

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 1999 Ph.D.
School of Social Work
University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.
Dissertation Title: *The Key Determinants of a Mother's Decision to File for Child Support*
- 1973 M.S.S.W., School of Social Work
University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.
Research Project: *A Comparative Study of Parent-Child Relationships in Families of Unmarried Adolescent Mothers and Families Of Single-Never-Pregnant Adolescents* (Refereed Group Thesis with co-authors Gloria Coats and Kathleen McWhorter)
- 1970 B.A. (*cum laude*) History (minor in Sociology)
University of Houston, Houston, TX
- 1966-68 Texas Lutheran College, Seguin, TX

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2005-Present Associate Professor, University of Washington, Tacoma, Social Work Program, Tacoma, WA
- 1999-2005 Assistant Professor, University of Washington, Tacoma, Social Work Program, Tacoma, WA
- 1978-1985
1987-1999 Adjunct Faculty, Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences, Austin Community College, Austin, TX
- 1999 Adjunct Faculty, School of Behavioral & Social Sciences, St. Edwards University, Austin, TX

- 1997-1998 Assistant Instructor, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
- 1989-1996 Behavioral Sciences Faculty, Family Practice Residency Program, Central Texas Medical Foundation, Austin, TX

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Families in poverty
Welfare reform policy
Housing policy

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Keller, J., Laakso, J., Stevens, C. & Tashiro, C. (2013). Ethnically diverse HOPE VI redevelopments: A community case study from the Pacific Northwest. *Cityscape: A Journal of Policy Development and Research*.
- Laakso, J. (2013). Flawed policy assumptions and HOPE VI. *Journal of Poverty*, 17(1) 29-46 doi:.org/10.1080/10875549.2012.748000.
- Keller, J., Laakso, J., Stevens, C. & Tashiro, C. (2012). The slippery slope of evaluation: Ethics & methodological challenges using a case study of a housing development. In S. Kaliola, P. Kettunen, O. Eskelinen, Kosonen, I. Rostila & A. Leander (eds.). *Improvement by Evaluation*, (pp. 41-49).
- Laakso, J. & Nygaard, J. (2012). Children of incarcerated parents: How a mentoring program can make a difference. *Social Work in Public Health* 27:1-2, 12-28. doi:10.1080/19371918.2012.629892
- Laakso, J. H., & Drevdahl, D. (2005). Women, abuse and the welfare bureaucracy. *AFFLIA* 21 (1) 84-96. doi:10.1177/08886109905283135
- Laakso, J. H., & Adams, S. (2005). Noncustodial fathers involvement with their children: A right or a privilege? *Families in Society* 87 (1), 85-93.
- Laakso, J. (2004). Key determinants of mothers' decisions to allow visits with non-custodial fathers. *Fathering: A Journal of Theory, Research and Practice about Men as Fathers* 2(2) 131-145.
- Laakso, J. H. (2002). Key determinants of a mother's decision to file for child support and their practice implications. *Families in Society* 83(2) 153-162.
- Laakso, J. H. (2001). Experiences with a child support agency: Stories of frustration and despair. *Journal of Poverty* 5(4) 93-112.

Laakso, J. H. (2000). Child support policy: Some critical issues and the implications for social work. A Commentary. *Social Work*, 45(4), 367-370.

Evaluation Reports:

Laakso, J. & Nygaard, J. (2007, October 15). *Children of Incarcerated Parents Project: How a Mentoring Program can Make a Difference*. Prepared for Washington State Department of Corrections and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of King/Pierce County.

Bodonyi, J., Brennan, K. Brusco, E., Keller, J., Laakso, J., Tashiro, C. 7 Stevens, C. (2007, May 31). *Salishan HOPE VI Redevelopment Mid-Point Evaluation, Part 1: Resident Perspectives and Outcomes*. Prepared for Tacoma Housing Authority, Tacoma, WA

Drevdahl, D. & Laakso J. H. (2003, Summer). Report to Associated Ministries on Findings from the study, “ *Welfare to work: How women are faring under WorkFirst.*”

Laakso, J.H. & Adams, S. (2002, Summer). *Fathers and child support: Stories of frustration, bitterness and despair and how one agency makes a difference*. Report to Metropolitan Development Council: Devoted Dads Program.

Book Report

Laakso, J. H. (2006) Book Review of *Social policy and the ethic of care*. By Olena Hankivsky for the journal *The American Review of Canadian Studies*.

Conference Proceedings

Laakso, J. H. (2001). Mothers’ attitudes toward father’s visitation in nonmarital relationships and implications for social policy. Proceedings of the Sixth Women’s Policy Research Conference: *The status of women: Facing the facts, forging the future*, (pp. 175-178). Washington, DC: Institute for Women’s Policy Research.

Non-refereed Publication

Laakso, J. (2003). Transitions: An emotional and physical journey. *Currents: The Quarterly Magazine for the Washington State Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers*, p. 11. Seattle, WA: National Association of Social Work.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Washington, Tacoma

Graduate Level

Social Policy and Economic Security (TSOCW 501)
 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (TSOCW 502)
 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II (TSOCW 503,
 formerly 502)
 Cultural Diversity & Societal Justice (TSOCW 504)
 Introduction to Social Work Practice (TSOCW 510)
 Intermediate Direct Service Practice (TSOCW 511)
 Advanced Integrative Policy and Advocacy (Formerly called Child
 and Family Policy and Services) (TSOCW 531)
 Adult Interpersonal Violence & Treatment (TSOCW 536)
 Foundation Practicum (TSOCW 520)
 Advanced Practicum (TSOCW 525)

Undergraduate Level

Historical Approaches to Social Welfare (TSOCWF 300)
 Social Welfare: Contemporary Approaches (TSOCWF 320)
 Interpersonal Violence and Society (TSOCWF 420)
 Readings in Social Work (TSOCWF 409)
 Senior Practicum (TSOCWF 415)
 Comparative Social Welfare Policy (TSOCWF 425)
 Introduction to Sociology of Deviance and Social Control (TCRIM
 271)

International Teaching

American Social Policy—22 international students
 In February, 2007 at University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland

Austin Community College

Introduction to Social Work (Soc. 2643)
 Social Welfare as an Institution (Soc. 2663)
 Social Field Experience (Soc. 2753)
 Introduction to Sociology (Soc. 1613)
 Social Problems (Soc. 1623)

University of Texas at Austin

Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare (SW 310)
 Field Practicum Instructor

St. Edwards University at Austin

Social Policy (Soc. 2325)

Central Texas Medical Foundation Family Practice Residency Program

Behavioral Sciences Curriculum Instruction including topics of:
 Family Violence
 Geriatric Assessment and Advance Directives

Cultural Diversity
 HIV Pre- & Post-Test Counseling
 Adolescent Sexuality and Teen Pregnancy
 Community Services and Resources

TEACHING AWARDS

- 2009 Nominee for U.S. Professors of the Year Program sponsored by Carnegie Foundation
- 2009 Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Washington, Tacoma
- 2005 Nominee for Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Washington, Tacoma
- 1999 “Outstanding TA/AI of the Year”, University of Texas at Austin Graduate Student Assembly
- 1993 Adjunct Field Faculty Award, University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work
- 1992 The Weinberg Award for Excellence and Ongoing Commitment to Family Practice Education, Central Texas Medical Foundation Family Practice Residents

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2008-2009 Co-Investigator, Salishan HOPE VI Evaluation Phase II, funded By Chancellor’s Fund for Research and Scholarship, \$5,000.00
- 2004-2005 Principal Investigator, Father involvement when parents live apart: What mothers and fathers say, funded by Founders Endowment Award, University of Washington, Tacoma, \$6, 234.00
- 2001-2002 Principal Investigator, Fathers’ Experiences with Child Support and Visitation, funded by Founders Endowment Award, University of Washington, Tacoma, \$6,334.00
- 2001-2003 Co-Principal Investigator with Dr. Denise Drevdahl, Nursing, *The Journey from Welfare to Work: How Women are Faring under Workfirst*, funded by Royalty Research Fund, University of Washington, Seattle, \$21,326.00.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

International Conferences—Refereed

- June, 2012 Keller, J., Laakso, J., Tashiro, C., Stevens. *The Slippery Slope of Evaluation: Ethics, Issues, & Methodological Challenges*. 8th International Conference on Evaluation for Practice. Interactive Presentation: Pori, Finland.

- March, 2010 Brusco, E., Keller, J. & Laakso, J. Presentation at Society for Applied Anthropology. *Panel Presentation: Sense of Place: Its Connection to Policy*. Merida, Mexico.
- June, 2002 Laakso, J. H., & Adams, S. "Fathers, Child Support & Parenting: Hearing their Stories." *Inciting Dialogue at the Edges*, 2002 International Human Science Research Conference, Victoria, BC, Canada.
- May, 2001 Laakso, J. H. "Key Determinants of a Mother's Decision to File for Child Support," *Building Family Strengths, International Symposium*, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska

National Conferences-Refereed

- May, 2015 Laakso, J. *Active learning, active citizenship: Teaching students to influence policy (and win contests)*. Policy Conference 2.0 Social Work as Action: Confronting Injustice. Austin, Tx.
- May, 2015 Laakso, J., Keller, J.. *No voice, no justice: One story of HOPE VI housing policy*. Policy Conference 2.0 Social Work as Action: Confronting Injustice. Austin, Tx.
- March, 2014 Keller, J., Laakso, J. Stevens, C. & Tashiro, C. *Ten years after: Re-Assessing sense of community post HOPE VI in partnership with Community health advocates*. 44th Conference of Urban Affairs Association, San Antonio, Texas
- April, 2013 Keller, J., Laakso, J., Stevens, C., Tashiro, C. *Paradoxes of diversity in public housing: Which differences really matter?* The Urban Affairs Association 43rd Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- October, 2009 Laakso, J. Teaching Social Change through the Lens of Citizenship Theory and Legislative Advocacy" Annual Program meeting on Social Work Education, San Antonio, Texas
- April, 2008 Brusco, E., Keller, J., Laakso, J., Stevens, C. & Tashiro, C. Organized Panel Presentation . My presentation is titled *HOPE VI Policy and a Sense of Place in Public Housing*. Urban Affairs Association 39th Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland.
- October, 2007 Laakso, J. H. & Nygaard, J. "Children of Incarcerated Parents: How a Mentoring Program Can Make a Difference" *Preparing the Next Generation of Educators*, Annual Program Meeting, Council On Social Work Education, San Francisco, CA.

- October, 2007 Keller, J. & Laakso, J. "Enrichment of Faculty and Students Through Transdisciplinary Research Model". *Preparing the Next Generation of Educators*, Annual Program Meeting, Council On Social Work Education, San Francisco, CA.
- February, 2005 Laakso, J. H. "Noncustodial fathers speak out about parenting, child support and negative biases." *One World, Many Cultures, New Challenges*, Annual Program Meeting, Council on Social Work Education, New York City, NY
- November, 2003 Laakso, J. H., & Drevdahl, D. "Women and the Welfare Bureaucracy: Threats, Sanctions, Abuse." *Behavior, Lifestyle and Social Determinants of Health*. American Public Health Association 131st Annual Meeting & Exposition. San Francisco, CA
- October, 2003 Laakso, J. H., & Drevdahl, D. "Women, Abuse and the Welfare Bureaucracy." *Trapped by Poverty/Trapped by Abuse*. 4th National Conference. Austin, TX.
- April, 2003 Drevdahl, D., & Laakso, J. H. "Women's Health and the Impact of Welfare Reform." 36th Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference. Western Institute of Nursing, Scottsdale, AZ.
- November , 2001 Laakso, J. H. "Citizenship Theory as a Framework for Understanding Family Policy and Fighting the "Isms" of Injustice." *Conquering the Mountain of Isms to Reach Equality*. 19th Annual BPD Conference, Denver, CO.
- June, 2001 Laakso, J. H. "Mothers' Attitudes toward Father's Visitation in Non-marital Relationships and Implications for Social Policy," Sixth Women's Policy Research Conference, *The Status of Women: Facing the Facts, Forging the Future*, Institute for Women's Policy Research and Women's Studies Program George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- October, 1994 Murphy-Cullen, C., Bolton, Z., Laakso, J., Deering, N., Kizerian, G., Robertson, C., Rubio, M., Counts, J., & Verlander, C. "Voices across Texas: Communicating across Cultures," 24th Annual Association of Behavioral Science & Medical Education Conference, Santa Fe, NM,
- November, 1992 Amos, T., Laakso, J., & Carter, D. "Using the Adopt-A-School Program: Enhance Patient Education and Community Medicine Curriculum," 14th Annual Conference on Patient Education of Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, Orlando, FL, Poster

Presentation.

State Conferences

Refereed

- April, 2005 Laakso, J. H., Maib, R. G., Myrick, J. & Jacobson, F. "Navigating the child support system: Helping clients have successful outcomes." *Out of the maze: Paths to success in today's reality*. 2005 Annual Conference, Washington State Chapter of National Association of Social Work, Seattle, WA
- November, 1998 Laakso, J. "Child Support Policy: Some Critical Issues and the Implications for Social Work," 22nd Annual NASW/Texas State Conference, Austin, TX.

Invited

- August, 1996 Dougherty, D., Keith, R., Laakso, J., Murphy-Cullen, C., Pollock, M. Purcell, E., & Rubio, M. "How to Deal with Patients' Sexual Concerns," 47th Annual Assembly & Scientific Program of The Texas Academy of Family Physicians, Dallas, TX
- January, 1985 Laakso, J. "The Chart as a Legal Document," 10th Annual Meeting of Texas Family Planning Association, El Paso, TX

Local Conference—Invited

- March, 2002 Harris, J., Laakso, J., & Wilson, D. "Class Issues in Higher Education." Faculty Institute 2002, University of Washington, Tacoma, WA

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS—Invited

- March, 2005 Compassion to Action: Dare We Hesitate?" Keynote speaker for Veterans Administration Social Work Luncheon, Tacoma, WA.
- May, 2003 "The Use of Genograms to Illustrate Family Systems Issues." Presented to Department of Children and Family Services, Tacoma, WA
- April, 2003 "Call to Action." Keynote for American Lake Veterans Administration Social Work Luncheon, Tacoma, WA.
- March, 2002 "A Violence Prevention Framework." Presented to Stop the Violence Task Force, Puyallup, WA

- February, 2002 “Family Systems Theory, Genograms, Ecomaps, Coping with Loss: What’s the Connection? Presented to BRIDGES Volunteer Training, Tacoma, WA
- July, 2001 “Welfare Reform and Barriers to Leaving Welfare.” Presented to Kiwanis Club, Parkland, WA
- January, 2000 “Family Systems Theory, Genograms, Ecomaps, Coping with Loss: What’s the Connection? Presented to BRIDGES Volunteer Training, Tacoma, WA

EDITORIAL CONSULTATION

- Consulting Editor, *Journal of Poverty*, 2005--Present
 Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Poverty*, 2003-Present
 Manuscript Reviewer, *Families in Society*, Fall, 2004 to present
 Manuscript Reviewer, *Child & Family Social Work*, 2009 to 2011
 Manuscript Reviewer for the new edition of textbook *The Helping Relationship: Process and Skills*, 7th Edition by Brammer, L. M. & MacDonald, G. for Allyn & Bacon, 2001

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2013 External Reviewer for Dr. JoDee Keller for promotion to full professor, Pacific Lutheran University, Social Sciences Department
- 2010 External Reviewer for Dr. Betty Barrett’s P& T candidacy at University of Windsor School of Social Work
- 2010 External Reviewer for Dr. Robert Wells’ P&T candidacy at Pacific Lutheran University in Communications Department
- 2008 Reviewer for abstracts for Council on Social Work Education APM

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1989-1996 Director of Social Services/Behavioral Sciences Faculty, Blackstock Family Health Center of Central Texas Medical Foundation, Austin, TX
- 1987-1988 Coordinator of Counseling Services, Reproductive Services/Adoption Affiliates, Austin, TX
- 1980-1987 Clinic Coordinator, Planned Parenthood, Austin, TX
- 1973-1978 Social Worker, Austin State School, Austin, TX
- 1972-1973 Social Worker, Lutheran Social Services, Austin, TX

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Social Work
Academy of Certified Social Workers

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATION

Academy of Certified Social Workers
Texas State License, Advanced Practitioner (no longer active)

HONORS

2014	Influencing State Policy, Best BSW Faculty Project
2013	Influencing State Policy, Best BSW Faculty Project
2010	Influencing State Policy, Best BSW Faculty Project
2008	Influencing State Policy, Best BSW Faculty Project
2006	Community Partnership Award of Washington State Department Of Corrections
2006	Influencing State Policy, Best BSW Faculty Project
2005	Influencing State Policy, Best BSW Faculty Project
2005	Fellow, 2005 International Canadian Summer Institute
2004	Influencing State Policy, Best BSW Faculty Project
2003	Volunteer Award from Associated Ministries
1998-1999	University Tuition Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin Graduate School
1998	Phi Alpha Honor Society, <i>Eta Tau</i> Chapter, Membership Induction
1993	Outstanding Leadership in the Administration on Aging Project for Undergraduate Social Work in Eldercare, Texas Consortium of Geriatric Education Centers

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Washington, Tacoma

2013-2015	University of Washington Tacoma Distinguished Teaching Award Committee
2012	Chair, University of Washington Tacoma Distinguished Teaching Award Committee
2012 – 2015	University of Washington Tacoma Academic Policy and Curriculum Committee
2011	University of Washington Tacoma Academic Policy Committee
2011	University of Washington Tacoma Distinguished Teaching Award Committee
2010	University of Washington Tacoma Disciplinary Committee
2010	University of Washington Tacoma, Academic Policy Committee
2009	Chair, Committee to Select Distinguished Teaching Award

2009	Executive Council of Faculty Assembly, UW Tacoma
2008	Executive Council of Faculty Assembly, UW Tacoma
2007	Executive Council of Faculty Assembly, U W Tacoma
2006	Chair, Search Committee: Director of Counseling Services
2006	Coordinator of Luncheon sponsored by Canadian Embassy Consulate Office of Seattle
2005	Summer Institute of UWT and Community Colleges
2005	“Working Together” Task Force of UWT and Community Colleges
2004	Search Committee: Research Consultant for UWT
2003-Present	Admissions, Academic Standards, and Graduation Committee,
1999-2003	Curriculum Committee
2001 & 2002	Faculty Fellows Orientation to UWT
2002	Faculty Focus Group on the Future of UWT
2001	Urban Studies Minor Program Review
2001	Teach-In regarding September 9/11
2001	Staffing of UWT Booth at EthnicFest in Wright Park
1999-2000	Executive Committee, UWT

Social Work Program Service

University of Washington, Tacoma:

2015	Chair, Tenure and Promotion Committee for Alyssa Ackerman
2013-2014	Three peer review teaching evaluations for faculty
2014	Chair, Promotion Committee for Lecturer Teresa Holt-Schaad
2013	Committee member for Alissa Ackerman’s 3-year Review Committee
2013	Chair, Promotion Committee for Dr. Tom Diehm
2010-2011	Member of Dr. Erin Casey’s Promotion & Tenure committee
2010	Member of Dr. Michelle Garner’s 3-year review committee
2008-2010	Chair of Committee to Develop Criminal Justice major
2008	Chair of Committee to develop Criminal Justice minor
2009	Chair, Search Committee for Faculty Position
2008	Chair, Search Committee for Faculty Position
2008	Development of Proposal for Criminal Justice major
2007	Development of Proposal for Criminal Justice minor
2005-2010	Management Team of Social Work Program
1999-Present	Social Work MSW & BASW Admissions
1999-2006	Social Work Advisory Committee
2002-Present	Social Work BASW Program Electives Committee
1999-2000	Social Work BASW Program Self Study
2001-2003	Coordinator, Human Services Lobby Day
2001	Coordinator, NASW Legislative Advocacy Workshop
2000	Coordinator, SPAN Community Meeting: The Impact of Welfare Reform on Families in Pierce County and Washington State

University of Washington, Seattle:

2004-2005	School of Social Work BASW Committee
2003-2004	School of Social Work Accreditation Self Study, Lead on BASW social policy courses and selectives for Children, Youth & Families Concentration
1999-2003	School of Social Work Children/Youth/Families Curriculum Committee
1999-2003	School of Social Work BASW/MSW Curriculum Committee
2001	School of Social Work Advisory Board for Indian Child Welfare Traineeships

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2014—Present	Member of Development Team of 3-year Grant award to Washington State Mentors for School-Based Mentoring for Students in Military Families
2008-Present	Northwest Detention Center Roundtable
2008-2009	Member of Children and Families of Incarcerated Parents Subcommittee
2005-2006	Policy Council—Puget Sound Educational Services District Head Start
2004—2005	McNeill Island Correctional Facility <i>Long Distance Dads</i> program
2004--2005	Puget Sound Educational Services District Head Start Task Force of <i>Men Count</i>
2003-2010	Metropolitan Development Council Health Care for the Homeless Advisory Board
2000-2003	Stop the Violence Community Task Force
2000-2001	Project Interdependence –a program affiliated with Associated Ministries—member of a team of volunteers assigned to a mother transitioning from welfare to work
2001	Pierce County Children’s Health Care Coalition
1998	KVRX Radio Station-- <i>Female Perspectives</i> . Women and Welfare Reform