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EDUCATION

University of Michigan: Ann Arbor, Michigan

Doctoral Candidate in Social Work and Sociology

Dissertation title: "From Pink Slip to Unemployment Insurance:: Legal Mobilization and the Struggle to Make Ends Meet"

Dissertation Committee: Sarah Burgard & H. Luke Shaefer (co-chairs), Karyn Lacy, Sandra Levitsky, Kristin Seefeldt

University of Michigan: Ann Arbor, Michigan

Master of Social Work, 2012. Concentration in Community Organization/Community and Social Systems.

Swarthmore College: Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Bachelor of the Arts with High Honors, 2007. Majors in History and Sociology/Anthropology

School for International Training: Kampala, Uganda

Development Studies Program Fall 2005. In-depth Study: Grassroots Development

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social welfare policy, social programs and their evaluation, social stratification, social mobility, poverty, employment, Unemployment Insurance

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Alix Gould-Werth and H. Luke Shaefer. "Participation in Unemployment Insurance: Differences in Application Rates and Receipt among Applicants by Education and Race and Ethnicity." (2012) in *Monthly Labor Review*, 135(10) 28-41.

Alix Gould-Werth and H. Luke Shaefer. "Do Alternative Base Periods Increase Unemployment Insurance Receipt Among Low-Educated Workers?" (2013) in *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 32(4) 835-852.

MANUSCRIPT UNDER REVIEW

Alix Gould-Werth. "The Help That We Get?: Job Losers' Private Safety Nets and the Reproduction of Racial Inequality During the Great Recession."

- Revise and Resubmit at *Social Problems*
- Henry Meyer Award for Outstanding Paper in Social Work and Social Science

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Alix Gould-Werth. "The Unnoticed Actor: The Employer's Role in Unemployment Benefit Access"

Alix Gould-Werth and H. Luke Shaefer. "Supported from Both Sides? Changes in the Dynamics of Joint Participation in SNAP and UI Following the Great Recession."

POLICY BRIEFS

Alix Gould-Werth and Alexander Hertel-Fernandez. "How to Fix America's Broken Unemployment Benefits." Brief for Scholar's Strategy Network *Basic Facts* series (February 2014).

Alix Gould-Werth and Sarah A. Burgard. "Employment Problems in the Wake of the Great Recession: Findings from the Michigan Recession and Recovery Study." Policy Brief #30 for National Poverty Center (March 2012).

Alix Gould-Werth and Kristin Seefeldt. "Material Hardship in the Wake of the Great Recession: Findings from the Michigan Recession and Recovery Study." Policy Brief #35 for National Poverty Center (July 2012).

Alix Gould-Werth and Claire McKenna. "Unemployment Insurance Application and Receipt: Findings on Demographic Disparities and Suggestions for Change." Policy Brief for the National Employment Law Project (December 2012).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Alix Gould-Werth. "New Work Arrangements and Old Problems: Why Low-Wage Workers Fail to Access Unemployment Benefits." To be presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual conference. New Orleans, Louisiana, January 2015.

Alix Gould-Werth. "My Boss' Business? The Employer's Role in Unemployment Benefit Access." To be presented at the Association of Public Policy and Management Annual meeting. Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 2014.

Alix Gould-Werth. "The Help That We Get?: Job Losers' Private Safety Nets and the Reproduction of Racial Inequality During the Great Recession." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, California, August 2014.

Alix Gould-Werth. "The Help That We Get?: Job Losers' Private Safety Nets and the Reproduction of Racial Inequality During the Great Recession." Presented at the Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference. Washington, D.C., May 2014.

Alix Gould-Werth and H. Luke Shaefer. "Better Together? Changes in the Dynamics of Joint Participation in SNAP and UI Following the Great Recession?" Presented at the Association for Public Policy and Management Fall Research Conference. Washington, D.C., November 2013.

Alix Gould-Werth and H. Luke Shaefer. "Better Together? Changes in the Dynamics of Joint Participation in SNAP and UI Following the Great Recession?" Presented at the Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference. Washington, D.C., May 2013.

Alix Gould-Werth and H. Luke Shaefer. "Do Alternative Base Periods Increase Unemployment Insurance Receipt Among Low-Educated Workers?" Presented at the Association for Public Policy and Management Fall Research Conference. San Diego, California, January 2013.

Alix Gould-Werth and H. Luke Shaefer. "Do Alternative Base Periods Increase Unemployment Insurance Receipt Among Low-Educated Workers?" Presented at the Association for Public Policy and Management Fall Research Conference. Baltimore, Maryland, November 2012.

Alix Gould-Werth. "Radical Case Management." Presented at the RISE Conference: Social Work in an Era of Change. New York, New York, 2010.

POPULAR PRESS AND PRESENTATIONS

“The Real Unemployment Insurance Fix No One is Talking About” (with Alexander Hertel-Fernandez), *Talking Points Memo*, February 6, 2014.

“Making Unemployment Insurance Work Better for Low-Income Working Families,” webinar presentation with the Self-Sufficiency Research Clearinghouse, August 19, 2013.

Research coverage in Roque Planas’, “Latinos Less Likely to Receive Unemployment Insurance than Non-Hispanic Whites, Study Says,” *Huffington Post*, December 19, 2012.

RESEARCH FUNDING

Social Work-Social Science Research Partnership (with Sarah Burgard): \$4,000 (2011)

Social Work-Social Science Research Partnership (with H. Luke Shaefer): \$4,000 (2012)

IRP RIDGE Center for National Food and Nutrition Assistance Research Small Grants Program (with H. Luke Shaefer): \$40,000 (2012)

University of Michigan Sociology Dissertation Research Grant: \$2,400 (2013)

Social Work-Social Science Research Partnership (with Kristin Seefeldt): \$4,000 (2013)

Center for Diversity in Public Policy Research Seed Grant: \$7,900 (2013)

Non-Profit and Public Management Center Doctoral Research Support Grant: \$3,865 (2013)

National Science Foundation SBE Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant: \$20,508 (2013)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Instructor:

- SOC 102: Sociology of Inequality with Professor Sarah Burgard (Fall 2011)
- SOC 610: Statistical Methods with Professor Jeffrey Morenoff (Winter 2012)
- SOC 100: Introductory Sociology with Professor Sandy Levitsky (Fall 2013)

Teaching Assistant:

- University of Michigan Workshop on Conducting Research with the Survey of Income and Program Participation with Professor Luke Shaefer (Summer 2013)
- Duke University Workshop on Conducting Research with the Survey of Income and Program Participation with Professor Luke Shaefer (Winter 2014)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Henry Meyer Award for Outstanding Paper in Social Work and Social Science (2014)

Joint Doctoral Program Grant (2014)

Clara P. Davis and Larry E. Davis Scholarship (2012)

High Honors, Swarthmore College (2007)

Eugene M. Lang Summer Initiative Grant (2006)

Joanna Rudge Long '56 Award in Conflict Resolution (2005)

RELATED PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Fountain House Inc. / New York, New York

Program Staff / August 2007-August 2009

- Facilitated social interaction and job skill development for adults with serious mental illness
- Developed food service, exercise, and health information dissemination programs
- Managed ten transitional employment placements at Baker Mackenzie Law Firm and Newsweek
- Assisted members in accessing government benefits and entitlements
- Participant in Advocacy Committee, bringing information about community services and relevant political campaigns to members and staff of the Fountain House Community

Jews for Racial and Economic Justice/ New York, New York

Campaign Co-Chair / Housing Justice Campaign (HJC) /2008-2009

- Built and maintained relationships between HJC and community organizations
- Coordinated bi-weekly canvas of Lower East Side apartment buildings
- Developed internal membership structures for HJC as well as strategic campaign plan
- Supported membership development and skill building: organized meetings and trainings

Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County/ Ann Arbor, Michigan

Board Fellow / October 2009 – May 2010

- Member of Direct Services Committee
- Researched and compiled a report, “Fee-for-Service: Planning for Implementation” based on secondary research and primary interviews with nine directors of Jewish Family Services agencies

Urban Neighborhood Initiatives / Detroit, Michigan

Student Intern / January 2010 – August 2010

- Designed ten-week work readiness curriculum for Youth Apprenticeship Program
- Coordinated Census2010 outreach to prevent undercounting in the Springwells Village area
- Led advanced ESL group in Adult Education program

Michigan Unemployment Insurance Project / Ann Arbor, Michigan

Volunteer Office Coordinator / September 2012-December 2013

- Conducted intake for potential clients who are having difficulty with the Unemployment Insurance system
- Liaised between clients and advocates
- Filed paperwork
- Relayed messages to the court and opposing counsel

PEER REVIEWER

- American Journal of Sociology
- Children and Youth Services Review
- Journal of Community Practice

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- American Sociological Association
- National Association of Social Workers
- Scholars’ Strategy Network

REFERENCES

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