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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Maryland, School of Social Work Expected May 2027
Dissertation: “*Pathways from Community Mobility Limitations to Homebound Life: The Intervening Roles of Social Participation and Caregiving Receipt*”
Committee: Drs. Amanda J. Lehning (Chair), Roderick A. Rose, Joan Davitt, Paul Sacco, and Jason R. Falvey

M.A. Cheongju University, Department of Social Welfare Feb 2019

B.A. Cheongju University, Department of Social Welfare Feb 2017

RESEARCH FUNDING, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

MPower Early Scholars Investment Fund (\$32,500) 2026
The University of Maryland Strategic Partnership: MPowering the State
Principal Investigator. *Pathways from Community Mobility Limitations to Homebound Life: The Intervening Roles of Social Participation and Caregiving Receipt*

SSWR Research, Inspire, Support and Excel (R.I.S.E.) Seminar (\$500) 2026
Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)
Mentee

Jeongseok Kong & Sunmi Jin Memorial PhD Scholarship (\$2,000) 2025
University of Maryland, School of Social Work

Grand Challenges for Social Work Award (\$2,000) 2024
University of Maryland, School of Social Work

AGESW Pre-Dissertation Fellowship (\$1,200) 2023
Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGESW)

Travel Fellowship 2023 to 2025
University of Maryland, School of Social Work

Administrative Assistant Scholarship 2017 to 2019
Cheongju University, Cheongju, South Korea

Yeohae Social Welfare Scholarship 2017
Cheongju University, Cheongju, South Korea

Korea Student Aid Foundation Education Donation Scholarship 2014
Korea Student Aid Foundation, Seoul, South Korea

Scholarship for Academic Excellence 2013
Cheongju University, Cheongju, South Korea

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Topic Aging in place; structural, social, and environmental determinants of community living; health and well-being

Population Older adults; individuals with disabilities across the life course

Method Longitudinal and panel data analysis; causal inference; psychometrics; qualitative methods

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Publications

Jeong, J., & Rose, R. A. (2026). The impact of disability onset on depressive symptoms: Longitudinal evidence from South Korea. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 122481. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jad.2026.122481>

Jeong, J., Falvey, J. R., & Lehning, A. J. (2026). Association between transportation access and self-rated health among older adults with disabilities. *Journal of Transport & Health*, 51, 102386. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jth.2026.102386>

Sacco, P., Johnson, S. D., Matejkowski, J., Levy, M., **Jeong, J.**, Hunt, A. G., & Douglas, S. (2026). Long term outcomes of Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training fellowships: Evidence from Three BHWET Grantees. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 10497315261461574. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10497315261461574>

Choi, Y. J., Cho, S., **Jeong, J.**, & Tuladhar, L. (2026). Neighborhood social cohesion and psychological distress among caregiving spouses with or without a nearby social support network. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 14, 1774526. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2026.1774526>

Zhang, P., Wang, Y., **Jeong, J.**, Wang, K., & Cagle, J. G. (2026). Social work involvement in advance care planning post US 2016 Medicare policy change: A systematic review. *BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1136/spcare-2025-006061>

- Kim, J., & **Jeong, J.** (2025). Employment of people with disabilities in Korea: The roles of support systems and household type. *Career Development and Transition for Exceptional Individuals*. 21651434251401179. <https://doi.org/10.1177/21651434251401179>
- Sacco, P., & **Jeong, J.** (2025). Assessing the risk of problem gambling among lottery loyalty program members: A machine learning approach. *Addictive Behaviors*, 108372. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.addbeh.2025.108372>
- Jeong, J.** (2025). The role of cultural isolation in the relationship between racial discrimination and substance use. *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*, 1–21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15332640.2025.2465390>
- Sohn, S., **Jeong, J.**, & Park, H. (2025). Service providers' perceptions of psychological, emotional, and behavioral issues among children and adolescents during COVID-19 in South Korea. *Asian Social Work and Policy Review*, 19(1), e70001. <https://doi.org/10.1111/aswp.70001>
- Jeong, J.**, & Sacco, P. (2024). Dimensionality and validity of the Gambling Motives Questionnaire–Financial among lottery loyalty program participants. *Addictive Behaviors Reports*, 20, 100570. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.abrep.2024.100570>
- Hong, S., Jang, S. M., **Jeong, J.**, & Emory-Khenmy, C. (2024). Drinking motives and alcohol use among undergraduate college students in Hawai'i: A cross-sectional analysis on the moderating effects of ego-resiliency and social support. *Asian Social Work and Policy Review*, 18(2), e12308. <https://doi.org/10.1111/aswp.12308>
- Hong, S., Jang, S. M., & **Jeong, J.** (2024). Exploring drinking motives and alcohol use in college students: The moderating effects of gender. *Alcoholism Treatment Quarterly*, 1–15. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07347324.2024.2304695>

Manuscripts under Review

- Kim, C., **Jeong, J.**, & Song, J. (Revise & Resubmit). Factors associated with health-promoting behaviors in older Korean adults: Do women and men differ?
- Jeong, J.**, Kim, C., Baek, S., & Lehning, A. J. (Under Review). Age-friendly community environments and self-rated health among older adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Jeong, J.**, & Lehning, A. J. (Under Review). Social support and out-of-home mobility among older adults with disabilities: A systematic literature review.
- Lehning, A., Mendez-Chacon, E., **Jeong, J.**, & Santamaria-Ulloa, C. (Under Review). Frailty transitions in later life: A comparison of Costa Rica and the United States.

Jeong, J., Baek, S., Kim, J., & Lai, P. H. L. (Under Review). Volunteer participation and self-rated health in later life by childhood poverty status among Korean older adults.

Scoresby, K., Choi, Y. J., Conner, L., **Jeong, J.,** & Ha, A. (Under Review). What the environment affords: Neighborhood amenities and the mental health of older adults with hearing loss.

BOOK CHAPTER

Lehning, A. J., & **Jeong, J.** (In Press). Poverty in later life: A critical gerontology perspective. In *Research handbook on critical social work and poverty*.

PRESENTATIONS

Jeong, J., & Rose, R. (2026, January 14–18). *The Impact of Disability Onset on Depression: Longitudinal Fixed-Effects Models in South Korea* [Oral presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research 30th Annual Conference, Washington, DC, United States.

Kim, C., **Jeong, J.,** & Baek, S. (2026, January 14–18). *The impact of HCBS (home- and community-based services) on loneliness among older adults: The mediating role of social participation* [Poster presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research 30th Annual Conference, Washington, DC, United States.

Jeong, J., & Rose, R. (2025, November 2–5). *The impact of disability onset and lifespan variability on depression in South Korea: A Difference-in-Differences-in-Differences analysis*. [Oral presentation]. American Public Health Association 2025 Annual Meeting and Expo, Washington, DC, United States.

Jeong, J., Kim, C., Baek, S., & Lehning, A. J. (2025, November 12–15). *Perceived health status among older adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities* [Poster presentation]. Gerontological Society of America 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting, Boston, MA, United States.

Lehning, A., Santamaria-Ulloa, C., Mendez-Chacon, E., & **Jeong, J.** (2025, November 12–15). *The causes and consequences of frailty: A comparative cohort study in Costa Rica and the United States* [Poster presentation]. Gerontological Society of America 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting, Boston, MA, United States.

Choi, Y. J., Cho, S., & **Jeong, J.** (2025, November 12–15). *Social support network, neighborhood social cohesion, and psychological distress among caregiving spouses* [Poster presentation]. Gerontological Society of America 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting, Boston, MA, United States.

Jang, S. M., Hyung, M. H., & **Jeong, J.** (2025, January 15–19). *Loss experience of family survivors of suicide in South Korea: The pain of Muganjiok* [Poster presentation].

Society for Social Work and Research 29th Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, United States.

Allison, A., **Jeong, J.**, & Tajouh-Daghuie, C. J. (2025, January 15–19). *Confirmatory factor analysis of the Multidimensional Inventory of Black Identity Measurement among a sample of non-White young adult immigrants in the United States* [Poster presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research 29th Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, United States.

Jeong, J., & Sacco, P. (2025, January 15–19). *Bifactor confirmatory factor analysis of the Gambling Motives Questionnaire–Financial among lottery loyalty program participants: Associations with gambling problems* [Poster presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research 29th Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, United States.

Kim, J., & **Jeong, J.** (2025, January 15–19). *The role of social and financial supports on the employment of people with disabilities in Korea: A moderated mediation of household type* [Poster presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research 29th Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, United States.

Jeong, J. (2024, November 13–16). *The intersection of living alone, depression, and residential environment among older Koreans with disabilities* [Poster presentation]. Gerontological Society of America 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting, Seattle, WA, United States.

Sacco, P., & **Jeong, J.** (2024, October 6–7). *Assessing risk for problem gambling among lottery players: A machine learning approach* [Poster presentation]. 25th International Center for Responsible Gaming Conference on Gambling and Addiction, Las Vegas, NV, United States.

Jeong, J. (2024, April 12). *Mediating effect of cultural isolation on the relationship between racial discrimination and substance use* [Poster presentation]. University of Maryland, Baltimore Graduate Research Conference, Baltimore, MD, United States.

Jeong, J., & Jang, S. M. (2024, January 10–14). *The relationship between perceived drinking norms and alcohol problems among college freshmen in South Korea: The mediating effects of drinking motives* [Poster presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research 28th Annual Conference, Washington, DC, United States.

Jang, S., Ha, H., & **Jeong, J.** (2024, January 10–14). *The relationship between depression and suicide ideation among rural elderly in South Korea: The moderating effects of gender and health literacy* [Poster presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research 28th Annual Conference, Washington, DC, United States.

Jeong, J., & Sacco, P. (2023, November 8–12). *Do physical disability, food insecurity, and neighborhood cohesion matter in depression?* [Poster presentation]. Gerontological Society of America 2023 Annual Scientific Meeting, Tampa, FL, United States.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

Sep 2024 to Present

University of Maryland, School of Social Work

Advisor: Dr. Amanda J. Lehning

- Support research into cognitive frailty among older adults, with a focus on neighborhood and social determinants in the United States and Costa Rica
- Contribute to a book chapter in which a critical gerontology lens is applied to reframe poverty in later life as a structural and political consequence to inform social work policy recommendations

Graduate Research Assistant

Sep 2022 to Aug 2024

University of Maryland, School of Social Work

Advisor: Dr. Paul Sacco

Project Title: Preventing early career burnout and attrition in early career behavioral health professionals in social work and nursing: A qualitative pilot study

- Collaborated on the refinement of a structured interview guide
- Conducted semi-structured individual interviews with early-career clinical social workers to capture detailed perspectives on burnout and attrition
- Transcribed, organized, and supported thematic coding of qualitative data to identify key themes related to burnout prevention

Project Title: Assessing risk for problem gambling among lottery players: A machine learning approach

- Performed a comprehensive review of peer-reviewed literature on gambling risk assessment
- Cleaned a dataset of lottery loyalty program participants, including handling missing values, recoding categorical variables, and removing outliers to ensure data integrity.

Project Title: Behavioral health workforce education and training-competitive renewal

- Conducted a literature review of peer-reviewed journal articles, federal reports (including HRSA, SAMHSA), and state-level workforce data to identify gaps in behavioral health training and service delivery

Research Assistant

2022

Cheongju University, Cheongju, South Korea

Advisor: Dr. Sunju Sohn

Project Title: A study on integration plans of social resources for offenders with mental illnesses

- Conducted a literature review of government policy documents, academic studies on forensic mental health care, and social service integration models to identify practices for offender rehabilitation planning
- Cleaned interview transcripts with service providers and quantitative surveys
- Conducted applied thematic analysis for qualitative data and descriptive statistics for quantitative data

Research Assistant 2022
 Cheongju University, Cheongju, South Korea
 Advisor: Dr. Sunju Sohn
 Project Title: A study on the improvement of psychological and emotional support for children and youth during the COVID-19 pandemic

- Conducted a comprehensive literature review of evidence-based psychological interventions and government guidelines to identify practices for youth mental health support during the pandemic, informing the design of surveys and interview questions
- Cleaned raw survey data and qualitative interview transcripts in preparation for analysis

Research Assistant 2021
 Cheongju University, Cheongju, South Korea
 Advisor: Dr. Hyunjin Kim
 Project Title: A study of age-friendly policies in Goesan-gun

- Conducted a literature review of government policy documents, academic articles, and local demographic reports to identify practices in age-friendly policy
- Cleaned survey data from local residents and analyzed qualitative interview transcripts using thematic coding, as well as quantitative survey responses using descriptive statistics
- Authored integrated reports summarizing key insights and recommendations

Research Assistant 2020 to 2021
 Daegu University, Daegu, South Korea
 Advisor: Dr. Jinhee Hyun
 Project Title: Survey on national mental health status during the COVID-19

- Conducted a literature review of peer-reviewed articles and government reports
- Cleaned raw survey data in preparation for statistical analysis
- Performed descriptive and bivariate quantitative analyses

SPECIALIZED RESEARCH TRAINING & WORKSHOPS

Selected Participant, 2026 NHATS/NSOC Summer Workshop June 2026
 National Health and Aging Trends Study (NHATS)

2026 CAUSALab Summer Courses on Causal Inference June 2026
 Harvard University

Causal Mediation Analysis June 2026
 Statistical Horizons

Causal Mediation Analysis Training May 2026
 Columbia University

Introduction to Longitudinal Structural Equation and Latent Growth Modeling Apr 2026
 University of Maryland

TEACHING INTERESTS

Research Methods in Social Work; Quantitative Methods; Health and Aging Policy;
Disability and Social Policy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor Spring 2026
University of Maryland, School of Social Work
Course: Social Work Research (MSW level, Online Synchronous)

Teaching Assistant Spring 2025
University of Maryland, School of Social Work
Course: Social Work Research (MSW level, in-person)
Mentor: Dr. Roderick A. Rose

Teaching Assistant Spring 2024
University of Maryland, School of Social Work
Course: Social Work Research (MSW level, Asynchronous)
Mentor: Dr. Theda Rose

Invited Lecturer May 2026, Dec 2025, May 2025, Mar 2025
University of Maryland, School of Social Work
Course: Neurodiversity-Affirming Social Work Practice (MSW level)
Lecture: South Korea and intellectual and developmental disabilities: Where are we now?
Instructor: Dr. Samantha Fuld

PROFESSIONAL/PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Sejong City Welfare Foundation, Sejong, South Korea 2019
Researcher (Master's degree level)

- Participated in producing multiple Korean local government reports
- Database search and literature review for various gerontological topics
- Data management and analysis

South Cheongju Community Child Care Center, Cheongju, South Korea 2015
Intern Social Worker

- Conducted family assessments and coordinated community support services
- Provided direct care and supervised recreational and educational activities for children from low-income and at-risk families

SERVICE

Service to the Profession

Conference Abstract Reviewer 2024 to 2026
Gerontological Society of America

Ad-Hoc Manuscript Reviewer
Journal of Gerontological Social Work (2026), *Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology* (2026), *Social Work in Mental Health* (2025)

Service to the College

Orientation Week Peer Mentor Aug 2024
University of Maryland, School of Social Work

- Participated on panels, led activity sessions, hosted lunches, shared contact information to support incoming students' questions, and provided feedback to program organizers

Social Work Student Representative Sep 2023 to May 2024
University of Maryland, School of Social Work

- Participated in monthly PhD Program Committee meetings, providing student group updates, and supporting communication between students and faculty

Service to the Community

Volunteer Jan 2016 to Dec 2016
Northern Social Welfare Center, Cheongju, Korea

- Assisted in general works, helped in holding various events, and provided life supports (meal, bath, laundry, nursing care, hairdressing, etc.)

Volunteer Jul 2013 to Aug 2013
Woorideul Mental Health Center, Cheongju, Korea

- Assisted in various tasks such as weekly rehabilitation, vocational rehabilitation, and community fundraising

CERTIFICATIONS

Social Survey Analyst, Junior 2019
Human Resources Development Service of Korea, South Korea

Licensed Social Worker I, II 2017
Korean Social Worker's Association, South Korea

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Trainee, *Center for Disability Justice*, University of Maryland, 2024 to present
Member, *Society for Social Work and Research*, 2024 to present
Member, *Gerontological Society of America*, 2023 to present
Member, *Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work*, 2023 to present

SKILLS

Research Software: Stata, SAS, Mplus, NVivo
Statistical Analysis: Regression, Causal Modeling, Structural Equation Modeling
Teaching: Case-Based Teaching, Participatory Classroom Management, Inclusive Pedagogy