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Education

1999 **Ph.D.**, University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration
1993 **A.M.**, University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration
 Concentration: Policy/Administration
1991 **B.A.**, University of Michigan, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts
 Field: Psychology

Current Positions

2009- **Professor**, School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2018- **Chair**, PhD Program in Social Welfare, School of Social Work, University of
 Wisconsin-Madison
Affiliations: Institute for Research on Poverty; Center on Financial Security;
 Institute for Clinical and Translational Research

Awards

2012-2014 **Vilas Associate Award**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Professional and Research Experience

2013-2019 **Principal Investigator**, Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development
 System, School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2008-2018 **Co-Principal Investigator**, Title IV-E Public Child Welfare Training Program,
 School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2011-13 **Director**, School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2009-11 **Associate Director**, School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2010-11 **Associate Director**, Policy Institute for Family Impact Seminars, University of
 Wisconsin-Madison.
2007-2009 **Associate Professor**. School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2000-2007 **Assistant Professor**. School of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison

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- 1999-2000 **Research Assistant Professor.** School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University
- 1998-1999 **Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship,** National Institute of Mental Health Center for Research on Poverty, Risk, and Mental Health, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 1992-1998 **Research Assistant.** University of Chicago and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, Chicago, IL.
- 1992-1994 **Research Assistant.** Department of Adolescent Health, American Medical Association, Chicago, IL.

Academic Journal Publications and Book Chapters

- Slack, K.S. & Berger, L.M. (Forthcoming). Who does the child welfare system serve and fail to serve, and how well is it working? In special issue of the *Annals of Political and Social Sciences* (Co-Editors L.M. Berger & K.S. Slack).
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- Hunt, T.,* Slack, K.S., and Berger, L.M. (2017). Adverse Childhood Experiences and Behavior Problems in Middle Childhood. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 67, 391-402. DOI: [10.1016/j.chiabu.2016.11.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2016.11.005)

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- Slack, K.S., Berger, L.M., and Noyes, J.L.* (2017). Introduction to the special issue on the economic causes and consequences of child maltreatment. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 72, 1-4. DOI: [10.1016/j.childyouth.2016.11.013](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2016.11.013)
- Berger, L.M., Font, S.,* Slack, K.S. & Waldfogel, J. (2017). Income and child maltreatment in unmarried families: Evidence from the Earned Income Tax Credit. *Review of Economics of the Household*, 15(4),1345–1372. DOI: [10.1007/s11150-016-9346-9](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11150-016-9346-9)
- Hirsch, B.K.,* Yang, M.,* Font, S.A.,* & Slack, K.S. (2015). Physically hazardous housing and risk for child protective services involvement. *Child Welfare*, 94(1), 87-104.
- Berger, L.M., Collins, J.M., Font, S.A.,* Gjertson, L.,* Slack, K.S., and Smeeding, T. (2015). Home Foreclosure and Child Protective Services Involvement. *Pediatrics*, 136(2), 299-307. DOI: [10.1542/peds.2014-2832](https://doi.org/10.1542/peds.2014-2832)
- Slack, K.S., Kim, B.,* Yang, M.Y.* and Berger, L.M. (2014). The economic safety net for low-income families with young children. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 46, 213-219. DOI: [10.1016/j.childyouth.2014.08.008](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2014.08.008)
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- Berger, L.M. and Slack, K.S. (2013). Child protection and child wellbeing. In Asher Ben-Arieh, Ferran Casas, Ivar Frones, and Jill E Korbin, (Eds.). *Handbook of Child Well-Being*. Springer.
- Cancian, M., Yang, M.Y.,* and Slack, K.S. (2013). The Effect of Additional Family Income on Risk of Child Maltreatment. *Social Service Review*, 87(3), 417-437. DOI: [10.1086/671929](https://doi.org/10.1086/671929)
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- Slack, K.S., Berger, L.M., DuMont, K., Yang, M.Y.,* Ehrhard-Dietzel, S., & Holl, J. (2011). Predicting child neglect of young children: A comparison of three samples. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 33, 1354-1363. DOI: [10.1016/j.childyouth.2011.04.024](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2011.04.024)
- Berger, L.M., Slack, K.S., Waldfogel, J., and Bruch, S.K.* (2010). Caseworker perceived caregiver substance abuse and child protective services outcomes. *Child Maltreatment*, 15, 199-210. DOI: [10.1177/1077559510368305](https://doi.org/10.1177/1077559510368305)

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- Yoo, J.,* Slack, K.S., and Holl, J. (2009). Material hardship and the physical health of school-aged children in low-income households. *American Journal of Public Health, 99*(5), 829-836. DOI: [10.2105/AJPH.2007.119776](https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2007.119776)
- Renner, L.R.,* Slack, K.S. and Berger, L. (2008). A descriptive study of intimate partner violence and child maltreatment: Implications for child welfare policy. In D. Lindsey and A. Shlonsky (eds.). *Child Welfare Research*. New York: Oxford University Press. DOI: [10.1093/acprof:oso/9780195304961.003.009](https://doi.org/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780195304961.003.009)
- Slack, K.S., Lee, B.J., and Berger, L. (2007). Do Welfare Sanctions Increase Child Protective Services Involvement? A Cautious Answer. *Social Service Review, 81*(2), 207-228. DOI: [10.1086/516831](https://doi.org/10.1086/516831)
- Slack, K.S., Magnuson, K. & Berger, L.M. (2007). Introduction to the Special Issue: How Are Children and Families Faring a Decade After Welfare Reform? Evidence from Five Non-Experimental Panel Studies. (Special Issue of the *Children and Youth Services Review*, guest-edited by K.S. Slack, K. Magnuson, & L. Berger), *29*(6), 693-697. DOI: [10.1016/j.chilyouth.2006.12.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chilyouth.2006.12.001)
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- Shook, K. (1999). Does the loss of welfare income increase the risk of involvement with the child welfare system? *Children and Youth Services Review, 21* (8/9), 693-724.
- Testa, M., Shook, K., Cohen, L. and Woods, M. (1996). Permanency planning options for children informal kinship care. *Child Welfare, 75*(5):451-470.

Manuscripts Under Review

- Lee, H.,* Slack, K.S., and Berger, L.M. *Childhood Poverty, Adverse Childhood Experiences, and Adult Health Outcomes.*
- Abbott, M.,* Slack, K.S., and Berger, L.M. *Exploring the Relationship between Childhood Adversities and Adult Depression: A Risk versus Strengths-Oriented Approach.*

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Kong, J., Lee, H.,* Slack, K.S. and Lee, E.* *The Protective Role of Three-Generation Households in the Intergenerational Transmission of Violence.*

Manuscripts in Preparation

Slack, K.S., Berger, L.M., & Collins, J.M., Reilly, A.* & Monahan, E.K.* *Preventing Child Protective Services Intervention with Economic Support: Results from a Randomized Control Trial.*

Lee, H.*, Boyd, R., and Slack, K.S. *The Moderating Role of Childhood Social Support in ACE-Adult Health Associations.*

Berger, L.M., Slack, K.S., Lee, H.* , and Wages, S.* *Does Economic Support Improve Parenting Among Caregivers Reported to Child Protective Services (CPS)?*

Berger, L.M., Slack, K.S., and Monahan, E.K.* *Families Deflected from Child Protective Services (CPS) Following a Maltreatment Investigation: Family and Case Characteristics.*

Slack, K.S., Berger, L.M., Reynders, R.* , and Monahan, E.K.* *Predictors of Participation and Engagement in a Voluntary Child Maltreatment Prevention Program.*

Lee, H.* , Wages, S.* , Slack, K.S., and Berger, L.M. *Predictors of Chronic Child Protective Services (CPS) Involvement.*

Boyd, R., Wages, S.* , and Slack, K.S. *The Strengths of Black Families: Revising Robert Hill's Framework in a Sample of Families Reported to Child Protective Services.*

Moses, T., Kim, Y.* , Reynders, R.* , and Slack, K.S. *Maltreatment Prevention and Strengthening Protective Factors Using a Home-Visiting Intervention Model.*

Slack, K.S., Berger, L.M., Cai, Y.,* and Reynders, R.* *Results from a Multi-site Randomized Control Trial of Community Response: Serving Families Deflected from Child Protective Services (CPS) Systems.*

Reports and Other Publications

Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board (2018). *Adverse Childhood Experiences in Wisconsin: 2011 – 2015 Behavioral Risk Factor Survey Findings.* Madison, WI: Author. (Analyses conducted by Kahle Monahan, E., Lee, H. & Slack, K.S.). Accessed at: https://preventionboard.wi.gov/Documents/ACE-Brief_2018FINAL.pdf

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- Drazen, Y.* & Slack, K.S. (2017). *Children with Disabilities and Child Protective Services in Wisconsin*. Madison, WI: Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System. https://media.wcwpds.wisc.edu/documents/research/FlashSurvey3_WorkerITT.pdf
- Drazen, Y.* & Slack, K.S. (2017). *CPS Worker Intent to Leave Survey*. Madison, WI: Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System. https://media.wcwpds.wisc.edu/documents/research/FlashSurvey_2.pdf
- Slack, K.S. & Drazen, Y.* (2016). *CPS Worker and Supervisor Training Topics Survey*. Madison, WI: Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System. http://wcwpds.wisc.edu/documents/research/FlashSurvey1_TrainingTopics_Technical-Report.pdf.
- Slack, K.S., Berger, L.M., Kim, B.*, & Yang, M.Y.* (2012). *The Role of Child Support in the Current Economic Safety Net for Low-Income Families with Children*. Report to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Bureau of Child Support. Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin—Madison.
- Slack, K.S., Berger, L.M., & Jack, K.M.* (2010). *Final Implementation Report on Community Response Programs (CRP) in Wisconsin*. Madison, WI: Wisconsin Children's Trust Fund.
- Testa, M. F., Slack K.S., Gabel, G., Evans, M. & Cohen, L. (2010). *Wisconsin subsidized guardianship assessment and evaluation: Final evaluation report*. Washington, DC: Westat, Inc.
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- Slack, K.S., Berger, L.M., and Jack, K.M.* (2008). *The Community Response Program Initiative: Interim Implementation Report to the Wisconsin Children's Trust Fund*. Madison, WI: Wisconsin Children's Trust Fund.
- Johnson, K.* & Slack, K.S. (2008). *The Allied Drive Early Childhood Initiative (ECI) Program: A Qualitative Assessment of Participant Satisfaction*. Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Social Work.

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- Lewis, D., Amsden, L., Slack, K.S., Lee, B.J., Kleppner, P., Lewis, J., Riger, S. & Goerge, R. (2004). *The Two Worlds of Welfare Reform in Illinois*. Fourth Annual Report, University Consortium on Welfare Reform. Evanston, IL: Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University.
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Presentations and Media Interviews

Slack, K.S. and Reilly, A. (co-presented January 17, 2020). *Can an Economic Support Intervention with Families at Risk for Child Maltreatment Reduce Child Protective Services (CPS) Intervention?* Washington, D.C.: Society for Social Work Research.

Slack, K.S. (presented December 9, 2019). *Learning Exchange: Results from a Multi-Site Randomized Control Trial of Community Response Programs*. Madison, WI: Department of Children and Families.

Slack, K.S. (presented August 21, 2019). *RCT Results of a 5-Year Economic Support Intervention for Families Deflected from CPS*. Washington D.C.: National Child Welfare Evaluation Summit.

Slack, K.S. (presented August 20, 2019). *The Relationship between Childhood Adversity and Adult Depression: A Risk- vs. Strengths-Oriented Approach*. Washington D.C.: National Child Welfare Evaluation Summit.

Slack, K.S. (presented June 6, 2019). *Continuing the Conversation: Understanding and Addressing Toxic Stress in Children*. Madison, WI: Committee Connects lunch with legislators at the Capitol.

Slack, K.S. (presented webinar May 10, 2019). Quality Improvement Center on Adoption and Guardianship (QIC-AG) on *Consuming Research Reports Versus Peer-Reviewed Research*.

Slack, K.S. (presented May 7, 2019). *Program Evaluation for the Real World*. 4th Biennial Youth Services Conference. Lake Delton, WI.

Slack, K.S. (presented April 9, 2019). Preventing Child Maltreatment with Economic Supports. Madison, WI: Wisconsin Psychiatric Institute and Clinics (WISPIC)

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- Berger, L.M. and Slack, K.S. (presented December 5, 2018). *The Role of Poverty in Child Maltreatment: State of the Knowledge Base and Preliminary Results from a Randomized Experiment*. Presentation to the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. Madison, WI.
- Slack, K.S. (presented June 7, 2018). *Unpacking the Connections between Poverty and Child Maltreatment*. *Child Maltreatment Postdoctoral Training Institute*. Presentation to Institute Trainees. New York, NY: John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
- Slack, K.S. (presented, April 25, 2018). *Confronting Issues of Participation and Engagement in Voluntary Social Services*. Annual meeting of the Quality Improvement Center on Adoption and Guardianship. Tysons Corner, VA.
- Slack, K.S. (presented, April 12, 2018). *Addressing Child Neglect with an Ecological Framework*. Together for Children Conference, Elkhart Lake, WI.
- Slack, K.S. (keynote speaker, January 25, 2018). *Can We Prevent Child Maltreatment with Economic Supports? On the Cusp of an Answer*. Oklahoma Early Childhood Network Annual Conference. Oklahoma City, OK.
- Slack, K.S. (keynote speaker, December 15, 2017). *Can We Prevent Child Maltreatment with Economic Supports? On the Cusp of an Answer*. Child Poverty and the Kansas Child Welfare Crisis: Making Connections to Inform Prevention. University of Kansas: Lawrence, KS.
- Slack, K.S. (presented June 22, 2017). *Poverty and Child Maltreatment*. Annual Meeting of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. Portland, ME.
- Slack, K.S. (presented June 2, 2017). *Poverty and Child Maltreatment*. Prenatal to Five Summit. University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Slack, K.S. (presented May 25, 2017). *Addressing the Connection between Poverty and Child Neglect*. Presented to trainees of the Building a Multidisciplinary Pipeline of Child Maltreatment Researchers (R25HD082067 PIs Melissa Jonson-Reid and Cathy Spatz-Widom), Washington University: St. Louis, MO.
- Slack, K.S. (presented May 2, 2017). *Program Evaluation for the Real World*. 3rd Biennial Youth Services Conference. Lake Delton, WI.
- Slack, K.S. (keynote speaker, April 27, 2017). *Addressing the Connection between Poverty and Child Neglect*. Statewide Child Abuse Prevention Conference. Richmond, VA.
- Slack, K.S. (presented April 19, 2017). *Confronting Participation and Engagement Issues in Selective Interventions*. Annual Meeting of the Quality Improvement Center on Adoption and Guardianship. Tysons Corner, VA.

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- Slack, K.S. (presented December 6, 2016). *Program Evaluation for the Real World*. Bureau of Youth Services, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. Wausau, WI.
- Slack, K.S. (presented November 2, 2016). *Addressing the Connection between Poverty and Neglect*. Leadership Academy for Deans and Directors, National Child Welfare Workforce Institute. Atlanta, GA: Council on Social Work Education.
- Slack, K.S. (webinar published October 3, 2016). *Evaluation of Community Response Programs (CRP) in Wisconsin*. Madison, WI: Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board.
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- Slack, K.S. (presented September 1, 2016). *Working Together to Build Healthy Communities and Prevent Child Neglect*, Workshop organized by the National Alliance of Children's Trust Funds for the 20th annual National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. Washington, D.C.
- Slack, K.S. (panel member June 1, 2016). *Health and Finances Research Agenda Workshop*, organized by the Center on Financial Security, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Slack, K.S. and Berger, L.M. (April 19, 2016). *Poverty, Policy, and Child Maltreatment*. Presentation for the Wisconsin School Social Workers Association. Madison, WI.
- Slack, K.S. and Berger, L.M. (Interviewed January 10, 2016). *Poverty and Child Maltreatment*. Interview with Emily Auerbach, University of the Air, Wisconsin Public Radio.
http://www.wpr.org/search/site/Slack?f%5B0%5D=bundle%3Ashow&f%5B1%5D=sm_field_rel_program%3Anode%3A10203.
- Slack, K.S. (presented November 2015). Webinar for the Birthparent National Network on *Preventing Child Neglect*.
- Slack, K.S. (presented October 2015). Workshop presentation for NASW-WI on *Poverty and Child Maltreatment*. Madison, WI.
- Slack, K.S. (presented October 2015). Keynote presentation on *Preventing Child Neglect* for the Annual Alliance of Children's Trust Funds, Minneapolis, MN.
- Slack, K.S. (presented March 2015) at the William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal's Symposium on Intergenerational Child Maltreatment. *Intergenerational Disadvantage and the Child Welfare System Response*.

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- Slack, K.S. (presented March 2014) at the International Leverhume Conference at the University of Notre Dame. *Poverty and Child Maltreatment: Evidence of a Causal Connection.*
- Slack, K.S. (co-presented January 2014) and Font, S.A. *Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adult Health Outcomes.* Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference.
- Slack, K.S. Congressional Briefing to the U.S. Social Work Caucus, December 11, 2013. *Poverty and Child Maltreatment.*
- Slack, K.S. Webinar for Doris Duke Child Maltreatment Prevention Fellows, July 2012. *Risk and Protective Factors Associated with Child Neglect: What Do We Really Know?*
- Slack, K.S. (presented March, 2012). *Risk and Protective Factors Associated with Child Neglect: What Do We Really Know?* Minnesota Social Services Association Annual Conference.
- Slack, K.S. (presented March 2012). *The Role of Poverty in Child Maltreatment and Implications of the Recession.* Minnesota Social Services Association Annual Conference.
- Slack, K.S. (presented March 2012). *Integrating Financial Education into Home Visiting Services: Lessons from a Pilot Project.* Minnesota Social Services Association Annual Conference.
- Slack, K.S. (presented March 2012). *Preventing Child Maltreatment with Economic Supports..* Minnesota Social Services Association Annual Conference.
- Slack, K.S. (presented, November, 2011). *Risk and Protective Factors Associated with Child Neglect: What Do We Really Know?* Webinar for the Southern Child Welfare Training Partnership, Madison, WI.
- Slack, K.S. (keynote speaker, November 2011). *The Role of Poverty in Child Maltreatment and Implications of the Recession.* Governor's Conference on the Prevention of Child Abuse, Kansas City, KS.
- Slack, K.S. (keynote speaker, October 2011). *The Role of Poverty in Child Maltreatment and Implications of the Recession.* Midwest Conference on Child Sexual Abuse. Madison, WI.
- Slack, K.S. (presented, November, 2011). *Risk and Protective Factors Associated with Child Neglect: What Do We Really Know?* Annual Conference of the National Alliance of Children's Trust Funds.

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- Slack, K.S. (presented, September 2011). *Preventing Child Maltreatment with Economic Supports*. Translational Research on Child Neglect Council, NIH collaboration. Iowa City, IA.
- Slack, K.S. (presented August 2011). *Integrating Financial Education into Home Visiting Services: Lessons from a Pilot Project*, Webinar for the Center on Financial Security, UW-Madison.
- Slack, K.S. (presented June 2011). *Integrating Financial Education into Home Visiting Services: Lessons from a Pilot Project*. UW Extension Pathways Conference. Chula Vista Resort, Lake Delton, WI.
- Slack, K.S. (presented July 2011). *Risk and Protective Factors Associated with Child Neglect: What Do We Really Know?* Webinar for the National Alliance of Children's Trust Funds.
- Slack, K.S. and Yang, M. (co-presented January 2010). *Economic Hardships and Child Protection System Involvement*. Annual meeting of the Society for Social Work Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Slack, K.S. (presented November 2008). *Preventing Child Maltreatment with Income Support*. John A. Tate Distinguished Lecture, School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill, NC.
- Slack, K.S. (presented September 2008). *The Elephant in the Room: Poverty's Role in Child Maltreatment Risk*. Keynote speaker for the California Linkages Initiative. Sacramento, CA.
- Slack, K.S. (presented July 2008). *A Critical View of Poverty*. Requested presentation to the Dane County Housing Authority.
- Slack, K.S. (presented, November 2, 2006). *Family Economic Well-Being Following the 1996 Welfare Reform: Trend Data from 5 Non-Experimental Panel Studies*. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Madison, WI.
- Berger, L. (presented) and Slack, K.S. (September 14, 2006). *Social Fathers, Marriage, and Child Protective Services Involvement: Evidence from the Illinois Families Study*. Working Conference on Multiple-Partner Fertility. Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, WI.
- Slack, K.S. (presented, May 3, 2006). *Economic Hardship and Child Maltreatment: Re-thinking Prevention Strategies*. Wisconsin Public Child Welfare Conference. Appleton, WI.

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- Slack, K.S. (invited participant, April 27, 2006). *Developmental, Economic and Policy Perspectives on Welfare Reform and Child and Family Well-being: A Decade after the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA)*. Center for Human Potential and Public Policy, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- Slack, K.S. (presented, September 19, 2005). *Did Welfare Reform Increase Child Maltreatment? Some Answers and Some Further Questions*. Colloquium Series in Family Policy and Law, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Berger, L. (presented) and Slack, K.S. (October 2005). *Social Fathers, Marriage, and Child Protective Services Involvement: Evidence from the Illinois Families Study*. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Washington, DC.
- Slack, K.S. (presented), Holl, J. and Amsden, L. (August 2005). *The Illinois Experience of Welfare Reform and Child Well-Being*. National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics. Institute for Research on Poverty, Madison, WI.
- Slack, K.S. (presented, April 22, 2005). *What's the Verdict? Do Welfare Sanctions Increase the Risk of Child Protective Intervention?* Chapin Hall Center for Children. University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- Slack, K.S. (presented) and Yoo, J. (November, 2004) *Work, welfare and health insurance coverage: Understanding the connections to children's physical health*. Institute for Policy Research Seminar Series. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.
- Slack, K.S. (invited participant, November 10-12, 2004). *Keeping Children Safe: The Child Protection System Challenge*. Sponsored by the Juvenile Protective Association, the Davis Family Fund, the Children and Family Research Center, and the Johnson Foundation. Racine, WI, Wingspread Conference Center.
- Slack, K.S. (presented, October 28, 2004). *Risk and Protective Factors for Child Protection Intervention among High Risk African American Families*. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Atlanta, GA.
- Slack, K.S. (invited participant, May 24-26, 2004). *Improving Stability in State Foster Care Systems*. Sponsored by Fostering Results, a Project of the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Davis Family Fund, and the Johnson Foundation. Wingspread Conference Center, Racine, WI.
- Slack, K.S. (invited participant, (April 29-30, 2004). *Governor Jim Doyle's Summit to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect: A State Call to Action*. Fluno Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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- Renner, L.R. (presented) and Slack, K.S. (January 2004). *Intimate Partner Violence and Child Maltreatment: Co-occurrence and Intergenerational Transmission*. Presentation at the annual Society for Social Work Research Conference. New Orleans, LA.
- Lee, B.J., Slack, K.S. (presented) and Lewis, D.A. (November 7, 2003). *Are Welfare Sanctions Working as Intended? Employment, Continued Welfare Receipt, and Material Hardship among TANF Recipient Families*. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Washington, D.C.
- Slack, K.S., (presented) Holl, J., Bolger, K., Yoo, J. and McDaniel, M. (November 8, 2003). *Poverty and Parenting Correlates of Child Neglect Risk and Child Protection Intervention*. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Washington, D.C.
- Slack, K.S. (presented, February, 2003). *Exploring the Relationship between Poverty and Child Neglect*. Presentation for Waisman Center Affiliates. Madison, WI.
- Slack, K.S. (presented, January, 2003). *Strategies for Developing New Measures of Child Neglect*. Federal Child Neglect Consortium Meeting. Sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. Rockville, MD.
- Slack, K.S. and Yoo, J. (co-presented, January, 2003). *Food Insecurity and Children's Behavior Problems*. Presentation at the annual Society for Social Work Research Conference. Washington, D.C.
- Puckett, A., (presented) Renner, L. (presented) and Slack, K.S. (November, 2002). *Pathways to Homelessness among Current and Former TANF Recipients and their Families*. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Dallas, TX.
- McDaniel, M. (presented) and Slack, K.S. (November, 2002). *Stressful Life Events, Material Hardship, and the Risk of Future Child Protection Involvement among TANF-Reliant Families*. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Dallas, TX.
- Slack, K.S. (presented, May, 2002). *Improving the Front-End of the Child Welfare System*. Wisconsin Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.
- Slack, K.S. (panel member, April, 2002). *Evaluation of State TANF Programs*. Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin, Madison. Madison, WI.
- Slack, K.S. (invited participant, January, 2002). *Federal Child Neglect Research Consortium*. Sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. Rockville, MD.
- Slack, K.S. (presenter, November, 2001). *Understanding Child Protection Intervention in the Context of Welfare Reform*. Association for Public Policy Analysis

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and Management. Washington, D.C.

Slack, K.S. (invited participant, October, 2001). *Welfare Reform and Child Welfare Symposium* sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation and the National Center for Children in Poverty. Washington, D.C.

Slack, K.S. (poster presentation, October, 2001). *Understanding Child Protection Intervention in the Context of Welfare Reform*. Society for the Study of Human Development. Ann Arbor, MI.

Shook, K. (presented, April, 2001). *Emerging Issues in Child Maltreatment Research: Measurement, Place, and Neglect*. National Center on Child Abuse Prevention Research, Santa Fe, NM.

Shook, K. (invited participant, May, 2001). *Maternal and Child Health Leadership and Advocacy Forum*. The Children's Memorial Institute for Education and Research (CMIER). Chicago, IL.

Shook, K. (invited participant, November, 2000). *Federal Child Neglect Research Consortium*. Sponsored by the National Institutes of Health. Rockville, MD.

Shook, K. (presenter, October 2000). Briefing to the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), Springfield, Illinois.

Shook, K. (presenter, September, 2000). Quarterly meeting of the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development's Family and Child Well-Being Network. Child Trends, Washington, D.C.

Shook, K. (presenter, September 2000). Briefing to the State Legislative Advisory Committee of the Illinois Families Study (IFS) at Northwestern University. Chicago, IL.

Shook, K. (invited participant, November, 1999). *Rochester Child Health Congress*. Sponsored by the University of Rochester. Rochester, NY.

Shook, K. (presented, January, 1999). *Welfare Income Loss, Economic Hardship, and Child Welfare Risk*. Society for Social Work Research. Austin, TX.

Shook, K. (presented, October, 1998). *Will Welfare Reforms Increase the Risk of Involvement with the Child Welfare System?* Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. New York, NY.

Shook, K. (presented, 1998). *Assessing the Consequences of Welfare Reform for Child Welfare*. Policy Information Briefing sponsored by the Joint Center for Poverty Research at Northwestern University and the University of Chicago. Chicago, IL.

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Shook, K. and Testa, M. (co-presented, 1997). *Kinship Care in the Context of National and State Welfare Reforms: The Illinois Example*. Kinship Care: A Natural Bridge. Conference sponsored by the Child Welfare League of America and the Edgewood Center for Children and Families. San Francisco, CA.

Testa, M. and Shook, K. (co-presented, 1997). *Kinship Foster Care: A Test of Inclusive Fitness and Other Theories of Relative Caregiving*. The American Sociological Association (Roundtable session). Toronto, Canada.

Shook, K. (presented, 1997). *Does Income Loss Increase the Risk of Child Welfare Involvement? Trapped by Poverty/Trapped by Abuse* Conference sponsored by the Taylor Institute and the University of Michigan School of Social Work Research Development Center on Poverty, Risk, and Mental Health, Evanston, IL.

Research Grants Funded

Preventing Child Maltreatment with Economic Supports

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (R01 CE002807)

Co-Principal Investigators: Slack, K.S. and Berger, L.M.

Time Period: September 1, 2016-August 31, 2019

Requested and Awarded: \$1,049,998

Evaluation of Project GAIN: Preventing Child Maltreatment with Economic Support.

Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board

Co-Principal Investigators: Slack, K.S. and Berger L.M.

Time Period: July 2015-June 2018

Requested and Awarded: \$1,100,000

Supporting Research on Child Maltreatment Prevention

Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board

Co-Principal Investigators: Slack, K.S. and Berger L.M.

Time Period: July 2010 – June 2020

Requested and Awarded: ~\$50,000

Supporting Research on Child Welfare Practice

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

Co-Principal Investigators: Slack, K.S. and Berger L.M.

Time Period: July 2015-June 2020

Requested and Awarded: ~\$50,000 annually

Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families

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Principal Investigator: Slack, K.S.
Time Period: January 1, 2013- 2019
Requested and Awarded: ~\$9,000,000 annually

UW-Madison Title IV-E Public Child Welfare Stipend Program

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families
Co-Principal Investigator: Slack, K.S.
July 1, 2005- 2018
Requested and Awarded: ~\$1,500,000 annually

Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adult Health Outcomes

Wisconsin Partnership Program (UW School of Medicine and Public Health)
Co-Investigator: Kristen Shook Slack (P.I. Wisconsin Children's Trust Fund)
January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013
Award: \$50,000

Experimental Evaluation of Community Response: A Child Maltreatment Prevention Program

Institute for Clinical Training and Research (ICTR), University of Wisconsin-Madison
Principal Investigator: Kristen Shook Slack
Co-Principal Investigator: Lawrence Berger
Time Period: January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2011
Award: \$200,000

Improving Child Neglect Prevention through Enhanced Measurement and Assessment Strategies

Doris Duke Charitable Foundation
Principal Investigator: Kristen Shook Slack
Co-Principal Investigator: Lawrence Berger
Time Period: June 1, 2008 – May 31, 2011
Award: \$594,049

Community Response Program

Children's Trust Fund and the Department of Health and Family Services
Co-Principal Investigators: Kristen Shook Slack and Lawrence Berger
Time Period: July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2010
Award: Approximately \$25,000 per year

Process Evaluation of an Innovative Home-Visiting Program for Low-Income Parents in a High Poverty Wisconsin Community

Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Principal Investigator: Kristen Shook Slack
Co-Investigator: Mi Youn Yang
Time-Period: June 2006 – May 2007
Award: support for doctoral student Project Assistant (approximately \$25,000)

Subsidized Guardianship Waiver Demonstration

Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Children and Family Services
Principal Investigator: George Gabel, Westat
Co-Investigators: Kristen Shook Slack, U-W Madison and Mark Testa, University of Illinois
Time Period: 10/1/05 – 9/30/10
Award: \$1,000,000 (Subcontract to the Institute for Research on Poverty: \$198,000)

Allied Drive Early Childhood Initiative

Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future
Principal Investigator: Andrew Heidt, Dane County Human Services
Co-Investigators: Roseanne Clark and Kristen Shook Slack, U-W Madison
Time Period: 4/1/05 – 3/31/11
Award: \$450,000 (Subcontract to the U-W Madison School of Social Work: approximately \$10,000 per year)

Poverty and Children's Adverse Health Outcomes: Exploring the Connection

Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Principal Investigator: Kristen Shook Slack
Co-Investigator: Joan Yoo
Time Period: 9/1/04 – 12/31/05
Award: support for doctoral student Project Assistant (approximately \$25,000)

Racial Disparities in Child Maltreatment: Differential Risk and Protective Influences

National Institutes of Health
Principal Investigator: Kristen Shook Slack
Time Period: 10/1/04 – 9/30/06
Award: Educational Loan Repayments (approximately \$18,000)

The Contextual Determinants of Child Protection Intervention

The Children and Families Research Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Principal Investigator: Kristen Shook Slack
Co-Investigator: Alan Puckett
Time Period: 9/1/03 – 6/30/04
Award: \$24,575

Intimate Partner Violence and Child Maltreatment: Co-occurrence and Intergenerational Transmission

Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Principal Investigator: Kristen Shook Slack
Co-Investigator: Lynette R. Renner

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Time Period: 1/1/03 – 12/31/03

Award: support for doctoral student Project Assistant (approximately \$25,000)

Income, Material Hardship and Child Neglect

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
(K01 HD41703-01)

Principal Investigator: Kristen Shook Slack

Time Period: 4/1/01 – 3/30/06

Award: \$413,512

Assessing the Educational Consequences of Welfare Reform

U.S. Department of Education

Principal Investigator: Dan A. Lewis, Northwestern University

Co-Investigator: Kristen Shook Slack

Time Period: 9/1/01 – 8/30/05

Award: \$829,427 (U-W subcontract: \$78,041)

The Illinois Families Study: Child Well-Being Supplement

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
(R01HD39148)

Principal investigator: Jane Holl, Northwestern University

Co-investigators: Kristen Shook Slack, Greg Duncan, John Lyons and Dan A. Lewis

Time Period: 9/1/00 – 8/30/05

Award: \$2,356,545 (U-W subcontract: \$147,500)

The Illinois Families Study

Administration for Children, Youth and Families
(DHHS 90PA0005)

Principal Investigator: Dan A. Lewis, Northwestern University

Co-Investigators: Kristen Shook Slack, Jane Holl

Time Period: 9/1/00 – 8/31/02

Award: \$510,985 (U-W subcontract: \$22,847)

The Illinois Families Study

The Joyce Foundation, Chicago, IL

Principal Investigator: Dan A. Lewis, Northwestern University

Consultants: Kristen Shook Slack, James Lewis, Paul Kleppner, Stephanie Riger

Time Period: 2/1/01 – 1/31/03

Award: \$700,172 (U-W subcontract: \$23,447)

The Illinois Families Study

Annie E. Casey Foundation

Principal Investigator: Dan A. Lewis, Northwestern University

Co-Investigators: Kristen Shook Slack, Bong Joo Lee

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Time Period: 7/1/00 – 6/30/01

Award: \$74,920

Assessing the Loss of Welfare Income on Child Welfare Risk

Children and Family Research Center

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Principal Investigator: Kristen Shook

Time Period: 4/1/97 – 6/30/97

Award: \$20,701

Welfare Income Loss and Child Welfare Risk

National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

(DHHS 90CA1574)

Principal Investigator: Kristen Shook

Time Period: 10/1/96 – 3/31/98

Award: \$13,750

Professional Affiliations

- Member, National Association of Social Workers
- Member, Council on Social Work Education
- Member, Society for Social Work Research
- Member, Society for Social Work Research Policy Committee
- Member, International Society for the Science of Teaching and Learning
- Member, Children's Bureau Quality Improvement Center on Adoption and Guardianship Advisory Board (QIC-AG)
- Member, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families Continuous Quality Improvement Advisory Group