2011–2013; completed Boston CASA training, 2013

Research Assistant, MDRC, 2011–2013

- Contributed to multi-method research projects on community college programs and reforms

Paralegal, Children’s Rights, 2009–2011

- Provided research and litigation support for class action institutional reform lawsuits brought on behalf of children in foster care

JusticeCorps Intern, Family Law Facilitator’s Office and Landlord/Tenant Clinic, Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, 2008–2009

- Conducted intake interviews and provided assistance in family and housing law self-help clinics