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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Reproductive Justice, feminist social work, systems thinking, community-based participatory research, systems dynamics modeling, implementation science, population health

## EDUCATION

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**MSW-PhD in Social Work**, 2018 – ongoing – The Ohio State University, College of Social Work

- **Master of Social Work**, completed May 2020

**Bachelor of Arts**, August 2014 – May 2018 – Washington University in St. Louis, *cum laude with thesis*

## HONORS / AWARDS

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2022-2026. Health Policy Research Scholars. *The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*. \$120,000. See website: <https://healthpolicyresearch-scholars.org/meetthescholars/abigail-underwood/>

2018-2019. University Fellowship for Incoming Graduate Students (merit-based), The Ohio State University. \$25,800 for first year of graduate studies.

2018. *Cum laude with thesis*. Washington University in St. Louis.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Peer-reviewed Journals*

**Underwood, A.** (2022). Book Review: Birthing a movement: Midwives, law, and the politics of reproductive care by Cramer, R. A. *Affilia*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08861099221119460>.

Hyder, A., Smith, M., Sealy-Jefferson, S., Hood, R., Chettri, S., Dundon, A., **Underwood, A.**, Basset, D., & Norris, A. (2022). A community-based systems dynamics for reproductive health: A case study from urban Ohio. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action*.  
[https://preprint.press.jhu.edu/pchp/sites/default/files/pchp\\_16-3\\_WIP\\_Hyder.pdf](https://preprint.press.jhu.edu/pchp/sites/default/files/pchp_16-3_WIP_Hyder.pdf)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2021. Freisthler, B., Chadwick, C., Renick, K., Murphy, I. E., Shockley-McCarthy, K., **Underwood, A.**, Ye, Y. & Wolfe, J. "Parenting During a Pandemic: Assessing Parents' Daily Stress and Use of Punitive Punishment." Society for Social Work Research, virtual. [Oral Paper]

2020. **Underwood, A.** "Migration from Central America to the United States: A systems dynamics perspective." Society for Social Work Research, Washington, DC. [Poster]

2019. **Underwood, A.** & Flores, Y. "Pregnant Women in Migration: Service Gaps from a Feminist Perspective." 4<sup>th</sup> Binational Mexico—United States Conference on Social Work and Migration, Houston, TX. [Oral Presentation]

2019. **Underwood, A.** "Migration from Central America to the United States: A Systems Dynamics Perspective/Migración de Centroamérica a los Estados Unidos: Una perspectiva de la dinámica de sistemas." Congreso Nacional E Internacional de Trabajo Social, Cúcuta, Colombia. [Oral Presentation conducted in Spanish]

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Graduate Research Associate**, August 2022 – ongoing – The Ohio State University, College of Public Health with Dr. Ayaz Hyder.

- *Targeted Investment and Meaningful Engagement to Improve MCH Outcomes and Rectify Historical Structural Racism: The TIME Study*. National Institutes of Health (R01HD109000). Collaboration with Nationwide Children's Hospital. (PI: Dr. Deena Chisolm).
  - Responsibilities include participating in the core modeling team for systems dynamics modeling; designing and facilitating group model building sessions; data collection; causal loop diagram creation; literature review.

**Graduate Research Associate**, January 2022 – ongoing – The Ohio State University, College of Social Work with Dr. Alicia Bunger.

- *Coordination of Outpatient Mental Health Care and Adolescent Family Planning Services Via Telehealth*. Subcontract with Nationwide Children's Hospital (PI: Dr. Elise Berlan; Nationwide Children's Hospital).
  - Responsibilities include conducting qualitative study to examine provider perspectives and needs related to implementing a contraceptive counseling program for adolescents with mental health needs.
- *Implementation of Contraceptive Care for Hospitalized Adolescents with Mental Health Disorders*. Organon. Subcontract with Nationwide Children's Hospital (PI: Dr. Elise Berlan; Nationwide Children's Hospital).
  - Responsibilities include participant recruitment, manuscript writing

- *Ohio START Pilot Project Evaluation*. Public Children Services Association of Ohio (US Department of Justice/OH Attorney General 2019-VOCA-132234677). (PI: Dr. Bridget Friesthler).
  - Responsibilities include qualitative data cleaning, coding, and analysis to understand collaboration strategies, facilitators, and barriers for a state-wide, multi-system intervention program.

**Graduate Research Associate**, January 2019 – May 2020 – The Ohio State University, College of Public Health with Dr. Ayaz Hyder

- *Project C2: Infant and Maternal Mortality*. Sub-project within the Ohio Policy Evaluation Network Implementation Grant. Anonymous Foundation. (PIs: Dr. Alison Norris and Dr. Danielle Bassett).
  - Responsibilities included co-facilitating community-based participatory workshops with reproductive health stakeholders, collaborating to create a systems dynamics policy simulation model based on the community workshops, reporting the findings to Foundation stakeholders.
  - Website with results of project: <https://open.osu.edu/investigating-ohios-high-infant-mortality/>

**Graduate Research Associate**, August 2019 – May 2020 – The Ohio State University, College of Social Work with Dr. Bridget Friesthler

- *Enhancing Permanency in Children and Families Program (EPIC)*. Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services Grant Number 90CU0083. (PIs: Dr. Bridget Friesthler, Dr. Kathryn Maguire-Jack)
  - Responsibilities included qualitative data collection through one-on-one interviews, project management
- Additional responsibilities across various projects included geocoding in geographic information systems (ArcMap), quantitative data cleaning, literature review, codebook creation and maintenance.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Community-Based Family Therapist, Functional Family Therapy**, May 2020 – November 2021 – The Buckeye Ranch

- Provided evidence-based therapy to youth ages 11-18 with behavioral health concerns and their families.
- Collaborated with collateral providers and organizations to serve clients' needs.
- Creatively adapted engagement and therapy strategies to meet family needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Documented all client interactions, maintained online client health records, and conducted assessments to support evidence base.

**Kids' Club Program Lead and Social Work Intern, May 2019 – May 2020 – Serving Our Neighbors Ministries**

- Lead after-school program for first-generation, school-aged children focused on social /emotional learning, food security and academic assistance.
- Designed, implemented, and facilitated programs to address summer food insecurity for children.
- Organized and visualized data to understand service areas and total clients reached.
- Additional responsibilities included: Volunteer coordination, event planning, program evaluation, client records management and assisting with grant applications.
- Previous titles included: AmeriCorps Summer VISTA (Summer 2017), Summer Associate (Summer 2018, Summer 2019)

**Social Work Intern, January 2019 – May 2019 – The Columbus Dream Center**

- Responsible for researching, designing, and implementing a case management system for individuals experiencing homelessness. Facilitated programs for youth development and to address food insecurity.

**COMMUNITY TRAININGS**

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July 2020. Trauma-informed Family Engagement: Understanding the Impact of Implicit Bias and Structural Racism. Participant.

December 2019. Reproductive Justice Institute by Unite for Reproductive and Gender Equity (URGE). Participant.

**SERVICE**

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2022-2023. President. Doctoral Student Organization, The Ohio State University at the College of Social Work.

2022-ongoing. Member. Taskforce for Social Work Criminalization. National Association of Social Workers, Ohio Chapter.

**LICENSE**

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Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, MFT Board S.2005102

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

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Spanish: advanced proficiency in reading, writing, and speaking.