

Cindy Sousa, PhD, MSW, MPH

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2025 - Professor (with tenure)

School of Social Work and Criminal Justice, University of Washington – Tacoma

2023 - Professor (with tenure) [on leave 2025-26]

Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, Bryn Mawr College

2018-2023 Associate Professor (with tenure)

Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, Bryn Mawr College

2012-2018 Assistant Professor

Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, Bryn Mawr College

EDUCATION

2012 Ph.D. Social Welfare; University of Washington; Seattle, WA

2008 Masters in Public Health (Concentration in Community-Oriented Public Health Practice) and Graduate Certificate in Global Health; University of Washington; Seattle, WA

2006 Masters in Social Work (Concentration in Community Based Practice); Portland State University; Portland, OR

1999 BA, Liberal Arts (Concentrations in Sociology, Latin American Studies, Feminist Theory, Critical Race Theory); The Evergreen State College; Olympia, WA

SPECIAL TRAINING

2023 Certificate: *Public Health and Social Work in Cuba*, from Escuela Nacional de Salud Pública (ENSAP), República de Cuba, Ministerio de Salud Pública, Universidad Médica de La Habana, Habana, Cuba

PUBLICATIONS

Scholar Profiles: [Google Scholar](#) \ [ORCID](#) \ [Research Gate](#)

Publications in Peer Reviewed Journals

*indicates current or former student co-author

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Roberts, K.*, Smith, E., **Sousa, C.**, Young, J., Corley, A.G., Szcztka, D., Sepanski, A., Hartoch, A. (2023). Centering Persons Who Use Drugs: Addressing Social Determinants of Health Among Patients Hospitalized with Substance Use Disorders. *Social Work in Health Care*, 63(1), 19-34. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/00981389.2023.2278777>

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Sousa, C. & El-Zuhairi, M. (2017). Mothering within the context of political violence: An exploratory study of mental health risks and resilience. *The Lancet*. Published on-line Aug. 1, 2017. DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(17\)32037-8](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(17)32037-8) [Peer-reviewed conference abstract presented at Lancet Conference on Palestinian Health]

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Herrenkohl, T., **Sousa, C.**, Tajima, E., Herrenkohl, R. and Moylan, C. (2008). Intersection of child abuse and children's exposure to domestic violence. *Trauma, Violence and Abuse*, 9(2), 84-99. DOI: [10.1177/1524838008314797](https://doi.org/10.1177/1524838008314797)

Maas, C., Herrenkohl, T. and **Sousa, C.** (2008). Review of research on child maltreatment and violence in youth. *Trauma, Violence and Abuse*, 9(1), 56-67. DOI: [10.1177/1524838007311105](https://doi.org/10.1177/1524838007311105)

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles: Under review

Sousa, C., Gusak, N., Murin-Minareci, M.*., Martin, J., Skye, K.*., Perepezko, A.*., Sullivan, M.F.*., Cao, Q.* (under review) "To restore the sense of dignity in the family": Ukrainian social

work with children and families in war

Sousa, C., Mason, W.A., Norton, L.*, King, K.* (revising (minor) for resubmission) "Trying to keep things as normal as possible for the kids": Parenting stress and resilience within Oregon wildfire disasters

Sousa, C., el-Zuhairi, M., Moss, T., Gusak, N., Ghosh, M.*, Chen, N.* (resubmission under review). Translation within cross-language qualitative research.

Hagopian, A., **Sousa, C.**, Stoller, N., Rubin, R., & Asi, Y. (revising for resubmission). How do we advance Palestinian health justice through American professional association policy statements? Lessons from the American Public Health Association.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles: In preparation

Sousa, C., King, K.*, Skye, K.* Place and place-making: "Making that new version of home" for families after climate disaster in the Western United States

Sousa, C., Skye, K.*, October, A.* , Norton, L.* , King, K.* (in process) "If they didn't have anybody, they had us": Trauma-informed models of Disaster Case Management for families after massive wildfires in the Western United States

Gusak, N., **Sousa, C.**, Skye, K.* , Perepezko, A.* , Sullivan, M.F.* , Martin, J. Professional resilience among Ukrainian social workers

Popular media, book chapters, book reviews, published professional correspondence

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INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND SERVICE

Cuba 2022, researcher
Lebanon 2019, researcher
Tunisia, 2008, researcher
Palestine 2007, 2008, 2009, researcher, evaluator, consultant
South America (Brazil, Venezuela, Ecuador) 2002, researcher
Nicaragua 1999, 2000, researcher

HONORS, AWARDS, & GRANTS

2023 Rosabeth Moss Kanter Change Master award, Bryn Mawr College

Awarded to a single faculty at the College to “support faculty research on innovation, social action or social and organizational change, or for demonstrated contributions to social betterment through scholarship”

2021 Inducted as a Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Fellow

The Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Fellows are members who have served with distinction to advance the mission of the Society — to advance, disseminate, and translate research that addresses issues of social work practice and policy and promotes a diverse, equitable and just society. The number of inductees each year is approximately three percent of the total number of SSWR members in that year.

2019 Bryn Mawr College Faculty Research Fund, funding for Comparative view of global refugee policy

2017 Bryn Mawr College Faculty Research Fund, funding for Well-being among refugee families

2012-2015 Alexandra Grange Hawkins Lectureship in Social Work, Bryn Mawr College

2009-2012 National Institute of Mental Health Prevention Traineeship Award (Grant T32 MH20010)

2008 University of Washington Graduate School Fund for Excellence and Innovation Travel Grant

COMMUNITY BASED RESEARCH PROJECTS: Current

Area of focus: Child and family wellbeing within climate (& other) disasters, political violence, and the refugee experience

Child and family wellbeing within climate disasters

Role: Principle Investigator 2022- ; Co-I: W. Alex Mason

In partnership with the Oregon Department of Resilience and Emergency Management (OREM), our research advances the field of child health and development by examining the impacts of climate change on children and families. This project responds to the need for more information about what constitutes key dimensions of parenting capacity for diverse populations in the growing crisis of climate disasters, and how these dimensions of capacity operate, within a risk and protection framework, to protect the mental health and well-being of children facing climate disasters.

- Sample will include diverse population of low-income parents (focused on single mothers) in the aftermath of climate disasters (wildfires; floods; landslides; earthquakes; extreme weather events).
- Measures for quantitative portion include: independent variables from new and adapted measures of climate disaster trauma and stress; outcome measures of child mental health (*child trauma; child anxiety and depression; emotional symptoms, conduct problems, hyperactivity-inattention, peer problems, and prosocial behavior*) and several dimensions of parenting that will be examined as moderators and mediators (*parental mental health; sense of parenting efficacy; parenting stress and burden; skills and behaviors; connectedness*).
- Initial, key informant interviews with Disaster Case Managers completed; 2 publications under review; 3 publications in progress; professional report and presentation delivered to OREM
- Submitted funding requests to: Burroughs Wellcome Fund: Climate Change and Human Health Seed Grant (for qualitative portion; submitted July 2024, total funds requested \$49,997); Bureau of Land Management (submitted September 2023, total funds requested \$499,907); R15 PAR-22-060 (Research Enhancement Award Program (REAP) for Health Professional Schools and Graduate Schools proposal for NICHD (Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; total funds requested \$429,375, submitted February 2023); R01 Research Project Grant proposal for NICHD (Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; total funds requested \$1,174,421, submitted June 2023); not funded; follow up applications in process

Promoting family well-being amidst adversity: Stress and coping practices of refugee parents

Role: Principle Investigator (Janet Shapiro, co-PI; community based research partnership with Nationalities Service Center in Philadelphia, PA); 2014-

- Done in partnership with the Nationalities Service Center (NSC) in Philadelphia, PA, in this project we used qualitative project interviewing service workers explore how parents navigate the stress of pre-flight, flight, and resettlement with specific attention to the strategies parents utilize to protect their children and promote both individual and collective resilience; currently expanding to interview refugee parents
- Bryn Mawr College Faculty Research Fund awarded in 2017 (\$4700) to continue preparations for the second phase of the project, including hiring RAs and an editor to assist with grant applications
- Letter of Inquiry submitted to William T. Grant Foundation: January, 2017 (requested amount: \$150,000, not funded); Grant proposal submitted to the Silberman Foundation: April, 2014 (requested amount: \$40,000, not funded); follow up applications being drafted
- Initial, key informant interviews with service providers completed, publications completed, and professional report and presentation delivered to NSC

The life goes on: Refugee family experiences of psychosocial wellbeing during the perinatal

Role: Collaborator (Bree Akesson, PI) 2023-; funded by Canada's Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

- Working with international refugee serving organizations, this project focuses on Rohingya refugees, using a socioecological approach to guide participant selection and data collection. In this project, we use collaborative, longitudinal interpretive phenomenological analysis (LIPA) approach to take a comprehensive view of the perinatal period, asking: *What are refugee families' experiences of the perinatal period in the context of war and displacement?*

- In my role as collaborator, I develop and supervise the collaborative family interview (CFI) methodology alongside community partners in Phase 1, specifically working on the recruitment strategy and the development of the interview guide for T1, T2, and T3. During Phase 2, I will work with the PI and co-PI to oversee data collection in Bangladesh and contribute to the data analysis process. In Phase 3, I will collaborate with the PI and co-PI on the implementation of knowledge mobilization activities, specifically taking the lead on at least one publication related to parenting within political violence.

CURRENT RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Research Affiliate, Global Adversity and Wellbeing Research Group, Center for Leading Research in Education, Wilfrid Laurier University, Ontario, Canada

The Global Adversity and Wellbeing (GAWB) Research Group examines intersections of extreme adversity and wellbeing through the lens of place theory, with a specific focus on the family and home. Their core research areas are parenting in the context of war, homicide as a human rights violation, and global social systems strengthening. Led by Bree Akesson.

Research Affiliate, Health, Conflict, and Psychology, Department of Human Sciences & Education, The University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy

Health, Conflict, and Psychology aims to develop pathways of research, teaching and clinical activity, and psychosocial intervention within a critical analysis of human rights, focusing on social injustice and structural inequality and their impact on people's mental health and well-being. Led by Guido Veronese.

PREVIOUS RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS & PROJECTS

Families under fire: A global study of family practices, rights, and well-being in war-affected settings

Role: Collaborator (Bree Akesson, PI); 2019-2021

- Mixed methods project, including GIS, exploring the psychosocial implications of the refugee experience among Syrian refugees
- Informed practice and policy interventions about family needs within the Syrian refugee crisis
- Grant proposal submitted to Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Bree Akesson, PI; Cindy Sousa, Collaborator)

Relationship of political violence to mental health among women in Palestine

Role: Principal Investigator, Collaborative Researcher; 2007-2020 2007-2010 M&E

- Principal Investigator in a research partnership for a study examining communities' exposure to political violence and potentially related mental health conditions (including potential moderators/mediators).
- Aid in writing of funding proposals and reports.
- Developed needs assessment and program evaluation tools for mental health program in West Bank, Palestine.

Longitudinal Study of Exposure to Family Violence (PI: Todd Herrenkohl)

Role: Research team member/Research Assistant/NIMH Prevention Trainee; 2006-2017

- Ongoing analyses of longitudinal data investigating the long-term outcomes of exposure to family violence and adversities among children and families.

Harborview Injury Prevention Research Center

Role: National Institute of Mental Health Prevention Trainee; 2009-2010

- Contribute to data analysis and writing projects for a population-based longitudinal study that looks at the effects of arrest, prosecution and incarceration on subsequent perpetration of intimate partner violence.

Public Health Seattle King County HIV Program

Role: Research Intern; 2006-2007

- Aided in HIV/AIDS Planning Council Comprehensive Care Needs Assessment.
- Planned qualitative data collection to ascertain information on the work related issues of people living with HIV/AIDS.
- Conducted focus groups, analyzed data, created report and presented findings to Planning Council.

TSTSCA Solidarity Organization, Olympia, WA & Santo Tómas, Nicaragua

Researcher and member of solidarity organization 1999-2000

- Conducted qualitative research project on women and community development in rural Nicaragua; methods included collecting and analyzing oral histories and conducting participant observation over sixteen weeks in health, nutrition & community development projects.

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION, LEADERSHIP, & SERVICE

Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research (GSSWSR), Bryn Mawr College

2016- 2025

Co-Director, Center for Child and Family Well-being

2012-2020; 2023-2025

Convener, Communities, Organizations, Policy, and Advocacy Concentration

2023-2026

GSSWSR Curriculum Committee

2020 – 2023 [elected for a rotating, three-year term]

Program Director, GSSWSR Doctoral Program

2017- 2021

Chair, GSSWSR Curriculum Committee

Bryn Mawr College

2023-2025 Committee on Academic Priorities (CAP), elected by faculty, representative to the College's Strategic Advisory Group

2020-2025 Steering Committee, Health Studies Minor

Additional (selected) service within Bryn Mawr College (BMC) & the Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research (GSSWSR):

2020-2023 Graduate Council (BMC)

2020-2023 Faculty Advisory Council (BMC)

2020 Member, Faculty Search Committee (GSSWSR)

2012-2020 Faculty co-lead, dual degree MSS MPH program with Jefferson University (GSSWSR)

2017-2020 Member, Doctoral admission committee (GSSWSR)

2016-2017 Departmental reviewer, Institutional Review Board (GSSWSR)

2013-2015 Member, special working group on exams and curriculum for Doctoral Program (GSSWSR)

2013 Member, Hiring Committee for Director of Field Education (GSSWSR)

2016-2018 Member, Subcommittee on International Curricular Initiatives (ICI), part of the International Action Plan for Bryn Mawr (BMC)

2016-2017 Member, Search committee for Assistant Professor for Growth and Structure of Cities Department (BMC)

2013-2016 Elected Member, Committee on Libraries, Information services, and Computing (CLIC) (BMC)

2014 Invited Speaker, Inauguration of ninth President of the College: KIM (Knowledge, Innovation, Momentum) Talk: *Health Studies in a Liberal Arts Environment*

2014 Invited Panelist, Bryn Mawr Faculty Panel: *Structural Violence: Global and Local*

2012-2013 Member of planning group and facilitator of small group meetings with the invited guest consultants for Women in Public Service Institute, for topic: The role of the justice system in post-conflict resolution.

Leadership within the field

Co-Chair, Palestine Health Working Group, American Public Health Association (2016-present)

Cluster Co-Chair, International Social Work and Global Issues cluster, Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) 2020-2023

Joint Policy Committee, American Public Health Association (APHA), 2022-2023 (representative on a 12-member board that oversees the annual policy statement develop process, reviewing and assessing all proposed policy statements for the Association, which has around 25,000 members).

Action Board, representative for the Public Health Social Work Section, American Public Health Association (APHA), 2020-2023

Section Councilor, International Health Section, American Public Health Association
Elected for two-year term 2015-2017

Reviewer:

Social Science and Medicine

BMJ Open

Journal of Child and Family Studies

Child and Family Social Work

Journal of Interpersonal Violence

Child Abuse and Neglect

Journal of Research on Adolescence

International Journal of Social Work

Peace and Conflict: The Journal of Peace Psychology

Medical Anthropology Quarterly

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Community-based, collaborative pedagogy

2012-2025 Initiated, developed, and oversaw collaborative community assessment projects undertaken with/for People's Emergency Center (PEC) (2013); Health Promotion Council (2014); La Puerta Abierta (2017); Nationalities Service Center (2018); Black and Brown Worker's Cooperative (2019); Oregon Department of Resilience and Emergency Management (2023) for course Community Strategies and Assessment: Advocacy and Action. Coordinated, trained, and provided supervision for students as they collected quantitative and qualitative research for agencies; each group assessed the challenges and needs regarding community issues. Resulted in oral presentations and reports for agency and community.

2013-2014 Developed and launched a mixed methods research (in-depth interviews and survey data collection) from local community organizers, program managers, and agency executives to gather input for a revision of the curricular goals and content for the Community Practice, Policy, and Advocacy Concentration at the GSSWSR.

Courses taught

Areas of teaching focus: Generalist practice; policy; advocacy; community development; program development, implementation, & evaluation; qualitative research; community-based research

COURSES TAUGHT AT BRYN MAWR COLLEGE: Primary Instructor

- Foundation Practice I and II (3 semesters)
- Power, Privilege, and Oppression (1 semester)
- Foundations of Social Policy (4 semesters, online & in person)
- Community Strategies and Assessment: Advocacy & Action (9 semesters, online & in person)
- Community Practice, Policy, and Advocacy I (6 semesters, online & in person)
- Community Practice, Policy, and Advocacy II (5 semesters, online & in person)

- Social Theory (for doctoral students) (3 semesters, online & in person)
- Qualitative Inquiry: Analysis (for doctoral students) (5 semesters, online & in person)
- Global Public Health, inc. Critical Perspectives on Trauma and Resilience (2 semesters)
 - ♦ One iteration, worked with colleagues in French and East Asian Languages and Cultures to house this course within an interdisciplinary three course cluster (360) titled Trauma and Resilience through Comics
- Perspectives on Social Welfare: Local to Global (3 semesters)
 - ♦ One iteration, worked with colleagues in History and Health Studies to house this course within an interdisciplinary three course cluster (360) titled *Global Health Equity*

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Radical Traditions and Transformative Practice: Public Health and Social Work (The Evergreen State College, undergraduate, primary instructor)
- Feminist Theory for Social Work (Rutgers DSW program, taught 2020, 2021 (online))
- The Welfare State: A Comparative Policy Perspective (The Evergreen State College, MPA Program, primary instructor)
- Globalization Policy and Services: Critical Analysis of the Processes, Policies, and Outcomes of Globalization (University of Washington MSW program) (teaching practicum)
- Public Health Practice: Community Development for Health (University of Washington Community Oriented MPH program, taught entirely with Problem Based Learning (PBL)) (teaching practicum)

TEACHING AND LEARNING INITIATIVE (TLI) PARTICIPATION at Bryn Mawr College
TLI Faculty Seminar on Pedagogy with student consultant Fall 2012

Invited talks on pedagogy:

Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education in Social Work Annual Conference, 2022

Invited speaker for Keynote Panel Discussion: Innovations in implementing anti-racist and inclusive practices in doctoral education

Breakout session facilitator for Critical pedagogy approaches-critical examination of doctoral curriculum and current trends

DOCTORAL and THESIS SUPERVISION

Doctoral Dissertations: Within Bryn Mawr College

Director of Work [Chair] for Kate Roberts; area of focus: Reconceptualizing risk and resilience among women who inject drugs (WWID) using feminist care ethics. (graduated 2025)

Director of Work [Chair] for Mary Florence Sullivan; area of focus: Moral distress and accompaniment among social workers who support unaccompanied immigrant youth.

Director of Work [Chair] for Maisy Hughes; Dissertation title: *“Enacting something I didn’t believe in”: Clinician Experiences of Dissonance Related to Power and Oppression in Community Mental Health.* (graduated 2024)

Director of Work [Chair] for Isabel Sanguen Lee; Dissertation title: *Exploring Racially Informed Factors and Assessing Their Impacts on the Working Conditions and Burnout among Bicultural Asian Human Service Workers.* (graduated 2024)

Director of Work [Chair] for Amy Stein; Dissertation title: *How Do Immigrants and Refugees Experience A 'Sense Of Place' In A Community Garden? Exploring An Intervention To Mitigate The Consequences Of Displacement.* (graduated 2022)

Director of Work [Chair] for Megan McCoy; Dissertation title: *Tensions in Welcoming LGBT Older Adults: Discourses of Legitimization and Silence in a Senior Center* (graduated 2021)

Director of Work [Chair] for Jeannine L. Lisitski; Dissertation title: *The Use of Trauma-Informed Care in Programs Serving Families Experiencing Homelessness* (graduated 2019)

Director of Work [Chair] for Katie King (through proposal phase); area of focus: Climate change and the mental health of children and youth, using slow violence and Critical Race Theory.

Director of Work [Chair] for Mari Folco (through exam phase); area of focus: Adolescent identity development and post-traumatic growth: The role of sports programs in establishing counter-spaces for youth facing delinquency charges.

Director of Work [Chair] for Saira Afzal (through launching dissertation phase); area of focus: Therapeutic intervention for queer youth in suicidal distress: Best practices in working with uninterested/unaffirming families and considerations around the process of identity disclosure for youth

Dissertation committee member for Carolyn Solo; Dissertation title: *"Trying Your Best in That Moment with That Person": Maintaining Feelings of Efficacy and Relevance in the Therapeutic Relationship with Community Mental Health Clients Experiencing Psychosis.* (graduated 2024)

Dissertation committee member for Sarah Slates; Dissertation title: *Validation, sense of belonging, and experiences of alienating campus climates for underrepresented students.* (graduated 2023)

Dissertation committee member for Lauren Drenelly; Dissertation title: *Primary Care Physician Experiences Treating Patients with Behavioral Health Needs.* (graduated 2023)

Dissertation committee member for Lori Sitler; Dissertation title: *Delaware's Multidisciplinary Teams for the Investigation of Child Abuse: Communities of Practice?* (graduated 2022)

Dissertation committee member for Rebecca Laster; Dissertation title: *Social workers' beliefs about reporting suspected elder abuse to adult protective services* (graduated 2018)

Dissertation committee member for Guy Feldman; Dissertation title: *Saving the poor: A discourse analysis of asset-building as an anti-poverty strategy* (graduated 2016)

Dissertation committee member for Barb Toews; Dissertation title: *Being in jail: The patterns and purposes of privacy in a women's jail* (graduated 2014)

Doctoral Dissertations: Outside of Bryn Mawr College

Dissertation co-tutor for Hala Kittaneh; PhD program in Education in Contemporary Society, Department of Human Sciences “Riccardo Massa” University of Milano-Bicocca in Milan, Italy; Dissertation title: *Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) Interventions in addressing the needs and aspirations of Palestinian children in schools: A critical analysis* (2022)

Dissertation external reviewer for Federica Cavazzoni; PhD program in Education and Communication Sciences, Department of Human Sciences “Riccardo Massa” University of Milano-Bicocca in Milan, Italy; Dissertation title: *Unpacking the construct of agency: Pathways to well-being and life satisfaction in children affected by military violence and political oppression, A mixed-method research design in Occupied Palestine.* (2019)

Master's theses

Reader, Master's Thesis for Quanisha Smith: Testimony of self: Black women, bipolar, and the battle to exist

PRESENTATIONS

Peer Reviewed Presentations

*indicates current or former student co-author

2025 European Congress of Qualitative Inquiry Edinburgh
Sousa, C., Smith, R., Cavazzoni, F., Veronese, G. Qualitative research as embodied, collective knowing: Reflections of case studies of work among Western and Palestinian researchers

Cavazzoni, F., **Sousa, C.**, Mustafa, A., Nofal, M.A., Veronese, G. Testimonies from and about Gaza: The Psychological Impact of Colonial Violence on Local Communities and Global Witnesses

2024 Association of Women in Psychology Virtual
Cavazzoni, F., **Sousa, C.**, Nofal, M., Abuhawila, R., Shalhoub-kevorkian, N., Veronese, G. How colonial is our work? Building feminists and liberating paths through research activism and alliances. (oral presentation, delivered by Cavazzoni)

2024 Association of European Qualitative Researcher in Psychology Milano
Cavazzoni, F., Ameen, M., Fasola, G., Lambardi di San Miniato, E., Veronese, G., **Sousa, C.**, et al. Unveiling the multifaceted struggle: intersectional feminism and critical consciousness in Palestinian women's struggle and everyday resistance. (oral presentation, delivered by Cavazzoni)

2024 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference Washington, DC
Sousa, C., King, K., Norton, L. “Where we try to harness our agency”: Creative emergence of holistic, trauma-informed models of disaster case management for families in the face of massive wildfires (oral presentation, accepted, withdrawn)

Bragin., M., **Sousa, C.**, Akesson, B. Epistemic violence, child and family well-being, and international research: Innovative methods highlighting diverse epistemologies (roundtable)

Gusak, N., **Sousa, C.**, Martin, J., Burlaka, V. International perspectives on training social workers

engaged in direct practice and exposed to the trauma of war (workshop)

Akesson, B., **Sousa, C.**, Kemp, S., King, K., Sullivan, M.F. Recentering place as a social determinant of health: Intersections among home, health, and equity (roundtable)

2023 American Public Health Association Annual Conference Atlanta, GA
Sousa, C., Gusak, N., Martin, J. Professional solidarity confronting the health consequences of war: A cross-border model of professional development and support for mental health workers in Ukraine (oral presentation, delivered by Gusak)

Sousa, C., King, K., Norton, L. Social work with families recovering from climate disasters: A social justice perspective on structural violence, mental health, and displacement (oral presentation)

Roberts, K.*, Smith, E., **Sousa, C.**, Young, J., Corley, A.G., Szcztka, D., Sepanski, A., Hartoch, A. Centering Persons Who Use Drugs: Addressing Social Determinants of Health Among Patients Hospitalized with Substance Use Disorders (oral presentation)

2023 European Council for Social Work Education Porto, Portugal

Gusak, N., Martin, J., **Sousa, C.** Support for Ukrainian Social Workers Experiencing the Ongoing Russian War Against Ukraine through the Series of Educational Webinars (oral presentation, delivered by Gusak)

2023 Qualitative Research in Mental Health - QRMH9 Budapest
Cavazzoni, F., Veronese, G., Nofal, M., Ayoub, H., Abuhamwala, R., **Sousa, C.** Engaging in feminist and liberating practices: Lessons from Palestine. (oral presentation, delivered by Cavazzoni)

2023 International Association of Maternal Action and Scholarship Conference Virtual
Sousa, C. Homeplaces as Sites of Subversion and Reassertion of Maternal Power. (oral presentation)

2022 American Public Health Association Annual Conference Boston, MA
Sousa, C. & Lee, S.* "If they talk to me...I'll explain to them": An equity and justice-based application of Behavior Change Models to understand vaccine uptake among Asian elders. (oral presentation)

Sousa, C., Akesson, B., Siddiqi, M. Understanding the health impacts of wars and conflicts on families: A systematic scoping review. (oral presentation)

2021 American Public Health Association Annual Conference Virtual
Sousa, C. (session organizer) Sovereignty as a core determinant of health: The imperative for both social connection and independence. Presenters: Yara Asi, Osama Tanous, Weeam Hammoudeh, Bram Wispelwey, and Yasser Abu Jamei

Roberts, K.* & **Sousa, C.** The right to health: Labor politics and the COVID-19 crisis in Central Appalachia. (oral presentation)

Lee, S.*, **Sousa, C.**, & Rose, R.* Bilingual outreach specialists' perception of Asian older adults with limited English proficiency (ELP) during the COVID-10 pandemic. (oral presentation)

2021 Council on Social Work Education Orlando, FL
Sousa, C., Kemp, S., Akesson, B. Critically informed place-based pedagogies in social work classrooms for teaching about displacement in the Immigrants, Refugees, and Displaced Populations. (accepted for oral presentation, withdrawn due to COVID-related stressors)

2021 International Association of Maternal Action and Scholarship Conference Virtual
Sousa, C., Towards feminist, postcolonial perspectives on motherhood within political and structural violence. (accepted for oral presentation, withdrawn due to COVID-related stressors)

2021 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference Virtual
Sousa, C., Veronese, G., & Cavazzoni, F. Using participatory mapping to understand the implications of political violence for children: Contributions to the science of international social work. (oral presentation)

Sousa, C., Bragin, M., & Akesson, B. Conceptualizing and researching “trauma” within social work science: Critical interrogations of research theories, modalities, and constructs across cultures. (roundtable)

Ratliff, G.A.; Akesson, B., Graaf, G., Kemp, S. & **Sousa, C.** Engaging place in a changing world: Opportunities and challenges for social welfare research, practice, and policy. (roundtable)

2020 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting. Virtual
Sousa, C. “They don’t see anything but this kind of treatment”: Mothers Speak about the Loss and Reclamation of Palestinian Childhood with Settler Colonialism. Invited oral presentation within panel: Unchilding in the Middle East and North Africa.

2020 American Public Health Association Annual Conference Virtual
Sousa, C. Structural violence, settler colonialism, health, and resistance: The case of Palestine. Organizer, along with Yara Asi and Osama Tanous

Cavazzoni, F., **Sousa, C.**, Fiorini, A., & Veronese, G. The role of agency in promoting the well-being of children living amongst political violence: A place-based participatory approach in Palestine.

Sousa, C. Refining the concept of political violence to understand its effects on health outcomes. (oral presentation)

Sousa, C., Cavazzoni, F., & Veronese, G. Conceptualizing the violence of war using participatory mapping. (oral presentation)

2020 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference Washington, DC
Stein, A.* , **Sousa, C.**, Shapiro, J., Shanfeld, G., Siddiqi, M. * “We have a way to go”: Refugee service providers’ perspectives on barriers and strategies for improving educational outcomes for refugee youth.

Akesson, B., **Sousa, C.**, Badawi, D. * How context contributes to mental health and psychosocial wellbeing among Syrian families in Lebanon.

Sousa, C., Siddiqi, M. *, and Bogue, B. * Maternal well-being, coping, and parenting practices within intimate partner violence: What do we know after two decades of research? (oral presentation)

Sousa, C., Akesson, B., Badawi, D. * "How will I take her to be vaccinated?": Threats to healthcare access among Syrian refugees in Lebanon. (oral presentation)

2019 American Public Health Association Annual Conference Philadelphia, PA
Sousa, C., Akesson, B., Badawi, D. * "We ran from charity to charity and not one helped us, not even the United Nations": Syrian refugees in Lebanon describe their challenges in accessing health care. (oral presentation)

Stein, A. *, **Sousa, C.**, Shapiro, J., Shanfeld, G., Siddiqi, M. *, Improving educational outcomes for refugee youth: Findings from a qualitative study of refugee service providers in Philadelphia. (poster presentation)

Akesson, B., **Sousa, C.**, Badawi, D. * Context as a root cause of mental health challenges among Syrian refugee families in Lebanon. (oral presentation)

Sousa, C., Veronese, G., "Take your children and run away from home": Violence, trauma, and resilience within the context of active warfare (poster presentation)

2019 National Institute of Mental Health Global Mental Health Conference Washington, DC
Akesson, B. and **Sousa, C.** How context contributes to the root causes of mental illness among Syrian refugee families in Lebanon (oral presentation)

2019 Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance (LPHA) Conference Amman, Jordan
Sousa, C., Veronese, G., "No safe place": The lived realities and mental health consequences of the 2014 assaults on Gaza (poster presentation)

2019 International Society for Critical Health Psychology Conference Bratislava, Slovakia
Cavazzoni, F., Veronese, G., & **Sousa, C.** Narratives of survival and resilience in a group of Palestinian women resisting ongoing political violence and structural oppression: a qualitative study through live events calendars. (oral presentation)

2019 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference San Francisco, CA
Sousa, C., Siddiqi, M. * & Slates, S. * The vulnerabilities and strengths of parents within the context of community violence: Results of a systematic literature review. (oral presentation)

Sousa, C. Translation within international qualitative inquiry: Power, positionality, and creation of meaning. Roundtable with Byers, D., Moss, T., Gonzalez-Benson, O., and Husain, A.

Akesson, B. & **Sousa, C.** We laugh with the children so we forget and overcome our problems: Parental suffering and resilience among recently displaced Syrian families in Lebanon. (oral presentation)

2018 Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance (LPHA) Conference Beirut, Lebanon
Sousa, C., Stoller, N., & Hagopian, A. Addressing the social determinants of health through public health policy (oral presentation)

2018 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference Washington, DC
Sousa, C., Shapiro, J., Shanfeld, G., Cristaudo, K., Siddiqi, M. *, Haffield, M. *, Stein, A. *, & Reddy, H. * "Stress and Coping Among Refugee Parents: Perspectives from Service Providers" (poster presentation)

2017 American Public Health Association Annual Conference Atlanta, GA
Sousa, C. and Siddiqi, M. * "Parenting, violence, and resilience from a global perspective: A review of the literature" (poster presentation)

Sousa, C., Shapiro, J., Shanfeld, G., Cristaudo, K., Siddiqi, M. *, Haffield, M. *, Reddy, H. * "Stress and coping among refugee parents: Perspectives from service providers" (poster presentation)

2017 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference New Orleans, LA
Sousa, C. "Parenting Under Adversity: A Critical Analysis and a Future Agenda for Social Work Research and Practice Spanning Domestic and Global Contexts" (oral presentation in roundtable)

2016 American Public Health Association Annual Conference Denver, CO
Sousa, C. "From Ferguson to Palestine: The merging of pro-peace social movements across continents and the role of health professionals in that effort" (oral presentation)

2016 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference Washington, DC
Sousa, C. & el-Zuhairi, M. "I Have Been Strong All the Time, to the Utmost Strength I Can Bear": Strategies and Psychological Costs of Mothering within Political Violence (oral presentation)

2016 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference Washington, DC
Sousa, C., Yutzy, L. *, Campbell, M. * & Cook, C. * "Because the Real Work Is Challenging": Priorities for Training for Macro Social Work Practice As Expressed By Those in the Field (oral presentation)

2016 American Association of Geographers Annual Conference San Francisco, CA
Sousa, C., Akesson, B., Marshall, D.J., & Smith, R. Parenting and political violence: Struggles and strategies

2015 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference New Orleans, LA
Sousa, C., Mason, W.A., & Herrenkohl, T. A Lifecourse Perspective on Cumulative Stress and Its Effects on Depression in Adulthood (oral presentation)

2014 American Public Health Association Annual Conference New Orleans, LA
Sousa, C. & Mona el-Zuhairi "I cry when I'm alone but I don't cry in front of them": Mental health and resilience among Palestinian mothers confronting political violence (oral presentation)

Sousa, C., Herrenkohl, T.I., Mason, W.A., & Prince, D. Effects of child abuse and stress on later depression: A lifecourse perspective on chronic adversity and mental health (oral presentation)

Sousa, C., Hagopian, A., Stoller, N. Issues of Evidence, Ethics, Social Justice, and Action in APHA Policy (oral presentation)

2014 Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance (LPHA) Conference Amman, Jordan

Sousa, C., Mona el-Zuhairi, & The Palestinian Medical Relief Society. Mothering within the context of political violence: An exploratory study of mental health risks and resilience (oral presentation)

2014 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference San Antonio, TX
Sousa, C. and Kemp, S. Dwelling Within Political Violence: Palestinian Women's Narratives of Home, Violence, and Well-Being (oral presentation)

Sousa, C. Understanding Overlapping Forms of Violence Within International Social Work: Unique Effects of Political and Domestic Violence Among Women in Palestine (oral presentation)

Sousa, C. A Roundtable Discussion of Resilience and Violence: Definitions, Measurement, and Data Analytic Strategies of Child Maltreatment, Community Violence Exposure, and Political Violence Research (roundtable discussion)

2013 American Public Health Association Annual Conference Boston, MA
Sousa, C. Political violence and health among Palestinian women: The protective effects of internal and external coping strategies (oral presentation)

2012 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference Washington D.C.
Sousa, C. Mental health sequela resulting from political violence: Using structural equation modeling to examine unique and overlapping experiences (oral presentation)

2011 American Public Health Association Annual Conference Washington D.C.
Sousa, C. Conflict, health care and professional perseverance: A study in the West Bank (oral presentation)

2011 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference Tampa, FL
Sousa, C., Dana Prince, Seunghye Hong, Todd I. Herrenkohl
Abuse and stress in childhood and adolescence: Direct and indirect effects of chronicity on later depression (oral presentation)

2011 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference Tampa, FL
Sousa, C. & Lindhorst, T.
Words, meanings & knowledge in cross-language qualitative research: Analysis of a translation process. (oral presentation)

2010 Western Regional International Health Conference: War and Global Health Seattle, WA
Sousa, C. Mental health in conflict zones: Categories of stress and differential relationship to distress (oral presentation)

2010 Society for Research on Adolescence Philadelphia, PA
Sousa, C., Herrenkohl, T., Tajima, E.A., Klika, J.B., Hong, S. Child Abuse and Children's Exposure to Domestic Violence: Longitudinal Prediction of Adolescent Problem Behaviors (oral presentation)

2009 American Public Health Association Annual Conference Philadelphia, PA
Sousa, C., Dr. Mustafa Barghouthi, MD, MSc; Mona el-Zuhairi, Marah Hriesh, and Bahia Amra
Effects of war and occupation on access to health care: A study of women in the West Bank, Palestine

Trauma, mental health, and resilience: Women in the West Bank, Palestine (oral presentation)

2009 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference New Orleans, LA
Sousa, C., Herrenkohl, T., Moylan, C. Domestic violence exposure and abuse in childhood: relationship to parent-child attachment and the impact of these risks on youth violence perpetration (oral presentation)

2008 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference Washington, DC
Sousa, C., Herrenkohl, T., Moylan, C. Impact of multiple forms of child maltreatment and family stressors on later psychosocial functioning of youth (oral presentation)

SOCIAL WORK & PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Community Education Coordinator/Youth Development Specialist

Aug. 2003-Sept. 2005

Planned Parenthood of the Columbia-Willamette, Portland & Salem, OR

- Coordinated with community-based organizations, schools and government agencies to build partnerships and oversee grant-funded, measurable deliverables.
- Provided leadership in the launch of new Peer Education Program across three counties: developed recruitment plan, created curriculum and program materials, aided in grant applications and evaluation planning, ensured grant compliance, facilitated model group.
- Developed and implemented needs assessments; designed and provided health education/youth development programs for families, youth and communities, especially Latino immigrant, LGBTQ, and rural populations.
- Developed and provided health education and youth development trainings for health care & social service professionals.

Health Education Coordinator

Aug. 2000-Aug. 2003

Huckleberry Youth Programs, San Rafael, CA

- Led a dynamic, multi-tiered team of staff, interns, and volunteers, whom I hired, trained and supervised.
- Worked with partner agencies and school administrators to provide community based services in a collaborative model, aligned with grant required deliverables and target program outcomes.
- Led & provided supervision for health education programs, including peer education programs for youth from vulnerable communities; street outreach programs & educational support groups
- Ensured grant compliance through appropriate service delivery and data collection; provided program reports
- Provided and supervised the provision of individual, bilingual Spanish health education counseling for youth at Teen Clinic

COMMUNITY SERVICE (selected)

Volunteer, AGUA – Olympia, WA Accompaniment group

2025-

Guest speaker: Mental health, trauma & resilience among immigrant and refugee families
January 2020 Sanctuary Project at First United Methodist Church of Germantown, Philadelphia

Member, Board of Directors

January 2017-2021 La Puerta Abierta, Philadelphia, PA

Member, Board of Directors (chair and volunteer coordinator 2009-11; board secretary 2007-9)

Hotline Counselor

Aug. 2005-2012 Seattle Draft and Military Counseling Center, Seattle, WA

Volunteer Educator and Advocate

Oct. 2005-June 2007 Speaker's Bureau, Safe Schools Coalition, Seattle, WA

Mental Health Intern

Sept. 2004-June 2005

Northwest Human Services' Homeless Outreach and Advocacy Program, Salem, OR

Volunteer Crisis Counselor and Hospital Advocate

April 2001-Aug. 2003 Bay Area Women Against Rape, Oakland, CA

Special Needs Program Leader

Spring & Fall 1997, Spring 2000

Multnomah Education Service District: Outdoor School Program, Portland, OR

Teaching Assistant for adult migrant farm worker ESL program

Summer 2000

Hillsboro School District's Migrant Summer School Program, Hillsboro, OR

Program Coordinator

Sept. 1994-Nov. 1996

The Evergreen State College: Women's Resource Center, Olympia, WA

Volunteer and Community Delegation Coordinator

Oct. 1999-June 2000 TSTSCA Solidarity Organization, Olympia, WA & Santo Tomás, Nicaragua

Volunteer Health Educator

1992-1994 Cascade AIDS Project, Planned Parenthood, PSI, Portland, OR