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EDUCATION

Postdoctoral Columbia University School of Social Work, 2020-2021

Scientist Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study

PhD Candidate Boston University School of Social Work, 2020 (expected)

Dissertation Title: Material Hardship, Public Assistance, and Child Wellbeing:

A Panel Data Study

First Reader: Daniel P. Miller, PhD

Committee Members: Thomas H. Byrne, PhD; Yoonsook Ha, PhD; Colleen Heflin, PhD

MSW University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, School of Social Work, 2012

Concentration: Children, Youth, and Family Services Awards: Graduate Woman Scholar Award, 2013

BA University of Notre Dame, 2011

Major: History

Honor's Thesis Title: The Ladder: Defining Lesbian Identity and Community in the

Homophile Movement Honors: Summa cum laude Awards: Phi Beta Kappa, 2011

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Published

Thomas, M.M.C., Mehta, A., Murphy, J., Childs, E., Sena, B.F., Dimitri, N., Dooley, D., Kane, J., Shen, A., Barros, E., Reid, M., & Bachman, S. (In press). Associations between public housing residency and health behaviors in a cross-sectional sample of Boston adults. *Housing Policy Debate*.

AbiNader, M., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, & Carolan, K. (In press). Talking (or not) about sexual violence: Newspaper coverage of the confirmation hearings of Justices Thomas and Kavanaugh. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

Miller, D.P., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, Nepomnyaschy, L., Waller, M., & Emory, A.D. (In press). Father involvement and socioeconomic disparities in child academic outcomes. *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

Ha, Y., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, Byrne, T.H., & Miller, D.P. (In press). Patterns of multiple instability among low-income families with children. *Social Service Review*.

Thomas, M.M.C., Miller, D.P., & Morrissey, T.W. (2019). Food insecurity and child health. *Pediatrics*, 144(4). https://doi.org/10.1542/peds.2019-0397

Paceley, M.S., Fish, J., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, & Goffnett, J. (2019). The impact of community size, community climate, and victimization on the physical and mental health of sexual and gender minority youth. *Youth & Society*. https://doi.org/10.1177/0044118X19856141

- Paceley, M.S., **Thomas, M.M.C.,** & Turner, G.W. (2019). Factors limiting SGM youth's involvement in nonmetropolitan SGM community organizations. *Journal of Gay & Lesbian Social Services*, 31(1), 1-18. https://doi.org/10.1080/10538720.2019.1567429
- Ha, Y., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, Narendorf, S.C., & Santa Maria, D. (2018). Correlates of shelter use among young adults experiencing homelessness. *Children and Youth Services Review, 94*, 477-484. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2018.08.015
- Paceley, M.S., **Thomas, M.M.C.,** Goffnett, J., Toole, J., & Pavicic, E. (2018). 'If rainbows were everywhere': Nonmetropolitan SGM youth identify factors that make communities supportive. *Journal of Community Practice*, *26*(4), 429-445. https://doi.org/10.1080/10705422.2018.1520773
- Lough, B.J. & **Thomas, M.M.C.** (2014). Building a community of young leaders: Experiential learning in Jewish social justice. *Journal of Experiential Education*, *37*(3), 248–264. https://doi.org/10.1177/1053825913498371

Under Review

Miller, D.P. & **Thomas, M.M.C.** (Revise & Resubmit). Policies to reduce food insecurity: An ethical imperative. *Physiology & Behavior*.

Dimitri, N., Childs, E., Doherty, J., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, Sena, B.F., Shen, A., Kane, J., Reid, M., & Bachman, S.A. (Under review). Exploring resident perspectives of the Boston Housing Authority non-smoking policy. *Preventing Chronic Disease*.

In progress (all analyses complete)

Thomas, M.M.C. (In preparation). The complexity of deprivation: Identifying longitudinal patterns of material hardship. *Social Problems*.

- Miller, D.P., Byrne, T.H., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, & Ha, Y. (In preparation). The relationship between public program participation and income instability among low-income families. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*.
- Miller, D.P., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, Emory, A.D., Nepomnyaschy, L. & Waller, M. (In preparation). The minimum wage and fathers' provision of child support: Findings from national data. *Social Service Review*.
- **Thomas, M.M.C.**, Byrne, T.H., & Ha, Y. (In preparation). District, school, and individual predictors of foster care students' academic proficiency.
- Byrne, T.H., Baggett, T.P., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, Bernson, D., Hood, M., Land, T., & Bharel, M. (In preparation). Assessing the relationship between patterns of homeless assistance service utilization and opioid overdose among families experiencing homelessness.
- **Thomas, M.M.C.**, Sena, B.F., Bilodeau, R., Dimitri, N., Childs, E., Shen, A., Barros, E., Kane, J. Reid, M., & Bachman, S.A. (In preparation). Individual, housing development, and neighborhood-level predictors of health behaviors among public housing residents: Assessing the impact of Boston REACH. *Environment and Behavior*.
- Miller, D.P., Byrne, T.H., & **Thomas, M.M.C.** (In preparation). Does the value of housing assistance impact health outcomes?

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Research Reports

Ha, Y., Byrne, T.B., & **Thomas, M.M.C.** (2017). Designing data driven directions for school success of students involved in child welfare proceedings. Boston: Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Supreme Judicial Court, Court Improvement Program.

Lough, B.J., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, & Asbill, M.A. (2013). International volunteering for development: A desk review of Forum members' grey literature. Ottawa: International Forum for Volunteering in Development.

Lough, B.J., Edralin, A., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, & Xiang, X. (2013). Evaluating AJWS international service programs. Urbana IL: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Lough, B.J., **Thomas, M.M.C.** (2012). Action for a just World: Evaluating Pursue, a project of American Jewish World Service & AVODAH, The Jewish Service Corps. Urbana IL: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Book Reviews

Thomas, M.M.C. (2019). [Review of the book *Social Poverty: Low-Income Parents and the Struggle for Family and Community Ties*, by S. Halpern-Meekin]. *Journal of Children and Poverty*. https://doi.org/10.1080/10796126.2019.1684188

Blog Posts

Public Health Post. (September 20, 2017). New Budget, Old Problems: Public Health Challenges in Illinois. https://www.publichealthpost.org/news/illinois-new-budget-old-problems

Public Health Post. (March 14, 2017). Paying for Public Art. https://www.publichealthpost.org/research/paying-for-public-art

Public Health Post. (March 6, 2017). Dignity in Language for Population Health. https://www.publichealthpost.org/databyte/dignity-language-population-health

Public Health Post. (March 3, 2017). Public Art as Public Health. https://www.publichealthpost.org/research/public-art-as-public-health

Public Health Post. (February 27, 2017). The School-to-Prison Pipeline. https://www.publichealthpost.org/databyte/school-prison-pipeline

Public Health Post. (February 22, 2017). Social Workers Connecting Complex Patients and PCPs. https://www.publichealthpost.org/research/social-workers-connecting-complex-patients-and-pcps

Public Health Post. (February 21, 2017). US Wealth Inequality. https://www.publichealthpost.org/databyte/us-wealth-inequality

Public Health Post. (February 9, 2017). Eating Disorder Treatment: Even When it Works, It's Hard to Access or Afford. https://www.publichealthpost.org/research/eating-disorder-treatment-hard-to-access-afford

Public Health Post. (February 6, 2017). It's Simple. Cleaner Air Means Healthier People. https://www.publichealthpost.org/databyte/simple-cleaner-air-means-healthier-people

Public Health Post. (January 25, 2017). The Poor are Getting A Lot Poorer. https://www.publichealthpost.org/databyte/poor-getting-alot-poorer

Public Health Post. (January 11, 2017). \$1 a Day to SNAP Hunger. https://www.publichealthpost.org/research/1-dollar-a-day-snap-hunger

Public Health Post. (January 6, 2017). The American Child Care Crisis. https://www.publichealthpost.org/research/american-child-care-crisis

Public Health Post. (January 3, 2017). Why Do Homeless Kids Miss School? https://www.publichealthpost.org/databyte/homeless-kids-miss-school

Public Health Post. (December 9, 2016). Should School Kids have Gum Breaks? https://www.publichealthpost.org/research/school-kids-gum-breaks

Public Health Post. (December 2, 2016). Public Health without a Budget: Budget Crisis in Illinois. https://www.publichealthpost.org/news/public-health-without-budget-budget-crisis-illinois

Public Health Post. (November 22, 2016). The Genderbread Person 3.0 https://www.publichealthpost.org/databyte/genderbread-person

Public Health Post. (October 29, 2016). Saving Lives by Raising Wages. https://www.publichealthpost.org/research/saving-lives-raising-wages

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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Awarded 2020	Doctoral Fellows Award (\$3,000), Society for Social Work and Research
2018-2019	Doctoral Student Research Communication Traineeship, Society for Social Work and Research
2018	Dissertation Grant (\$7,500), Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy
2018	Fragile Families Data Workshop Award, Columbia Population Research Center
2016-2017	Public Health Post Fellowship (\$10,000), Boston University School of Public Health
2015	Dean's Fellowship, Boston University School of Social Work
2014	Volunteer and Outreach Program Grant (\$4,500), Gamma Mu Foundation
2014	Community Events Grant (\$1,500), Acorn Equality Fund
2013-2014	Youth and Volunteers Program Grant (\$14,600), Champaign County Mental Health Board
2013-2014	Community Events Grant (\$2,000), Urbana Arts Grant Program
2013-2014	Youth Program Grant (\$1,200), Urbana Arts Grant Program
2013	Community Events Grant (\$1,500), Acorn Equality Fund
2012	Academic Achievement Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign School of Social Work

2012

Ron Moorman Child Welfare Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

School of Social Work

EXPERIENCE

Research

2017-present Graduate Research Assistant

Boston University School of Social Work

Fathers and Low-income Children's Academic and Behavioral Outcomes: The Role of

Social and Economic Policies

Daniel P. Miller, Ph.D. (PI), Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Ph.D. (Co-PI), Maureen Waller,

Ph.D. (Co-PI)

2018 Graduate Research Assistant

Boston University Center for Innovation in Social Work and Health

Boston REACH (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health): Partners in

Health and Housing (PHH)

Sara S. Bachman, Ph.D. (Local Evaluator)

2017-2018 Graduate Research Assistant

Boston University School of Social Work

Does the Value of Housing Assistance Impact Health Outcomes? Thomas Byrne, Ph.D. (PI), Daniel P. Miller, Ph.D. (Co-P.I.)

2015-2017 Graduate Research Assistant

Boston University School of Social Work

Designing Data Driven Directions for School Success of Students Involved in Child

Welfare Proceedings

Yoonsook Ha, Ph.D. (PI), Thomas Byrne, Ph.D. (Co-PI)

2012 Graduate Research Assistant

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, School of Social Work Evaluating the Impact of AJWS Service Programs on Participants Benjamin Lough, Ph.D. (PI), Amanda McBride, Ph.D. (Co-PI)

2011-2012 Interim Program Coordinator

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Women's Resources Center

First Year Campus Acquaintance Rape Education Program Outcome Evaluation

Patricia Morey, MSW

2010-2011 Undergraduate Original Research Honors Thesis Student

University of Notre Dame, Department of History

The Ladder: Defining Lesbian Identity and Community in the Homophile Movement

Margaret M.C. Thomas (PI), Gail Bederman, Ph.D. (chair)

2010 Undergraduate Original Empirical Research Capstone Student

University of Notre Dame, Education, Schooling, and Society Program Supporting Academic Success for Alternative High School Students

Margaret M.C. Thomas (PI), Stuart Greene (chair)

Teaching

Spring/2019 Instructor of Record

Social Welfare Policy II (WP 701)

Boston University School of Social Work

Fall/2018 Instructor of Record

Social Welfare Policy I (WP 700)

Boston University School of Social Work

Summer/2018 Section Facilitator

Social Welfare Policy II (WP 701)

Boston University School of Social Work - Online

Summer/2018 Section Facilitator

Social Welfare Policy I (WP 700)

Boston University School of Social Work - Online

Fall/2016 Teaching Assistant

Social Welfare Policy I (WP 700)

Boston University School of Social Work

Practice

Post-MSW

2014-2015 Site Supervisor, Foster Care and Intact Family Programs

Center for Youth and Family Solutions

Champaign, IL

2012-2014 Foster Care Supervisor

Center for Youth and Family Solutions

Champaign, IL

2012-2015 President/Vice President, Board of Directors

The UP Center of Champaign County

Urbana, IL

Pre-MSW

2012 Graduate Intern, LGBTQ Youth and Family Programs

The UP Center of Champaign County

Urbana, IL

2012 Interim Coordinator for Sexual Assault Prevention Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Women's Resources Center

Urbana, IL

2011 Case Manager, Youth, Family, and Community Outreach Program

Catholic Charities Diocese of Peoria

Champaign, IL

PRESENTATIONS

Juried Conference Presentations

Thomas, M.M.C. (2020). "The Complexity of Deprivation: Identifying Longitudinal Patterns of Material Hardship." Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC.

Miller, D.P., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, Emory, A.D., Nepomnyaschy, L. & Waller, M. (2020). "The Minimum Wage and Fathers' Provision of Child Support: Findings from National Data." Poster presentation, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC.

AbiNader, M., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, & Carolan, K. (2020). "Talking (or not) about Sexual Violence: Newspaper Coverage of Justices Thomas's and Kavanaugh's Confirmation Hearings." Poster presentation, National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence, Chicago, IL.

Thomas, M.M.C. (2020). "The Complexity of Deprivation: Identifying Data-Driven Groups and Longitudinal Patterns of Material Hardship." Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Thomas, M.M.C., Mehta, A., Murphy, J., Childs, E., Sena, B.F., Dimitri, N., Dooley, D., Kane, J., Shen, A., Barros, E., Reid, M., & Bachman, S. (2020). "Associations between Public Housing Residency and Health Behaviors in a Cross-Sectional Sample of Boston Adults." Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Miller, D.P., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, Emory, A.D., Nepomnyaschy, L. & Waller, M. (2020). "The Minimum Wage and Fathers' Provision of Child Support: Findings from National Data." Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Miller, D.P., Byrne, T.H., & **Thomas, M.M.C.** (2020). "Does the Value of Housing Assistance Impact Health Outcomes?" Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

AbiNader, M., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, & Carolan, K. (2020). "Talking (or not) about Sexual Violence: Newspaper Coverage of Justices Thomas's and Kavanaugh's Confirmation Hearings." Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Paceley, M.S., Fish, J., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, & Goffnett, J. (2020). "The Impact of Community Size, Community Climate, and Victimization on the Physical and Mental Health of Sexual and Gender Minority Youth." Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Gowdy, G., Hawkins, R., & **Thomas, M.M.C.** (2020). "Social Capital as a Means of Reducing Inequality for Adolescents." Roundtable presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Miller, D.P., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, Emory, A.D., Nepomnyaschy, L., & Waller, M. (2019). "The Minimum Wage and Fathers' Provision of Child Support: Findings from National Data." Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Denver, CO.

Miller, D.P., Byrne, T.H., & **Thomas, M.M.C.** (2019). "Does the Value of Housing Assistance Impact Health Outcomes?" Paper presentation, Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists, Washington, DC.

- Miller, D.P., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, Nepomnyaschy, L., Waller, M., & Emory, A.D. (2019). "Father Involvement and Socioeconomic Disparities in Child Academic Outcomes." Poster presentation, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Austin, TX.
- **Thomas, M.M.C.**, Miller, D.P., & Morrissey, T. (2019). "The Effects of Food Insecurity on Child Health: Updated Estimates from Nationally Representative Data." Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
- **Thomas, M.M.C.**, Ha, Y., Byrne, T., & Yao, M. (2019). "Stakeholder Perceptions of Barriers and Facilitators to Foster Care Students' School Success." Poster presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Miller, D.P., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, Nepomnyaschy, L., Waller, M., & Emory, A.D. (2019). "Father Involvement and Socioeconomic Disparities in Academic Outcomes for School-Aged Children." Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Miller, D.P., Byrne, T. H., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, & Ha, Y. (2019). "Relationship between Public Program Participation and Income Instability Among Low-Income Families." Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research. San Francisco, CA.
- Ha, Y., Byrne, T., & **Thomas, M.M.C.** (2019). "Predictors of School Outcomes Among Dually Involved Youth." Poster presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Miller, D.P., Byrne, T.H., & **Thomas, M.M.C.** (2018). "Does the Value of Housing Assistance Impact Health Outcomes?" Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC.
- Ha, Y., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, Byrne, T.H., & Miller, D.P. (2018). "The Impact of Public Transfer Programs on Income Instability Among Low-Income Families." Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC.
- Ha, Y., Byrne, T.H., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, & Miller, D. P. (2018). "Patterns of Multiple Instability among Low-income Families with Children." Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
- **Thomas, M.M.C.**, Byrne, T.H., & Ha, Y. (2018). "School District and Individual Predictors of Foster Care Students' Academic Proficiency." Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
- Paceley, M.S., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, Goffnett, J., Toole, J., & Pavicic, E. (2018). "What makes a community supportive: SGM youth's perceptions of community strengths." Poster presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, DC.
- Ha, Y., Byrne, T.H., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, & Miller, D.P. (2017). "Patterns of Multiple Instability among Low-income Families with Children." Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Chicago, IL. (Served as panel chair).
- Ha, Y., Miller, D.P., & **Thomas, M.M.C.** (2017). "Variation in State Child Care Subsidy Policies and Its Impacts on Subsidy Receipt and Child Care Arrangements." Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Chicago, IL.

Ha, Y., Byrne, T.H., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, & Miller, D.P. (2017). "Patterns of Multiple Instability among Low-income Families with Children." Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America Conference, Chicago, IL.

AbiNader, M.A., Carolan, K., Horn, J. P., & **Thomas, M.M.C.** (2017). "Grounding Research, Teaching, and Practice in Innovative Theories of Social Justice." Roundtable presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

Paceley, M.S. & **Thomas, M.M.C.** (2016). "Barriers and Facilitators to Utilization of LGBT Community Organizations among Nonmetropolitan LGBT Youth." Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Thomas, M.M.C. & Paceley, M.S. (2014). "Arts and Social Justice Advocacy as Social Work Practice with Gender and Sexual Minority Youth: Process Evaluation of a Youth Theater Program." Paper presentation, 10th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Champaign, IL

Invited Talks and Lectures

Miller, D.P. & **Thomas, M.M.C.** "Policies to Reduce Food Insecurity: An Ethical Imperative." The Ethics of Eating: Promoting Personal and Global Choices, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN.

Thomas, M.M.C. (2019). "The Complexity of Deprivation." Boston University School of Social Work Research Colloquium Series, Boston, MA

Nurius, P., Aparicio, E., Henly, J., Hooyman, N. & **Thomas, M.M.C.** (2019). "RCDC Roots & Wings Roundtable I: Roots Session Preparing Doctoral Students for Impactful Research through Qualifying/Comprehensive Examinations." Roundtable Presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.

Byrne, T.H., Ha, Y., Miller, D.P. Smith, M., **Thomas, M.M.C.,** & Yao, M. (2019). "Social Policy Analysis Working Group: Research Highlights." Boston University School of Social Work Research Colloquium Series, Boston, MA.

Bachman, S., Baughman, A., Byrne, T.B., Rajabiun, S. Sena, B.F., **Thomas, M.M.C.**, Wachman, M., Wilkinson, G. (2018). "Center for Innovation in Social Work and Health: Research Highlights." Boston University School of Social Work Research Colloquium Series, Boston, MA.

Ha, Y., Byrne, T.H., & **Thomas, M.M.C.** (2017). "School and Academic Outcomes of Children in Foster Care in Massachusetts." Boston University School of Social Work Research Colloquium Series, Boston, MA.

Community Trainings

Thomas, M.M.C. (2015). "Casework, Policy, and Procedure in Child Welfare." Champaign County Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children Training Series, Urbana, IL.

Thomas, M.M.C. (2014). "Casework, Policy, and Procedure in Child Welfare." Champaign County Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children Training Series, Urbana, IL.

Thomas, M.M.C. (2013). "Meeting the Needs of LGBTQ Youth Involved in the Child Welfare System." Center for Youth and Family Solutions Leadership Staff Development Meeting, Peoria, IL.

SERVICE

2017

Professional Service 2019-2020	Committee Member, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Doctoral Student Committee
2017-2019	Ad hoc Reviewer, Journal of Experiential Education
2016-2019	Student Organization Coordinator, Social Work Action Group, Boston University School of Social Work
2017	Mentored Reviewer, Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Pediatrics
TRAININGS	
2019	Fellow, MIT Impact Program
2018-2019	Research Communication Trainee, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)
2018	Fragile Families Data Workshop Trainee, Columbia Population Research Center
2016-2017	Public Health Post Fellow, Boston University School of Public Health

Teaching Seminar Student (doctoral-level, full-semester course), Boston University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Population Association of America (PAA) Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)

School of Social Work