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## Research Program The core mission of my research is to provide robust, feasible evidence to prevent child maltreatment and early health and well-being disparities, and to understand the consequences thereof.

# Education

Ph.D. Candidate 2015-2019 *(expected)* **Columbia University School of Social Work**

Social Work (Social Policy)

Concentration: Economics

Dissertation: Three Essays on Early Child Maltreatment Prevention

Committee: Jane Waldfogel, Heidi Allen, Andrew Gelman, Theodore Joyce, and Julien Teitler

### M.Phil. 2018 Columbia University

Social Work

### M.P.A. 2012-2014 Cornell University

Concentration: Social Policy and Public Policy

B.A. 2003-2007 **University of Colorado at Boulder**

Major: International and Public Affairs

**Peer-Reviewed Publications**

**Pac, Jessica.** (2017) “[The Effect of Monthly Stipend on the Placement Instability of Youth in Out-Of-Home Care](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2016.10.019)” *Children and Youth Services Review*, 72, 111-123

**Pac, Jessica**, Waldfogel, Jane, and Wimer, Christopher. (2017) “[Poverty among Foster Children: Estimates Using the Supplemental Poverty Measure](https://doi.org/10.1086/691148)” *Social Service Review****,*** 91(1), 8-40

# Pac, Jessica, Nam, Jae Hyun, Waldfogel, Jane, and Wimer, Christopher. (2017) “[Young Child Poverty in the United States: Analyzing Trends in Poverty and the Role of Anti-Poverty Programs Using the Supplemental Poverty Measure](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2017.01.022)” Children and Youth Services Review, 74, 35-49

**Under Review**

Nolan, Laura, Wimer, Christopher, Nam, Jae Hyun, Garfinkel, Irwin, Kaushal, Neeraj, **Pac, Jessica,** and Waldfogel, Jane. “Reducing Poverty among Children: Evidence from State Policy Simulations”

# Working Papers

**Pac, Jessica. “**May I Stay? Foster Care Maintenance Payments and the Supply of Foster and Kinship Caregivers”

Bartel, Ann, **Pac, Jessica,** Ruhm, Christopher, and Waldfogel, Jane. “Understanding the Effects of California’s Paid Family Leave Law on Breastfeeding”

**Pac, Jessica.** “The Effect of Medicaid on Child Maltreatment: Evidence from Early Expansions in California*”*

Pac, Gregory, and **Pac, Jessica.** “Reducing Young Adult Smoking: Evidence from New York State”

**Pac, Jessica.** “Iodine Deficiency and Human Capital: Shifting the Curve?”

**Work in Progress**

**Pac, Jessica**, Dragan, Kacie, Glied, Sherry, and Waldfogel, Jane. “Early Identification of Child Maltreatment using Machine Learning: A Medicaid Claims Application”

**Pac, Jessica. “**May I Stay? Foster Care Maintenance Payments and the Supply of Foster and Kinship Caregivers”

**Policy Reports**

Nolan, Laura, **Pac, Jessica,** Wimer, Christopher, Nam, Jae Hyun, Garfinkel, Irwin, Kaushal, Neeraj, and Waldfogel, Jane. “[Poverty in the 50 States: Long-Term Trends and the Role of Social Policies](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5743308460b5e922a25a6dc7/t/58f7a5f6bebafb187b283bdc/1492624888361/Poverty+in+the+50+States_april2017.pdf)*” Center on Poverty and Social Policy, Columbia University, September 20, 2016*

Laird, Jennifer, **Pac, Jessica**, and Wimer, Christopher. “[Dimming the Lights: Eliminating Energy Assistance Would Move 200,000 People Into Poverty Hurting the Rural Poor the Most](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5743308460b5e922a25a6dc7/t/5911c88c15d5dbec634f5b86/1494337679231/Poverty+and+Social+Policy+Brief_1_1.pdf)” *Center on Poverty and Social Policy, Columbia University, 1(1), May 4, 2017*

Laird, Jennifer, Hartley, Robert Paul, **Pac, Jessica,** Wimer, Christopher, and Waldfogel, Jane. “[Taking Food off the Table: Understanding Who Would be Affected by Potential SNAP Cuts and How](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5743308460b5e922a25a6dc7/t/5a68c6f5085229e2db88cfe3/1516816120287/Poverty+and+Social+Policy+Brief_2_1.pdf)” *Center on Poverty and Social Policy, Columbia University, 2(1), January 22, 2018*

**Grants, Honors, and Fellowships**

# Awarded

Doctoral Dissertation award, Institute for Research on Poverty, 2018/2019 ($20,000)

Doctoral Fellowship, Columbia University School of Social Work, 2015-2019 ($20,000 / year)

Doctoral Summer Funding, Columbia University School of Social Work, 2015-2019 ($6,000 / year)

Columbia Population Research Center travel grant, 2018 ($1,000)

SIPP Users Workshop grant, 2017 ($1,000)

Cornell University merit-based CIPA fellowship, 2012-2014 ($30,000 / year)

# Under Preparation

“Early Identification of Child Maltreatment using Machine Learning: A Medicaid Claims Application” Co-PI with Dr. Jane Waldfogel and Dr. Sherry Glied ($50,000, declined by William T. Grant, submitted to Help for Children 1/28/2019)

# Experience

# Research

2016-Present Research Assistant to Dr. Jane Waldfogel / Paid Family Leave research group, Columbia University

##### 2015-Present Research Assistant to Dr. Jane Waldfogel / Columbia Population Research Center and Center on Poverty and Social Policy research group, Columbia University

2013-2014 Research Assistant to Dr. Rosemary Avery / Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University

# Practice

2009-2015 Founder and Consultant

Pac Consulting, child welfare and marketing consulting, Ithaca, NY

2007-2009 Marketing and Recruitment Specialist

Boulder County Department of Housing and Human Services, Boulder, CO

2004-2005 Program Coordinator

Samaritan House Homeless Shelter, Denver, CO

***Community and University* *Service***

2015-Present Volunteer grant writer

Family Annex and Corpus Christi School, New York, NY

2015-Present Student mentor, Columbia University School of Social Work

2015-2016 Student Representative, Curriculum Committee. Columbia University School of Social Work

2008–2009 Founding Board Member and volunteer

Guardian Scholars, scholarship for former foster youth, Boulder, CO

2008-2009 Board Member and volunteer

Carriage House Community Table, homeless shelter and resource center, Boulder, CO

**Invited Presentations**

# 2019 “The Effect of Medicaid on Child Maltreatment: Evidence from Early Expansions in California,” University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Social Work

2018 “Social Policy Solutions for Child Maltreatment Prevention,” Indiana University-Bloomington SPEA

**Peer-Reviewed Presentations**

# Pac, Jessica “The Effect of Medicaid on Child Maltreatment: Evidence from Early Expansions in California”

2019 Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA

# 2018 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, D.C.

Bartel, Ann, **Pac, Jessica,** Ruhm, Christopher, and Waldfogel, Jane. “Understanding the Effects of California’s Paid Family Leave Law on Infant and Child Health”

2018 Work Family Researchers Network Conference, Washington D.C.

2018 Population Association of America, Denver, CO

# 2017 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Chicago, IL

**Pac, Jessica**. “The Effect of Monthly Stipend on the Placement Instability of Youth in Out-Of-Home Care”

2015Economic Causes and Consequences of Child Maltreatment, Children and Youth Services Review Special Issue Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Institute on Poverty

**Affiliations**

2016-Present U.S. Census Bureau Special Sworn Status Researcher

2015-Present Center on Poverty and Social Policy at Columbia University Fellow

2015-Present Columbia Population Research Center Fellow

2012-2014 Cornell Population Research Center Fellow

*Member*  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Society for Social Work and Research, American Society of Health Economists, American Economic Association, and Population Association of America