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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Washington

Associate Professor, School of Social Work	2009 –
Director, West Coast Poverty Center	2012 –
Member, Social Welfare faculty	
Founding affiliate, West Coast Poverty Center	
Faculty affiliate, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, Center for Statistics in the Social Sciences	
Adjunct Associate Professor, Evans School of Public Affairs	2012 –
Assistant Professor, School of Social Work	2003 – 2009
Acting Assistant Professor	2002

### EDUCATION

*Northwestern University, Evanston, IL*

Ph.D. Human Development and Social Policy	2002
M.A. Economics (earned while completing coursework in major program)	2000

*Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA*

B.A. Economics, with distinction	1994
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### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Romich, Jennifer L. Forthcoming. Local Mandate Improves Equity of Paid Sick Leave Coverage: Seattle's Experience. *BMC Public Health*.

Lee, JoAnn, Jennifer L. Romich, JiYoung Kang, Jennifer L. Hook, & Maureen Marcenko. Forthcoming. The impact of income on reunification among families with children in out-of-home care. *Children & Youth Services Review*.

Kang, JiYoung, Jennifer L. Romich, Jennifer L. Hook, JoAnn Lee & Maureen Marcenko. 2016. Dual-system families: Cash assistance sequences of households involved with child welfare. *Journal of Public Child Welfare* 10(4): 352-375.

Hall, Crystal C. & Romich, Jennifer L. 2016. Low and moderate-income tax filers underestimate tax returns. *Journal of Financial Counseling and Planning* 27(1): 36-46.

Hook, Jennifer L., Jennifer L. Romich, JoAnn Lee, Maureen Marcenko & JiYoung Kang. 2016. Trajectories of economic disconnection among families in the child welfare system. *Social Problems* 63 2): 161-179

Romich, Jennifer L. 2015. Paid leave mandates may fail to reach part-time workers (letter to the editor). *American Journal of Public Health* 105(5) e1.

- Marcenko, Maureen, Jennifer Hook, Jennifer Romich & JoAnn Lee. 2012. Multiple jeopardy: Poor, economically disconnected, and child welfare involved. *Child Maltreatment* 17(3): 195 – 206.
- Plotnick, Robert, Jennifer L. Romich, Jennifer Thacker, & Matthew Dunbar. 2011. Analyzing the impact of highway tolls on low-income persons. *Journal of Urban Affairs* 33(3): 345-355.
- Berridge, Clara W. & Jennifer L. Romich. 2011. 'Raising him ... to pull his own weight' Boys' household work in single mother households. *Journal of Family Issues* 32(2): 157-180.
- Romich, Jennifer L., Shelly Lundberg & Kwok Ping Tsang. 2009. Independence giving or autonomy taking? Young adolescents' influences on family decision-making. *Journal of Research on Adolescence* 19(4): 587-600.
- Lundberg, Shelly, Jennifer L. Romich & Kwok Ping Tsang. 2009. Decision making by children. *Review of Economics of the Household* 7(1): 1-30.
- Romich, Jennifer L. 2009. Trying to keep children out of trouble: Child characteristics, neighborhood quality, and within-household resource allocation. *Children and Youth Services Review* 31(3): 338-345.
- Romich, Jennifer L., Jennifer Simmelink & Stephen D. Holt. 2007. When working harder does not pay: Low-income working families, tax liabilities, and benefit reductions. *Families in Society* 88(3): 418-426.
- Holt, Stephen D. & Jennifer L. Romich. 2007. Marginal tax rates facing low and moderate income workers who participate in means-tested social programs. *National Tax Journal* 60(2): 253-276.
- Romich, Jennifer L. 2007. Sharing the work: Mother-child relationships and household management. *Journal of Early Adolescence* 27(2): 1-31.
- Romich, Jennifer L. 2006. Randomized social policy experiments and research on child development. *Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology* 27: 136-150.
- \*Romich, Jennifer L. 2006. Difficult calculations: Low-income workers and marginal tax rates. *Social Service Review* 80(1): 27-66.
- \*Awarded the Society for Social Work Research Excellence in Research Award
- Beverly, Sondra G., Jennifer Tescher & Jennifer L. Romich. 2004. Linking tax refunds and low-cost bank accounts: Early lessons for program design and evaluation. *Journal of Consumer Affairs* 38(2): 332-341.
- Beverly, Sondra G., Jennifer L. Romich & Jennifer Tescher. 2003. Linking tax refunds and low-cost bank accounts: A social development strategy for low-income families? *Social Development Issues* 25(1/2): 235-246.
- Huston, Aletha C., Greg J. Duncan, Robert Granger, Johannes Bos, Vonnie McLoyd, Rashmita Mistry, Danielle Crosby, Christina Gibson, Katherine Magnuson, Jennifer Romich & Ana Ventura. 2001. Work-based anti-poverty programs for parents can enhance the school performance and social behavior of children. *Child Development* 72(1): 318-336.
- Romich, Jennifer L. & Thomas Weisner. 2000. How families view and use the EITC: Advance payment versus lump sum delivery. *The National Tax Journal* 53(4 part 2): 1245-1265.
- Reprinted pp. 366-391 in Meyer, Bruce D. and Holtz-Eakin, Douglas (Eds.), 2001. *Making Work Pay: The History, Effects, and Future of the EITC*. New York: Russell Sage Publications.

**EDITED BOOK**

Plotnick, Robert, Marcia K. Meyers, Steven R. Smith & Jennifer L. Romich (eds.). 2010. *Old Assumptions, New Realities: Ensuring Economic Security for Working Families in the 21st Century*. New York: Russell Sage.

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

Elliott, W., J. R. Henly, S. J. Lambert, L. Lein, J. L. Romich, T. R. Shanks and M. Sherraden. 2016. Policy Recommendations for Meeting the Grand Challenge to Reduce Extreme Economic Inequality. *Grand Challenges for Social Work Policy Brief* No. 10. Cleveland, OH: American Academy of Social Welfare.

Seattle Minimum Wage Study Team (Co-PI of research group that releases reports under team name)

*Report on Baseline Employer Survey and Worker Interviews*. April, 2016.

*Report on the Impact of Seattle's Minimum Wage Ordinance on Wages, Workers, Jobs and Establishments*. July, 2016

Lein, L., Romich, J. L., & Sherraden, M. 2015. *Reversing Extreme Inequality* (Grand Challenges for Social Work Initiative Working Paper No. 16). Cleveland, OH: American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare.

Romich, Jennifer L. 2015. "Economic Supports for Low-Income Americans: Major Policy Reforms, 2005-2015" in Wan Sub Lim (ed.) *Social Assistance Policy and Recent Trends of Policy Reform in US* (English translation of title; chapter translated into and report published in Korean). Sejong City, Korea: Korean Institute for Health and Social Affairs.

Romich, Jennifer L. with Wes Bignell, Tracy Brazg, Chantel Johnson, Cori Mar, Jennifer Morton & Chiho Song. 2014. *Implementation and Early Outcomes of the City of Seattle Paid Sick and Safe Time Ordinance*. Research report, City of Seattle Office of the City Auditor, Seattle, WA.

Cited in public testimony for similar measures in in Baltimore, MD; Minneapolis MN, Spokane, WA; Tacoma, WA. Featured in report by the US Department of Labor as well as multiple think-tank reports. Media coverage includes *American Spectator*, *Boston Globe*, *Forbes*, "Marketplace" (American Public Media, radio), *Maryland Reporter*, *Minneapolis Post*, *Puget Sound Business Journal*, *Seattle Times*.

Romich, Jennifer L., Nicole Keenan, Jody Miesel, and Crystal C. Hall. 2013. Income tax time as a time to build financial capability. In Julie Birkenmaier, Margaret Sherraden and Jami Curley (eds.) *Financial Education and Capability Practice*. Oxford University Press.

Romich, Jennifer L. & Jennifer Morton. 2013. *City of Seattle Paid Sick and Safe Time Ordinance: Findings from Initial Employer Interviews*. Research report, City of Seattle Office of the City Auditor, Seattle, WA.

Romich, Jennifer L. 2013. *City of Seattle Paid Sick and Safe Time Ordinance: Findings from Baseline Employer Survey*. Research report, City of Seattle Office of the City Auditor, Seattle, WA.

Romich, Jennifer L. 2011. Review of *Strategies for Improving Economic Mobility of Workers*. Edited by Maude Toussaint-Comeau and Bruce D. Meyer. *Social Services Review* 85 (1): 162-164.

Romich, Jennifer L., Gordon, Sarah & Waithaka, Eric N., 2009. A Tool for Getting by or Getting Ahead? Consumers' Views on Prepaid Cards. Networks Financial Institute Working Paper 2009-WP-09.

Also excerpted in *N<Genuity, the Thought Leadership Journal of the Global Payments Industry* (Fall 2009, p. 35-42) and released as a working paper by the *Center for Financial Services Innovation*.

- Plotnick, Robert, Jennifer L. Romich & Jennifer Thacker. 2009. "The impacts of tolling on low-income persons in the Puget Sound region." Research report, Washington State Transportation Center, Seattle.
- Romich, Jennifer L. 2007. Review of *Taxes are a Woman's Issue* by Mimi Abramovitz & Sandra Morgen. *Affilia, a Journal of Women and Social Work* 22(2): 230-231.
- Romich, Jennifer L. & Jennifer Simmelink. 2005 reprinted 2010 (2<sup>nd</sup> edition), 2013 (3<sup>rd</sup> edition). Piecing it all together (teaching case). In H. B. Weiss, H. Kreider, M. E. Lopez and C. Chatman (Eds.), *Preparing Educators for Family Involvement: From theory to practice*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Beverly, Sondra G., Jennifer Tescher, Jennifer L. Romich, & David Marzahl. 2005. Linking tax refunds and low-cost bank accounts to bank the unbanked. In M. Sherraden (Ed.), *Inclusion in the American Dream: Assets, Poverty, and Public Policy*. Oxford University Press.
- Weisner, Thomas S., Christina Gibson, Edward D. Lowe & Jennifer Romich. 2002. Understanding working poor families in the New Hope Program. *Poverty Research News*. Chicago: Northwestern University / University of Chicago Joint Center for Poverty Research. 6(4): p. 3-5.
- Romich, Jennifer L. & Thomas S. Weisner. 2001. American families and the Earned Income Tax Credit. In G. J. Duncan and L. Chase-Lansdale (Eds.), *For Better and For Worse: Welfare Reform and the Well-Being of Children and Families*. New York: Russell Sage Publications.
- Huston, Aletha C., Greg J. Duncan, Robert Granger, Johannes Bos, Vonnie McLoyd, Christina Gibson, Katherine Magnuson & Jennifer Romich. 1999. New Hope's effects on family dynamics and child activities for the Child and Family Study Sample. In *New Hope for People with Low Incomes*. New York: Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation.

## EXTERNAL FUNDING

- Principal Investigator, National Analysis of Paid Leave and Public Assistance Use, University of Washington Subcontract for U.S. Department of Labor grant to Washington State Employment Security Department (\$56,246 total costs, awarded September 2015)
- Co-Principal Investigator, University of Washington Multi-Site Minimum Wage Study. (PI Jacob Vigdor) Laura and John Arnold Foundation (\$2,659,013 total costs, awarded September 2015).
- Co-Principal Investigator, Washington Wage Project. (PI Jacob Vigdor) Smith Richardson Foundation (\$436,240 total costs, awarded February 2015).
- Co-Principal Investigator, Living at the Minimum: A Qualitative Study of Low-Wage Workers with Children during Seattle's Minimum Wage Increase. Russell Sage Foundation (PI Heather Hill; \$30,766; awarded February 2015).
- Co-Principal Investigator, Evaluation of the Seattle Minimum Wage Ordinance. Research contract with the City of Seattle (PI Jacob Vigdor; \$250,000 year 1 total costs with varying annual supplements through 2019; awarded December 2014).
- Principal Investigator, Family Self-Sufficiency and Stability Scholars Network, Year 1 focus: "Income Stability of Families Involved with the Child Welfare System." Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families (\$100,000 annual total costs, 5 year grant initially awarded September 2013).
- Principal Investigator, West Coast Poverty Center Social Policy Research Collaborative. Paul G. Allen Family Foundation. (\$270,000 total costs, awarded January 2014)

- Principal Investigator, "Evaluation of the Paid Sick and Safe Time Ordinance." Research contracts with the City of Seattle (\$348,000 total costs; initially awarded May 2012).
- Co-Principal Investigator (with Maureen Marcenko), "Economically Disconnected Families in the Washington State Child Welfare System." Research Award Supplement to West Coast Poverty Center, US Department of Health and Human Services (\$100,000 total costs, September 2010).
- Principal Investigator, "Seattle Asset Building Initiative Level 1 participant evaluation." Research contract with the Seattle Public Housing Authority (2009, funded Maggie Milcarek, MSW '09).
- Principal Investigator, "Moving up? Low-income working families and policy supports." Silberman Fund Faculty Grant Program (\$40,000 total costs, awarded May 2008).
- Co-Investigator, "The impacts of tolling on low-income and minority populations in Washington State." Research contract with the Washington State Department of Transportation (Robert Plotnick, Principal Investigator; \$40,000 total costs; awarded February 2008).
- Principal Investigator, "(Dis) incentives for getting ahead? Combined marginal tax rates facing low-income working families." Smith-Richardson Foundation Domestic Public Policy Fellowship (\$60,000 total costs; awarded November 2007).
- Principal Investigator, "How much does work pay? New data on combined marginal tax rates." W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research Mini-Grant Program (\$5,000 total costs; awarded May 2007).
- Principal Investigator, "Financial asset-building strategies and the well-being of children and youth in poverty." West Coast Poverty Research Emerging Scholars Grant funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (\$9,743 direct costs; awarded September 2006).
- Principal Investigator, "Give and take: Child agency in resource allocation." R01-HD045635 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Demographic and Behavioral Sciences, National Institutes of Health. (\$375,000 direct costs; awarded September, 2003).
- Principal Investigator, "Punished by progressivity: Do high effective marginal tax rates trap low-income workers?" The Annie E. Casey/National Survey of American Families/Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Small Research Grants Program. (\$19,048 direct costs; awarded June 2003).

#### **AWARDS, EXTERNAL AFFILIATIONS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Faculty Affiliate, Economic Self-Sufficiency Policy Research Institute, UC Irvine	2016 –
Scholar, Family Self-Sufficiency Scholars Research Consortium US Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families	2013 – 2018
Society for Social Work and Research Excellence in Research Award	2008
Sloan Foundation Early Career Work and Family Scholar	2007 – 2008
Visiting Scholar, University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research	April 2006
Research Affiliate, National Poverty Center	2005 – current
Graduate Student Leadership Award School of Education and Social Policy (SESP), Northwestern University	June 2002
Spencer Foundation Dissertation Year Fellowship	2001 – 2002
Joint Center for Poverty Research Graduate Fellowship	2000 – 2002

Spencer Research Training Grant Fellowship, SESP	1999 – 2000
MacArthur Research Network on the Family and the Economy Pre-doctoral Fellowship	1998 – 1999
University Fellowship, Northwestern University	1997 – 1998

### **RECENT JURIED AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC, January 2016	
Access to Justice Conference, Wentachee, WA (Invited plenary speaker on poverty). June 15, 2015	
Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA, January 2015	
Community Reinvestment Act Washington Roundtable (Sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco), November 13, 2014.	
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 7, 2014.	
University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration, October 17, 2013.	
Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA, January 17, 2013.	
American Banker Annual Underbanked Services Forum, San Francisco, CA. June 13, 2012.	
Children’s Justice Conference, Seattle, WA, May 15, 2012.	
New Mexico Family Impact Seminar (briefing to members of the NM State Legislature and key agency staff), Albuquerque, NM. January 10-11, 2012.	
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC. November 4, 2011.	
Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA. January 17, 2010.	
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC, November 4-5, 2009.	
Federal Reserve System Community Affairs Research Conference, “Innovative Financial Services for the Underserved,” Washington, DC, April 16, 2009.	
University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration, March 7, 2009.	
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Los Angeles, CA, November 6, 2008.	
University of California-Los Angeles, Center on the Everyday Lives of Families, November 5, 2008.	
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference, Washington, DC, May 29, 2008	

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Consultant, Reforms to US safety net, Korean Institute for Health and Social Affairs	2015
Consultant, Client impact research, Center for Financial Services Innovation	2007 – 2013
Consultant, Performance-based scholarship research, MDRC	2007 – 2008
Fieldworker, New Hope Ethnographic Study Directed by Thomas Weisner, UCLA.	1998 – 2001
Research Assistant to Greg J. Duncan, Northwestern University.	1998 – 2001
Research Associate Council for Adult and Experiential Learning, Chicago, IL.	1997

Classroom Teacher, fifth grade 1994 – 1997  
 Children of Peace Elementary School, Chicago, IL.

Intern, Health, Education, and Human Services Division Summer 1992  
 U.S. General Accounting Office, Washington, DC.

### SELECTED MEDIA

#### Author or speaker:

Digging into data to find impact of Seattle's \$15 minimum wage (with Jacob Vigdor; April 5, 2015) *Seattle Times*.

Expert commentary, '2014's Best and Worst States for Underprivileged Children' (August 2014) *Wallethub.com*.

Comments on Census report on poverty in Washington (2009, September 11) "The Conversation" *KUOW* (Seattle National Public Radio affiliate).

Comment on 'In praise of usury.' Letter to the editor. (2007, August 20) *Economist.com*.

Low-income families ignored again. Op-ed. (2003, June 6). *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*.

Easy shmeasy. Letter to the editor. (2001, March). *Working Woman*.

Budget tricks hurt low-income families. Op-ed (with Greg Duncan). (1999, October 5). *Chicago Tribune*.

Comment on 'Loop dreams.' Letter to the editor. (1998, April 12). *Chicago Tribune Sunday Magazine*.

#### Research quoted or cited in:

*News Tribune* (Tacoma, WA, March 8, 2015, Kathleen Cooper and Kate Martin, 'Businesses elsewhere report few problems with sick leave laws')

*Forbes* (John C. Goodman, February 6, 2015, 'Should Paid Sick Leave Be Mandatory?')

*Boston Globe* (August 1, 2014, Evan Horowitz, Everyone gets sick. Should everyone get sick days?)

*Seattle Times* (September 25, 2013, Lynn Thompson, 'Most Seattle firms comply with sick-leave law but startup flawed, study says'; August 16, 2004, Peter Lewis, 'City considers regulating tax-refund loans.')

*Economix, nytimes.com* (March 22, 2010, Nancy Folbre, 'The Resentment Zone: Losing Means-Tested Benefits')

*Congressional Quarterly Weekly* (May 18, 2009, Clea Benson 'Mind Over Money Matters: How behavioral economics can foil the best-laid plans.')

*Everett Herald* (Everett, WA) (January 21, 2008, Krista J. Kapralos 'Poverty rate low, but does it tell the whole story?')

*Northwest News Network* (February 28, 2006, quoted in story on the Earned Income Tax Credit reported by Carol Cizauskas, carried on *KUOW* and other regional stations)

*Seattle Post-Intelligencer* (February 16, 2006, Carol Smith & Paul Nyhan, 'Surprising face of working poor; February 21, 2005, Candace Heckman, 'Poor often fall victim to fee on tax refund loans.')

*Real Change News* (October 14-27, 2004, Diane Wurn, 'Ending tax time tricks.')

*The Wall Street Journal* (October 28, 1999, Al Hunt 'One government program that really works.')

### POST-SECONDARY TEACHING

University of Washington, School of Social Work (\*co-taught)

*Poverty and Inequality* (Masters in Social Work, MSW) 2002 – present

*Concepts and Methods of Policy Analysis* (MSW) 2004 – present

*Contemporary Social Policy* (doctoral) 2003 – 2006

<i>Readings in Economics of Social Work</i> (MSW supervised readings)	2004 – 2005, 2008, 2013
* <i>Policy Processes, Institutions and Influences</i>	Fall 2003
* <i>Integrative Seminar</i> (for BSW students entering MSW advanced year)	Summer 2003
Northwestern University, School of Education and Social Policy	
<i>Topics in Research Methods: Longitudinal Data Analysis</i> (doctoral)	2000, 2002
SAS lab instructor and assistant to Greg Duncan.	
<i>Social Policy and Human Services</i> (undergraduate)	Spring 2001
Teaching assistant to Dan Lewis	
Swarthmore College, Department of Economics	
<i>Introduction to Microeconomics</i>	Fall 1993
Tutor and teaching assistant to Larry Westphal	

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (\*elected positions)

#### University of Washington

##### West Coast Poverty Center

Director, 2012 –

Associate Director, 2008 – 2012

Collaborator on application grant, Summer 2005

Faculty Advisory Committee Member, 2005 – 2006

Assorted ongoing service including small grant review, speaker hosting, outreach, and project development

##### Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology

Computing Advisory Board, 2005 – 2006

Statistics Core Advisory Board, 2007 – 2008

Executive Committee, 2008 –

Director Search Committee, Spring 2015

Marshall for University Commencement, 2003, 2005, 2012

\*Faculty Senate, 2015 – 2017

#### School of Social Work

\*Faculty Council (Policy-making body for school), 2007 – 2009; 2013 – 2015

MSW Admissions Committee, 2005 – 2007, 2011 – 2013

Faculty Recruitment Committee, 2003 – 2004 (culminated in junior policy hire)

MSW Program Steering Committee, 2003, 2005 – 2007, 2009 – 2011

\*PhD Program Steering Committee, 2003 – 2005

Ad hoc advisory committee on research cost recovery, 2003 – 2004

Health and Safety Committee, 2007 – 2008

##### Policy Practice concentration for MSW students:

Co-founder (with Marcia Meyers), 2003 – 2004

Co-lead instructor (with Marcia Meyers), 2003 – present

Advisor to Policy Practice students, 2003 – present

Developed plan for concurrent MSW-Masters in Public Affairs degree program, 2004 – present

Advisor to prospective and current MSW/MPA students, 2005 – present

Poverty and Inequality lead instructor, 2007 – present

##### Self-initiated service (organizer)

Social Work Wheelers (bike commuters), 2012 -

Junior faculty lunches, 2007 – 2008



School of Social Work triathletes, Summer 2007  
 Junior scholars writing group, 2004 – 2005  
 Policy and inequality brownbag series, 2002 – 2004

#### Community service

Community Survey Advisory Committee Member, City of Seattle Race & Social Justice Initiative, 2013 –

Steering committee member, University of Chicago Employment Instability, Family Well-being, and Social Policy Network, 2011 –

Community advisory board member, Washington State Budget and Policy Center (Center for Budget and Policy Priorities state fiscal analysis initiative affiliate), 2007 –

Member, State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Advisory Committee, 2008 – 2009

Tax preparer (Volunteer)

King County Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign, 2005 –

White Center (unincorporated King County) Asset Building Campaign, 2003

Center for Law and Human Services (now Center for Economic Progress, Chicago, IL) Tax Assistance Program, 2000 – 2002

Member, United Way of King County (WA) Out of the Rain Initiative (anti-homelessness) Community Council. 2003 – 2006

Member, OOTR Advancement (strategic planning) team, 2005 – 2006

Chair, OOTR Asset-Building Subcommittee. 2003 – 2005

#### Policy testimony

“Seattle Minimum Wage Ordinance” Multiple briefings to Seattle City Office of the Auditor and City Council, 2015 –

“Poverty in Washington State” Briefing to the Washington State House Early Learning and Human Services Committee, November 20, 2015.

“Seattle Paid Sick and Safe Time Ordinance” Multiple briefings to the Seattle City Council, 2013-2014; Tacoma Human Rights Commission, August 21, 2014.

“The Middle Class” Briefing to the Washington State Senate Democratic Caucus. November 26, 2012.

“The Safety Net in Washington State” Briefing to the Washington State House of Representatives, Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee, Olympia, WA. September 8, 2010

Public hearing, Washington State Senate, Financial Institutions, Housing & Consumer Protection Committee. Testimony on “Low-income Washington families, federal income tax preparation, and refund anticipation loans (RALs).” February 15, 2005.

Panel Member, Seattle City Council, Housing, Human Services and Health Committee briefing. Testimony on “Low-income Seattle families, federal income tax preparation, and refund anticipation loans (RALs).” April 20, 2004.

#### Academic community service

Selection committee, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 2016 Policy Award

Review committee, SSWR research conference. 2013, 2014, 2015

Program committee, Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM). Fall 2013 research conference.

Organizer, symposium on “Troubled and Poor: Poverty, Policy, and the Child Welfare System.” SSWR. Washington, DC. January 15, 2011.

Discussant, session on “Asset Building and Alternative Financial Services at Tax Time” APPAM. 2011 fall conference, November 6.

Organizer, roundtable discussion “Personal finance, private risk, profit-taking, and public policy: Toward a research agenda in social welfare and economics.” SSWR. San Francisco, CA. January 17, 2010.

Reviewer, SSWR, conference proposals for social policy and poverty. 2009.

Organizer, session on "Policy and well-being in the Americas," Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA, April 19, 2008.

Organizer, session on “Intergenerational research using the NLSY79-C,” SSWR. Washington, DC, January 15-17, 2008.

Organizer, session on “Can asset-building policy improve the well-being of low-income children?;” and discussant, session on “Consequences of welfare reform” APPAM annual research conference. Washington, DC, November 9, 2007.

Chair and discussant, session on “Economic factors and child development,” PAA Annual Meeting. New York, NY, March 30, 2007.

Organizer, session on “When solutions cause problems: Disincentive effects of means testing,” and discussant, session on “Parental job conditions and low-income adolescent development,” APPAM Annual research conference. Madison, WI, November 4, 2006.

Organizer, session on “Public and private supports for children,” SSWR research conference. San Antonio, TX, January 15, 2006.

Discussant, session on “Turning tax credits into assets” and chair, session on “Informing the policy design of asset building proposals,” APPAM annual research conference. Washington, DC, November 3-4, 2005

Facilitator and discussant, session on “How caregivers make sense of their work.” University of Washington Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies Caring Labor Conference, Seattle, WA. May 21, 2005.

Reviewer, Public Policy (Panel 24) submissions, Society for Research in Child Development biennial meeting. Atlanta, GA. April 7– 10, 2004.

Reviewer and organizer, sessions on “Family influences on child well being,” “Early health influences and impacts,” and “Parents’ work and children’s lives” (also chair), PAA annual meeting. Philadelphia, PA. March 31– April 2, 2004.

Conference co-organizer (with Marcia Meyers), Conference on “Participation in public programs,” sponsored by the Center for Research on Families and the Institute for Inequality and Social Structure. University of Washington, January 13, 2004.

Organizer, session on “Financial (dis)incentives for self-sufficiency via work and savings.” APPAM annual research conference. Washington DC, November 2003.

Chair, session on “Demographic effects of poverty.” PAA annual meeting. Minneapolis MN, May, 2003.

Organizer, session on “Banking on banking: Low-income workers and financial services.” APPAM annual research conference. Washington DC, November 2, 2001.

Discussant, “Revisiting the Iron Law of Welfare” conference session, APPAM annual research conference. Dallas TX, November, 2002

Co-facilitator (with Penelope Peterson and James Spillane), Session on Educational Research Training. Spencer Research Training Grant working conference on Methodology and Quality in Research Training, Stanford University, March 12, 1999.

#### Referee/Reviewer

Editorial board service

*Social Service Review*, 2014 –

*Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, 2010 – 2013

*Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis* (student member) 2000 – 2002

#### Reviewer

Journals: *Child & Family Social Work*; *Child Development*; *Childhood*; *Children and Youth Services Review*; *Demography*; *Developmental Psychology*; *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis*; *Journal of Business Research*; *Journal of Children and Poverty*; *Journal of Marriage and Family*; *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*; *National Tax Journal*; *Review of Economics of the Household*; *Social Problems*; *Social Service Review*; *Trauma, Violence, and Abuse*.

Other: Brookings Institution Metropolitan Policy Program EITC research, 2003, 2007; Center for Economic Progress, 2006; Spencer Foundation, 2000; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management / National Survey of American Families Small Grant Program 2000 – 2002; Oxford University Press.