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## EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Social Work	2018
	Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA	
	Dissertation: Neighborhood Contexts, Identity-relevant Stressors, and Health	
	Committee: Dr. David T. Takeuchi (Chair), Dr. Thanh V. Tran, Dr. Wen Fan	
MSW	Social Work	2014
	University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA	
BA	Social Welfare	2012
	Kyungpook National University, Daegu, Republic of Korea	

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

2018-Present	Assistant Professor, College of Social Work
	University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Racial health and mental health disparities; Social and environmental determinants of health; Race and ethnicity; Asian American; Racism; Immigrant well-being

## HONORS AND AWARDS

2017	Asian and Pacific Islanders Social Work Education Association, Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
2017	Boston College, Dorothy Book Scholar Research and Conference Grant
2017	University of Pittsburgh, Center on Race and Social Problems Summer Institute Travel Grant
2016	Boston College, Graduate Student Association Conference Travel Grant
2015-2018	Boston College, School of Social Work Conference Travel Grant
2014-2018	Boston College, Doctoral Fellowship
2012-2014	University of Pittsburgh, Alma E. Sage Memorial Endowment Scholarship
2012	Kyungpook National University, Global 100 Scholarship
2006-2012	Kyungpook National University, Global Challenger Merit-Based Scholarship

## RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2021-2022 Co-Investigator  
*COVID-19, Racial Discrimination and Civic Engagement among Asian American Young Adults*  
Principal Investigator: Yoonsun Choi, Ph.D.  
Russell Sage Foundation, \$171,255
- 2020-2021 Co-Principal Investigator  
*Responding to COVID-19: The Role of Immigrant-serving Organizations*  
Principal Investigator: Benjamin Roth, Ph.D.  
UofSC Office of the Vice President for Research, COVID-19 Research Initiative, \$24,992
- 2019-2021 Principal investigator  
*Racial Hate Crimes in South Carolina: Perceptions and Responses*  
Co-Principal Investigator: Ronald Pitner, Ph.D.  
UofSC Provost Social Sciences Grant, \$19,719
- 2019-2021 Co-Investigator  
*Transforming UofSC into a National Leader in Health, Inequalities, and Population Research*  
Principal Investigator: Katrina Walsemann, Ph.D.  
UofSC Office of the Vice President for Research, ASPIRE-II: Integration, \$100,000
- 2019-2020 Co-Investigator  
*Promoting Immigrant Integration in Restrictive Environments: The Role of Immigrant-Serving Organizations*  
Principal Investigator: Benjamin Roth, Ph.D.  
UofSC Office of the Vice President for Research, ASPIRE-I: Innovation, \$14,895

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Jun, J., **Woo, B.**, Kim, J., Kim, P., & Zhang, N. (Accepted, 2021). Asian Americans' communicative response to COVID-19 racism in application of co-cultural theory. *Howard Journal of Communications*.
- Woo, B.** & Jun, J. (2021). COVID-19 racial discrimination and depressive symptoms among Asian Americans: Does communication about the incident matter? *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*. Advance online publication.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10903-021-01167-x>
- Rao, S.\*, **Woo, B.\***, Maglalang, D. D.\*, Bartholomew, M., Cano, M., Harris, A., Tucker, T. B. (2021). Race and ethnicity in the social work Grand Challenges. *Social Work*, 66(1), 9-17. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sw/swaa053> (\* Equal Contributors)
- Gavin, A., **Woo, B.**, Conway, A. M., & Takeuchi, D. T. (2021). The association between racial discrimination, posttraumatic stress disorder, and cardiovascular-related conditions among Non-Hispanic Blacks: Results from the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions-III (NESARC-III). *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. Advance online publication.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-020-00943-z>
- Woo, B.**, Cano, M., & Pitt-Catsoupes, M. (2021). Equity and justice in social work explicit curriculum. *Journal of Social Work Education*. Advance online publication.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10437797.2021.1895931>
- Kim, M., **Woo, B.**, Kim, H., Yi, E., & Hong, S. (2021). Examining housing environments and health status of older adults with physical disabilities in South Korea. *Journal of Aging & Social Policy*. Advance online publication.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/08959420.2020.1851350>

**Woo, B.**, Maglalang, D. D., Ko, S., Park, M., Choi, Y., & Takeuchi, D. T. (2020). Racial discrimination, ethnic-racial socialization, and cultural identities among Asian American youth. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 26(4), 447-459.

**Woo, B.**, Fan, W., Tran, T. V., Takeuchi, D. T. (2020). Psychological cost of racial discrimination: What is the role of residential segregation? *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 65(1-2), 78-89. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ajcp.12371>

**Woo, B.**, & Wang, K. & Falcón, L. M. (2020). Unfair treatment, coping strategies, and depression among Puerto Ricans in Boston. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 26(2), 229-238. <https://doi.org/10.1037/cdp0000291>

Wang, K., **Woo, B.**, & Maglalang, D. D. (2020). Demographic and environmental determinants of community volunteerism among Asian and Latino immigrants in California. *Journal of Civil Society*, 16(2), 158-173. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17448689.2020.1752022>

**Woo, B.**, Fan, W., Tran, T. V., Takeuchi, D. T. (2019). The role of racial/ethnic identity in the association between racial discrimination and psychiatric disorders: A buffer or exacerbator? *SSM-Population Health*, 7, 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2019.100378>

**Woo, B.**, Evans, K., Wang, K., & Pitt-Catsoupes, M. (2019). Online and hybrid courses for social work doctoral students: Emerging perspectives and knowledge. *Journal of Social Work Education*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10437797.2019.1661921>

**Woo, B.**, Kravitz-Wirtz, N., Sass, V., Crowder, K., Teixeira, S., & Takeuchi, D. T. (2019). Racial residential segregation and racial/ethnic disparities in ambient air pollution. *Race and Social Problems*, 11(1), 60-67. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12552-018-9254-0>

Wang, K., **Woo, B.**, & Draper, C. (2019). Using propensity score analysis to examine participation in CalFresh and its association with dietary intake among Californian adults in poverty. *Beyond Borders: Advances in Global Welfare*, 1(1), 1-23.

**Woo, B.**, Figueroa, V., Rosales, R., Wang, K., & Sabur, K. L. (2018). Where is race and ethnicity in social work? A content analysis. *Social Work Research*, 42(3), 180-186. <https://doi.org/10.1093/swr/svy010>

*Nominated for the 2018 GADE Award for Social Work Research.*

**Woo, B.**, Wang, K., & Takeuchi, D. T. (2018). Subjective social standing of Asian Americans: Neighborhood context and social comparison. *Social Indicators Research*, 138, 1075-1087. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11205-017-1712-3>

Kravitz-Wirtz, N., Teixeira, S., Hajat, A., **Woo, B.**, Crowder, K., & Takeuchi, D. (2018). Early-life air pollution exposure, neighborhood poverty, and childhood asthma in the United States, 1990-2014. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 15(6), 1114. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph15061114>

Rosales, R., Figueroa, V., **Woo, B.**, Cano, M., & Perez-Aponte, J. (2018). Prepare to work with Latinos: Latino-focused content in social work masters programs. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, 33(8), 251-262. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08841233.2018.1472175>

**Woo, B.** (2018). Racial discrimination and mental health in the U.S.: Testing the reverse racism hypothesis. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, 5(4), 766-773. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-017-0421-6>

**Woo, B.**, Wang, K., & Tran, T. V. (2017). Racial and ethnic differences in associations between psychological distress and the presence of binge drinking:

Results from the California Health Interview Survey. *Addictive Behaviors*, 65, 1-6.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.addbeh.2016.09.004>

Cochran, G., **Woo, B.**, Lo-Ciganic, W., Gordon, A., Donohue, J. M., & Gellad, W. F. (2015). Defining non-medical use of prescription opioids within health care claims: A systematic review. *Substance Abuse*, 36, 192-202.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/08897077.2014.993491>

## BOOK CHAPTER

**Woo, B.**, Walton, E., & Takeuchi, D. T. (2017). Cultural diversity and mental health treatment. In T. Scheid & T. N. Brown (Eds.). *A handbook for the study of mental health: Social contexts, theories, and systems* (3rd ed.). New York: Cambridge University Press.

## REPORTS, BRIEFS, and WORKING PAPERS

Teasley, M., McCarter, S., **Woo, B.**, Conner, L. R., Spencer, M. S., & Green, T. (2021). *Eliminate Racism* (Grand Challenges for Social Work Initiative Working Paper No. 26). Cleveland, OH: American Academy of Social Work & Social Welfare.  
<https://grandchallengesforsocialwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Eliminate-Racism-Concept-Paper.pdf>

**Woo, B.** & Takeuchi, D. T. (2016, March). Divergent paths, diverse communities: Asian immigrants in the United States (Commentary). Chestnut Hill, MA: Immigration Integration Lab at Boston College.  
<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs146/1110936526727/archive/1124182244081.html>

## INVITED PRESENTATION

**Woo, B.** & Takeuchi, D. T. (2018, February). Barriers to healthcare for racial and ethnic minorities: The role of racial discrimination. 2018 GlobeMed Conference, Boston, MA.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**Woo, B.**, Pitner, R., & Wilson, B. (2021, August). White college students' racial prejudice and perceptions of racial hate crime. Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI), Virtual American Psychological Association (APA) conference.

Park, J., **Woo, B.**, & Jun, J. (2021, May). Fight the virus and fight the bias: Predicting Asian Americans' activism to combat anti-Asian racism during the COVID-19 pandemic. Annual International Communication Association Conference, Engaging the Essential Work of Care: Communication, Connectedness, and Social Justice. Virtual conference.

Tucker, T.B., Rao, S., **Woo, B.**, Bartholomew, M.W., Cano, M., Harris, A., & Maglalang, D.D. (2020, February). Where are race/ethnicity and racism in the Grand Challenges for Social Work? Winter Roundtable, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, NY.

**Woo, B.**, & Wang, K. (2020, January). The Moderation effects of migration-related factors on the associations between discrimination and allostatic load among Puerto Ricans. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

- Woo, B.,** Fan, W., Tran, T., & Takeuchi, D. (2019, January). Psychological cost of racial discrimination: The role of residential segregation. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Woo, B.,** Fan, W., Tran, T., & Takeuchi, D. (2019, January). Racial discrimination and psychiatric disorders: The moderating effect of ethnic identity. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Woo, B.,** Maglalang, D. D., Ko, S., Park, M., Choi, Y., & Takeuchi, D. (2019, January). Racial discrimination and bicultural identities among Asian American Youths: The mediating role of ethnic-racial socialization. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Harris, A., Bartholomew, M., Cano, M., Rao, S., & **Woo, B.** (2019, January). Integrating a racial justice approach to social work to end systemic racial violence. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Evans, K., **Woo, B.,** Wang, K., Pitt-Catsouphes, M., & Berzin, S. (2018, November). Online and Hybrid Education in social work doctoral education. Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- Woo, B.** (2018, January). Racial discrimination and mental health in the U.S.: Testing the reverse racism hypothesis. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Woo, B.,** & Wang, K. (2018, January). Discrimination, coping strategies, and depression among Puerto Ricans in Boston. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Maglalang, D. D., **Woo, B.** & Wang, K. (2018, January). Demographic and environmental determinants of community volunteerism among Asian and Latino immigrants in California. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Yang, J., **Woo, B.,** & Chu, Y. (2018, January). The influence of older adults' loneliness on smoking and physical activities: A lagged dependent approach. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Perez-Aponte, J., Rosales, R., **Woo, B.,** Figueroa, V., & Cano, M. (2018, January). Race and ethnicity in social work education: A content analysis of MSW programs. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Rosales, R., Figueroa, V., **Woo, B.,** Cano, M., & Perez-Aponte, J. (2017, October). Prepare to work with Latinos: Latino-focused content in social work Masters programs. Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- Woo, B.,** Wang, K., & Takeuchi, D. T. (2017, January). Subjective social standing of Asian Americans: Neighborhood context and psychosocial resources. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Woo, B.,** Figueroa, V., Rosales, R., & Wang, K. (2017, January). Content analysis: where is race and ethnicity in social work research? Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Woo, B.** (2016, November). Binge drinking and mental health among racial and ethnic minorities in the United States. Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse (AMERSA) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

**Woo, B.,** Wang, K., & Tran, T. V. (2016, January). Racial and ethnic differences in the association between psychological distress and binge drinking, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Cochran, G., **Woo, B.,** Gordon, A., Donohue, J. Wei-Hsuan, L., & Gellad, W. (2014, November). Defining nonmedical use of prescription opioids within health insurance claims data: A systematic review. National Conference of the Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse, San Francisco, CA.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### University of Washington, Department of Sociology

2016-2018      **Research Assistant**  
Principal Investigator: Kyle Crowder, Ph.D., Blumstein-Jordon Endowed Professor in Sociology  
Project Title: Demographic Vulnerability, Neighborhood Pollution, and Racial Health Disparities (Grant Number: R01 HD078501)  
Grant Source: Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development  
Propose research questions, write manuscript, conduct literature review, and participate in biweekly interdisciplinary meetings for a research project.

### Boston College, School of Social Work

2015-2018      **Research Assistant**  
Supervisor: David T. Takeuchi, Ph.D., Professor and Associate Dean for Research  
Develop research ideas and questions, conduct literature review, and write a manuscript for a book chapter and research articles. Assist with data collection, management, presentation, and data analysis.

2017-2018      **Research Assistant**  
Supervisor: Marcie Pitt-Catsoupes, Ph.D., Professor  
Participate in literature review, prepare for the IRB application, develop and implement survey, participate in data collection, and facilitate focus groups for the project on the online and hybrid courses in social work doctoral education.

2016      **Research Assistant**  
Supervisor: Gautam Yadama, Ph.D., Dean  
Collaborated on writing and editing a grant proposal for the Million SoULS (Solar Urja through Localization for Sustainability) project, submitted to MacArthur Foundation.

2015      **Graduate Assistant**  
Supervisor: Tiziana Dearing, MPP, Associate Professor  
Gathered and screened historical data, including announcements or policy adoptions record, regarding poverty in the United States addressed by 2016 presidential candidates. Created report cards and wrote narrative summaries for the Report Card Project. Participated in developing grade for the candidates to analyze their positions on poverty issues.

### University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work

2014      **Research Assistant**  
Supervisor: Gerald Cochran, Ph.D., Assistant Professor  
Collected, analyzed, and managed data. Authored methods section of article accepted for publication.

## TEACHING INTERESTS

Diversity and cross-cultural issues; Health and mental health policy; Foundation social work courses; Research methods; Program evaluation; Advanced statistics

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

† Graduate Course ‡ Undergraduate Course

### University of South Carolina, College of Social Work

Social Work Research Methodologies, 2018-2020 (Lead instructor: 2019 - Present) †  
Exploring Diversity and Social Justice in Social Work Practice, 2019-2020 †  
Social Work and Scientific Inquiry, 2020 (Lead instructor: 2020 - Present) ‡  
Social Welfare Policy Analysis, 2020 †

### Boston College, School of Social Work

Co-Instructor

Health and Mental Health Policy, 2017 †

Teaching Assistant

Regression Analysis/Social & Behavioral Sciences (Doctoral), 2018 †  
Tools for Scholarship (Doctoral), 2018 †  
Models of Social Work Intervention Research (Doctoral), 2018 †  
Program Evaluation, 2017–2018 †  
Research Methods in Social Work Practice, 2016 †

## STUDENT SUPERVISION

### Dissertation Committee Member, University of South Carolina

2019-Present	Tamara Grimm, College of Social Work
2018-Present	Parthenia Robinson, College of Social Work
2018-2019	Jeongsuk Kim, College Social Work

### Qualifying Examination Committee Member, University of South Carolina

2019	Tamara Grimm, College of Social Work
2019	Betty Wilson, College of Social Work

### Honor's theses committee member

2020-Present	Jenny Kang, Arizona State University
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## AD-HOC JOURNAL REVIEWER

*Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*  
*Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*  
*Research on Aging*  
*Ethnicity & Health*  
*Health & Place*

*Du Bois Review*  
*Social Science & Medicine*  
*The Gerontologist*  
*Journal of Health and Social Behavior*

## RELATED EXPERIENCE

### Social Work Field Practicum and Volunteer Work

2012-2014	<b><i>Mercy Behavioral Health Operation Safety Net</i></b> , Pittsburgh, PA Provided case management services to homeless population with mental illness and substance abuse issues. Secured housing and provided settlement assistance. Conducted home visits.
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- 2013                    ***Severe Weather Emergency Shelter***, Pittsburgh, PA  
Coordinated pro bono legal assistance program to homeless individuals.
- 2013                    ***Renewal Inc.***, Outpatient Mental Health, Pittsburgh, PA  
Provided intake services to the clients with mental illness and criminal records.  
Developed discharge plans and coordinated medical assistance.
- 2007-2011            ***Aemang Handicapped Children's Welfare Center***, Daegu, Korea  
Provided recreation therapy and rehabilitation services for quadriplegic and paraplegic children. Worked with the treatment program and nursing program for the children with autism. Provided learning support activities. Scheduled and assisted camp and recreation activities.
- 2006                    ***Friendship Circle***, Kyungpook National University, Daegu, Korea  
Organized programs and planned visits to popular attractions for the families from the US Army base in Daegu, Korea. Educated US families about Korean culture and the origins of historical sites. Expedited adaption process of American military families into Korean society.

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2020-2021            PhD Program Committee (College)
- 2019-2020            UofSC ASPIRE Grant Review Committee (University)
- 2019-Present        Faculty Senator (College)
- 2019-Present        Admissions Committee (College)
- 2018-2019            Faculty Search Committee (College)

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Asian and Pacific Islanders Social Work Education Association  
Council on Social Work Education  
Society for Social Work Research

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Certified social worker, Korea, 2012

Korean Air Force, Fourth Class in 32<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, honorably discharged as Air Control Observation Specialist, 2008-2010