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## Education

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- Ph.D. University of Minnesota (Expected May 2021)  
Doctorate of Philosophy in Social Work  
Minor in Biostatistics
- M.S.W. Boston University School of Social Work, 2013  
Aging Practice, Policy and Social Justice Concentration  
Louis Lowy Certificate in Gerontological Social Work
- B.A. Beijing Normal University-Zhuhai, 2011  
Business Administration  
Minor in Biostatistics

## Research Interests

Long-term Services and Supports in Community Setting  
Technology in Aging Care Cognitive Functioning in Aging  
Aging Policy Analysis  
Program Evaluation

## Teaching Interests

Introduction to Social Work  
Social Welfare Policy  
Social Work Practice with Older Adults  
Social Work Research Methods  
Introduction to Statistics for Social Work Practitioners

## Juried Publication

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Lightfoot, E. & **Zheng, M.** (Accepted) (2019). A Snapshot of the Tightening Academic Job Market for Social Work Doctoral Students. *Journal of Social Work Education*.

Merighi, J., **Zheng, M.**, & Browne, T. (2018). Nephrology social workers' caseloads and hourly wages in 2014 and 2017: Findings from the National Kidney Foundation Council of Nephrology Social Workers professional practice survey. *The Journal of Nephrology Social Work*, 42(1), 31-59.

## Manuscripts Under Review

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Vang, C., Sieng, M., & **Zheng, M.** (2019). Conceptualizing loneliness among a refugee older adult group: Using an intersectionality framework. *Ageing & Society*.

Calhoun, M., Okamoto, K., Lightfoot, L., Goodenough, K. & **Zheng, M.** (2019). Contemporary perceptions of social work: Macro practice in the profession. *Journal of Community Practice*.

## Manuscripts in Process

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**Zheng, M.**, Kane, A. R., & Hass, K. (2019). Helping Tenants Stay in Low-Income Senior Housing: Predictive Validity of the Live Well at Home Rapid Screen. *To be submitted to Journal of Gerontological Social Work*.

**Zheng, M.**, & Liu, X. Understanding depression in a family context: Evidence from the China Health and Retirement Longitudinal Study.

## Other Publications

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Lightfoot, E. & **Zheng, M.** (2019). *Promising Practices to Support Parents with Intellectual Disabilities*. University of Minnesota, Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare. Available from [https://cascw.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/PracticeNotes\\_33.508.pdf](https://cascw.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/PracticeNotes_33.508.pdf)

Lightfoot, E. & **Zheng, M.** (2019). *Preparing for the Potential Reopening of Inter-Country Adoption from Romania*. University of Minnesota, Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare. Available from [https://cascw.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/PN34\\_WEB508.pdf](https://cascw.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/PN34_WEB508.pdf)

**Zheng, M.** (2018). Book review: Young people leaving state care in China. *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, 45, 169–172

## Juried Presentations

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**Zheng, M.**, & Liu, X. (Expected in 2020, January). *Understanding depression in a family context: Evidence from the China Health and Retirement Longitudinal Study*. Paper will be presented at the 24rd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Lightfoot, E., & **Zheng, M.** (Expected in 2020, January). *Are people with disabilities less likely to have children? Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study*. Paper will be presented at the 24rd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

**Zheng, M.**, & Liu, X. (November, 2019). *Factors associated with severity of depression: Evidence from the China Health and Retirement Longitudinal Study*. Poster presented at

- the Gerontological Society of America 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting, Austin, TX.
- Zheng, M.,** & Lightfoot, E. (2019, October). *Social work academic job market: Too many PhD graduates, too few positions?* Poster presented at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 2019 Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Merighi, J., O'Keefe, T., **Zheng, M.,** Burt, M., Pergolski, A., Fietek, T., & Devereaux, M. (2019, September). *Patient education in Cardiac rehabilitation: Helpfulness ratings and reasons for non-participation.* Poster presented at the 34th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Portland, OR.
- Merighi, J., O'Keefe, T., **Zheng, M.,** Burt, M., Pergolski, A., Fietek, T., & Devereaux, M. (2019, September). *Factors associated with perceived stress in cardiac rehabilitation patients* Poster presented at the 34th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, Portland, OR.
- Zheng, M.,** Harding, K., & Kane, R. (2019, January). *Factors associated with health-related needs screening rates among older adults in the subsidized housing.* Paper presented at the 23rd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Merighi, J., **Zheng, M.,** & Browne, T. (2019, January). *Job-related conditions explain emotional exhaustion in dialysis social Workers* Paper presented at the 23rd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Lightfoot, E., & **Zheng, M.** (2019, January). *Assessing supply and demand of the social work academic job market.* Poster presented at the 23rd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Zheng, M.,** Harding, K., & Kane, R. (2018, November). *Helping tenants stay in low-income senior housing: Predictive validity of the Live Well at Home Rapid Screen.* Gerontological Society of America 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Merighi, J., Browne, T., & **Zheng, M.** (2018 May). *Factors associated with emotional exhaustion in social work practice: Findings from a national Survey of renal social workers.* Paper presented at the Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development 2018, Dublin, Ireland.
- Zheng, M.** (2018, May). *Urban focused: China's pension system reform.* Poster presented at the International Social Work Conference 2018, Augsburg University, Minneapolis, MN.
- Zheng, M.** (2018, May). *Prenatal care among foreign migrant farmworkers in the United States.* Poster presented at the International Social Work Conference 2018, Augsburg University, Minneapolis, MN.
- Lightfoot, E., DeZelar, S., & **Zheng, M.** (2018, January). *Parents with disabilities in the child welfare system: Equity and justice implications.* Poster presented at the 22rd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

## Invited and Other Community Presentations

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- Zheng, M.** (April, 2019). *Applying hierarchical linear modeling (HLM) to social work research*. Guest lecture in Innovations in Social Research course. University of Bucharest, Romania.
- Zheng, M.** (April, 2019). *Social work in China: The good, the bad, and the ugly*. Guest lecture in International Social Work course. University of Minnesota School of Social Work, Saint Paul, MN
- Zheng, M.** (November, 2018). *Factors associated with health-related needs screening rates among older adults in the subsidized housing*. College of Education and Human Development. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.
- Zheng, M.** (May, 2018). *Assessing the impact of the 1961 White House Conference on Aging on the passage of Medicare*. Social Welfare History Conference. University of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN.
- Zheng, M.** (February, 2018). *Social security system in China*. Guest lecture in International and Comparative Social Welfare Policy course. University of Minnesota School of Social Work, Saint Paul, MN
- Zheng, M.** (July, 2017) *Evaluating the effectiveness of the Live Well at Home Program at CommonBond Communities*. CommonBond Communities, Minneapolis, MN.
- Zheng, M.** (December, 2014). *The prevalence of mental health problems among older adults in China*. Wenxin Social Services, Shenzhen, Guangdong, China
- Zheng, M.** (October, 2014). *Working with older adults: An motivational interviewing approach*. Wenxin Social Services, Shenzhen, Guangdong, China

## Grants and Scholarships

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| 2019-2020 | University of Minnesota School of Social Work Travel Award, \$1,100.  |
| 2018-2019 | Mary E. Pennock Endowment Fellowship, University of Minnesota School of Social Work, \$3,000.               |
| 2018-2019 | University of Minnesota School of Social Work Travel Award, \$1,100.  |
| 2017-2018 | Joyce & Robert Rosene Doctoral Fellowship, \$4,000.   |
| 2017-2018 | University of Minnesota School of Social Work Travel Award, \$920.  |
| 2016-2017 | Provost's office Scholarship, University of Minnesota College of Education and Human Development, \$22,500. |
| 2016-2017 | CEHD Doctoral Fellowship, University of Minnesota School of Social Work, \$4,500.                           |

- 2016-2017 Mary E. Pennock Endowment Fellowship, University of Minnesota School of Social Work, \$4,500.
- 2016-2017 David & Georgiana Hollister Fellowship, University of Minnesota School of Social Work, \$7,125.

### Teaching Experience

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- 2018-2020 Community Faculty  
Course: Social Work Research Methods (MSW)  
University of Minnesota School of Social Work
- 2018-2019 Online Module Instructor  
Supporting Parents with Disabilities in Clinical and Macro Practice  
University of Minnesota Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare
- 2017-2018 Online Module Instructor  
Parents with Disabilities in Child Welfare  
University of Minnesota Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare
- 2017-2018 Teaching Mentee  
Course: Social Work Research Methods (MSW)  
University of Minnesota School of Social Work  
Mentor: Dr. Joseph Merighi

### Professional Experience

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- 2017-2018 Program Evaluator  
CommonBond Communities, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015-2016 Social Worker/Researcher  
Zhuhai Special Education School, Guangdong, China
- 2014-2015 Social Worker  
Wenxin Social Services, Guangdong, China
- 2013-2014 Case Manager  
ACMH, Inc, New York, NY
- 2012-2013 Clinical Intern  
Kit Clark Senior Services-BayCove, Dorchester, MA
- 2012-2013 Clinical Social Work Intern  
Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, Dorchester, MA
- 2011-2012 Clinical Social Work Intern  
Friends of the Children, Boston, MA

### **Honors and Awards**

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2019	Excellence in Teaching Award University of Minnesota School of Social Work
2018	Doctoral Student Engaged Scholarship Award University of Minnesota School of Social Work
2018	Social Research, Policy, and Practice (SRPP) Outstanding Student Poster Finalist Gerontological Society of America 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting

### **University Service**

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2019	Journal Reviewer Research on Aging
2017-2018	Faculty Search Committee Member University of Minnesota School of Social Work Scientific Meeting
2017	Journal Reviewer Journal of Gerontological Social Work

### **Community Service**

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2019 -present	Program Evaluation Consultan FamilyMeans, Stillwater, MN
2019	Volunteer Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 2019 Annual Program

### **Professional Associations**

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Gerontological Society of America  
Council on Social Work Education  
Society for Social Work and Research