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My scholarship focuses on the impact of abuse, violence, and substance use on marginalized populations, and seeks to positively influence practitioner behavior, service delivery systems, and policy in ways that promote survivor health and well-being. I engage in interdisciplinary community-based research utilizing qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methodologies to expand scientific knowledge and prepare future social work researchers and practitioners.

### **Academic Employment**

**Associate Professor and Georgia Athletic Association Professor in Health and Well-Being**, School of Social Work, University of Georgia, Athens, GA (2018-present)

**Associate Professor**, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA (2013-2018)

**Chair of Direct Practice Concentration**, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA (2013-2018)

**Associate Professor (secondary appointment)**, Clinical and Translational Science Institute, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA (2014-2018)

**Assistant Professor**, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA (2008-2013)

### **Education**

**Ph.D.**, Social Welfare, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (2008)

**Dissertation:** *Domestic violence crimes and children: A population-based investigation of children's direct sensory exposure and the nature of their involvement.*

**M.S.S.W.**, Social Work, University of Texas, Austin, TX (1995)

**B.A.**, Psychology, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC (1992)

### **Research Projects and Grants**

**Developing a Comprehensive Training Protocol for Stakeholders Serving Trafficked Youth** (2022-2023).  
*Co-Principal Investigator (with Allison Dunnigan, Emma Hetherington, and Jennifer Elkins)*

Funded \$25,000 by the Center on Human Trafficking Research & Outreach Faculty Research Seed Grant, University of Georgia School of Social Work.

Develop a protocol for comprehensive and on-going training on human trafficking, secondary trauma, and trauma-informed care for law enforcement, DFCS employees, probation officers, attorneys, judges, and others involved in court-centered responses for domestic minor human trafficking and commercial and sexual exploitation of children survivors to improve the quality and appropriateness of services for youth who have experienced or are at-risk of human trafficking and their families.

**Chartering a Course for Economic Mobility and Responsible Parenting (2021-2023).**

*Co-Principal Investigator (with Orion Mowbray)*

Funded \$143,147 by the Division of Child Support Services, Georgia Department of Human Services. Evaluation of an intervention to improve financial literacy and understanding of the child support system among youth formerly in the foster care system with the goal of delaying parenting and increasing educational attainment.

**Expansion of Practitioner Education Grant (2020-2022).**

*Subcontractor*

Funded \$10,000 by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Goal is to assess the integration of substance use disorder content into the MSW curriculum and to measure student competencies in working with people experiencing substance use disorders.

**Innovation in Delivery of Prenatal Care to Women with Opioid Use Disorders: The Centering Pregnancy Model (2019-2021).**

*Co-Principal Investigator (with Grace Bagwell Adams)*

Funded \$20,000 by Georgia Clinical Translational Science Alliance (CTSA) Community Engagement 2019 Community Academic Research Pilot Grants Program

Project will test the effectiveness of a supportive prenatal program on improving maternal and child outcomes in women with opioid use disorders.

**Reproductive Decision-Making among Women with Opioid Use Disorders (2018-2020).**

*Co-Principal Investigator (with Rebecca H. Stone)*

Funded \$6,500 through the UGA College of Pharmacy Randy Ellison Community Pharmacy Fund and the Morgan Fund in Pharmacy Practice

Project involves qualitative interviews to develop a better understanding of both contraception use and the presence of reproductive coercion in the lives of women with opioid use disorders.

**Developing a Risk-Prediction Model for Licensing Facilities that Serve Medicaid-enrolled Children (2018-2020).**

*Co-Investigator (PI: Julie Donahue)*

Funded \$23,448 by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.

Examination of current data sources for their usability as indicators of performance of group homes, treatment foster care, and residential treatment facilities in the state of Pennsylvania and to develop and test a predictive model to identify potentially poor performing facilities.

**Exploring Home-Visiting for Opioid Addicted Mothers and Their Babies (2017-2018).**

Funded \$60,000 by the Staunton Farm Foundation.

*Principal Investigator*

Funding to explore a home visiting model for mothers with opioid use problems and their newborns. The model involves collaboration between social work and pharmacy and includes both opioid agonist management and psychosocial support to reduce opioid relapse, improve maternal mental health, build attachment between mother and baby, track child development, and prevent child welfare system involvement.

**Sleep in Youth who have Aged out of Foster Care: Impact on Mental Health (2016-2018).**

*Principal Investigator*

Funded \$10,348 by the University of Pittsburgh Central Research Development Fund.

Competitive funding received to collect objective and subjective measures of sleep in youth aging out of foster care. Project will also explore whether sleep quality and quantity mediates health and mental health outcomes in these youth.

**Developing Interdisciplinary Collaborations in Gender and Violence Research (2015-2016).**

*Co-Principal Investigator (with Sara A. Goodkind)*

Funded \$24,790 by the Vice Provost's Office of Research at the University of Pittsburgh.

Competitive funding received to build interdisciplinary research collaborations on gender and violence across the university by developing a speaker series and a working conference with national and local contributor.

**Evaluation of the Implementation of Developmental and Mental Health Screening in Pennsylvania's Child Welfare Services (2009-2013).**

*Principal Investigator*

Funded \$578,719 by the Office of Children, Youth, and Families, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Evaluated a statewide screening for developmental and socio-emotional problems among all children from birth to 5 years old in the child welfare system.

**An Evaluation of an Innovative Program for Youth with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Problems Aging out of Foster Care (2009-2012).**

*Co-Principal Investigator (with Mary E. Rauktis)*

Funded \$72,658 by the Venango County Children and Youth Services, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Collaborated with a rural county to evaluate a program developed for aging-out youth with a history of involvement with multiple social service agencies.

**Family Group Decision Making: How Does Race Influence Referrals, Satisfaction, and Outcomes in a National Sample? (2007-2009).**

*Co-Principal Investigator (with Julie S. McCrae)*

Funded \$8,229 by the Center for Race and Social Problems, University of Pittsburgh

Analyzed data from the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-being to examine how race influenced child welfare-involved families' referrals to and satisfaction with Family Group Decision Making.

**Does the Assistance of a Child Welfare Advocate Help Battered Women with an Open Child Maltreatment Investigation Negotiate Family Service Planning? (2007-2008).**

*Principal Investigator*

Research funded \$9,250 by the School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh

Conducted in-depth interviews with child welfare caseworkers to ask about their experiences working with families experiencing co-occurring child maltreatment and intimate partner violence.

**A Population-Based Investigation of the Prevalence of Children's Exposure to Domestic Violence and the Co-occurrence of Child Maltreatment. (2003-2005)**

*Principal Investigator (mentored by Carol W. Spigner)*

Research funded \$50,000 by Administration for Children and Families, Grants for Doctoral Student-Initiated Research in Child Abuse and Neglect, Children's Bureau

Examined the co-occurrence of child maltreatment and exposure to intimate partner violence among all cases investigated by law enforcement across a large county.

## **Peer-Reviewed Publications**

\* Indicates doctoral student.

- \*Yeo, H., Dunnigan, A.E., **Fusco, R.A.**, & Watson, M. (2022) Trajectories of foster-care entry for prenatal substance exposure in the United States. *Children & Youth Services Review*.
- Wood, L., McGiffert, M., **Fusco, R.A.** & Kulkarni, S. (2022). "The propellers of my life": The impact of domestic violence transitional housing on parents and children. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-021-00809-1>
- Kulkarni, S.J., Cortes, C., Marcus, S., Escalante, C., Wood., L. & **Fusco, R.A.** (2021). Improving safe housing access for survivors of violence through systems change. *Housing Policy Debate*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10511482.2021.1947865>
- Fusco, R.A.** (2021). Frequent marijuana and alcohol use in low-income emerging adults: Effects of adverse life experiences. *Substance Use & Misuse*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10826084.2021.1892140>.
- \*Lee, H. & **Fusco, R.A.** (2021). Multiple types of childhood maltreatment, sleep, and anxiety in young adults. *Child and Adolescent Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-021-00742-3>.
- \*Lee, H., Rauktis, M.E., & **Fusco, R.A.** (2021). Perceived stress and sleep quality among master's students in social work. *Social Work Education Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02615479.2021.1910231>.
- \*Jang, H., Tang, F., **Fusco, R.A.**, Engel, R., & Albert, S. (2021). Grandparenting, social relations, and mortality in old age. *Research on Aging*. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F01640275211015433>.
- Fusco, R.A.**, \*Yuan, Y., \*Lee, H., & Newhill, C.E. (2021). Trauma, sleep, and mental health outcomes among low-income young adults. *International Journal of Public Health and Environmental Research*. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph18031145>.
- Fusco, R.A.**, & Newhill, C.E. (2021). The impact of foster care experiences on marijuana use in young adults. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1533256X.2020.1870286>.
- Stone, R.H., Griffin, B., **Fusco, R.A.**, Gross, S., Tran, T., & Vest, K. (2020). Factors affecting contraception access and use in patients with opioid use disorder. *Journal of Clinical Pharmacology*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/jcph.1772>.
- Morrison, P.K., Pallatino, C., **Fusco, R.A.**, Kenkre, T., Krans, E.E., & Chang, J.C. (2020). Pregnant victims of intimate partner homicide in the National Violence Death Reporting System Database, 2003-2014: A descriptive analysis. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0886260520943726>.
- Fusco, R.A.** (2020). Sleep in young adults: Comparing foster care alumni to a low-income sample. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 29, 493–501. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10826-019-01555-w>.
- \*Uffner, B.C., Rauktis, M.E., & **Fusco, R.A.** (2020). A time of transition: The impact of rural youth services on education, housing, and employment. *Journal of Child and Youth Care Work*, 25, 214-228. <https://doi.org/10.5195/jcycw.2015.83>
- Fusco, R.A.** (2019). Perceptions of strengths-based child welfare practices among mothers with drug use histories. *Journal of Family Issues*, 40, 2478-2498. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0192513X19859392>.
- \*Wei, K., Booth, J. & **Fusco, R.A.** (2019). Examining cognitive and emotional outcomes of Latino threat narratives in news media. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, 10, 213-236.

- \*Weaver, A., Greeno, C. G., **Fusco, R.A.**, Zimmerman, T., & Anderson, C. M. (2019). "Not just one, it's both of us": Low-income mothers' perceptions of Structural Family Therapy delivered in a semi-rural community mental health center. *Community Mental Health Journal*, 55, 1-13.
- Fusco, R.A.**, & Kulkarni, S.J. (2018). "Bedtime is when bad stuff happens": Sleep problems in foster care alumni. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 95, 42-48.
- Cochran, G., \*Hrushak, V., Abdullah, W., Krans, E., Douaihy, A.B., Bobby, S., & **Fusco, R.A.** (2018). Optimizing Pregnancy Treatment Interventions for Moms (OPTI-MOM): A pilot study. *Journal of Addiction Medicine*, 12, 72-79.
- Fusco, R.A.** (2017). Socioemotional problems in children exposed to intimate partner violence: Mediating effects of family and social supports. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 32, 2515-2532.
- Fusco, R.A.**, \*Jung, N., & Newhill, C. (2016). Does maternal mental health mediate the relationship between maternal victimization and child trauma? *Children and Youth Services Review*, 67, 247-253.
- \*Kolivoski, K.M., Shook, J.J., Johnson, H.C., Goodkind, S.A., **Fusco, R.A.**, & Delisi, M. (2016). Applying legal socialization to the child welfare system: Do youths' perceptions of caseworkers matter? *Child and Youth Care Forum*, 45, 65-83.
- Rauktis, M.E., **Fusco, R.A.**, Goodkind, S.A., & Bradley-King, C. (2016). Motherhood in liminal spaces: White mothers' experiences of parenting Black/White biracial children. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*, 31, 434-449.
- \*Kim, Y.J., & **Fusco, R.A.** (2015). Does sense of control impact depression in post-discharged psychiatric patients? *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*, 203, 850-855.
- Fusco, R.A.** (2015). Second generation mothers in child welfare: Factors that predict service engagement. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 32, 545-554.
- Fusco, R.A.**, & Cahalane, H. (2015). Socioemotional problems among young children in out-of-home care: A comparison of kinship and foster care placements. *Journal of Family Social Work*, 18, 183-201.
- Fusco, R.A.**, & Cahalane, H. (2014). Young children in the child welfare system: Which factors contribute to trauma symptomology? *Child Welfare*, 92(5), 37-47.
- Fusco, R.A.** (2013). "It's hard enough to deal with all the abuse issues": Child welfare workers' experiences with intimate partner violence on their caseloads. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 35, 1946-1953.
- Perry, M.A., Sekino, Y., & **Fusco, R.A.** (2013). Parent voices: Head Start assessment validation procedures with partner parents. *National Head Start Association Dialogue*.
- \*Weaver, A., Greeno, C., Marcus, S., **Fusco, R.A.**, Zimmerman, T., & Anderson, C. (2013). Effects of Structural Family Therapy on child and maternal mental health symptomatology. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 23, 294-303.
- Fusco, R.A.**, & Cahalane, H.G. (2013). Developmental and social-emotional screening in child welfare: Implications for young children in rural settings. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 7, 154-171.
- Fusco, R.A.**, & Rauktis, M.E. (2012). Transracial mothering and maltreatment risk: Are mothers of biracial children different? *Child Welfare*, 91, 55-77.

- Rauktis, M.E., **Fusco, R.A.**, & Cahalane, H. (2011). "Try to make it seem like we're regular kids": Young adult perspectives on out-of-home care restrictions. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 33, 1224-1233.
- McCrae, J.S., Cahalane, H., & **Fusco, R.A.** (2011). Directions for developmental screening in child welfare based on the Ages and Stages Questionnaires. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 33, 1412-1418.
- Fusco, R.A.** (2010). Intimate partner violence in interracial couples: A comparison to White and ethnic minority monoracial couples. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 25, 1785-1800.
- Fusco, R.A.**, Rauktis, M.E., McCrae, J.S., Cunningham, M.A., & Bradley-King, C.R. (2010). Aren't they just Black kids? Biracial children in the child welfare system. *Child & Family Social Work*, 15, 389-504.
- McCrae, J.S., & **Fusco, R.A.** (2010). A racial comparison of families involved in Family Group Decision Making across the U.S. *Child & Family Social Work*, 15, 41-55.
- Fusco, R.A.**, & Fantuzzo, J.W. (2009). Children's exposure to and involvement in domestic violence crimes: Results from a suburban population. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 31, 249-256.
- Fantuzzo, J.W., & **Fusco, R.A.** (2007). Children's direct exposure to types of domestic violence crimes: A population-based investigation. *Journal of Family Violence*, 22, 543-552.
- Fantuzzo, J.W., & **Fusco, R.A.** (2007). Children's direct sensory exposure to substantiated domestic violence crimes. *Violence & Victims*, 22, 158-171.
- Fantuzzo, J.W., **Fusco, R.A.**, Mohr, W. M., & Perry, M.A. (2007). Domestic violence and children's presence: A population-based study of law enforcement surveillance of domestic violence. *Journal of Family Violence*, 22, 331-340.
- Fantuzzo, J. W., Bulotsky-Shearer, R., **Fusco, R. A.**, & McWayne, C. (2005). An investigation of preschool classroom behavioral adjustment and socio-emotional school readiness competencies. *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*, 20, 259-275.

### **Articles under Review**

- Fusco, R.A. & Kulkarni, S. (2022). Substance use coercion in pregnant and post-partum women. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
- Gibbs, J.J. & Fusco, R.A. (2022). How does anxiety mediate the relationship between stress and sleep for a sample of sexual minority men? *Sleep Health: Journal of the National Sleep Foundation*.
- Morrison, P.K., Pallatino, C., Fusco, R.A., Kothab, A., Chang, J.C., Fitzpatrick, E., Folb, B., & Krans, E.E. (2022). The influence of violence on maternal and child health outcomes among pregnant women with substance use disorders: A systematic review. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*.
- Washington, T.R, McPherson, J., Caplan, M.A., Baldwin-White, A., Gibbs, J.J., **Fusco, R.A.**, Mallon, A.J., & Robinson, M.A. (2022). Introducing social work values to first-year college students: The experience of eight social work educators. *Journal of Social Work Education*.

### **Articles in Preparation**

- Fusco, R.A. & Dunnigan, A.E. (2022). Human trafficking among youth in foster care: A scoping review.

### **Books and Book Chapters**

- Frieze, I., Newhill, C.E., & **Fusco, R.A.** (2020). *Understanding the dynamics of violence in close relationships*. New York: Springer.
- Fusco, R.A.**, & Rauktis, M.E. (2013). "They brought me in like I was their own kid: Youth and caregiver perceptions of out-of-home care." In H. Cahalane (Ed.), *Contemporary issues in child welfare practice* (pp. 17-38). New York: Springer.
- Perry, M.A., & **Fusco, R.A.** (2013). Child welfare practice in a systems of care framework. In H. Cahalane (Ed.), *Contemporary issues in child welfare practice* (pp. 1-15). New York: Springer.

### **Technical Reports**

- Child Welfare Education and Research Programs (Cahalane, H.G., **Fusco, R.A.**, Perry, M. & Rauktis, M.E.) (2013). *Developmental and socioemotional screening in Pennsylvania child welfare services: A statewide view of children in child welfare*. Report of the Child Welfare Education and Research Programs, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. Available at [http://www.pacwrc.pitt.edu/ASQ2/ASQ%20Report\\_March%202013\\_FINAL2.pdf](http://www.pacwrc.pitt.edu/ASQ2/ASQ%20Report_March%202013_FINAL2.pdf).
- Child Welfare Education and Research Programs (Cahalane, H.G., **Fusco, R.A.**, & Rauktis, M.E.) (2011). *Developmental screening in Pennsylvania child welfare services: Child screening results and caregiver experiences*. Report of the Child Welfare Education and Research Programs, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. Available at [http://www.pacwcbt.pitt.edu/ASQ2/ResearchReportTwo\\_April%202011.pdf](http://www.pacwcbt.pitt.edu/ASQ2/ResearchReportTwo_April%202011.pdf).
- Child Welfare Education and Research Programs (Cahalane, H.G., **Fusco, R.A.**, McCrae, J.S., & Rauktis, M.E.) (2010). *Policies to implement developmental screening in Pennsylvania child welfare services: Reports from agency perspective*. Report of the Child Welfare Education and Research Programs, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. Available at <http://www.pacwcbt.pitt.edu/ASQ2/1st%20Research%20Report.pdf>.
- Kinnevy, S., Cohen, B., Huang, V., Gelles, R., Bae, H., & **Fusco, R.** (2003). *Evaluation of the transfer of responsibility for child protective investigations to law enforcement in Florida: An analysis of Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas counties*. Report of the Center for Research on Youth and Social Policy, School of Social Work, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

### **Invited Publications**

- Fantuzzo, J. W., **Fusco, R. A.**, & Peckham, S. M. (2005). Children exposed to domestic violence. In C. B. Fisher & R. M. Lerner (Eds.), *Applied developmental science: An encyclopedia of research, policies, and programs*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

### **Juried Presentations**

- Fusco, R.A.**, & Dunnigan, A.E. (2022, March). Frequent marijuana and alcohol use in low-income young adults: Effects of adverse life experiences. Paper presentation to the International Society on the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN), Quebec City, Quebec, Canada.
- Fusco, R.A.** & Kulkarni, S.J. (2022, January). *Experiences of substance use coercion among postpartum women in recovery*. Electronic poster presented to the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
- Fusco, R.A.** & Kulkarni, S.J. (2021, April). *Improving survivor health and coping through better sleep*. Paper presentation to the National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence (online conference).

- Fusco, R.A.** & Dunnigan, A.E. (2020, November) *Frequent marijuana and alcohol use in low-income young adults: Effects of adverse life experience*. Paper presentation to the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect International Congress, Adelaide, Australia. (Conference canceled due to covid-19)
- Fusco, R.A.** (2020, April). *Delivering prenatal care to women with opioid use disorders*. Paper presentation to the 10<sup>th</sup> European Conference for Social Work Research, Bucharest, Romania. (Conference canceled due to covid-19)
- Fusco, R.A.** (2020, January). *Intimate partner homicides in pregnant women compared to non-pregnant women: Findings from national data*. Paper presented to the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
- \*Lee, H., Rauktis, M.E., & **Fusco, R.A.** (2020, January). *Perceived stress and sleep quality among master's students in social work*. Paper presented to the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
- Pallatino, C., **Fusco, R.A.**, Fitzpatrick, E., Kotha, A., Krans, E.E., & Chang, J.C. (2019, November). *Experiences of intimate partner violence among pregnant and postpartum women with substance use disorders: A systematic review*. Poster presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Philadelphia, PA.
- Fusco, R.A.** (2019, March). *Testing a model of home visiting for mothers with opioid use disorders and their babies*. Poster presented to the Society for Research on Child Development, 2019 Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- Fusco, R.A.**, \*Yuan, Y., \*Lee, H. & Newhill, C.E. (2019, January). *Trauma, sleep, and mental health problems in low-income young adults*. Paper presented to the Society for Social Work and Research, 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Fusco, R.A.** & Newhill, C.E. (2019, January). *High hopes and poor sleep: Effects of marijuana use among former foster care youth*. Paper presented to the Society for Social Work and Research, 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- \*Lee, H, **Fusco, R.A.**, \*Yuan, Y, & Newhill, C.E. (2019, January). *Poly-victimization and mental health in youth: Mediating roles of trauma and sleep*. Poster presented to the Society for Social Work and Research, 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Fusco, R.A.** (2018, January). *Sleep in youth who have aged out of foster care: Impact on mental health*. Paper presented to the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
- Cochran, G., \*Hruschak, V., Abdullah, W., Krans, E., Douaihy, A., **Fusco, R.A.**, & Tarter, R. (2018, January). *A pilot study of patient navigation for pregnant women with opioid use disorder initiating medication assisted treatment*. Paper presented to the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
- Fusco, R.A.** (2017, September). *Socioemotional problems in children exposed to IPV: Mediating effects of family and social supports*. Paper presented to the Second European Conference on Domestic Violence, Porto, Portugal.
- Fusco, R.A.** (2017, January). Service engagement of mothers in the child welfare system who experience IPV. In A. Mennicke (Chair), *Overcoming challenges in implementing survivor-centered services*.



Symposium conducted at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

- \*Wei, K., **Fusco, R.A.**, & Booth, J. (2017). *How does Latino threat narrative affect negative emotions and perceived threat towards Latino immigrants? A call for stigma-focused interventions*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Fusco, R.A.** (2016, January). *Children exposed to intimate partner violence: How family strengths and supports mediate mental health*. Paper presented to the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
- Fusco, R.A.**, Newhill, C.E. & \*Jung, N. (2016, January). *Maternal victimization and child traumatic stress: The mediating role of mothers' affect*. Paper presented to the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
- Fusco, R.A.**, & Goodkind, S.A. (2015, September). *Early screening for socioemotional problems among young children: Results from a child welfare system*. Paper presented to the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect European Regional Conference, Bucharest, Romania.
- Fusco, R.A.**, & Cahalane, H.G. (2015, January). *Socioemotional problems among young children in out-of-home care: A comparison of kinship and foster care placements*. Paper presented to the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Fusco, R.A.**, & Cahalane, H.G. (2015, January). *Second generation mothers in child welfare: Factors that mediate their children's socioemotional problems*. Paper presented to the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Rauktis, M.E. & **Fusco, R.A.** (2013, October). *The experiences of White mothers parenting Black/White children: Personal, social and community factors in child welfare involvement*. Paper presented to the Fourth Annual Rita M. McGinley Symposium, Duquesne University School of Nursing, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Rauktis, M.E., & **Fusco, R.A.** (2013, September). *Transracial mothering and child maltreatment risk*. Paper presented to the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect European Regional Conference, Dublin, Ireland.
- Fusco, R.A.**, & Cahalane, H.G. (2013, January). *Demographic, maltreatment, and maternal characteristics that predict trauma symptomology in child welfare involved young children: A statewide analysis*. Paper presented to the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA.
- Fusco, R.A.**, & Cahalane, H.G. (2012, January). *Young children in child welfare: Developmental screening results and caregiver experiences*. Paper presented to the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
- Fusco, R.A.**, & Cahalane, H.G. (2011, October). *Developmental and socio-emotional screening in child welfare: Implications for young children in rural settings*. Paper presented to the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Atlanta, GA.
- Fusco, R.A.**, Cahalane, H.G., & Winters, R.R. (2011, August). *Developmental screening using the Ages & Stages Questionnaires: Implications for young children in child welfare*. Poster presented to the 2011 National Child Welfare Evaluation Summit, Washington, DC.

- Fusco, R.A., & Rauktis, M.E.** (2011, January). *Aren't they just Black kids? Biracial children in the child welfare system*. Paper presented to the Society for Social Work and Research, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.
- McCrae, J.S., Cahalane, H.G., & **Fusco, R.A.** (2011, January). *Directions for developmental screening in child welfare based on the Ages and Stages Questionnaires*. Paper presented to the Society for Social Work and Research, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.
- Fusco, R.A.** (2010, January). *Intimate partner violence in interracial couples: A comparison to White and ethnic minority monoracial couples*. Paper presented to the Society for Social Work and Research, 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Fusco, R.A.** (2009, April). *The unique contribution of exposure to intimate partner violence on early childhood outcomes*. Paper symposium presented to the Society for Research on Child Development, 2009 Biennial Meeting, Denver, CO.
- McCrae, J.S., & **Fusco, R.A.** (2008, October). *Family Group Decision Making with African American and Caucasian families: Referrals, satisfaction, and services*. Paper presented to the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Philadelphia, PA.
- Fusco, R. A.** (2008, July). *An examination of the severity of domestic violence in interracial couples: An ecological perspective*. Paper presented to the International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference, Portsmouth, NH.
- Fusco, R.A.** (2008, June). *From passive witnesses to unwilling participants: An exploration of children's involvement in domestic violence*. Poster presented at Head Start's 9<sup>th</sup> National Research Conference, Washington, DC.
- Fusco, R.A.** (2007, March). *Children's direct sensory exposure to domestic violence and associated risk characteristics: A population-based study*. Poster presented to the Society for Research on Child Development, 2007 Biennial Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Fusco, R.A.** (2007, January). *A population-based study of children's direct sensory exposure to domestic violence*. Paper presented to the Society for Social Work and Research, 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Sekino, Y., Perry, M.A., & **Fusco, R.A.** (2006, June). *Parent Voices: Assessment validation procedure with parent partners*. Poster presentation at Head Start's 8<sup>th</sup> National Research Conference, Washington, DC.
- Fusco, R.A., & Fantuzzo, J.W.** (2005, September). *Children exposed to domestic violence: Prevalence and co-occurrence with maltreatment*. Paper presented to the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute, 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Family Violence, San Diego, CA.
- Fusco, R.A.** (2005, May). *The prevalence and nature of children exposed to domestic violence*. Paper symposium presented to the Society for Prevention Research, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Fusco, R.A. & Spigner, C.W.** (2005, April). *A population-based study of children exposed to domestic violence and its co-occurrence with child maltreatment*. Paper presented to the Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau Grantee's Conference, Boston, MA.
- Fusco, R.A., & Fantuzzo, J.W.** (2004, August). *Children exposed to domestic violence: A university-law enforcement research partnership*. Paper presented to American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Colloquium, Los Angeles, CA.

**Fusco, R.A., & Fantuzzo, J.W.** (2004, July). *A population-based study of children exposed to domestic violence*. Paper presented to Victimization of Children and Youth: An International Research Conference, The University of New Hampshire, Portsmouth, NH.

**Fusco, R.A., & Fantuzzo, J. W.** (2004, June). *Children's exposure to domestic violence: A distinctive typology indicating child risk*. Poster presentation at Head Start's 7<sup>th</sup> National Research Conference, Washington, DC.

### **Invited Presentations**

**Fusco, R.A.** (2019, April). *More than your score: ACEs screening in integrated behavioral health*. Keynote speech to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ethics and Social Work Conference, Charlotte, NC.

**Fusco, R.A.** (2014, October). *Risk and resilience in child welfare: Understanding early childhood mental health*. Alumni Speaker Series, University of Texas at Austin.

**Fusco, R.A.** (2019, February). *Drug use in pregnant women*. 2019 Mental Health Symposium, University of Georgia. Athens, GA.

**Fusco, R.A.** (2019, February). *The impact of maltreatment on neurodevelopment: Risk and resilience factors*. School of Social Work Office of Continuing Education, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York.

**Fusco, R.A.** (2018, October). *Opioid use in pregnant and parenting women*. Interdisciplinary Opioid Epidemic Symposium, University of Georgia. Athens, GA.

**Fusco, R.A.** (2015, May). *Child maltreatment and child trauma: Understanding the role of early neurodevelopment*. Presented to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pittsburgh Conference on Child Maltreatment. Pittsburgh, PA.

**Fusco, R.A.** (2014, March). *Anticipating ethical challenges in qualitative research: Interviews and focus groups*. Presented to the Clinical & Translational Science Institute Responsible Conduct of Research Center, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

### **Courses Taught**

#### **University of Georgia:**

Family Therapy

PhD Research Practicum

Field instructor for MSW students placed at the School of Law's Wilbanks Child Endangerment and Sexual Exploitation (CEASE) Clinic

#### **University of Pittsburgh:**

Human Behavior in the Social Environment

Children and Families at Risk

Intimate Partner Violence

PhD Capstone

### **Dissertation and Thesis Committees**

#### **University of Georgia:**

Mariam Fatehi (Social Work; expected 2023)m,

Jay O'Shields (Social Work; expected 2023)

**University of Pittsburgh:**

Yan Yuan (Social Work; 2020)  
 Jessica Wojtalik (Social Work; 2019)  
 Heath Johnson (Social Work; 2018)  
 Heejung Jang (Social Work, 2018)  
 Yoo Jung Kim (Social Work; 2017)  
 Courtney Queen (Social Work; 2015)  
 Chereese Phillips (Social Work; 2015)  
 Cameron Needle (Social Work/Public Health; 2014)  
 Addie Weaver (Social Work; 2011)  
 Hanae Kanno (Social Work; 2010)  
 Elana Barkowitz (Public Health; 2010)  
 Christine Litschge (Social Work; 2009)

**Supervision of Doctoral Student Teaching****University of Georgia:**

Caroline Sharkey (2020-2021)  
 Luis Alvarez (2019-2020)

**University of Pittsburgh:**

Jessica Wojtalik (2017-2018)  
 Patricia M. Bamwine (2015-2016)  
 Amber Bahorik (2013-2014)  
 Samantha Teixeira (2012-2013)  
 Yoonmi Kim (2011-2012)  
 Eunhee Choi (2010)  
 Christine Litschge (2008-2009)

**Editorial Reviewer**

<i>Child &amp; Adolescent Social Work Journal</i> , Editorial Board	2014-present
<i>Journal of Applied Developmental Science</i> , Reviewer	2018-present
<i>Child Welfare</i> , Reviewer	2012-present
<i>Journal of Public Child Welfare</i> , Reviewer	2012-present
<i>Child Maltreatment</i> , Reviewer	2011-present
<i>Child &amp; Family Social Work</i> , Reviewer	2010-present
<i>Journal of Interpersonal Violence</i> , Reviewer	2009-present
<i>Journal of Family Violence</i> , Reviewer	2008-present
<i>Society for Social Work and Research</i> , Abstract reviewer	2008-present
<i>Council on Social Work Education</i> , Abstract reviewer	2008-present
<i>Society for Research in Child Development</i> , Abstract reviewer	2007-2015

**Books Reviewed**

Vaughn, M., DeLisi, M., & Matto, H. (2013). *Human behavior: A cell to society approach*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley

Dorr, C. (2014). *The case approach to clinical social work: Integrating theory and practice*. New York: Oxford.

### **Honors and Awards**

Society for Social Work and Research Fellow (2018)

Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study Fellow, Summer Data Institute, Columbia University (2015)

Chancellor's Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Pittsburgh (2015)

Longitudinal Studies of Child Abuse and Neglect (LONGSCAN) Fellow, Summer Research Institute, Cornell University (2010)

National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect Fellow, Summer Research Institute, Cornell University (2009)

Provost's Diversity Seminar Fellow, Office of the Provost, University of Pittsburgh (2008)

### **Grant Reviewer**

National Institute of Justice, Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women (2018-2021)

US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (2018-2021)

Administration for Children, Youth, and Families, Children's Bureau (2017, August). *Regional Partnership Grants to Increase the Well-Being of, and to Improve the Permanency Outcomes for, Children Affected by Substance Abuse.*

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (2016, February). *National Child Traumatic Stress Institute Infrastructure Grants.*

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (2016, January). *SSHRC Insight Grants (Canada).*

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (2015, July). *System of Care Expansion and Sustainability Cooperative Agreements.*

Administration for Children, Youth, and Families, Children's Bureau (2015, May). *Building the Evidence for Family Group Decision Making in Child Welfare.*

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (2015, April). *Cooperative Agreements for Expansion and Sustainability of Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances.*

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (2015, July). *System of Care Expansion and Sustainability Cooperative Agreements.*

Administration for Children, Youth, and Families, Children's Bureau (2014, August). *Quality Improvement Center for Research-Based Infant-Toddler Court.*

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (2014, July). *"Now is the Time" Healthy Transitions (HT): Improving Life Trajectories for Youth and Young Adults With, or at Risk For, Serious Mental Health Conditions.*

Administration for Children, Youth, and Families, Children's Bureau (2014, June). *Grants in Child Maltreatment Research Using Innovative Approaches.*

Administration for Children, Youth, and Families, Children's Bureau (2012, August). *Family Connection Grants: Combination Family-finding/Family Group Decision-making Projects.*

Administration for Children, Youth, and Families, Children's Bureau (2012, July). *Early Education Partnerships to Expand Protective Factors for Children with Child Welfare Involvement.*

Administration for Children, Youth, and Families, Children's Bureau (2008, August). *Supporting Evidence-based Home Visitation Programs to Prevent Child Maltreatment.* Washington, DC.

### **University and School of Social Work Service**

**MSW Educational Support Committee (Chair)**, University of Georgia (2021-2024)

**Graduate Council (elected position)**, University of Georgia (2021-2024)

**Faculty Search Committee (Chair)**, University of Georgia (2021-2022)

**Academic & Professional Performance Committee (Chair)**, University of Georgia (2019-2022)

**Faculty Personnel Committee**, University of Georgia (2019-2022)

**University Faculty Senate (elected position)**, University of Pittsburgh (2013-2017)  
**Faculty Executive Committee (elected position)**, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work (2010-2012)  
**BASW Program Committee**, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work (2010-2017)  
**Educational Policies Committee (elected position)**, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work (2009-2012)  
**Human Behavior in the Social Environment Sequence (Chair)**, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work (2008-2013)  
**Direct Practice Committee**, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work (2008-2018)  
**Center for Race and Social Problem's Research Advisory Panel on Youth, Families, and the Elderly (Chair)**, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work (2008-2010)  
**MSW Foundation Committee**, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work (2007-2018)  
**MSW Program Committee**, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work (2007-present)

### **Professional Service and Leadership**

**Violence Prevention Task Force**, Injury Prevention Research Center at Emory University (2020-present)  
**Maternal Substance Use Work Group**, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, (2019-present)  
**Advisor on Sleep in Foster Care**, Coram Children's Services, England, UK (2019)  
**Violence against Women and Children Cluster Chair**, Society for Social Work and Research (2017-2020)  
**Parent-Child Interaction Therapy International Continuing Education Task Force** (2013-2015)  
**Living Proof Podcast**, SUNY Buffalo School of Social Work. Title: *Developmental and mental health screening in child welfare: Implications for young children in rural settings*. Invited to be interviewed for educational series (April 2012).  
**Advisory Board**, Grace Ann Geibel Institute for Justice and Social Responsibility, Carlow University. Invited to participate on a board addressing dating violence among college students resulting in policy changes at a local university (2008-2009).  
**Advisory Committee**, Lydia's Place Feasibility Project. Invited to participate in a committee to provide recommendations about a transitional housing program for women immediately following incarceration (2009-2010).  
**Advisory Board Member**, Clinical Network on Children's Exposure to Domestic Violence. Invited to sit on board comprised of representatives of Philadelphia agencies serving children, with the goal of improving the city's response to children exposed to domestic violence (2006-2012).

### **Professional Memberships**

Council on Social Work Education (2007-present)  
Society for Social Work and Research (2003-present)  
Society for Research in Child Development (2003-present)  
National Association of Social Workers (1994-present)

### **Social Work Practice**

**Lead Therapist**, Kerr Youth and Family Center, Portland, OR (1998-2001)  
Served as the lead therapist at a residential treatment facility for adolescent girls with mental health concerns. Provided individual, group, and family therapy and worked as part of a multidisciplinary team.  
**Clinical Social Worker**, Austin State Hospital, Austin, TX (1997-1998)  
Provided case management and therapy to children, adolescents, and adults in an inpatient psychiatric hospital. Coordinated and facilitated discharge planning.  
**Children's Program Specialist**, Center for Battered Women, Austin, TX (1996-1997)

Developed a therapeutic program for children who had been exposed to intimate partner violence.  
Provided individual and family therapy and supervised a team of two employees and eight volunteers.  
**Social Worker**, Intensive Family Preservation Unit, Children's Protective Services, Austin, TX (1995-1996)  
Provided family preservation services, including case management, to families with substantiated cases of child abuse.  
**Social Work Intern**, Child Abuse Investigations Unit, Children's Protective Services, Austin, TX (1994-1995)  
**Social Work Intern**, Communities in Schools, Crockett High School, Austin, TX (1992-1993)