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Education

- 09/2018 – Present Columbia School of Social Work, New York, NY
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) – Social Policy and Policy Analysis, Economics concentration
- 05/2013 Columbia School of Social Work, New York, NY
Master of Science in Social Work (M.S.S.W.) – Advanced Clinical Practice, Health, Mental Health, & Disabilities
- 06/2012 Seattle University, Seattle, WA
Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) – Departmental Honors & Nonprofit Leadership, *Magna Cum Laude*

Professional Licensure

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, State of California (license #73927)

Honors & Awards

- 2018-2022 **Doctoral Fellowship**, Columbia School of Social Work, (\$29,000 annually)
2019-2022 **Doctoral Summer Research Funding**, Columbia School of Social Work (\$7,500 annually)
2019-2022 **Doctoral Student Travel Grant**, Columbia School of Social Work (\$1,000 annually)

Under Review

Kaplan, D., Silverstone, B., Chan, K., **Spishak-Thomas, A.**, Herman, C., Zlotnik, J. L. “NASW’s Supervisory Leaders in Aging: One-year Practice Change Outcomes of an Innovative Training Program for Social Work Supervisors”

Working Papers

Eliason, E., **Spishak-Thomas, A.** “Impacts of the Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansions on Closely Spaced Pregnancies and Postpartum Contraceptive Use”

Spishak-Thomas, A., Eliason, E. “Reasons Underlying Family Planning Actions in the Postpartum Period”

Works in Progress

Spishak-Thomas, A., Eliason, E. “Exploring Preconception Family Planning Use and Pregnancy Intention among Women with a Live Birth”

Spishak-Thomas, A., Allen, H. “Grave Robbers: The Impact of the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program on Intergenerational Transfers of Wealth and Property among America’s Working Families”

Spishak-Thomas, A. “American Women’s Access to Health Insurance through Midlife”

Spishak-Thomas, A. “Effects of Medicaid Title XIX on Reproductive Health for Low-Income Women”

Conferences and Presentations

*presented by coauthor

Spishak-Thomas, A., Allen, H. Grave Robbers: The Impact of the Medicaid Estate Recovery Program on Intergenerational Transfers of Wealth and Property among America’s Working Families. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Austin, TX, 2022.

Eliason, E., **Spishak-Thomas, A.** Impacts of the Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansions on Closely Spaced Pregnancies and Postpartum Contraceptive Use. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Austin, TX, 2022.

Eliason, E., **Spishak-Thomas, A.** Association Between Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansions and Breastfeeding among Low-Income Women. Poster Presentation. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, 2021 (online).*

Spishak-Thomas, A., Aivadyan, C. 'So many disincentives to take care of ourselves': A Photovoice study on graduate student workers' health care experiences. Poster Presentation. Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA, 2021 (online).

Spishak-Thomas, A., Slopen, M. Making Work Pay (the Rent): Does the Earned Income Tax Credit Affect Housing Mobility among Low Income Workers. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, D.C., 2020 (online).

Kaplan, D., Silverstone, B., Chan, K., **Spishak-Thomas, A.** NASW's Supervisory Leaders in Aging: One-year Practice Change Outcomes of an Innovative Training Program for Social Work Supervisors. Gerontological Society of America, Philadelphia, PA, 2020 (online).*

Allen, H., Zhang, Y., Eliason, E., **Spishak-Thomas, A.**, Frankel, C. Adverse Childhood Experiences and their Relationship with Depression among Adults in a Low-Income Uninsured Population. Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C., 2020.*

Price E., Garg M., **Spishak-Thomas A.**, Crevensten H., Ranji, S. "Doctor, Your Patient Wants to Leave": Navigating Elopement Risk in Patients Who Lack Decision Making Capacity. Workshop at Society of Hospital Medicine National Meeting, Orlando, FL, 2018.*

Research

2021	Doctoral Research Assistant Columbia School of Social Work PIs: Julien Teitler, Nancy Reichman
2020 – Present	Doctoral Research Assistant Columbia School of Social Work Leveraging Medicaid in the “Fourth Trimester”: A Path to Averting Maternal Mortality and Morbidity in the U.S. PIs: Heidi Allen, Jamie Daw, Kristen Underhill
2018 – Present	Doctoral Research Assistant Columbia School of Social Work The Earned Income Tax Credit and the Health of Adults without Dependent Children: A Randomized Controlled Trial PIs: Heidi Allen, Peter Meunnig
2019 – 2020	Doctoral Research Assistant Columbia School of Social Work Evaluating the Health Effects of Insurance-Subsidized Health Foods at Walmart PI: Heidi Allen
2018 – 2020	Doctoral Research Assistant Adelphi University Strengthening Social Work Leaderships and Gerontological Capacity on the Front Lines of Service to Older Adults PIs: Daniel Kaplan, Barbara Silverstone

Teaching and University Service

Instructor of Record

05/2021 – 07/2021 Columbia School of Social Work
Instructor of Record – Advocacy: Decolonizing Mezzo- and Macro-practice in Social Work

Guest Lecturer

11/2020 Columbia School of Social Work
Guest Lecturer – Social Welfare Policy, “U.S. Health Policy”

11/2020 Columbia School of Social Work
Guest Lecturer – Human Behavior in the Social Environment, “Social Ties, Social Support, and Behavior”

06/2020 Columbia School of Social Work
Guest Lecturer – Program Evaluation in Social Services, “Dissemination and Sustainability”

07/2019 Hunter College Silberman School of Social Work
Guest Lecturer – Seminar in Social Welfare Policy II: Health and Mental Health Systems, “Health Policy Advocacy and Political Social Work”

Teaching Associate

09/2020 – 12/2020 Columbia School of Social Work
Teaching Associate – Human Behavior in the Social Environment

09/2020 – 12/2020 Columbia School of Social Work
Teaching Associate – Social Welfare Policy

Teaching Assistant

01/2020 – 05/2020 Columbia School of Social Work
Graduate Teaching Assistant – Seminar on Policy Practice II

Teaching Fellowships

06/2019 – 08/2019 Columbia University Irving Medical Center
Senior Teaching Mentor – Summer Health Profession Education Program (SHPEP)

Teaching Trainings

03/2019 – 06/2019 Columbia Center for Teaching and Learning
Inclusive Teaching Training

Abstract Reviewer

03/2021 Council on Social Work Education 67th Annual Program Meeting

Clinical Experience

01/2015 – 08/2018 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, San Francisco, CA
Inpatient Medical/Surgical and Oncology Social Worker

09/2013 – 01/2015 CPMC Ray Dolby Brain Health Center, San Francisco, CA
Family Care Specialist

09/2013 – 01/2015 Alzheimer’s Association, San Jose, CA
Family Care Specialist

University Service and Policy Practice

2021 – Present	Bargaining Committee Representative , Student Workers of Columbia-UAW Local 2110
2020 – Present	Founding Member , Doctoral Student Task Force, Columbia School of Social Work
2020 – Present	Doctoral Student Peer Mentor , Peer-to-Peer Doctoral Student Mentoring Program, Columbia School of Social Work
2020 – Present	Support Group Facilitator , Alzheimer’s Association of New York City
2020	Selected Student Representative , Doctoral Program Orientation, Columbia School of Social Work
2019 – Present	Advocacy Collective , Planned Parenthood of Greater New York
2018 – Present	Health Care Working Group , Student Workers of Columbia-UAW Local 2110
2019	Political Boot Camp , Congressional Research Institute for Social Work and Policy
2016 – 2017	Leadership Development Institute , San Francisco Department of Veterans Affairs
2015 – 2018	Support Group Facilitator , Alzheimer’s Association of Northern California/Northern Nevada