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Education

- 09/2018 – Present Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, NY
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) – Social Policy and Policy Analysis, Economics concentration
- 05/2013 Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, NY
Master of Social Work (M.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*

Licensure

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, State of California

Under Review

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”

Eliason, E., **Spishak-Thomas, A.** “Association Between Affordable Care Act Medicaid Expansions and Breastfeeding Among Low-Income Women”

Working Papers

Spishak-Thomas, A., Slopen, M. “Making Work Pay (the Rent): Does the Earned Income Tax Credit Affect Housing Mobility among Low Income Workers”

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”

Works in Progress

Spishak-Thomas, A., Aivadyan, C. “‘So many disincentives to take care of ourselves’: A Photovoice study on graduate student workers’ health care experiences”

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

Eliason, E., **Spishak-Thomas, A.** “Association between the Affordable Care Act and Postpartum Health”

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

Conferences and Presentations

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. (In person meeting cancelled due to COVID-19).

Kaplan, D. (presenting), 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. (In person meeting cancelled due to COVID-19).

Allen, H., Zhang, Y. (presenting), 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. (presenting), 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

2020	Doctoral Research Assistant Columbia University 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 – 2020	Doctoral Research Assistant Columbia University 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 University 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

Guest Lecturer

06/2020	Columbia University School of Social Work Guest Lecturer – Program Evaluation in Social Services
07/2019	Hunter College Silberman School of Social Work Guest Lecturer – Seminar in Social Welfare Policy II: Health and Mental Health Systems

Teaching Associate

09/2020 – Present	Columbia University School of Social Work Teaching Associate – Human Behavior in the Social Environment
09/2020 – Present	Columbia University School of Social Work Teaching Associate – Social Welfare Policy

Teaching Assistant

01/2020 – 05/2020 Columbia University 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

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

Policy Practice and Service

2020 – Present Support Group Facilitator, Alzheimer's Association of New York City

2019 – Present Advocacy Collective, Planned Parenthood of Greater New York

2018 – Present Healthcare Working Group, Graduate Workers of Columbia

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