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Education

PhD in Social Work, Candidate

University of Maryland: Baltimore, MD 2021 – May 2027 (expected graduation)
Poverty, Economic Mobility, and Child Maltreatment: A Three-Paper Dissertation (Chair: Dr. Haksoon Ahn)

Master of Social Work

The Ohio State University: Columbus, OH 2018 – 2020

Graduate Study in Social Welfare

Seoul National University: Seoul, Korea 2016 – 2018
Completed 2-year coursework and passed the qualifying exam

B.A. in Economics

Ewha Womans University: Seoul, Korea 2003 – 2008

Research Interests

Child welfare; child maltreatment prevention; poverty and inequality; neighborhood/community contexts; child welfare system and permanency outcomes; social safety net programs

Teaching Interests

Human Behavior and the Social Environment; Research Methods in Social Work, Child and Family Practice; Social Welfare Policy and Services

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. **Chung, Y.**, Dababnah, S., Kim, I., Reyes, C., Badawi, D. G. & Shaia, W. E. (accepted). A research note on the experiences of Black caregivers' experiences while awaiting a developmental evaluation for their children during a global pandemic. *Families in Society*.
2. Kim, J., **Chung, Y.**, Ahn, H., & Lee, J. (2026). Understanding child maltreatment recurrence in Korea: A scoping review. *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, 89, 102173.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.avb.2026.102173>
3. **Chung, Y.**, & Maguire-Jack, K. (2025). Persistent poverty, poverty mobility, and young adults' material hardship. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 181, 108713.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2025.108713>
4. **Chung, Y.**, Maguire-Jack, K., Pei, F., Lee, J., & Chang, Y. (2025). The mediating role of social cohesion between neighborhood disorder and child maltreatment behaviors across childhood. *Journal of Family Violence*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-025-00988-w>
5. **Chung, Y.**, Rose, R. A., & Maguire-Jack, K. (2025). Neighborhood economic characteristics and child maltreatment: A systematic review. *Journal of Family Violence*.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-025-00982-2>
6. Dababnah, S., Zeleke, W., **Chung, Y.**, Antwi A. R., Dixon, P., Salomone, E., & WHO CST Team. (2025). Outcomes of the World Health Organization's caregiver skills training

- program for Eritrean and Ethiopian parents of autistic children in the US. *Autism*, 29(12), 2941–2954. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13623613251351345>
7. Maguire-Jack, K., Bosetti, R., Chang, Y., **Chung, Y.**, Pei, F., Showalter, K., Chang, O.D., Park, Y., Marçal, K., & Barnhart, S. (2025). Exposure to neighborhood violence, self-efficacy, and child maltreatment. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 163, 107329. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2025.107329>
 8. Showalter, K., & **Chung, Y.** (2025). Understanding the association between economic abuse, abuser-initiated workplace disruptions and mental health outcomes among nursing professionals. *Violence Against Women*. 32(3-4), 789–804. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10778012251320576>
 9. **Chung, Y.**, & Ahn, H. (2024). Understanding the mediation effect of social cohesion between material hardship and child abuse by poverty spells. *Child Maltreatment*, 30(3), 394–405. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10775595241307896>
 10. Ahn, H., Shaw, T., Kim, J., Williams, K., Moeller, E., & **Chung, Y.** (2024). Caseworker visitation after reunification and children's reentry into foster care: A survival analysis. *Child Maltreatment*, 30(1), 150–162. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10775595241253528>
 11. Greif, G. L., **Chung, Y.**, Lee, H., & Zhang, P. (2023). The experiences of Asian Americans who intermarry in the United States: A Qualitative Study. *Families in Society*, 105(4), 688–702. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10443894231193377>
 12. Kim, J., **Chung, Y.**, & Ahn, H. (2023). Poverty and child maltreatment: A systematic review. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 18(4), 882–914. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2023.2264819>
 13. Dababnah, S., Reyes, C., Kim, I., Badawi, D. G., **Chung, Y.**, & Shaia, W. E. (2023). Pilot trial of a peer-to-peer psychoeducational intervention for parents of Black children awaiting a developmental evaluation. *Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics*, 44(5), 370–378. <https://doi.org/10.1097/dbp.0000000000001182>
 14. Johnson-Motoyama, M., Ginther, D. K., Oslund, P., Jorgenson, L., **Chung, Y.**, Phillips, R., Beer, O., Davis, S., & Sattler, P. L. (2022). Association between State Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Policies, Child Protective Services Involvement, and Foster Care in the US, 2004-2016. *JAMA Network Open*, 5(7), e2221509. <https://doi.org/10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2022.21509>
 15. **Chung, Y.**, & Maguire-Jack, K. (2019). Understanding movement into poverty and poverty persistence over time. *Journal of Poverty*, 24(3), 1–15. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10875549.2019.1692271>

Manuscripts Under Review

1. **Chung, Y.**, & Lee, H. Economic hardship and parental psychological distress during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. **Chung, Y.**, & Shaw, T. V. The impact of Trial Home Visits on foster care reentry: A matched group analysis.
3. Kim, J., **Chung, Y.**, & Jeong, J. The intergenerational transmission of substance use and child maltreatment: Mediating pathways of parental victimization and family dynamics.

Book Chapters

1. **Chung, Y.**, Maguire-Jack, K., & Zhao, L. (in press). The impact of neighborhood economic factors on child maltreatment and factors that buffer. In J. J. Turanovic & K. M. Lloyd (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Victims and Victimization*. Oxford University Press.
2. Zhao, L., Maguire-Jack, K., & **Chung, Y.** (revise and resubmit). Understanding the impact of neighborhoods on children's risk and resilience. In P. Lanier (Eds.), *Risk and Resilience in Childhood*. NASW Press.

Government Reports and Other Publications

1. Ahn, H., Williams, K., Moeller, E., Berko, C., Yu, MH., Lee, H., & **Chung, Y.** (February, 2026). *Maryland Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Qualitative Focus Group Report 2023*. Report submitted to the Maryland Department of Human Services, Social Services Administration (MD DHS/SSA).
2. Ahn, H., Williams, K., James, Z., Moeller, E., Kim, J., Kolupanowich, N., Wang, Y., **Chung, Y.**, & Adams, V. (February, 2024). *Maryland Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Qualitative Focus Group Report 2023*. Report submitted to the Maryland Department of Human Services, Social Services Administration (MD DHS/SSA).
3. Ahn, H., Shaw, T., Williams, K., James, Z., Moeller, E., Kolupanowich, N., Kim, J., **Chung, Y.**, & Wang, Y. (September, 2023). *SFY 23 Annual Report: Evaluation of the Integrated Practice Model in Maryland*. Report submitted to the Maryland Department of Human Services, Social Services Administration (MD DHS/SSA).
4. Ahn, H., Shaw, T., Williams, K., James, Z., Moeller, E., Kolupanowich, N., **Chung, Y.**, Kim, J., & Friedman, J. (March, 2023). *SFY 23 Semi-Annual Report: Evaluation of the Integrated Practice Model in Maryland*. Report submitted to the Maryland Department of Human Services, Social Services Administration (MD DHS/SSA).
5. Ahn, H., Williams, K., James, Z., Moeller, E., Kim, J., Kolupanowich, N., Wang, Y., **Chung, Y.**, & Friedman, J. (February, 2023). *Maryland Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Qualitative Focus Group Report October 2022*. Report submitted to the Maryland Department of Human Services, Social Services Administration (MD DHS/SSA).
6. **Chung, Y.** (Apr, 2020). *Evaluation of attitudes toward DUI among college students*. Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Drug Misuse Prevention and Recovery.
7. **Chung, Y.** (Apr, 2019). *Albert Schweitzer Columbus-Athens Charter's Manual*. Albert Schweitzer Fellowship Program.

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

1. **Chung, Y.**, & Shaw, T. V. (2026, April). The impact of Trial Home Visits on Foster Care Reentry: A Matched Group Analysis. Poster presented at the 49th Graduate Research Conference, Baltimore, MD, April 10, 2026.
2. **Chung, Y.**, & Maguire-Jack, K. (2026, January). Persistent poverty, poverty mobility, and young adults' material hardship. Poster presentation at the 30th Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC, January 14-18, 2026
3. Ahn, H., Shaw, T., Kim, J., Williams, K., Moeller, E., & **Chung, Y.** (2025, January). Caseworker visitation after reunification and children's reentry into foster care: A survival analysis. Poster presentation at the 29th Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, WA, January 15-19, 2025.
4. **Chung, Y.**, & Deitz, A. H. H. (2024, January). The relationships among neighborhood perception, economic hardship, and parental psychological distress during the COVID-19

- pandemic: Comparison of urban, suburban, and rural areas. Poster presentation at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC, January 10-14, 2024.
5. Kim, J., **Chung, Y.**, & Ahn, H. (2024, January). Poverty and child maltreatment: A systematic review. Poster presentation at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC, January 10-14, 2024.
 6. **Chung, Y.**, Maguire-Jack, K., & Chang, OD. (2024, January). The association between material hardship and parenting aggravation: A comparison of families experiencing intermittent versus persistent poverty, Oral Presentation at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC, January 10-14, 2024.
 7. **Chung, Y.**, Lee, H., Zhang, P., & Greif, G. L. (2024, January). The experiences of Asian Americans who Intermarry in the United States: A Qualitative Study. Poster presentation at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC, January 10-14, 2024.
 8. Deitz, A. H. H., Tennor, M. K., Mack, L. J. M., Cavaletto, A., **Chung, Y.**, Lee, H., & Zhang, P. (2024, January). A collaboration research process in social work doctoral education: Recentering community. Poster presentation at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC, January 10-14, 2024.
 9. Mack, L. J. M., Deitz, A., Lee, H., & **Chung, Y.** (2023, October). Psychological distress and access to family resources among parents in the time of COVID-19, Poster Presentation at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting (APM). Atlanta, Georgia. October 26-29, 2023.
 10. Mack, L. J. M., Allison, A., Yu, MH., Lee, H., & **Chung, Y.** (2023, September). Cross-national comparison of child maltreatment policy and practice: Perspective from South Korea, Jamaica, Taiwan, and United States. Oral presentation at the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect, Edinburgh Congress, September 24-27, 2023.
 11. Zeleke, W., Dababnah, S., Dixon, P., **Chung, Y.**, & Shih, A. (2023, May). Evaluating the Caregiver Skills Training Program for Ethiopian and Eritrean immigrant families of children with autism. Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the International Society for Autism Research. Stockholm, Sweden. May 4, 2023.
 12. Lee, H., **Chung, Y.**, & Mack, L. J. M. (2023, May). Childhood adversity and emergency care utilization among racial minority children. Poster presentation at the 31st Society for Prevention Research (SPR) Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
 13. **Chung, Y.** (2023, March). Understanding the association between economic hardship and parental psychological distress during the COVID-19 pandemic. Poster presented at the 45th Graduate Research Conference, Baltimore, MD, March 31, 2023.
 14. Lee, J., **Chung, Y.**, & Maguire-Jack, K. (2023, January). What is the state of the literature on employment and child maltreatment?. Poster presented at the 27th Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Phoenix, AZ. January 12-16, 2023.
 15. Dababnah, S., Reyes, C., Kim, I., **Chung, Y.**, Zhu, Y., Badawi, D., Shaia, W. E., & Magaña, S. (2022, June). Pilot trial of “Parents Taking Action” for caregivers of Black children at-risk for autism. Oral presentation at the annual meeting of the American Association for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Online. June 27-29, 2022.
 16. Johnson-Motoyama, M., Ginther, D. K., Oslund, P., Jorgenson, L., **Chung, Y.**, Phillips, R., Beer, O., Davis, S., & Sattler, P. L. (2022, January). “Do policy strategies to improve household resources and parenting capacity reduce child maltreatment? Implications for prevention and race equity”. Symposium entitled to “State SNAP Policy Options and Child

Protective Services Involvement” of the Society for Social Work Research, Washington DC.
January 12-16, 2022.

Research Experience

University of Maryland School of Social Work

Graduate Research Assistant (PI: Roderick Rose, PhD)

2025 – present

- Research project: County income inequality and substantiated child maltreatment rates; Fictive kinship care placement and permanency outcomes
- Conducted national and Maryland administrative data management, data analyses, and wrote a manuscript for a peer-reviewed journal

Graduate Research Assistant (PI: Terry Shaw, PhD)

2024 – 2025

- Research project: Trial Home Visit and foster care reentry
- Conducted Maryland administrative data management, data analyses, and wrote a manuscript for a peer-reviewed journal

Graduate Research Assistant (PI: Haksoon Ahn, PhD)

2022 – 2023

- Research project: Maryland child welfare evaluation and continuous quality improvement
- Participated as a notetaker and peer-reviewer in Maryland’s Child and Family Services Review
- Facilitated Maryland’s Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Qualitative Focus Group Interviews with stakeholders (e.g., biological parents, resource parents, foster parents, service providers, etc.)
- Analyzed Family Team Decision Meeting (FTDM) administrative and survey data to evaluate the Integrated Practice Model (IPM)
- Conducted a systematic review on poverty and child maltreatment; literature review about factors associated with foster care reentry; both resulted in peer-reviewed publications

Graduate Research Assistant (PI: Sarah Dababnah, PhD)

2021 – 2022

- Research project: Autism caregiver intervention and program evaluation
- Recruited Ethiopian and Eritrean immigrant caregivers of autistic children and implemented pilot program in the Washington, DC, Maryland, Virginia (DMV) area
- Designed survey measures, conducted primary data collection, data management, and quantitative analyses for the WHO Caregiver Skills Training program
- Conducted quantitative analyses for Parent Taking Action program evaluation with Black parents of children awaiting a developmental evaluation
- Led a mixed-methods project examining Black caregivers’ experiences while awaiting developmental evaluation during the COVID-19 pandemic

University of Michigan School of Social Work

Core member of Child Maltreatment Prevention Lab (PI: Kathryn Maguire-Jack, PhD, MSW)

2021 – present

- Conducted collaborative research on neighborhood contexts and child maltreatment

The Ohio State University College of Social Work

Independent Study (Supervisor: Dr. Michelle Johnson-Motoyama)

Fall 2019

- Conducted a literature review on the effect of SNAP on child maltreatment for a peer-reviewed journal

Independent Study (Supervisor: Dr. Kathryn Maguire-Jack)

Spring 2019

- Engaged in the entire research process and published a paper “Understanding movement into poverty and poverty persistence over time”

Evaluation Project (field practicum at HECAOD)

2019 – 2020

- Designed survey and collected data from college students, conducted data analyses, conducted literature review, and wrote a paper (“Evaluation of attitudes toward DUI among college students”); Funder: Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO)

Yongsan Self-sufficiency Center

Evaluation Project (Supervisor: Heedong Kang)

2016 – 2017

- Conducted qualitative interviews with 12 clients and completed an evaluation report for “The meaning of participating in the self-sufficiency program and the factors that influence work incentives”

Teaching Experience

University of Maryland School of Social Work (MSW course)

Instructor, SOWK645 Human Behavior and the Social Environment (Spring 2026, Asynchronous)

Teaching Assistant, SOWK645 Human Behavior and the Social Environment (Fall 2024)

Hybrid (In-person and online); Instructor: Dr. Sarah Dababnah (Associate Professor)

Grant/Awards

University of Maryland School of Social Work

2026 Dissertation Grant Award, \$2,200

2025 – 2026 Susan J. Zuravin Scholarship Award, \$3,000

2023 – 2024 Kong/Jin Memorial Endowment Award, \$2,000

2023 Travel Fellowship, \$300

University of Michigan Panel Study of Income Dynamics Workshop

2026 Travel Fellowship, \$1,500

University and International Service

2026 – 2027 Student Editorial Board Member, *Child Maltreatment*

2026 SSWR 2027 Abstract Reviews

2026 Ad-hoc Reviewer, *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*

2021 – present Member, International Student Association

Training

2026	ICPSR: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) Data User Workshop
2025	The Future of Families and Child Wellbeing Study Data Summer Workshop
2025	Training for Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) Peer Reviewers

Professional Experience

Social Work Internships

2019 – 2020	Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Drug Misuse Prevention and Recovery, Columbus, Ohio
2019	Columbus-Athens Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, Columbus, Ohio
2016 – 2017	Yongsan Community Self-sufficiency Center, Seoul, South Korea

Other Work Experience

2009 – 2015 Assistant Manager, SK Energy Co., Ltd., Seoul, Korea

Logistics Planning; Brand Marketing; Alliance Marketing Team

- Led the development and implementation of the “Sharing Books for Love” donation initiative supporting children in low-income families
- Designed and implemented a regional partnership model connecting local SK Energy oil stations and customers with community child centers
- Established a three-party partnership among the Ministry of Health and Welfare, Seoul Broadcasting System (SBS), and SK Energy (May 2013)
- Secured \$5M in funding and more than 100,000 donated books; received the 2013 Best Performer Award

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2008	Full-time Employee: Industrial Bank of Korea, Korea; Household Finance Division
2006	Intern, Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., Korea
2006	Intern, Shinhan Bank Co., Ltd., Seoul, Korea

Volunteer Experiences

2019 – 2020	Neighborhood Services, Inc. (Columbus, Ohio)
2013 – 2014	Community Child Centers (Seoul, Ulsan, Daejeon in South Korea)

Professional Affiliations

2023 – present	Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
2023 – present	American Public Health Association (APHA)
2022 – present	The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)
2019 – present	Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)
2019 – 2020	The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi