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Education

- (Exp. 2025) Ph.D. Sociology, University of Oklahoma
- 2022 M.A. Economics, University of Oklahoma
- 2017 M.S. Applied Economics, Florida State University
- 2016 B.S. Management, Minors in Math and Economics, Florida State University

Areas of Interest

Child Abuse & Neglect, Childhood, Mixed Methods, Quantitative Methods, Income Inequality

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Forth.* Maher, Erin; **Ferraro, A. C.**, and Wang, Dan. Subgroups of Risk and Adversity for Families Investigated for Child Maltreatment by Poverty Status. Accepted at *Sociological Perspectives*.
- 2025 **Ferraro, A. C.**; Young, Abby; Bernal, Briceira; Vo, Tiffanie; and Schleifer, Cyrus. The Hispanic Intersectional Pay Gap in the US: Measuring the Intra- and Inter-Ethnoracial and Gender Income Differences by Hispanic Group. *Sociological Forum*.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/socf.13046>
- 2024 Connelly, Sarah; **Ferraro, A. C.**; and Lepper-Pappan, Heather. Service Referral Decisions for Children Involved in the Child Welfare System: Modeling the Decision-Making Ecology Framework Using Latent Profile Analysis. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15548732.2024.2400282>
- 2024 **Ferraro, A. C.** and Maher, Erin J. Children Picturing Their Own Worlds: Using Photovoice to Amplify Children's Voice in Sociological Research. *British Journal of Sociology*.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-4446.13130>
- 2024 Maher, Erin J.; Stoner, Susan A.; Gerlinger, Julie; **Ferraro, A. C.**; and Lepper-Pappan, Heather. Study Protocol for a Randomized Controlled Trial of the Parent Child Assistance Program: A Case Management and Home Visiting Program for People Using Substances During Pregnancy. *Trials*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13063-024-08098-6>
- 2023 Leverso, John; **Ferraro, A. C.**; Fernandes, April, and Herting, Jerald R. Life Course Trajectories of Offending and Mental Health Among Justice Involved Youth. *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40865-023-00226-1>

- 2022 **Ferraro, A. C.**; Maher, Erin J; and Grinnell-Davis, Claudette. Family Ties: A Quasi-Experimental Approach to Estimate the Impact of Kinship Care on Child Well-Being. *Children and Youth Services Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chidyouth.2022.106472>

Manuscripts Under Review

Lepper-Pappan, Heather; **Ferraro, A. C.**; and Maher, Erin J. Supporting the Future: Future Expectations for Queer Youth in Child Welfare and How Social Support Shapes Them. Under review at *Child and Family Social Work*

Lepper-Pappan, Heather; **Ferraro, A. C.**; and Maher, Erin J. Social Support and Future Expectations Among Queer Youth in Child Welfare (Practice Perspective) Under review at *Child Protection and Practice*

Manuscripts In Progress (Drafts Available)

Ferraro, A. C. and Schleifer, Cyrus. Is It the Work or the Worker? Individual and Occupational Effects of Teleworking on Income Inequality.

Bard, David; Maher, Erin J.; Hecht, Debra; Peters, Andrew; **Ferraro, A. C.**; et al. The Effectiveness of Intensive Safety Services in Oklahoma. Targeting *Child Maltreatment*.

Maher, Erin J.; **Ferraro, A. C.**; and Bard, David. Cost Analysis of Intensive Safety Services: A State-Wide Title IV-E Waiver Program. Targeting *Children and Youth Services Review*.

Young, Abby; **Ferraro, A. C.**; Bernal, Briceira; Santillan, Karen; and Schleifer, Cyrus. “The Marriage and Parenthood Pay Gap among Hispanic Workers” (Results available)

Ferraro, A. C.; Lepper-Pappan, Heather; and Connelly, Sarah. Estimating the Effects of Placement Changes on Internalizing and Externalizing Symptoms.

Ferraro, A. C. With Our Own Eyes: Future Expectations among Teens in Group Homes.

Ferraro, A. C. Examining Future Orientations of Youth Involved in the Child Welfare System.

Ferraro, A. C. and Wang, Dan. Counting on Peers: How Peer Relationships Mediate the Effects of Child Maltreatment on Behavioral Issues.

Reports and Other Publications

2023 Maher, Erin J.; Connelly, Sarah; and **Ferraro, A. C.** Do Extracurricular Activities Help Youth? *Fostering Families Today*.

2023 Connelly, Sarah; **Ferraro, A. C.**; and Lepper-Pappan, Heather. *Evaluation of Alrt! Curriculum*

2020 Bard, David E.; Maher, Erin J.; Hecht, Debra; Peters, Andrew; Beasley, William H.; Beasley, Lana O.; **Ferraro, Amanda**; Aston, Christopher E.; Marshall, Geneva; and Rosen, Adon. *Phase II ISS Evaluation: Year 1 Evaluation Report, October 2019 – September 2020*

2020 Bard, David E.; Maher, Erin J.; Hecht, Debra; Beasley, William H.; Beasley, Lana O.; Hunter, Michael; Aston, Christopher E.; Peters, Andrew; Thompson, Yutian; Marshall,

Geneva; Bohora, Som; Shahid, Maleeha; **Ferraro, Amanda**; and Rosen, Adon. *The Oklahoma Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project: 2015 – 2019. Final evaluation report.*

- 2019 Bard, David E.; Maher, Erin J.; Beasley, William H.; Beasley, Lana O.; Peters, Andrew; Aston, Christopher E.; Thompson, Yutian; Marshall, Geneva; Rosen, Adon; and **Ferraro, Amanda**. *The Oklahoma Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project: 2015 – 2019. Semi-annual evaluation report.*

Funding

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| 2023-2024 | Nancy L. Mergler Dissertation Completion Fellowship (approx. \$30,000), Graduate College, University of Oklahoma. |
| 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 | Graduate Student Senate Conference Grant (\$2,476.44), University of Oklahoma. |
| 2024, 2023, 2022 | Robberson Travel Grant (\$3,000), University of Oklahoma. |
| 2024, 2023 | College of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant (\$1,500), University of Oklahoma. |
| 2023, 2022 | Grasmick-Riddle Summer Research Fellowship (\$4,500), University of Oklahoma. |
| 2023, 2021, 2020 | Graduate Student Senate Research Grant (\$1,220), University of Oklahoma. |
| 2023, 2022 | Lee Student Support Conference Travel Award (\$717.26), The Society for the Study of Social Problems |
| 2022 | Data Institute for Societal Challenges (DISC) Graduate Student Seed Funding (\$2,490), University of Oklahoma. |
| 2017-2019 | OU Foundation and Alumni Graduate Fellowship (\$12,000), University of Oklahoma |

Awards

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| 2024 | <i>Family Division Student Paper Competition Honorable Mention</i> , The Society for the Study of Social Problems |
| 2024 | <i>Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition Finalist</i> , University of Oklahoma. |
| 2023 | <i>Outstanding PhD Student of the Year</i> , Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma. |

Conference Presentations

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| 2025 | Ferraro, A. C. “Examining Future Orientations of Youth Involved in the Child Welfare System” <i>Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)</i> , Chicago, IL. (Accepted) |
| 2025 | Ferraro, A. C. “Future Expectations of Youth in Child Welfare and in Group Homes” <i>American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) Annual Colloquium</i> , New Orleans, LA. (Accepted) |
| 2024 | Ferraro, A. C.; and Wang, Dan. “Counting on Peers: How Peer Relationships Mediate the Effects of Child Maltreatment on Behavioral Issues” <i>National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)</i> , Bellevue, WA. |
| 2024 | Ferraro, A. C.; Young, Abby; Bernal, Briceira; Vo, Tiffanie, and Schleifer, Cyrus. “The Hispanic Intersectional Pay: Measuring the Intra- and Inter-Ethnoracial and Gender Income Differences by Hispanic Groups” <i>Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA)</i> , Montreal, QC. |

- 2024 Ferraro, A. C. “With Our Own Eyes: Future Expectations among Teens in Oklahoma Group Homes” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA)*, Montreal, QC.
- 2024 Ferraro, A. C. “Estimating the Effects of Additional Placements on Internalizing Symptoms Using Quasi-Experimental Design” *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)*, Montreal, QC.
- 2024 Ferraro, A. C. “Using Photography as a Creative Research Tool with Children and Families” *American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) Annual Colloquium*, New Orleans, LA.
- 2023 Ferraro, Rin; Maher, Erin J.; and Wang, Dan. “Adverse Childhood Experiences Across Poverty Statuses: A Latent Class Analysis” *National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)*, Orlando, FL.
- 2023 Ferraro, Rin and Schleifer, Cyrus. “Shifting the Double Shift: Income Differences among Teleworking and the Motherhood Penalty and Fatherhood Premium” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA)*, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 Ferraro, Rin. “Does it Run in the Family? How Future Expectations Differ by Intergenerational Trauma” *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)*, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 Ferraro, Rin. “The Effect of Child Welfare Involvement on Youth’s Expectations for Their Futures using Photovoice” *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)*, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2022 Ferraro, Rin; Liverso, John; Fernandes, April, and Herting, Jerald R. “Life Course Trajectories of Offending and Mental Health Among Justice Involved Youth” *Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC)*, Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 Ferraro, Amanda C. “The Impact of Child Support Payments on Educational Trajectories” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA)*, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 Ferraro, Amanda C. “Risk Factors of Subsequent CPS Reports” *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)*, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2021 Ferraro, Amanda C. “Structurally Sound? The Impact of Family Structures on the Effectiveness of Family Preservation Services Using the NSCAW II” *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)*, Virtual.
- 2021 Ferraro, Amanda C. “Family Preservation Services for Families With Substance-Related Investigations” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA)*, Virtual.
- 2021 Vo, Tiffanie and Ferraro, Amanda C. “Affirmative Action and Income Inequality: Exploring Differences Across Racial and Ethnic Minority Workers in the US” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA)*, Virtual.
- 2020 Ferraro, Amanda C., “Child Well-Being and Out-Of-Home Care: A Propensity Score Analysis” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA)*, San Francisco, CA. (Virtual Presentation)
- 2020 Ferraro, Amanda C., “It’s Toxic Shock, Not Tampon Shock: Gendered Perceptions of Toxic Shock Syndrome among Health Care Professionals” *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)*, San Francisco, CA. (Paper accepted, canceled due to Covid-19)

Graduate Certificates

- 2023 Applied Research and Program Evaluation, Department of Sociology, OU
- 2021 Interdisciplinary Training Program on Child Abuse and Neglect, Department of Pediatrics, OU Health Sciences Center

Professional Experience

Research Assistantships

- 2022-2023 Parent-Child Assistance Program, Department of Sociology, OU
- 2019-2023 Intensive Safety Services, Department of Pediatrics, OU Health Sciences Center

Teaching Experience

Methods of Social Research – *Instructor*
Introduction to Sociology – *Instructor*
Advanced Regression Analysis (graduate course) – *Co-Instructor*
Seminar in Macroeconomics II (graduate course) – *Teaching Assistant*
Intermediate Macroeconomics – *Teaching Assistant*
Money & Banking – *Teaching Assistant*
Principles of Microeconomics – *Teaching Assistant*

Invited Presentations and Guest Lectures

- 2025 Topic: “Adverse Childhood Experiences,” Course: *Social Problems* (Emily Bonner), University of Oklahoma
- 2024 Topic: “Using Photography with Families and Children,” Together We Can Conference, Lafayette, Louisiana.
- 2024 Topic: “Cultural Relevance in Evaluation Methods,” Course: *Program Evaluation* (Dr. Sarah Connelly), University of Oklahoma
- 2024 Topic: “Income Inequality,” Course: *Introduction to Sociology* (Lauren Fishel), University of Oklahoma
- 2024 Topic: “Using Photography to Study Teen’s Future Expectations in Group Homes,” SAGE Publications Video Series
- 2024 Topic: “Confidence Intervals,” Course: *Social Statistics* (Elizabeth McElroy), University of Oklahoma
- 2023 Topic: “Mixed Methods,” Course: *Methods of Social Research* (Dr. Dan Wang), University of Oklahoma

Association Membership

American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children
American Sociological Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems

- Elections Committee Chair 2024-2025
- Family Division Co-Chair 2021-2023

- Family Division Newsletter Editor 2020-2022
National Council on Family Relations

Service and Leadership

Departmental

- 2023-2024 Dialogues of Contemporary Sociology, President
2020-2023 Dialogues of Contemporary Sociology, Treasurer
2021-2022 Child Well-being and Health Faculty Search Committee, Student Representative

University

- 2024-Pres. University Libraries Committee, Student Representative
2021-Pres. Graduate Student Senate, Vice Chair
2022-2024 Academic Programs Council, Student Representative
2021-2024 Faculty Senate, Graduate Student Representative
2021-2024 Information Technology Council, Student Representative
2022 Office of the Provost's GTA Award Selection Committee, Member
2019-2021 Graduate Student Senate, Secretary
2021 Graduate College Strategic Plan Steering Committee, Member

Manuscript Reviewer for

- Child Protection and Practice (1)
Journal of Family and Economic Issues (4)

References

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