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EDUCATION

- 2016- PhD Candidate, Joint Program in Sociology and Social Work
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Dissertation: *Logics of Caregiving in the Delegated Welfare State*
Co-Chairs: Rachel Kahn Best & Terri Friedline
Members: Karin Martin, Sandra Levitsky, and Sandra Danzinger
- 2013 AM, School of Social Service Administration
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Poverty and Inequality Program of Study
- 2004 BA, Sociology, Minor in Economics, *cum laude*
Simmons College, Boston, MA
- 2003 University of West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica
Gender & Development Program, School of International Training

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles

Taing, Valerie. 2023. "From Rights Claims to Quality Frames in US Child Care Advocacy." *The Sociological Quarterly* 1–19, doi: [10.1080/00380253.2023.2198574](https://doi.org/10.1080/00380253.2023.2198574).

Despard, Mathieu R., **Valerie Taing**, Addie Weaver, Stephen Roll, and Michal Grinstein-Weiss. 2022. "Material Hardship among Lower-Income Households: The Role of Liquid Assets and Place." *Journal of Poverty* 26(5):361–84. doi: [10.1080/10875549.2021.1925801](https://doi.org/10.1080/10875549.2021.1925801).

Book Chapters

Taing, Valerie. 2023. "Rethinking Concepts of Care and Labor as an Intersectional Politics of Redistribution." Pp. 608–13 in *The Routledge Companion to Intersectionalities*, edited by S. Pinto and J. C. Nash. New York, NY: Routledge.

UNDER REVIEW & IN PROGRESS

Taing, Valerie. "Professionalizing Grandma: Ambiguous Roles in the Indirect Welfare State." *American Sociological Review*. Revise and resubmit.

Despard, Mat, Weaver, Addie, **Taing, Valerie**. “Holes in the Nonprofit Safety Net? Rural-Urban and Regional Disparities.”

OTHER WORKS

Taing, Valerie. 2014. “TANF Child Only Policy: Improving Access and Enrollment in Illinois.” *Advocates’ Forum, University of Chicago Student Journal*. 2014: 39–46.

Taing, Valerie. 2013. *Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers: Links between recent policy changes and local implementation*. Chapin Hall Policy White Paper.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

Fellowships

2022 – 2023 Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan

2017 – 2021 Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Research Scholars Program

Grants & Awards

2023 West Coast Poverty Center, University of Washington

2023 Rackham Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan

2023 John and Penny Tropman Conference Travel Grant

2023 Department of Sociology, Dissertation Research Grant

2021 – 2022 Kellogg Fellowship, University of Michigan

2020 Henry J. Meyer Paper Award, University of Michigan

2020 Riecker Fellowship, Center for the Education of Women

2020 Clara P. Davis and Larry E. Davis Scholarship, University of Michigan

2019 Rackham Candidate Research Grant, University of Michigan

2018 Rackham Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan

2018 School of Social Work Dean’s Fund for Conference Travel

2017 – 2018 Rackham Precandidate Research Grant, University of Michigan

2017 – 2018 Poverty Solutions Doctoral Research Grant, University of Michigan

2017 – 2018 Department of Sociology Small Research Grant, University of Michigan

2017 ARNOVA Diversity Scholarship

2017 – 2018 Margaret Dow Towsley Scholar, Center for the Education of Women

2015 – 2016 Program to Advance Quality Services

University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration

2012 – 2013 Marquis E. Wallace Scholarship

University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration

2004 Distinguished Student Award, Sociology Department, Simmons College

RESEARCH & TEACHING

2021 Graduate Student Instructor, *Sociology 100: Introduction to Sociology*

2019 - Research Assistant, University of Michigan, Karin Martin, PI

Project: *Inequality & Child Care*

2019 Graduate Student Instructor, *Sociology 102: Social Inequalities and the World of Work*

2018 - Research Assistant, University of Michigan, Sandra Levitsky, PI

Project: *Legitimizing State Expansion: The case of universal preschool*

RESEARCH & TEACHING CONTINUED

- 2018 - 2019 Doctoral Student PI, University of Michigan, Addie Weaver, Faculty Advisor
 Project: *State Child Care Typologies: How are states pursuing the goals of child development and parental work support?*
- 2017 - 2018 Research Assistant, University of Michigan, Mat Despard & Addie Weaver, Co-PIs
- 2012 - 2013 Research Assistant, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

PRESENTATIONS

Professionalizing Grandma: Ambiguous Roles in the Indirect Welfare State.

- American Sociological Association. Families, the State, and Social Policy Panel, Families Section. Philadelphia, PA, August 2023.
- Third Annual Global Carework Summit, University of Costa Rica, San Jose, June 2023.
- Paid Work & Caregiving Panel. Moving the Field Forward: Understanding Latinx Populations in Communities with Low-Income. Institute for Research on Poverty, University Wisconsin, Child Trends, and Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, Washington, DC, May 2023.
- Sarah Quinn Advising Workgroup, University of Washington, Department of Sociology, December 2022.

“Professionalizing grandma”: Caregiver responses to the state’s effort to improve child care “quality.”

- American Sociological Association. Children and the State Panel, Children and Youth Section. Los Angeles, CA, August 2022.
- Social Movements Workshop, Department of Sociology, February 2022.

From Rights Claims to Quality Frames in US Child Care Advocacy.

- Henry J. Meyer Paper Award Presentation, University of Michigan School of Social Work, May 2021.

“Holes in the Nonprofit Safety Net? Rural-Urban and Regional Disparities.” Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA, January 2019.

“Protecting the boundaries of professional care: The case of the Center for the Child Care Workforce (1994-1996).” Social Movements Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, 2018.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2023 Researcher, Voices of Tomorrow, Seattle, WA
- 2021 Reviewer, Children & Youth Services Review
- 2017 – 2018 Faculty Recruitment Representative, University of Michigan, Department of Sociology
- 2017 – 2018 Steward, School of Social Work, Graduate Employees’ Organization, AFT Michigan 3550, AFL-CIO
- 2016 – 2018 Secretary, Doctoral Student Organization, University of Michigan, School of Social Work

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Sociological Association

Member, Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Associations (ARNOVA)

Board member, Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC), Washington, DC (2011-2014)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013 – 2016 Manager, Strategy Implementation, Illinois Action for Children, Chicago, IL

2009 – 2013 Project Director, Institute for Community Peace, Washington, DC/Chicago, IL

2007 – 2009 National Coordinator, Right to the City Alliance, New York City, NY

2005 – 2007 Communications & Policy Research Associate, Health Care for All, Boston, MA