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Master of Social Work Program
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EDUCATION

2016	PhD in Social Work, University of Louisville/University of Kentucky
2015	Master of Science in Social Work, University of Louisville
2006	Master of Arts in Sociology, Shandong University
2000	Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Shandong University

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2021–present	Associate Professor of Social Work, George Fox University
2016–2021	Assistant Professor of Social Work, GFU

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

2023–present	MSW Program Director, GFU
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SERVICES

2025	Site Visitor, Council of Social Work Education
2025	Rules Advisory Committee, Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers
2022-2024	Wellness Enterprise Personnel Committee Chair, GFU
2023	Chair of the BSW Program Director Search Committee, GFU
2022-2024	University Personnel Council, GFU
2021-2023	Faculty Promotion & Tenure Taskforce, GFU
2020-2022	Faculty Senate, GFU
2018-present	The Institutional Review Board, GFU
2017-2022	Faculty Liaison to MSW Student Representatives, GFU

GRANTS

2024	Principal Investigator, Supporting Health for All through Reinvestment Award Tier 2(250k), Oregon Health Authority
2022	Faculty Development Research Grant,
2020	Faculty Development Research Grant, GFU
2013–2014	Principal Investigator, President's Commission on Diversity and Racial Equality (CODRE), Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Louisville

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS

2021	Faculty Achievement Award for Graduate Teaching Nominee, GFU
2020	Faculty Achievement Award for Graduate Teaching Nominee, GFU
2016	Graduate Dean's Citation, University of Louisville
2012-2016	University Fellowship, University of Louisville
2006	Outstanding Graduate Student Thesis, Shandong University
2003-2006	Graduate Student Scholarship, Shandong University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

George Fox University, MSW & BSW

Courses: Human Behavior and the Social Environment; Gerontological Social Work; Advanced Research; Diversity and Difference; Human Rights and Social Justice; Social Policy; Program Development, Administration, & Funding; Social Entrepreneurship; Death, Dying, and Grief

University of Louisville, BSW

Courses: Introduction to Social Work; Death and Grief

CERTIFICATIONS and LICENSES

2024–present	Clinical Social Work Associate
2024	Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training Certification
2018–present	Member, North American Association of Christians in Social Work
2009–present	Licensed Social Worker, China
2016–2018	Member, Gerontological Society of America

PATENT

2017	Zheng, Y., Lawson, T. R., & Zhu, Y. <i>Social Work Dictionary Computer Program</i> (TX8-521-951). The United States Copyright Office.
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BIBLIOGRAPHY

Peer-reviewed Publications

- Zheng, Y., Rodriguez, R., Wuest, L.G., & Kim, J. (2023) Exploring the Experiences of Older Parents Who Are Grieving Their Only Child's Death in the United States: Qualitative Outcomes. *Omega- Journal of Death and Dying*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0030222825135658>
- Zheng, Y., Kim, J., & Wuest, L.G. (2023) Exploring an Unrecognized Grief: A Quantitative Study of Older American Parents Whose Only Child Has Died. *Journal of Loss and Trauma*, 29(5), 577–599.
- Zheng, Y., Wuest, L.G. (2021). Assessing factors impacting parental grief among older Chinese parents. *Death Studies*, 45(2), 110-118.
- Zheng, Y., Cotton, A.C., He, L., & Wuest, L.G. (2021) Spirituality-Integrated Interventions for Caregivers of Patients with Terminal Illness: A Systematic Review of Quantitative Outcomes. *Journal of Religion and Health*, 60 (4), 2939-2959.

- He, L., van Heugten, K., Perez-Y-Perez, M., & Zheng, Y. (2021). Issues of Elder Care Among Migrant Workers in Contemporary Rural China: Filial Piety Redefined from a Foucauldian Perspective. *Journal of Aging & Social Policy*, 35(5), 554-574.
- Head, B. A., Schapmire, T., & Zheng, Y. (2017). Telehealth in Palliative Care: A Systematic Review of Patient Reported Outcomes. *The Journal of Hospice and Palliative Nursing*, 19(2), 130-139.
- Zheng, Y., Lawson, T.R., & Head, B. A. (2017). "Our Only Child Has Died" – A Study of Bereaved Older Chinese Parents. *Omega: Journal of Death and Dying*, 74(4), 410-425.
- Zheng, Y., Head, B. A., & Schapmire, T. (2016). A Systematic Review of Telehealth in Palliative Care: Caregiver Outcomes. *Telemedicine and e-Health*, 22(4), 288-294.
- Zheng, Y., & Lawson, T.R. (2015). Identity Reconstruction as Shiduers: Narratives from Chinese Older Adults Who Lost Their Only Child. *International Journal of Social Welfare*, 24(4), 399-406.

INVITED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- Zheng, Y. (2023, November). *Exploring the Experiences of Older Parents Whose Only Child Has Died*. Presented at the North American Association of Christians in Social Work 2023 Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA
- Zheng, Y. (2022, November). *An Unrecognized Grief: A Study of Older Parents Who Are Grieving Their Only Child's Death in the United States*. Presented at the North American Association of Christians in Social Work 2022 Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
- Zheng, Y. (2019, November). *Effect of Spirituality Integrated Intervention on Caregivers to People with Terminal Illness*. Presented at the North American Association of Christians in Social Work 2019 Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN
- Zheng, Y. (2019, May). *Telehealth Intervention in Palliative Care*. Presented at East China University of Science and Technology, Shanghai, China
- Zheng, Y. (2019, May). *Rethinking Gerontological Social Work Education for MSW Students*. Presented at East China University of Political Science and Law, Shanghai, China
- Zheng, Y. (2018, November). *Assessing Factors Impacting Parental Grief*. Presented at North American Association of Christians in Social Work 2018 Annual Conference, Hartford, CT
- Zheng, Y. (2018, July). *Social Workers' Role in A Hospice or Palliative Setting*. Presented at Pudong People's Hospital, Shanghai, China
- Zheng, Y. (2018, June). *The Training, Challenges and Innovations in Gerontological Social Work*. Presented at Linyi University, Shandong, China
- Lawson, T. R., & Zheng, Y. (2016, June). *Social Workers' Role in the Interdisciplinary Medical Team*. Presented at the Medical Social Worker Workshop, Shanghai, China
- Lawson, T. R., & Zheng, Y. (2015, August). *Thoughts and Ideas about Social Work in the Global Context*. Presented at the Social Worker Association of Shanghai Pudong, Shanghai, China

- Lawson, T. R., & Zheng, Y. (2015, August). *Social Work Education in the US*. Presented at the 12th Annual Conference of the Chinese Association of Social Work Education, Hohhot, China
- Boamah, D., Fields, M., Brown, L., & Zheng, Y. (2014, April). *Impact of Nutrition Programs on the Overall Health of Community-Dwelling Older Adults*. Presented at the 2014 Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators (KASWE) conference, Bowling Green, KY
- Faul, A., Lawson, T., Boamah, D., Boes, C., Brown, L., Fields, M., Thompson, J., & Zheng, Y. (2013, June). *Lower-Income, Vulnerable Older Adults: Effects of Nutritional Programs on Aging in Place*. Poster presented at the 30th Summer Series on Aging, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
- Zheng, Y. (2006, August). *Social Capital and Public Goods Supply: A Case Study in Shandong Province*. Paper presented at the 5th Annual Conference of the Chinese Association of Social Work Education, Jinan, China

FAULTY CAREER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

- Attended Conference, “CSWE Annual Program Meeting” and “CSWE Assessment Institute”, Denver, CO, 2025
- Attended Conference, “CSWE Annual Program Meeting” and “CSWE Leadership Development Institute”, Kansas City, MO, 2024
- Attended Conference, “CSWE Annual Program Meeting”, Atlanta, GA, 2023
- Attended Conference, “Oregon Coalition for Living Well with Serious Illness”, Portland State University, Portland, 2019
- Attended Training, “Developing Clinical Competency in Dementia Management: An Interdisciplinary, Longitudinal Standardized Patient Trainings”, University of Louisville, Ohio Valley Appalachia Regional Geriatric Educational Center, 2014
- Attended Conference, “2013 Celebration of Teaching and Learning: Teaching in Harmony with the Brain”, University of Louisville, Louisville, 2013
- Attended Symposia, “Second Annual Multidisciplinary Symposium: Faces of Childhood Trauma Preventing System Re-Traumatization”, Louisville, 2013
- Attended Conference, “The 2010 Conference of Managing Diversity within a Human Rights Framework: Social Inclusion Policy and Practice in China and Canada”, Jinan, China, 2010
- Attended Symposia, “The 5th International Symposium and Lectures on Social Policy”, Jinan, China, 2009
- Attended Symposia, “The 1st International Symposium and Lectures on Social Policy”, Tianjin, China, 2005
- Attended Workshop, “The 3rd Workshop for Organizational Sociology”, Shanghai, China, 2005
- Attended Conference, “The 3rd Annual Conference of Chinese Association of Social Work Education”, Beijing, China, 2004
- Attended Conference, “International Conference on Asset Building and Social Development”, Jinan, China, 2004