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EDUCATION

2016, Spring	B.A., Psychology, San Francisco State University
2018, May	MSW., Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University
2019, August	PhD., Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University Dissertation: “Examining Possible Relationship of Online Engagement on Older Adults’ Well-Being: Path Analysis to Memory Capacity”

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

2022-Present	Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track), Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University
2021-2022	Methodology Center Coordinator, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University

RESEARCH INTEREST

His research focuses on developing and applying mathematical modeling methods to evaluate public health and social issues in disparities in accessing healthcare and social resources. Using both qualitative and quantitative approaches, he examines gaps in accessing both quality and affordability of healthcare. Also, investigates barriers to accessing mainstream financial products and promotes multi-generational workplaces in the social context.

AWARDS & HONORS

Aaron H. Beckerman Research Award (2018, May)

First place award in the annual Center for Healthy Aging in Multicultural Populations (CHAMP) student poster competition (2015, April)

EXTERNAL & CONTRACT FUNDING

2025-2026 (<i>awarded</i>)	Principal Investigator Mother Cabrini Health Foundation – Mental and Behavioral Health Grant Evaluation Study: The Impact of Virtual Senior Center on Older Adults’ Well-being. Total: \$100,000
2023-2025 (<i>awarded</i>)	Co – Investigator Center for Rural Pennsylvania A comparative Analysis of Job Satisfaction and Intent to Leave among Rural and

Urban caseworkers in Pennsylvania's Child Welfare Agencies
Total: \$17,190

2020-2024 **Consultant** (PIs: Drs. Mingon Kang, Ji Yoo, University of Nevada, Las Vegas)
(*awarded*) The Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services Minority Research Program (CMS)
'Ethnic-Specific opioid risk prediction in primary care using deep learning.'
Total: \$300,000

INTERNAL GRANT FUNDING

2024-2025 **Principal Investigator**
(*awarded*) Yeshiva University: Faculty Research Fund
Connected and Engaged: Exploring the Impact of Online Programming on Older
Adults' Well-Being
Total: \$3,000

2022-2023 **Principal Investigator**
(*awarded*) Yeshiva University: Faculty Research Fund
Investigating the Effectiveness of the 4Ms Framework in Telehealth-Based Primary
Care
Total: \$7,200

PUBLICATIONS

Reprints & preprints available at <https://www.agingandwelfarelab.com/publications.html>

¹denotes corresponding author

²denotes students collaboration

- [11] **Lee, S. R.**, Jung, E., Jin, S., Wang, Z. A., Brown, P., & Polotsky, E (*accepted*). The Association between Subjective and Objective Financial Knowledge: Path Analysis to Savings Behavior by Age. *Social Science & Humanities Open*
- [10] Flaherty, H.B., Henshaw, L.A, **Lee, S.R.**, Auerbach, C, Beckerman, N. L., Toumarides, E., Miskiewicz, M. & Rose, A. (2024). Understanding Self-Care: Exploring its Impact of Secondary Traumatic Stress Among Social Work Students. *Clinical Social Work Journal* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10615-024-00969-4>
- [9] **Lee S.R.**, Maxi A², Kim L, Kim Y, Choe I, Hong C, Kim P, Reed, P, Kim Y, Shen J, Yoo J. (2024). Enhancing Telehealth Accessibility for Older Adults in Underserved Areas: A 4M Framework Approach. *Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine*, 2024; 10.
- [8] Zuckerman, M²., Lane, S. R., & **Lee, S. R.** (2024). Social Work Student Perceptions of Co-Response: Implications for Policy. *Journal of Policy Practice and Research*, 1-17.
- [7] Kim YM., **Lee SR.**, Kovarie G., Maxi A²., Hong SK. (2024). Authentic Behavior and Job Satisfaction among Child Welfare Caseworkers. *Social Work*, 69(3), 241-253.
- [6] Lee, S. W., Elsagr, C., Ayutyanont, N., **Lee, S.**, & Oh-Park, M. (2023). Clinical characteristics and outcomes of inpatient falls during inpatient rehabilitation: a case-control

study. *American Journal of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation*, 102(8), 715-719.

- [5] Lee, Se Won; Werner, Bryan; Nguyen, Dan; Wang, Charles; Kang, Mingon; Ayutyanont, Napatkamon & **Lee, Soohyung**. (2022). Opioid Utility and Hospital Outcomes among Inpatients admitted with Osteoarthritis and Spine Disorders. *American Journal of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation*, 102(4), 353-359.
- [4] **Lee, S.R** & Kim, L.S² (2022). Co-residence of Older Parents and Adult Children Benefits Older Adults' Psychological well-being: Path Analysis. *International Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*.
- [3] **Lee, S.R.** (2021). When Home Hospice Patients Discharge to Nursing Facility: A Mixed Methods. *Open Journal of Nursing*.
- [2] **Lee, S.R** & Cuellar, M.J (2019). Data-Driven Recommendations for Promoting Collaboration Among School Security Personnel and School Social Workers in the United States. *International Journal of School Social Work*.
- [1] Barber, S.J., & **Lee, S.R** (2016). Stereotype threat lowers older adults' self-reported hearing. *Gerontology*, 62, 81-85.

Manuscripts under review:

Lee, SeWon., Hill, Joseph., Sussman, Rebecca., **Lee, Soohyung¹**, Mack, Denny., Aguila, Eric., Doddy, Karyn., Thomas, Mary., Yoo Jiwon., & Ayutyanont, Napatkamon (*under review*). Comprehensive Analysis of Inpatient Falls from Nationwide Private Healthcare System: A Case-Control Study.

Lee, S. R., Hang, L (*Under review*). Examining Possible Relationship of Online Engagement on Older Adults' Subjective Memory Capacity: Path Analysis.

INVITED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- [2] **Lee, S.R.**, Kim, Y.M (2024). Turnover and intent to leave among child welfare caseworkers in Pennsylvania. Korean American Social Work Educators Association (KASWEA) – Korea Institute for Health and Social Affairs (KIHASA) joint Forum, Washington D.C.
- [1] **Lee, S.R.**, Kovarie, G., Kim, Y.M (2023). Turnover and intent to leave among child welfare caseworkers. Invited presentation at a seminar entitled 'The Pennsylvania Children and Youth Administrators (PCYA) October 2023 Meeting,' Pennsylvania, PA.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

* *Denotes students collaboration*

- [13] **Lee, S.R.**, Kim, Y.M., Kovarie, G., Kazaki M* (2024) Why Child Welfare Agency Caseworkers are Leaving: A qualitative Study. Oral presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington DC.

- [12] Kim, Y.M., Kovarie, G., **Lee, S.R.** (2023). Identifying the predictors of turnover intentions and the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Caseworkers Based on a State-Wide Workforce Assessment Survey. Speaker for PA Council of Children Youth & Family Services, Pennsylvania, PA.
- [11] Kim, Y.M., **Lee, S.R.**, Kovarie, G., Maxi, M*, Hong, S.Y. (2022). Interdisciplinary Recommendations Concerning a High Turnover Rate in Child Welfare. Interactive Workshop for Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 68th Annual Program Meeting, Anaheim, CA.
- [10] **Lee, S.R.**, & Jung Euijin. (2021). The Association between Subjective and Objective Financial Knowledge: Path Analysis to Investor Behavior by Age. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America's (GSA) 75th Annual Scientific Meeting, Virtual.
- [9] **Lee, S.R.**, (2021). Home Hospice: Live Discharge to Nursing Home. Accepted for Virtual Submit for the Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network (SWHPN), Virtual.
- [8] **Lee, S.R.**, & Cuellar, M.J., (2020). Feeling Safe in School: A Comparison of White and Non-White Students Perceptions of Feeling Safe and Violence Programming in School. Oral Presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington DC.
- [7] Cuellar, M.J., & **Lee, S.R.**, (2020). School Safety in Inner-City Schools: Reducing Racial and Economic Inequality. Oral Presentation for the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington DC.
- [6] **Lee, S.R.**, (2019). Coresidence of Older Parents and Adult Children Benefits Older Adults' Psychological well-being: Path Analysis. Poster Presentation at the Gerontological Society of America's (GSA) 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting, Austin, TX.
- [5] **Lee, S.R.**, Cuellar, M.J., & Bialeck, M. (2019). Inequalities in School Safety: Exploring Differences by Race and Ethnicity. Oral Presentation for the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 65th 2019 Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.
- [4] **Lee, S.R.**, (2018). Online engagement positively impacts older adults' subjective memory ability. Poster presented at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 64th Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- [3] **Lee, S.R.**, & Barber, S.J. (2015). Stereotype threat affects older adults' subjective hearing abilities. Poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America's (GSA) 68th Annual Scientific Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- [2] **Lee, S.R.**, & Barber, S.J. (2015). Stereotype threat affects older adults' subjective hearing abilities. Poster presented at the Annual Center for Healthy Aging in Multicultural Populations (CHAMP) Conference on Health and Aging 4th annual meeting, San Jose, CA. *Received first place award in the CHAMP student poster competition*
- [1] Niblett, S.P., Seliger, J.M., Fogarty, A., **Lee, S.R.**, Rutkowska, L.B., Geisler, M.W., and Ben-Zeev, A. (2015). Your brain on stereotypes: Social context biases early cortical attention. Poster presented at the annual College of Science and Engineering Student Project Showcase,

San Francisco, CA.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Public Health Association (APHA)
Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
Gerontological Society of America (GSA)
Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)
State Society on Aging of New York (SSA)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2024-presnet Judging Panel for Students Awards, Gerontological Society of America (GSA) – Aging among Asians (AAA)

2023-present Associate editor, Journal for Theoretical and Philosophical Psychology

2023-present Research Sharing Committee (KR Talk), Korean American Social Work Educators Association (KASWEA)
Elected Chair for 2025-2027

2023-present Professional Development Committee, Korean American Social Work Educators Association (KASWEA)

2023-2024 Guest Associate editor, Frontiers in Public Health | Aging and Public Health

UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2023-present Yeshiva University: Sequence Chair, Electives

2023-present Yeshiva University: Continuing Education committee

2023-present Yeshiva University: PhD program Steering committee

2022 Yeshiva University: CSWE conferences workshop

2021-2024 Yeshiva University: Doctoral Research (“Bootcamp”) – Developed the program to supervise dissertation and to provide mentorship, coordinating workshops and writing center for PhD students, as well as IRB liaison.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

2024 The Retirement Research Foundation (RRF) | Foundation for Research Enhancing Older Adults’ Quality of Life through Digital Means: A Longitudinal Study. (*Not awarded*)

2024 Creating Ambassadors to an Aging Society Through Intergenerational Community Engagement. (*Not awarded*)

Spencer Grant
Co-Investigator with Dr. Levy-Storms, Lené (UCLA)

- 2023-present Using Virtual Reality Technology to Improve Experiential Learning in Online Classes (PI: Dr. Hanni B. Flaherty)
Co-author with Drs., Henshaw, L.A., Bekerman, N., Auerbach, C.
- 2022 Nevada Interprofessional Health Aging Network (NIHAN) Development and optimization of the age-friendly healthcare system.
Consultant & Training personnel (PI: Dr. Yoo Ji, University of Nevada, Las Vegas) (*Not awarded*)
- 2021 Opioid Safety Climate: Education and Patient Centered Approach
Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PICORI)
Co-Investigator with Dr. SeWon Lee (*Not awarded*)
- 2017-2019 Investigating the effectiveness of the school safety systems on student connectedness and school performance.
National Institute Justice, R01 (PI: Dr. Matthew J Cuellar)
Research Coordinator
- 2014-2016 Cognition and Aging Lab (PI: Dr. Sarah J Barber)
Department of Psychology, San Francisco State University
Research Assistant
- 2015 Cognitive Psychophysiology Lab (PI: Dr. Mark Geisler)
Department of Psychology, San Francisco State University
Project “*Your brain on stereotypes: Social context biases early cortical attention.*”
Research Assistant

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020-2021 HCA Healthcare Center, Graduate Medical Education
2019-2020 Kei Ai LA Health Center
2017-2018 Triboro Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing, Social Work Intern
2016-2017 Selfhelp, Inc., Latimer Garden Senior Center & Virtual Senior Center, Intern

INSTRUCTOR of RECORD

- [7] Social Practice School – Master’s level
Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University
- [6] Social Gerontology – Master’s level
Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University
- [5] Social Work Practice and Evaluation Research – Master’s Level
Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University

- [4] Dissertation Proposal Seminar I & II – PhD level
Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University
- [3] Strategies of Inquiry Qualitative and Quantitative Research – Ph.D. Level
Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University
- [2] Fundamentals of Applied Statistics – Ph.D. Level
Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University
- [1] Social Work Practice with Older Adults – Guest Lecture
Department of Social Work, University of South Dakota (Dr. Roh Soonhee)
School of Social Work, University of Alaska (Dr. Matthew J Cuellar)

GRADUATE STUDENT DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Chair

In progress:

2024	Molly Miskiewicz	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2023	Maria Kazaki	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2023	Charmain Williams	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee member

Completed:

2024	Francine Plata	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2024	Maryann Ponton	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2024	Sumantha Sen	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2024	Nakia Miller	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2022	Howard Chi	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2022	Melanie Zuckerman	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2022	Hannah Phillip	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2021	Michele Bialeck	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work

In progress:

2024	Defny Gamboa	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2024	Shira Silton	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2024	Perl Stein	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work
2023	Sheila Singleton	Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work