

# Doris Duke Fellowships

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*Seeking innovations to prevent child abuse and neglect*

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*As we honor National Child Abuse Prevention month, we are proud to announce the third cohort of Doris Duke Fellows. We welcome them with excitement and anticipation. As the first cohort prepares to graduate from the fellowship, we are pleased to share the good news about their upcoming professional and academic opportunities. Current reports on mentor and fellow projects and accomplishments are also included in this issue.*

### To the Members of the Fellowship Community:

We are delighted to introduce you to our latest cohort of fellows. As a group, they represent an excellent mix of disciplines including medicine (M.D., R.N.), public policy, child/human development, psychology, and social work. Their research explores a range of issues central to advancing efforts to improve practice and inform public policy. These young scholars were selected from a very strong pool of applicants, a pool that was almost 40% larger than in previous years. This reflects a growing awareness of the fellowship and its impact on the students we serve. We look forward to integrating our new fellows and their mentors into our fellowship community.

Sincerely,

**Deborah Daro, Ph.D.**  
Fellowship Chair

**Lee Ann Huang, M.P.P.**  
Fellowship Manager

### Announcement of New Fellows Congratulations to the third cohort of Doris Duke Fellows!

**April Allen, M.P.A., M.A.**  
Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University

**Kaela Byers, M.S.W.**  
School of Social Welfare, University of Kansas

**Colleen Cary, M.S.W., LCSW**

University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration

**Barbara H. Chaiyachati, Ph.D.**

Yale University School of Medicine

**Megan Feely, M.S.W.**

George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis

**Megan J. Hayes, M.S.W.**

School of Social Work, Arizona State University

**Elisa Kawam, M.S.W.**

School of Social Work, Arizona State University

**Chie Kotake, M.A.**

Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Development, Tufts University

**Joseph Mienko, M.S.W.**

University of Washington School of Social Work

**Sheridan Miyamoto, M.S.N., F.N.P., R.N.**

Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, University of California, Davis

**Jennifer Mortensen, M.S.**

Division of Family Studies and Human Development, University of Arizona

**Carlomagno Panlilio, M.S., LCMFT**

Department of Human Development & Quantitative Methodology at the University of Maryland, College Park

**Elizabeth Shuey, M.A.**

Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Development, Tufts University

**Jalika Street, M.A.**

Clinical-Community Psychology, Georgia State University

**Natalia Escobar Walsh, M.S.**

Joint Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology, San Diego State University/University of California, San Diego

## Cohort One Job Announcements

*As the first Doris Duke fellows prepare to graduate from their Ph.D. programs and from the fellowship, they have exciting news to report about their plans for next year.*

**Christina Danko**, Pre-Doctoral Intern

Clinical Psychology at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Infant/Child Track

Christina will work in evaluation, treatment, and intervention with children and infants, with a focus on young children in the foster care system and their caregivers.

**Grace Hubel**, Pre-Doctoral Intern,

Charleston Consortium, the Medical University of South Carolina and the Psychology Service of the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Grace's research and clinical work will primarily focus on at-risk, underserved populations and victims of crime.

**Tamara Hurst**, Assistant Professor

University of Southern Mississippi School of Social Work

Tamara will be teaching at both the Hattiesburg and Gulf Coast campuses, and her primary focus will be on issues related to child welfare including

the prevention of child abuse and the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

**Paul Lanier**, Assistant Professor

UNC Chapel Hill School of Social Work

Paul will join the UNC faculty in the School of Social Work where he will teach courses in policy and evaluation research. He plans to continue to focus his research on early childhood home visiting.

**Katie Maguire-Jack**, Assistant Professor

The Ohio State University College of Social Work

Katie will continue to do research on child maltreatment and teach courses related to child welfare, policy analysis, and program evaluation.

**Sandra Nay McCourt**, Psychology Post- Doctoral Fellow in Autism

The Indiana University School of Medicine, Christian Sarkine Autism Treatment Center, Riley Hospital for Children

Sandra's fellowship will include a combination of clinical service in the form of assessment and treatment of individuals with pervasive developmental disorders and research experience in ongoing government funded research projects.

**Kerri McGaughey Raissian**, Assistant Professor

Department of Public Policy, University of Connecticut

Kerri looks forward to continuing her research on the effects of policy on child and family well-being, while joining a department committed to providing high quality professional education programs in public administration, nonprofit management and survey research.

**Tova Neugut**, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health and Society Scholar

University of Wisconsin- Madison

Tova will be in her new role for the next two years, and in the 2015-16 academic year she will begin an appointment as Assistant Professor of Social Work at the University of Wisconsin- Madison.

**Lisa Schelbe**, Assistant Professor

Florida State University College of Social Work

Lisa will continue her research with youth aging out of the child welfare system while teaching in the graduate and undergraduate social work programs.

## Featured Fellow

### Jackie Duron

**Graduate College of Social Work**

**University of Houston**

by **JAY MILLER**

*Jackie and Jay, both Cohort Two fellows, interviewed one another about their academic and professional work, their experience in the fellowship, and what has inspired their commitment to maltreatment prevention.*

Jackie's interest in child maltreatment prevention is rooted in her personal observations of struggling families and her volunteer work with agencies such as the Children's Assessment Center and Casa de Esperanza in Houston.

Though still in the early stages of her career, Jackie has been able to accrue a wealth of knowledge and practice in child maltreatment intervention and research. After high school, she spent six years working in a research lab at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston,



TX. After receiving her MSW, Jackie provided clinical services to pregnant and parenting adolescents and youth involved in the juvenile justice system. She credits these experiences as shaping her research prowess and motivating her to further her ability to positively shape child maltreatment prevention and intervention.

Presently, Jackie spends most of her time working on her dissertation, which focuses on delineating predictive investigative factors associated with the prosecution of child sexual abuse. In addition, Jackie coordinates research funded by the Department of Justice, and she is currently composing several research manuscripts for possible presentation and publication.

Jackie is extremely excited about being a part of the Doris Duke Fellowships peer-learning community. Jackie credits the fellowship with fostering an interest in multidisciplinary leadership in the field of child maltreatment prevention. When discussing her involvement, Jackie stated: "Working with a group of intelligent, passionate, and creative individuals like the Doris Duke fellows is an experience like no other."

## Featured Fellow

### Jay Miller

Kent School of Social Work  
University of Louisville

by **JACKIE DURON**

Jay Miller, Cohort Two fellow, describes his personal experiences as a foster care alumnus as the catalyst for inspiring a career devoted to research and teaching on child maltreatment. His work as a child protective services (CPS) worker stimulated his interest in broader system issues governing child maltreatment. Jay is happy to report that his dissertation research is providing him with a rejuvenating opportunity to engage foster youth around Kentucky as active consultants and co-researchers. He hopes that his research will integrate the voices of child maltreatment victims into the lexicon of prevention. As an aspiring leader in the field, Jay believes innovation is critical for achieving new outcomes. He also firmly believes that communities in their entirety have to be engaged, so that it is not just CPS workers or university scholars addressing this social problem. Jay states that child maltreatment is not a "someone problem" but an "everyone problem."



Reflecting on his first year in the fellowship, Jay says he has greatly enjoyed meeting new individuals and forging, what he anticipates to be, career-long connections. He describes an appreciation for the fellowship staff who have dedicated time and resources to providing necessary tools for fellows to make a difference with new research studies.

Besides his ongoing dissertation research, Jay has been actively publishing papers this year and engaging in scholarship with his fellowship small group. Jay provides service to his community by serving as the president of Foster Care Alumni of America, Kentucky Chapter, and also serves as a member of the Louisville Citizen Review Panel and [Kentucky's Children Justice Act Task Force](#).

## New Work from Fellows

**Kristin Abner** and her academic mentor, **Rachel Gordon**, co-

authored a chapter called "[Differential Response to Child Abuse and Neglect in Illinois](#)" in the [2013 Illinois Report](#). The seventh annual edition of the publication continues the University of Illinois' commitment to provide state decision makers with information that is rooted in scholarship and based on the best available evidence. Kristin and Dr. Gordon also [co-authored a piece](#) on nutritional outcomes for preschoolers participating in a [federally funded food program](#), and an article analyzing the use of specific statistical techniques on the [Early Childhood Longitudinal Study Birth Cohort](#) data set.

**Aaron Banman** is presenting at the [LENA International Conference](#) on a study of the implementation of a pilot intervention aimed at promoting father involvement within home visiting prevention services. His presentation is titled "Measuring Father Involvement, the Parent-Child Relationship, and Risk Factors in the Home Environment of Infants."

**Byron Powell** collaborated with his academic mentor, **Enola Proctor**, on a [paper](#) last year about writing implementation research grant proposals. They currently have two more articles in press.

**Amanda Van Scoyoc** co-authored a chapter about family-based interventions that are well-matched for children impacted by prenatal exposure. The chapter is included in the book [Parenting and Substance Abuse Developmental Approaches to Intervention](#). She also published a [photo essay](#) on adolescent parenting in the sociology journal *Contexts*. She is planning to return to Chelsea, Massachusetts this summer to interview and check in with some of the women who took part in the project. She discusses her experience in a [blog post](#).

## Mentors in the News

**Ms. Julie Cecile**, past Executive Director of the [McMahon-Ryan Child Advocacy Center](#), was sworn in as a new judge in Onondaga County Family Court. Ms. Cecile is [Kerri Raissian's](#) mentor.

**Ms. Erin Dalton**, Deputy Director, [Allegheny County DHS, Office of Data Analysis, Research and Evaluation](#), has been involved with a number of recent publications, including a [Government Accountability report](#) on data sharing and privacy protection and a [policy report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation](#) on the government's role in supporting kinship care. Ms. Dalton is policy mentor to [Lisa Schelbe](#).

**Dr. Todd Herrenkohl**, University of Washington School of Social Work, was recently awarded [two secondary data analysis grants](#) that use data from the the Lehigh Longitudinal Study. Dr. Herrenkohl is [Kate Daderko's](#) academic mentor.

**Dr. Leonard Lopoo**, Public Administration and International Affairs, Syracuse University, was [appointed director](#) of the [Center for Policy Research \(CPR\)](#), the oldest interdisciplinary social science research program at the [Maxwell School](#) of Syracuse University. Dr. Lopoo is [Kerri Raissian's](#) academic mentor.

**Dr. Enola Proctor**, Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis, was [named](#) director of the Dissemination and Implementation (D&I) initiative at the [Institute for Public Health](#) at Washington University. Dr. Proctor is [Byron Powell's](#) academic mentor.

**Dr. Jeffrey Shook**, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, received the [Chancellor's Distinguished Public Service Award](#) in February. Dr. Shook is co-editing a special issue of *Children and Youth Services Review* that is due out later this year, and he recently published an [article](#) in *Court Review* on the punishment of juveniles. He is academic mentor to [Lisa Schelbe](#).

**Dr. Sue Stepleton**, Director, [Brown School Policy Forum](#), Washington

University in St. Louis, [has been appointed](#) chair of the local council of Project Launch, a 5-year, \$4.2 million grant from SAMHSA to promote child wellness in two of the neediest zip code areas of north St. Louis.

**Dr. Richard Tolman**, University of Michigan School of Social Work, has published several papers over the past year, the most recent being "[Sources of parenting support in early fatherhood: Perspectives of United States Air Force members](#)" in the May 2013 issue of *Children and Youth Services Review*. The article discusses findings from focus groups conducted with men in the U.S. Air Force, asking about their experiences during the transition to fatherhood. Dr. Tolman is academic mentor to [Tova Neugut](#).

**Dr. Deborah Weatherston**, Executive Director of the [Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health](#), [received the Sonya Bemporad Award](#) on behalf of the [World Association for Infant Mental Health](#). The award is recognition of her significant contributions to the advancement of social and public policies that contribute to the mental health and overall well-being of infants, toddlers, and their families. Dr. Weatherston is [Tova Neugut's](#) policy mentor.

## Calendar of Events

### *Fellowship Events*

#### **Doris Duke Fellowships "Cross Generational" Networking Breakfast at the APSAC Annual Colloquium**

- June 27, 2013, 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
- Caesar's Palace Hotel, Las Vegas, NV
- The fellowship will be hosting a breakfast open to all Doris Duke fellows and mentors, other doctoral students and early career scholars attending the conference.

#### **Doris Duke Fellowships Annual Meeting**

- Save the Date: September 25-27, 2013
- Chapin Hall and the Chicago Theological Seminary, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

### *Conferences*

#### **Society for Prevention Research (SPR)**

- May 28-31, 2013
- Hyatt Regency, San Francisco, CA
- Register and learn more [here](#)

#### **Summer Research Institute (SRI) of the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN)**

- June 10-14, 2013
- Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- Register and learn more [here](#)

#### **American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)**

- June 25-28, 2013
- Caesar's Palace Hotel, Las Vegas, NV
- Register and learn more [here](#)

#### **American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting**

- August 10-13, 2013
- Sheraton Midtown and Sheraton New York Hotels & Towers, New York, NY
- Register and learn more [here](#)

### **American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting**

- November 2-6, 2013
- Boston Convention and Exposition Center, Boston, MA
- Register and learn more [here](#)

### **Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Fall Research Conference**

- November 7-9, 2013
- Washington Marriott Hotel, Westin Grand Hotel, and Ritz Carlton Hotel, Washington, DC
- Register and learn more [here](#)

**ChapinHall**  
at the University of Chicago



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