

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2006, University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Affairs, Department of Social Welfare (Dissertation: Should I Stay or Should I Go Now? Children's Perceptions of Permanency While Living in Out of Home Placements; Committee: Chair, Dr. Todd M. Franke; Members, Drs. Duncan Lindsey, Bridget Freisthler, Rashmita Mistry)
- M.S.W. 2003, University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Affairs, Department of Social Welfare (Child Welfare)
- B.A. 1989, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY Concentration: Psychology and Sociology (Don: Dr. Jan Drucker)

HIGHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

- 2023- Professor, University of Chicago, Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice
- 2016 –22 Tenured Associate Professor, New York University, Silver School of Social Work
Courses: *Social Welfare Programs & Policies I; Advanced Social Policy: Children/Families (Domestic Violence); Advanced Social Policy: Advocacy; Ph.D. Quantitative Methods*
Doctoral committee member: Donte Boyd (UCLA PhD 2019), Seven Laracuenta (NYU PhD 2019), Yuerong Liu (Chair, NYU PhD 2019), Rachel Ludeke (Chair, NYU PhD 2021), Dianne Mack (NYU PhD 2022), Krushika Pantankar (NYU), Alicia Mendez (Rutgers), Tricia Stephens (NYU PhD 2016)
- 2010-16 Assistant Professor, New York University, Silver School of Social Work
Courses taught: *Social Welfare Programs & Policies I; Advanced Social Policy: Children/Families (Domestic Violence)*
- 2006-10 Assistant Professor, Rutgers University School of Social Work, New Jersey
Courses taught: *Cognitive Behavioral Therapy; Issues in Social Policy: Children and Families; Social Work Practice II; Family Violence*

HONORS RECEIVED

- 2023 Awarded the 2023 Children's Bureau Champion Award for Advancing Equity, Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families

2022-	Affiliate, Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP), University of Wisconsin-Madison
2020	Recipient, New York University Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Faculty Award (February 5, 2020)
2019	NYU Silver School of Social Work <i>Distinguished Contribution to Student Engagement Award</i>
2012	Selected Participant, Cornell Summer Research Institute
2010	Young Scholar Travel Award, Translational Research on Child Neglect Consortium, Department of Health and Human Services, NIH, NIMH
2007	Honorable Mention, Outstanding Dissertation Award, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)
2005-2006	David and Marianna Fisher Fellowship, UCLA
2002-2005	Olive Stone Fellowship, UCLA
2003	Summer Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA
2001-2002	Los Angeles Association of Black Social Workers Scholarship

RESEARCH SUPPORT, ENDEAVORS AND CONSULTANCIES

Principal Investigator:

Pending	<i>Black and African American Research Center (BAARC)</i> ; \$8,864,711 (To be submitted for foundation funding, Fall/2022)
2022-Present	Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP)'s Extramural Large Grant for Poverty and Economic Mobility Research; <i>Child Welfare System (CWS) Impacted Parents: Knowledge of their Rights and Perceptions of Family Strengths and Well-being</i> ; \$50,000
2022-Present	New York University, Silver School of Social Work, Seed Grant; <i>Child Welfare System Impacted Parents: Knowledge of their Rights and Perceptions of Family Well-being and Strengths</i> ; \$10,000
2019-Present	R21 HD097647-01A1 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development/Center for Research for Mothers and Children (NICHD/CRMC); <i>An Elicitation Analysis of Parental Perspectives Regarding Child Neglect</i> Funded Award; \$435,875
2020-Present	New York University, Silver School of Social Work, Seed Grant; <i>Experiences of BIPOC Child Welfare Services Impacted Parents</i> ; \$10,000
2017-2019	New York University, Silver School of Social Work, Seed Grant, <i>Parenting Concerns of Preventive Services Clients</i> ; \$6,000
2016-2019	New York University, Silver School of Social Work, Seed Grant, University Research Challenge Grant, <i>Parenting Concerns of Preventive Services Clients</i> ; \$12,000
2008-2009	Youth Advocate Programs, Inc., <i>The Impact of Community-based, Advocacy/Wrap-Around Services on At Risk Youth and Their Families</i> ; \$30,000 plus course buyout
2008-2009	Rutgers University, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, <i>Trends Among</i>

Children Served by the Child Welfare System, \$1,500

Co-Principal Investigator:

- 2019 -2022. Rutgers University, School of Social Work, Seed Grant, *Assessing the Feasibility of a Pilot Intervention for Parents Transitioning from Child Welfare Services Oversight*; \$10,000; (Co-PI: Cassandra Simmel, MSW, Ph.D.)
- 2020 -Present Rutgers University, School of Social Work, Seed Grant, Offices of the Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor for Research & Academic Affairs at Rutgers-New Brunswick and the Senior Vice President for Research and Economic Development, *The Impact of COVID-19 on Families and Caseworkers in NYC*; \$30,000; (Co-PI: Cassandra Simmel, MSW, Ph.D.)

Research Grant Proposals Under Review

Consultant/Mentor:

Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01) submitted by Sugy Choi, Assistant Professor, NYU Grossman School of Medicine, Department of Population Health (Role: Co-Mentor); Title: *Harnessing big data to address discrimination against women of color in the utilization of perinatal toxicology*.

Co-Investigator:

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, *Social, Health, and Economic Outcomes of COVID-related Stimulus Payments among Vulnerable Individuals impacted by Public Behavioral Health Systems*; (Role: Co-I with Drs. Jim Jaccard and Jennifer Manuel), rolling submission.

Research Grant Proposals Submitted

Principal Investigator:

Administration of Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS), *African American Child and Family Research Center*; (2021-2026); \$8,864,711

National Science Foundation, *See It, Do It, Be It: Racial Equity Through STEM Identity*, 2022 – 2025; \$3,653,037; (PI: Vikram Kapila, Ph.D.)

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development/Center for Research for Mothers and Children (NICHD/CRMC), Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (MRSDA/K01), *Examining the Association between Types of Child Neglect and Well-Being*, Scored; 2012; \$654,319

External Research Advisory Board Service (2022 -)

Supply, quality, and sustainability of nontraditional hour child care: An equity-focused policy-research partnership for Illinois funded by ACF, **Child Care Policy Research Partnership Grant** (HHS-2022-ACF-OPRE-YE-0106) Erickson Institute, University of Chicago, Illinois Action for Children; Co-PIs: Dr. Juliet Bromer, Erikson Institute, Dr. David Alexander, IL Action for Children

(IAFC), Bethany Patten, IL Dept of Human Services, and Dr. Julia Henly, University of Chicago (Role: Advisory Committee Member)

Urban Institute's Office of Race and Equity Research (ORER) focused on **Structural Racism's Impact on Health and Wellbeing**, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Project focus exploring the relationship between community resource allocation and Black-White placement disparities in the child welfare system (Role: External Reviewer)

NICHD proposal (under review) for **P50 CAPSTONE Center for Multidisciplinary Research in Child Abuse and Neglect** housed the Center for Child and Family Policy in the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University; Co-PIs: Elizabeth Gifford and Jennifer Lansford (Role: External Advisory Board Member)

Other Research Endeavors:

Primary Investigator, University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Affairs, Department of Social Welfare. Dissertation research (Chair: Todd Franke, Ph.D.). An analysis of foster children's perceptions of permanency; secondary dataset, The National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSCAW) (2005-2006).

Graduate Student Researcher, University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Affairs, Department of Social Welfare; the impact of neighborhood structural and environmental factors on child abuse potential and substantiated child maltreatment rates within census tracts and block groups; Hierarchical Linear Modeling utilized to study the nested nature of multiple levels of data (2005-2006).

Research Assistant, National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression (NARSAD); University of California, Los Angeles, Project Title: *Mood and Quality of Life Correlates of Estrogen Augmentation in Postmenopausal Women*; the effects of estrogen on mood and quality of life in depressed postmenopausal women who are partial responders to serotonin reuptake inhibitors in a double blind, placebo-controlled study (2001-2002) (PI: Melinda Morgan, Ph.D., LCSW).

Other Activities

Manuscript Evaluation:

Editor

2021 -Present	Co-Editor in Chief, <i>Children and Youth Services Review</i>
2018- 2021	Associate Editor, <i>Children and Youth Services Review</i>
2021- Present	Associate Editor, <i>International Journal of Social Welfare</i>

Editorial Board

2009- Present	<i>Children and Youth Services Review</i>
2020- 2025	<i>Child Maltreatment</i>
2021- Present	<i>Social Service Review</i>
2021- Present	<i>Youth</i>

Reviewer Activities

2015- Present	<i>Child Maltreatment</i>
2015- Present	<i>BMC Pediatrics</i>
2015- Present	<i>American Journal of Preventive Medicine</i>
2014- Present	<i>Child Abuse and Neglect</i>
2014- Present	<i>Journal of Children and Poverty</i>
2018- Present	<i>Journal of Applied Psychology</i>
2012- Present	<i>Journal of Interpersonal Violence</i>
2018- Present	<i>Substance Use and Misuse</i>

Scientific Reviews:

Research project submitted (2021) to the Swiss National Science Foundation, *Multi-sectoral responses to child abuse and neglect in Switzerland: A Study on Incidence and Prevalence* (SNSF - IZCOZO_205490)

Conference Abstracts:

2020, 2021, 2022	Reviewer, Society for Social Work Research
2022	Reviewer, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL, AND COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Institutional Service:

2021- 2023	Co-Chair, NYU Silver Executive Committee
2021- 2023	NYU Silver Faculty Promotions, Reappointment, Tenure Committee
2020-2022	Chair, NYU Tenure/Tenure Track Faculty Senate Council, (Re-elected)
2019-2020	Vice-Chair, NYU Tenure/Tenure Track Faculty Senate Council
2020- Present	NYU Silver Ph.D. Committee
2018- 2020	NYU Silver Faculty Search Committee
2018- 2020	Co-Leader, NYU Silver Social Justice Praxis Committee
2018- Present	Member, NYU Silver Social Justice Praxis Committee
2016- 2019	Co-Chair, NYU Tenure/Tenure Track Faculty Senate Council (TFSC), Inclusion, Equity and Diversity Committee
2018- 2019	Co-Chair, NYU Tenure/Tenure Track Faculty Senate Council (TFSC), Governance Committee
2018- 2020	NYU Silver Faculty Promotions, Reappointment, Tenure Committee
2018- Present	Member, NYU Silver Social Justice Praxis Committee (Co-Leader)
2016- 2018	Co-Chair, NYU Strategy and Tactics of Action
2017- 2020	Faculty Advisor, Black Women's NYU Silver Social Work Coalition
2016- 2018	Member, NYU Silver Executive Committee
2013- 2015	Member, NYU Distinguished Teaching Award Committee
2013- 2014	Member, NYU Silver MSW Admissions Committee
2013- 2014	Member, NYU Silver Faculty Search Committee
2011- 2014	Co-Director, NYU Silver Field Learning and Community Partnerships

	Committee
2011- 2013	Co-Chair, NYU Silver Nominations and Elections Committee
2006- 2008	Co-Director, Rutgers University Faculty Search Committee
2007- 2008	Co-Director, Rutgers University Admissions Committee
2005	Faculty Ad Hoc Committee, Relief for Katrina Victims

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Board Membership:

2022- Present	Board Member (Elected), American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC), Prevention Subcommittee (2014- Present)
2019- 2022	Board Member at Large (Elected), Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), Chair, Social Policy Committee (Member, 2017-2019), Book of the Year Award Committee (Reviewer, 2017)
2021- Present	Board Member, Social Work Democracy Project
2021- Present	Board Member (Elected), Citizens' Committee for Children of NY (CCC)
2020- Present	Board Member (Elected), Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)
2020- Present	Member, Center for Innovation in Child Maltreatment Policy, Scientific Learning Collaborative
2020- Present	Invited Member, Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society

Other Academic Service, Domestic (Invited Presentations, Workshops)

Spring 2018	Presenter, University of California, Los Angeles, SPA, Department of Social Welfare, Doctoral Student Job Preparation Club
Spring 2018	Presenter, University of California, Los Angeles, SPA, Department of Social Welfare, Research Methods
Spring 2018	Presenter, New York University, Shanghai Campus, Research Methods Workshop; Presentation to Chinese Non-Profit Agency Leaders (topic: Commonalities between NASW Code of Ethics and Chinese child welfare agency missions)
2010	Presenter, New York University, Silver School of Social Work, Doctoral Student Job Preparation Club, "Preparing for the Academic Job Interview"
2010	Organizer/Mediator, New York University, Silver School of Social Work, Viewing and Discussion with Precious Producer, Lisa Cortes
2007	Interviewer, Rutgers University, School of Social Work, Public Child Welfare Intensive Weekend MSW Program
2007	Interviewer, Rutgers University, School of Social Work, Doctoral Student Job Preparation Club, "Preparing for the Academic Job Interview"
2007	Interviewer, Rutgers University, Faculty Traveling Seminar
2004- 2005	Doctoral Student Representative, University of California, Los Angeles, SPA, Department of Social Welfare
2003- 2005	Student Organizer, Ad Hoc Diversity Committee, University of California, Los Angeles, SPA, Department of Social Welfare
2001- 2005	Student Organizer, Black Caucus, University of California, Los

2003	Angeles, SPA, Department of Social Welfare Student Organizer, Social Justice/Action Caucus, University of California, Los Angeles, SPA, Department of Social Welfare
2003- 2004	Welcoming Coordinator, Doctoral Program, University of California, Los Angeles, SPA, Department of Social Welfare

INVITED KEYNOTES/PRESENTATIONS

2023	Invited by NIDA and The HEALthy Brain and Child Development Study (HBCD): Engaging Child Welfare Systems in Research on Young Children Hybrid Workshop to present as a panelist, May 25-26, 2023
2023	Invited by the Maryland CASA Association to present a keynote address at the 16th Annual Conference on Child Well-Being: Redefining Advocacy, April 22, 2023
2023	Invited by the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, School of Social Work to present as a panelist at the 2023 UNC School of Social Work Black History Month Research Series, Title: Transforming Institutional Practices that Harm Black Families, February, 22, 2023
2023	Invited by the University of Connecticut, School of Social Work to present a lecture titled, Child Poverty Surveillance is Harmful to Black Families, February 27, 2023
2022	Invited by the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) to be a Reading Club panelist, titled Integrating Race, Power, and Privilege & Perspective into Child Protection Services: How Do Families Experience and Interact with CPS?
2022	Invited by the Office of Human Services Policy Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to present a workshop to policy and research analysts, Equity in Child Welfare, May 26, 2022
2022	Invited by the Children's Bureau ACF/HHS as part of the Child Welfare Information Gateway (CWIG) project to present a webinar focusing on race/equity and risk/safety assessment, August 2022
2022	Invited by the New York Foundling, Vincent J. Fontana Center for Child Protection, and the William Randolph Hearst Program for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment to present a workshop, <i>Effective Models for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment</i> , October 19, 2022
2022	Invited by the NICHD funded Capstone Center Consortium to present at a virtual event, <i>Disentangling Neglect from Poverty Across Definitions, Outcomes, Interventions, and Policy Recommendations</i> , April 22, 2022
2022	Invited to present an endowed 15th Annual Brieland Visiting Scholar Lecture , <i>Centering the Lived Experiences and Voices of Black Moms Impacted by Child Welfare Systems Surveillance</i> , University of Illinois School of Social Work, April 6, 2022
2022	Invited by Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) to present at a Racial Injustice Conference, a panel titled, <i>Messaging for Change: The Power of Political Social Work</i> (Panelists, Dr. Charles Lewis, Jr.; Dr. Darcey Merritt; Justin Hodge), February

- 4, 2022
- 2022 Invited by Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP) to host a book conversation webinar with Andrea Elliott, the author of *Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival & Hope in an American City* by Andrea Elliott, January 12, 2022 (over 1000 registrants across disciplines)
- 2021 Merritt, D.H. (2021). How Do Families Experience and Interact with CPS? In K. Slack and L. Berger, Toward a Better Approach to Preventing, Identifying, and Addressing Child Maltreatment, The *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science (AAPSS)*, included in the Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP's) *Focus*
- 2021 Invited by the ANNALS to present my article at a webinar (over 600 registrants), "We Can Do Better: Cross-System Approaches for Addressing Child Maltreatment," March 23, 2021
- 2021 Invited by Santa Clara County Child Abuse Prevention Council to present a webinar with Dr. Brett Drake (Washington University, St. Louis), April 23, 2021
- 2021 Invited by the Center for Innovation in Child Maltreatment Policy, Research and Training Brown School to present at the Leadership, Equity, and Diversity for Higher Education (LEAD) First Annual Predoctoral Institute, October 8, 2021
- 2021 Invited by the New York Foundling, Vincent J. Fontana Center for Child Protection, and the William Randolph Hearst Program for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment to present a workshop, *Effective Models for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment*, September 29, 2021
- 2021 Invited by Children's Bureau, Administration for Children, Youth and Families to present at the 22nd National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, *Disentangling the Connections between Racism, Poverty and Child Welfare*, July 28, 2021
- 2021 Invited by the Center for Family Representation (CFR) to present a Webinar on *Challenges and Opportunities in Cross-Cultural Supervision and Application to Child Protection Service*, Webinar Part 1: February 12, 2021
- 2020 Invited by International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) to present a Webinar on my research highlighting the Integration of Neuroscience and Genetics into Social Work: Implications for Practice, Policy and Research, Webinar: January 30, 2020
- 2019 Invited by Good Shepherd Services, NY to present a keynote address, *Child Welfare Summit on Placement Trends and Challenges based on Family First Prevention Act*, November 1, 2019
- 2019 Invited by the New York Foundling, Vincent J. Fontana Center for Child Protection, and the William Randolph Hearst Program for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment to present a workshop, *Effective Models for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment*, September 11, 2019
- 2019 Invited by East China University of Science and Technology to present a keynote address at the 2nd International Conference on Social Work and Social Policy for Children in Shanghai, China, May 23-24, 2019

2019 Invited by UNICEF to present a keynote address at the Social Work Conference on Child Protection in Beijing, China, January 22-23, 2019

PUBLICATIONS (* Denotes where I mentored a student):

- Simmel, C., Merritt, D.H., Jones Harden, B., & Greenfield, B. (2023). Assessing Child Neglect in the Context of Age, Race, and Household Financial Hardship. *Child Welfare*
- Merritt, D.H., *Ludeke, R., *Patankar, K. U., *Mahachi, M., *Buck, M. (2022). "Racial Justice." In Cynthia Franklin (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Social Work*. New York: Oxford University Press and National Association of Social Workers Press.
doi:10.1093/acrefore/9780199975839.013.1292
- Detlaff, A., Boyd, R., Merritt, D., Plummer, A. & Simon, J. (2021). Racial Bias, Poverty, and the Notion of Evidence. *Child Welfare*, 99(3).
- Merritt, D., *Ludeke, R., & Hudson, K. D. (2021). Parenting Amid Child Welfare Oversight: A Case Study of a Black Mother. *Child Welfare*.
- Merritt, D.H. (2021). Documenting experiences and interactions with Child Protective Services. In J.T. Spartz & J. Siers-Poisson (Eds.), *Preventing child maltreatment and neglect in the United States: Opportunities for Change*, Focus on Poverty, 37(2), 3-10. Institute for Research on Poverty. <https://www.irp.wisc.edu/resource/documenting-experiences-and-interactions-with-child-protective-services/>
- Merritt, D.H. (2021). How Do Families Experience and Interact with CPS? In K. Slack and L. Berger, Toward a Better Approach to Preventing, Identifying, and Addressing Child Maltreatment, The *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* (AAPSS). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0002716220979520>
- Merritt, D.H. (2021). Lived Experiences of Racism among Child Welfare Involved Parents, *Race and Social Problems*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12552-021-09316-5>
- *Liu, Y. & Merritt, D.H. (2021). Family Routines and Child Problem Behaviors in Developmental Transitions, *Child and Youth Services Review*.
- Merritt, D.H. & Snyder, S. M. (2019). Inhalant use among child welfare involved adolescents. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 28(1), 45-54. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/1067828X.2018.1561576>
- Merritt, D. H. & *Ludeke, R. (2019). The Routledge Handbook of Adoption, Chapter 34, Post Adoption Services. A video teaching tool was requested and recorded based on this contribution.
- Lindsey, D., Fernandez, E., Franke, T. M., Johnson-Motoyama, M., Klein, S., Merritt, D. H., & Shlonsky, A. (2018). Long Term Harm to Immigrant Infants and Children. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 91, iii. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2018.07.019>
- *Liu, Y. & Merritt, D.H. (2018). Familial Financial Stress and Child Internalizing Behaviors: The Roles of Caregivers' Maltreating Behaviors and Social Support. *Child Abuse and Neglect*, 86, 324-335. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2018.09.002>
- *Liu, Y. & Merritt, D.H. (2018). Examining the Association Between Parenting and Childhood Depression of Chinese Children and Adolescents: A Systematic Literature Review. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 88, 316-332. DOI: 10.1016/j.childyouth.2018.03.019
- Merritt, D.H., Maguire-Jack, K. & Negash, T. (2017). Effective Program Models for the

- Prevention of Child Maltreatment. In J. Conte and B. Klika (Eds.), *The APSAC Handbook on Child Maltreatment*, 4th ed. (Chapter 16). Sage Publications, Inc.
- Klein, S., Merritt, D.H. & Snyder, S. (2016). Child Welfare Supervised Children's Participation in Center-based Early Care and Education. *Children and Youth Services Review*. DOI: 10.1016/j.chidyouth.2016.06.021
- Simmel, C., Merritt, D.H., MiSung, Kim & Soyoun, Kim. (2016). An exploratory study of neglect and emotional abuse in adolescents: Classifications of caregiver risk factors. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*. DOI: 10.1007/s10826-016-0414-9
- Simmel, C., Merritt, D.H., Soyoun, Kim, & MiSung Kim, (2016). Developmental Disabilities in Foster Children: Correlates of Referrals for Service Provision. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 10 (2), 197-214. DOI: 10.1080/15548732.2016.1139521
- Snyder, S. & Merritt, D.H. (2016). The effect of child neglect on emerging adults' drinking. *Substance Use and Misuse*, 51(1), 1-14. DOI: 10.3109/10826084.2015.1073321
- Merritt, D.H. & Snyder, S. (2015). Correlates of Optimal Behavior Among Child Welfare Involved Children: Perceived School Peer Connectedness, Activity Participation, Social Skills and Peer Affiliation. *Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 85 (5), 483-494. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/ort0000091>
- Snyder, S. & Merritt, D.H. (2015). The influence of supervisory neglect on subtypes of emerging adult substance use after controlling for familial factors, relationship status, and individual traits. *Substance Abuse*, 36:4, 507-514, DOI: 10.1080/08897077.2014.997911
- Merritt, D.H. & Klein, S. (2015). Do early care and education services improve language development for maltreated children? Evidence from a national child welfare sample. *Child Abuse and Neglect*, 39, 185-196. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2014.10.011>
- Merritt, D.H. & Snyder, S. (2014). Maltreatment Type and Behaviors: Does Listening Matter? *Child Abuse and Neglect*, 38, 2062-2071. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2014.10.019>
- Snyder, S. & Merritt, D.H. (2014). Do childhood experiences of neglect affect delinquency among child welfare involved youth? *Children and Youth Services Review*, 46, 64-71. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chidyouth.2014.08.007>
- Klein, S. & Merritt, D.H. (2014). Neighborhood racial & ethnic diversity as a predictor of child welfare system involvement. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 41, 95- 105. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chidyouth.2014.03.009>
- Merritt, D.H. & Festinger, T. (2013). Post-adoption Service Need and Access: Differences Between International, Kinship and Non-Kinship Foster Care. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 35 (12), 1913-1922. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chidyouth.2013.09.013>
- Merritt, D.H. (2011). Should I Stay or Should I Go? Correlates of Children's Placement Preferences. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 5 (4), 408-425. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2011.599760>
- Postmus, J. & Merritt, D.H. (2010). When Child Abuse Overlaps with Domestic Violence: The Factors that Influence Child Protection Workers' Beliefs. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 32 (3), 309-317. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chidyouth.2009.09.011>
- Merritt, D.H. & Franke, T.M. (2009). Should I Stay or Should I Go? Children's Placement Preferences: Longitudinally. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 36 (1), 46-67. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/01488370903333611>

- Merritt, D. H. (2009). Child Abuse Potential: Correlates with Child Maltreatment Rates and Structural Measures of Neighborhoods. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 31 (8), 927-934. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chilyouth.2009.04.009>
- Merritt, D.H. (2008). Placement Preferences among Children Living in Foster or Kinship Care: A Cluster Analysis. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 30, 1336-1344. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chilyouth.2008.04.002>
- Freisthler, B., Merritt, D.H. & LaScala, E. (2006). Understanding the Ecology of Child Maltreatment: A Review of the Literature and Directions for Future Research. *Child Maltreatment*, 11 (3), 263-280. DOI: 10.1177/1077559506289524

Other Publications:

- Merritt, D.H. (2019). In Memory of Edward F. Zigler, Head Start Founder and Advocate for Poor Children, *Children and Youth Services Review*, 100, 525. DOI: [10.1016/j.chilyouth.2019.03.053](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chilyouth.2019.03.053)

Works Under Review:

- Briggs, E., Hanson, R., Klika, J. B., LeBlanc, S., Maddux, J., Merritt, D., Palusci, V., Panlilio, C., Roygardner, D., Schelbe, L., Stormer, B., Valentino, K., & Vaughan-Eden, V. (submitted). Addressing Systemic Racism in APSAC Publications. Blinded During Submission Process. Manuscript submitted for publication.
- Merritt, D.H. & *Ludeke, R. D. (under review), School Setting Surveillance as a Risk Factor for Child Welfare System Involvement

Works in Preparation:

- Merritt, D.H. & Boyd, R., Reclaiming the Conversation: The Lived Experiences of Child Protective Services Impacted Families is THEIR Evidence
- Merritt, D.H., Boyd, R., Williams-Butler, A., & Slack, K. Parental Agreement with Child Protective Service Decisions
- Merritt, D.H. Racialized Poverty and Child Neglect

Mentorship:

- Tara Simpson, New York University Silver School of Social Work (Mentor, DSW student 2020-)
- Peleya Patterson, New York University Silver School of Social Work (Mentor, DSW student 2020-)
- Krushika Pantankar, New York University Silver School of Social Work (Co-Mentor, Ph.D. student 2020-)
- Christine Cocchiola New York University Silver School of Social Work (DSW Capstone Committee Member, 2021)
- Alicia Mendez, Rutgers University, School of Social Work (Dissertation Committee Member, 2020-)
- Dr. Yuerong Liu, New York University Silver School of Social Work (Mentor and Dissertation Chair, defense date, August 2019)
- Dr. Rachel Ludeke, New York University Silver School of Social Work (Mentor and Dissertation Chair, defense date, January 2022)
- Dr. Donte Boyd, University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Affairs, Department of

Social Welfare (Mentor and Dissertation Committee Member, defense date, May 29, 2019)
 Dr. Tricia Stephens, New York University Silver School of Social Work (Dissertation Committee Member, defense date, May 2016)
 Dr. Seven Laracuenta, New York University Silver School of Social Work (Dissertation Committee Member, defense date, March 2019)
 Dr. Nivida Chandra, Fulbright Visiting Scholar from New Dehli, India (2017-2018)

Selected Recent Peer Reviewed Conference Presentations:

May 2023	Merritt, D.H. An Elicitation Analysis of Parental Perspectives Regarding Child Neglect. Paper accepted for presentation at the 30 th Annual Colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC).
Apr. 2023	Rivera-Joseph, S., Merritt, D.H., Peterson, C. Enhancing Primary Prevention in Philadelphia: Support Line, Prioritized Services, and Benefits. Workshop accepted for presentation at the 23rd National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect (NCCAN).
Mar. 2023	Merritt, D.H., Jaccard, J., Ludeke, R. An elicitation analysis of parental perspectives regarding child neglect: Trauma of child protective system oversight (Paper Symposium: Understanding trauma in vulnerable children and families: addressing the intersection of multiple systems' level risk factors) at the 2023 Biennial Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD), Salt Lake City, UT.
Jan. 2023	Merritt, D. H. (moderator). Social Work Policy Forum at the annual program meeting of the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), Phoenix, AZ.
Jan. 2023	Merritt, D. H. (panelist). Journal Editors Panel at the annual program meeting of the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), Phoenix, AZ.
Jan. 2022	Palmer, J., Jiwatram-Negron, T., Kolivoski, K., Merritt, D., & Wu, E. Acknowledging and Addressing Racism and Oppressive Practices in Teaching and Epistemological Approaches in Research. Workshop accepted for presentation at the annual program meeting of the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), Washington D.C.
Jan. 2022	Boyd, R., Dettlaff, A., Merritt, D., Plummer, J., & Simon, J. New Frames for Persisting Problems: Racial Disparities, Bias, Poverty, and the Notion of Evidence. Roundtable presented at the annual program meeting of the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), Washington D.C.
Jan. 2022	Black, J., Suarez Rojas, R.D., & Merritt, D. How to Prepare Social Workers for Emancipatory and Meaningful Research? Neuroscientific Principles to Unleash Brain Potential. Workshop presented at the annual program meeting of the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), Washington D.C.
Oct. 2021	Merritt, D.H. & *Ludeke, R. Parenting amid child welfare oversight: A case study of a Black mother. Paper accepted for presentation at the annual colloquium of the American Public Health Association (APHA), Denver, CO
Jan. 2020	Merritt, D.H. & *Ludeke, R. Child Welfare Oversight, Parental Fears and Trauma Induced By Racial Disparities. Symposium paper presented at the annual

	program meeting of the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), Washington D.C.
Nov. 2020	Merritt, D.H. Child Welfare Beyond Child Protective Services, Discussant at the annual program meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Virtual
Sept. 2019	Merritt, D.H. & *Ludeke, R. Threats to optimal parenting: Socio-economic and minority status. Paper presented at the annual colloquium of The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN), XXIII International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, Muscat, Oman
Sept. 2018	Merritt, D. H. Is Parental Oversight Empowering to Mothers Subjected to Child Welfare Services? Poster presented at the annual colloquium of Qualitative Research in Mental Health (QRMH7), Berlin, Germany
Sept. 2018	Merritt, D. H. & *Ludeke, R. The effects of perceived caregiver quality on the development of depression in foster youth. Paper presented at the annual colloquium of The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN), XXII International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, Prague, Czech Republic.
Jan. 2018	*Liu, Y. & Merritt, D. H. The Relationship between Poverty, Economic Stress and Child Internalizing Problems. Paper presented at the annual program meeting of the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), Washington, DC.
Oct. 2017	Merritt, D. H. & Snyder, S. How Is Access to Peer Support Amongst Traumatized Adolescents Associated with Behaviors? A National Study of Child Welfare Involved Youth. Paper presented at the annual colloquium of The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN), European Regional Meeting, The Hague, Netherlands.
Nov. 2017	*Ludeke, R. & Merritt, D. H. Differences in Socio-Behavioral Outcomes Among Youth in Foster and Kinship Care. Paper presented at the annual colloquium of the American Public Health Association (APHA), Atlanta, GA
Jun. 2017	Merritt, D. H. (moderator). Schmidt, L., Becht, N., Dunn, K. Child Welfare and Early Childhood Partnerships to Prevent Maltreatment. Training session conducted at 25th annual colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC), Portland, ME
Aug. 2016	Klein, S., Merritt, D. H. & Sturm, S. Working with Early Care & Education Providers to Promote Safety, Permanency & Well-being for Children in the Child Welfare System. Workshop presented at the annual program meeting of the National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect (NCCAN), Washington D.C.
Jan. 2016	Merritt, D. H., Klein, S. & Snyder, S. Predictors of Early Care & Education Service Use: Findings from a National Child Welfare Sample. Paper presented at the annual program meeting of the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), Washington D.C.
Jul. 2015	Merritt, D. H. (Panel Discussant). Aligning policy efforts for collective impact: A panel discussion. Panel discussion presented at 23rd annual colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC), Boston, MA

- Jul. 2015 Merritt, D. H., Klein, S. & Snyder, S. Correlates of Early Childhood Education and Child Care Utilization Among Child Welfare Involved Children. Paper presented at 23rd annual colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC), Boston, MA
- Jan. 2015 Klein, S. and Merritt, D.H. Do early care and education services improve language development for maltreated children? Evidence from a national child welfare sample. Paper presented at the annual program meeting of the Society for Social Work Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA
- Jun. 2014 Klein, S. and Merritt, D.H. Neighborhood Structure & Maltreatment Referral Rates for Black, Hispanic & White Children. Paper and poster presented for presentation at the 21st annual colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC), New Orleans, LA
- Jun. 2013 Merritt, D.H. Parental Fears and Socioeconomic Status: Understanding Child Maltreatment. Paper presented at the 21st annual colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC), Las Vegas, NV
- Jun. 2013 Merritt, D.H. Children's Perceptions of Caseworker Support. Paper presented at the 21st annual colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC), Las Vegas, NV
- Jun. 2013 Merritt, D.H. The Difference between Child Abuse and Neglect. Poster presented at the 21st annual colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC), Las Vegas, NV
- Oct. 2010 Merritt, D.H. and Akincigil, A. Children's Perceptions of Caseworker Support. Poster accepted for presentation at the 56th annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Portland, OR
- Oct. 2010 Klein, S. and Merritt, D.H. Neighborhood Structure and Maltreatment Referrals for Black, Hispanic and White Children. Paper presented at the 56th annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Portland, OR
- Jul. 2010 Klein, S. and Merritt, D.H. Making Neighborhoods Safe for Children: Differences in the Relationship between Neighborhood Structure and Maltreatment Rates for Black, Hispanic and White Children. Paper presented at the 3rd National Research Conference on Child and Family Programs and Policy, Bridgewater, MA
- Oct. 2007 Merritt, D.H. Foster Children's Permanency Preferences: Correlates of Attachment and Access to Social Capital. Paper presented at the annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), San Francisco, CA

Select Media Engagement:

- Oct. 2022 Ending 'Child Poverty Surveillance': NYU Professor on Schools & Child Welfare
[The 74 Million](#)
- Oct. 2022 Exclusive Data: Educators' 'Careless' Child Abuse Reports Devastate Thousands of NYC Families
[The 74 Million](#)

- Feb. 2022 More than 5 million children have lost a caregiver to the pandemic, a study says
[New York Times](#)
- Jan. 2022 What is Engaged Scholarship and How Can It Improve Your Research?
[Inside Higher Ed](#)
- Apr. 2020 Barriers to Child Protection During COVID-19: Considering the Impact on Child Maltreatment
Opinion piece on COVID-19 and the impact on child maltreatment
[The Imprint: Youth & Family News](#)
- Feb. 2016 What Happens to a U.S. State When it Perpetuates Child Neglect? So Far, Nothing
Opinion piece on the Flint, MI water crisis
[Huffington Post](#)

ADJUNCT AND ASSOCIATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2005 Adjunct Instructor, California State University, Long Beach, Department of Social Work Courses: *Oppressed Groups, Social Policy Analysis*
- 2003 - 2005 Teaching Associate, University of California, Los Angeles, School of Public Affairs, Department of Social Welfare and Department of Psychology Course: *Social Welfare Research, Foundations of Social Work and Social Welfare Policy, Communication and Conflict in Couples and Families*

PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK/HUMAN SERVICES/CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- 2003- 2004 Grant Writer/Fundraiser, Community Coalition for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (Community outreach/ grassroots organizing efforts), Los Angeles, CA
- 2002 Grant Writer/Fundraiser, MSW Intern, Community Coalition, .LA, CA
- 2001- 2002 MSW Intern, PROTOTYPES (domestic violence agency), Los Angeles, CA
- 2001 Permanency Liaison, Kinship Center (private adoption agency), Santa Ana, CA
- 1998- 2001 Intake Coordinator, Aspira Foster Family Agency, Culver City, CA
- 1997- 1999 Inclusion Facilitator Supervisor (children with disabilities), Aspira Foster Family Agency,-Culver City, CA
- 1992- 1996 Economic Support Case Manager, Dekalb Co. Dept. of Family and Children's Services, Atlanta, GA
- 1989- 1991 Child Care Worker/Counselor/Assistant Supervisor, Hathaway Children's Center (level 14 residential treatment center for severely emotionally disturbed youth), Lake View Terrace, CA

Professional Affiliations/Memberships:

- Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)
- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW)
- Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)
- American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)

American Public Health Association (APHA)
International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN)
Community Coalition, Los Angeles, CA
Community Board Membership:
Essex County, New Jersey, Urban League, Board of Directors, Member, 2008-2009

Certifications:

- 2001 Domestic Violence Training (40 hours), Statewide California Coalition for Battered Women, PROTOTYPES
- 2001 Adoption Clinical Training (8 sessions/48 hours), Adoption Education Institute, Kinship Center

Statistical Computing:

Proficient in STATA, SPSS, Generalized Linear Modeling (GLM), Hierarchical Linear Modeling (HLM), Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Multilevel Structural Equation Modeling (MSEM), Mplus

I certify that this curriculum vitae is accurate and up to date.

April 26, 2023