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### **Education**

University of Georgia, School of Social Work PhD Candidate Tri Alpha Honors Society	Anticipated Graduation Date 2025
University of Georgia, School of Social Work Master of Clinical Social Work ( <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> )	2016
Georgia State University, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Bachelor of Social Work ( <i>Suma Cum Laude</i> )	2015
Georgia Perimeter College Associate of Science (Phi Alpha Honors Society)	2013

### **Research Interests**

Immigration related family separation, adverse childhood events, child welfare, theory development, and trauma and trauma informed interventions, policy analysis

### **Publications**

Boyas, J. F., **Woodiwiss, J. L.**, & Nahar, V. K. (2021). Examining intentions to engage in sun protective behaviors among Latino day laborers: An application of the theory of planned behavior. *Health promotion perspectives*, 11(3), 351–359.

Boyas, J. F., McCoy, L. M., **Woodiwiss, J. L.**, & Adams, J. E. (2022). Applying the Stress Process Theory to Assess Correlates of Suicide Ideation-to-Action Among Persons on Parole in the United States. *Community mental health journal*, 1–16. Advance online publication.

**Woodiwiss J.L.**, foreword to: *DNA Family Reunification Project: Pro Busqueda's History of Reuniting Families*, by UC Berkeley School of Law Human Rights Center and Asociación Pro-Búsqueda de Niñas y Niños Desaparecidos. (2022).

Boyas, J., Moore, D., Duran, M., Fuentes, J. **Woodiwiss, J.L.**, Cirino, A. Exploring the health of child protection workers: A Call to Action. *Health Promotion Perspectives*, 12 (4), 381-390.

Javier Boyas; Pamela Valera; Leah McCoy; **Woodiwiss, J.L.** (2023). Residential mobility and suicidal ideation among persons on parole. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 306624X231159894. Advance online publication.

*In-Press*

**Woodiwiss, J.L.**, Graves, B., Pless, J, Dodd, K. & Afroz, F. (2023) Conquering Chaos: Critical Reflections of Beginning doctoral Education in 2020. Reflections; Narratives of Professional Helping.

*Under-Review*

Pless, J., Dodd, K., Graves, B., Afroz, F., **Woodiwiss, J.L.**, “I Just Be Chillin”: CBD Use & Anxiety Among College Students (JACH-2022-05-0362)

*In progress*

**Woodiwiss, J.** Boyas, J.F., Briggs, H. Mental Health Outcomes of Latin American Children by Parent Nativity Status Using the Theory of Acculturative Stress.

**Woodiwiss, J.** Childs, E., Boyas, J. The Impacts of Family Separation on Latin American Immigrant Children; A Scoping Review

**Woodiwiss, J.**, Boyas, J. Immigration Insights; Experiences of Families Impacted by the Detention and Deportation of Loved Ones.

**Research Experience**

**Carl Vincent Institute of Government**                      **Athens, GA**                      2021-current

*Research Assistant*

- Conduct and prepare a literature review and trend analysis examining racial and gender disparities of students receiving Associate’s and post-secondary degrees across the nation and among University of Georgia institutions.
- Provide facilitation and data analytic support in the development of a 5-year strategic plan for the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL), and GA Department of Administrative Services Workforce Projects
- Conduct and present Child Safety Assessment with state agencies and administer ongoing support to the CVIOG facilitation team of the Georgia’s Children’s Cabinet

**University of Georgia School of Social Work**                      **Athens, GA**                      2020- 2022

*Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Javier Boyas*

- Work with faculty supervisor on manuscripts regarding populations including Latino Day Laborers, Child Welfare Social Workers, and Parolees
- Network with organizations providing social services to identify potential research partners.
- Prepare manuscripts for publication in accordance to journal specifications.
- Generate new research projects and secure co-author collaboration.

**Qualitative Data Analyst**  
*Independent Contract*

**Athens, GA**

2020-2021

- Analyzed 433 Reddit discussion threads and comments posted to subreddit community devoted to civil discussions about all facets of sexuality and sexual relationships.
- Completion of data analysis using ATLAS.ti.

**University of Georgia School of Social Work**  
*Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Harold Briggs*

**Athens, GA**

2015-2016

- Completed qualitative data analysis on two large data sets that contained over 360 scholarly peer-reviewed journal articles.
- Conducted content analysis on over 200 journal articles in order to categorize and identify major areas of research interests.
- Developed tracking tool to identify content analysis outcomes and qualitative data calculations needed for multiple research studies.

**Georgia State University**

**Atlanta, GA**

2015-2015

*Directed Independent Study with Dr. Terri Lewinson and Dr. Karen Watkins*

- Participated in Summer internship with the School of Economics at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies and Completed manuscript "Identifying Role Strain and Role Reciprocity Among Older Adults Living in Extended Stay Hotels."
- Completed secondary data analysis and Presented findings at Georgia State Spring Undergraduate Research Conference identifying the link between infant adoption and immigration for Latin American countries in "An Exploration of the Border Crisis and Adoptions from Latin American Countries."

## **Professional Experience**

**Child Welfare League of America**  
*Consultant*

2022-Current

Content creation for the development of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Research Agenda. Update site content based on relevant research studies that fill identified research gaps in child welfare and child welfare systems.

**Northeast Georgia Department of Public Health**  
*Infectious Disease Medical Case Manager – COVID 19 Relief Support*

**Athens, GA**

2020-2021

Worked with individuals living with HIV to ameliorate barriers to their medical care. Delivered guidance and recommendations regarding guidelines and documentation requirements for CARES Act funding applications. Provided medical case management regarding medication adherence and compliance education.

**Georgia Cares** **Marietta, GA** 2019-2019  
*Assessment Coordinator*

Conducted psychosocial assessments with youth exiting sex trafficking using the Evidence Based CANS Assessment Tool. Submitted referrals to all at-risk youth to appropriate community service partners. Complete Assessment Outcome Summary and entrance documentation for all confirmed youth entering into the Georgia Cares Program.

**Crystal Adoptions** **Johns Creek, GA** 2017-2020  
*Adoption Specialist (Contract)*

Completed home studies including individual and collective psychosocial assessments for adoptive families who are seeking to adopt domestically. Served as key point of contact to adoptive families to navigate resources, training, supportive services helpful pre- and post-placement.

**Teaching Assistant** **Atlanta, GA** 2017-2020  
*(Contract)*

Assisted with layout of interactive course content and resources pages prior to semester start. Provided feedback and present initial grades on individual student assignments per allocated rubric guidelines.

**Global Industrial Inc** **Buford, GA** 2018-2019  
*Operations Supervisor*

Provided direct supervision to 43 associates and managed 1.2 million dollars in both inventory and receiving departments. Managed implementation of Employee Labor Management System installation of distribution center safety system. Completed process evaluation and implementation of current operational procedures.

**Positive Impact Health Centers** **Decatur, GA** 2017-2018  
*Program Manager / Medical Case Manager*

Supervised a team of Community Health Workers implementing supportive services to an Aids Service Delivery Model. Provided budgetary and other key performance indicator reporting to designated funding source (National Association of County and City Officials). Provided medical case management services to identified patients per guidelines established by HRSA/Ryan White and the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council.

**Care4All Children Services** **Duluth, GA** 2017-2017  
*Recruiter and Licensing / Training Coordinator*

Networked agency among local community leaders, businesses, and organizations to gain partnerships in recruiting therapeutic foster families. Completed home study assessments, motivational interviews, and quality assurance measures to license homes for therapeutic foster care. Completed trauma informed care training and education with potential foster parents during the licensure process.

**Bethany Christian Services** **Atlanta, GA** 2015-2016  
*Adoption Specialist/Intern*

Facilitated international and domestic adoptions with families by completing home study interviews and individual interviews using the SAFE Home Study Model. Completed ADOPTS (address distress of post-traumatic stress) group therapy with children ages 5-9 experiencing effects of trauma and anxiety. Provided on call pregnancy counseling services and made adoption plans with birth-families, as well as coordinated interim care for adoptees following discharge.

**Crossroads Hospice** **Tucker, GA** 2014-2015  
*Hospice Social Work Intern*

Conducted intake assessments for patients coming onto service, as well as met with caretakers, living assistance staff, and medical team on behalf of patient. Performed comprehensive evaluations including site visits and follow-up calls to assess social service needs.

**Fusion Health** **Johns Creek, GA** 2010-2017  
*Account Manager and Treatment Manager*

Managed three major client account contracts including sleep management services for over 700 patients. Conducted client negotiations regarding program roll-out and contract details. Built client reporting process using data analytics of patient compliance and testimonials to highlight program benefits and program expansion. Provided therapeutic support to patients overcoming medical, technical, and behavioral barriers to Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) therapy.

**Teaching Experience** **Athens, GA** 2022-2023  
*Introduction to Social Work SOWK2154*

Level: BSW, Lecture Based  
Fall/Spring– both semesters

## **Invited Lectures**

### **University of Georgia**

*Invited by: Dr. Jane McPherson*

**Lecture: Immigration and Detention in the U.S.**

**Athens, GA**

2/3/2023

### **University of Georgia**

*Invited by Yomi Paseda, LMSW*

Lecture: Communication in Helping Professions

**Athens, GA**

3/30/2020

### **University of Georgia**

*Invited by Dr. Mary Ager*

Lecture: Healthcare Programs and Policy

**Athens, GA**

3/30/2020

### **University of Georgia**

*Invited by Luis Roberto-Alvarez, LCSW*

Lecture: Child Welfare and Pusing the Field of Social Work

**Athens, GA**

10/23/2020

### **Georgia State University**

*Invited by Dr. Karen Watkins, LCSW*

Panel Discussion: Medical and Child Social Work, Pursuing Graduate studies and clinical licensure.

**Atlanta, GA**

3/22/2019

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**Atlanta, GA**

3/16/2018

## **Presentations**

### **Georgia Governor's Mansion**

*Invited by Georgia Children's Cabinet*

Lecture: Child Safety Definitions and Safety Tools Used Among Child-Serving Agencies in Georgia

**Atlanta, GA**

9/30/22

### **Council of Social Work Education 2022 Annual Program Meeting Anaheim, CA**

*Invited by Council of Social Work Education*

Poster: Mental Health Outcomes of Latin American Children by Parent Nativity Status

11/11/22

### **Society for Social Work and Research**

*Invited by Society of Social Work and Research*

Poster: "I Just be Chillin'": Cbd Use & Anxiety Among College Students

**Phoenix, AZ**

1/13/23

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*Invited by Society of Social Work and Research*

Poster: The Impacts of Family Separation on Latin American Immigrant Children; A Scoping Review

**Phoenix, AZ**

1/15/23

## Other Speaking Engagements

**Human Rights Center** **Berkeley, CA** 10/13/22  
Invited by Eric Stover, Director of the Human Right Center at UC Berkeley  
Interview: Participation in the DNA Reunification Project

## Awards & Affiliations

**Doctoral Fellow, SREB Doctoral Scholars Program** 2021-current  
Southern Regional Education Board  
(\$60,000 over 5 years)

**DNA Bridge Consortium** 2022-current

### *Role: Advisor*

Advise as a member of a consortium of scientists and human rights experts working to enable and promote the ethical and secure use of DNA data to reunify families separated by armed conflicts, political repression, immigration, climate change, and disasters.

**Diane C. Davidson Graduate Fellowship** 2022-2023  
University of Georgia Graduate School  
(\$4,500 – on-time)

**Doctoral Program Committee** **Athens, GA** 2020-2022

### *Elected position*

Worked with committee members to create and host the UGA School of Social Work’s first “Research in Action Colloquium,” highlighting current research being conducting within the school with the school of Social Work community. Initiated and co-facilitated the School of Social Work’s first “Virtual Happy Hour” for PhD students in response to social distancing restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **Licensure**

Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) - GA 2017-current