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ACADEMIC POSITION

2026 – present Assistant Professor, University of South Alabama

EDUCATION

- 2026 **Ph.D. in Social Work**
Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ
- Dissertation Title: *Stigma Trajectories and the Social Ecology of Living with HIV: Timing of Lives and Health Information Navigation Using Path Analysis*
 - Committee: Drs. Flavio Marsiglia (Chair), Manuel Cano, Matthew Ignacio
- 2024 **Master of Social Work**
University of Minnesota Twin Cities, St. Paul, MN
Specialization: Community Practice (Macro Track)
- 2020 **Bachelor of Science in Statistics and Data Science**
Korea National Open University, Seoul, Republic of Korea
- 2011 **Master of Arts in Conflict, Security and Development (Merit)**
University of London, King's College, London, U.K.
Chevening Scholar (UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office Scholarship)
- 2010 **Bachelor of Arts in English and Political Science**
Korea University, Seoul, Republic of Korea

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Licensed Graduate Social Worker (#33856), Minnesota Board of Social Work
- Project Management Professional (#2237012), Project Management Institute

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

‡ denotes corresponding author (equal contribution as lead author)

Kim, D., Beltran, R., Sevillano, L., Cordero, L., Hong, C., Garner, A., Howell, S., & Holloway, I. (2026). Freedom of movement, social support, and psychological wellbeing: Resilience against COVID-19 related loneliness among sexual minority men living in high versus low LGBT acceptance countries. *Journal of Sexual and Gender Diversity in Social Services*, 38(3), 419-442.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/29933021.2026.2680113>

- Kim, J., Yoon, Y., **Kim, D.**, Lee, J., & Lee, H. Y. (2026). Associations between social technology use and social engagement: A race- and ethnicity-stratified analysis among older adults. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 1-17.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01488376.2026.2643587>
- Lee, H. Y., Lee, L. H., **Kim, D.**, Yoon, Y. J., Noh, H., Gong, J., & Jones, S. (2026). Does gender moderate the relationship between depressive symptoms and non-household transportation use? Findings from a cross-sectional study in rural Alabama. *Transportation Research Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, 36, 101893.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.trip.2026.101893>
- Jung, W., Kim, S., **Kim, D.**, Sihombing, A., Tabar, M., & Lee, D. (2026). From crowdsourced data to policy design: Monitoring and forecasting homeless tents. *EPJ Data Science*, 15(32). <https://doi.org/10.1140/epjds/s13688-026-00631-8>
- Kim, D.**, Peri, A., & Marker, N. (2025). Leveraging clinical decision support to improve depression screening and follow-up: Insights from a quality improvement case study. *BMJ Family Medicine and Community Health*, 13, e003426.
<https://doi.org/10.1136/fmch-2025-003426>
- Yoon, Y., Shin, S., **Kim, D.**, & Lee, H. Y. (2025). Comparing media and law enforcement reports on anti-Asian hate incidents during COVID-19: Data visualization approach. *JMIR Formative Research*, 9, Article e70881. <https://doi.org/10.2196/70881>
- Lee, H. Y., Kim, J., Yoon, Y. J., **Kim, D.**, & Chipalo, E. (2025). Internet use and depressive symptoms among older adults in the U.S.: Unraveling the differences by gender. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. 44(9), 1472–1482.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/07334648241311651>
- Kim, D.**, Yoon, Y. J., Cosenzo, L. G., & Lee, H. Y. (2024). Rural Alabamians' unmet medical needs: Rethinking the roles of online health information seeking behavior. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, 12(6), 4134–4143.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-024-02207-6>
- Lee, L. H., Yoon, Y. J., **Kim, D.**, Noh, H., Jones, S., & Lee, H. Y. (2023). Perceived transportation barriers moderate the association between depressive symptoms and household transportation use. *Journal of Transport & Health*, 33, 101713.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jth.2023.101713>
- Lim, J., & **Kim, D.**[‡]. (2020). Measuring the professional development needs for technical and vocational education and training staff in Nepal: A look at teachers' perspectives. *Journal of Practical Engineering Education*, 12, 163-176.
<https://doi.org/10.14702/JPEE.2020.163> (in Korean)
- Lim, J., **Kim, D.**[‡], & Mukama, E. (2019). A study on the impact of teacher education programme on career preference and job satisfaction: Evidence from Rwanda schoolteachers. *The Journal of Korea Teacher Education*, 36, 151-177.
<https://dx.doi.org/10.24211/tjkte.2019.36.4.151> (in Korean)

GRANTS AND FUNDING

2023-2025 | **Role: Grant Co-Author & Key Contributor:** “Creating data visualizations to understand the impact of structural racism on anti-Asian hate crime during COVID-19 and to mitigate its effects.”

- **Funding Agency:** Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)
- **Amount:** \$250,000
- **Principal Investigators:** Dr. Hee Yun Lee & Ms. Sruthi Chandrasekaran

COMPETITIVE AWARDS — EXTERNAL

- Diversity Fellowship, Institute for Social Research & Data Innovation, University of Minnesota (\$5,330) (2024)
- Carl A. Scott Book Scholarship, Council on Social Work Education (\$500) (2024)
- Korean Government Scholarship for Study Overseas, National Institute for International Education (\$80,000; 2021-2023)
- Chevening Scholarship, UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office (£ 27,000; 2010-2011)

COMPETITIVE AWARDS — INTERNAL

- Doctoral Summer Funding Program to Advance Research and Knowledge (SPARK), Arizona State University (\$4,000) (2026)
- Watts College Dean’s Graduate Research Scholarship, Arizona State University (\$1,500) (2025)
- University Graduate Fellowship, ASU School of Social Work (\$1,800) (2025)
- Doctoral Student Internal Research Grant, ASU School of Social Work (\$1,500) (2025)
- Graduate Support Award, ASU Graduate Student Government (\$300) (2025)
- Minnesota Population Center Graduate Research Development Grant, University of Minnesota (\$1,050) (2022)
- Rosene Doctoral Fellowship, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota (\$2,500) (2021)
- Outstanding PhD Student Scholarship, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota (\$1,000) (2021)

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

*denotes presenter

Kim, D.*, & Marsiglia, F. (2026, Apr). *Stigma dynamics in HIV care: A SEM exploration of uncertainty, self-efficacy, and life-course empowerment*. Oral presentation at the European Conference for Social Work Research 2026, Aberdeen, Scotland.

Kim, D., Coleman, J., Buraik, L., Lowery, C., & Blakey, J. (2026, Jan). *Advancing anti-racist social work practice: Racial identity processing groups as a promising tool for transforming the profession*. Oral presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 30th Annual Conference, Washington D.C.

Ogbonnaya, I., Messing, J., Harty, J., & **Kim, D.*** (2026, Jan). *Responding to intimate partner violence within child protective services: Potential barriers and facilitators to implementing the myPlan intervention*. Oral presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 30th Annual Conference, Washington D.C.

- Lee, H. Y., Ki, E., Yoon, Y., **Kim, D.**, Huang, M., & Kan, L. K. (2026, Jan). *Social media reports of anti-Asian hate during the COVID-19 pandemic: Incident types, victim characteristics, and emerging themes*. Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 30th Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- Billiot, S., **Kim, D.***, Wilkinson-Lee, A., Stalker, K., Brown, M.E., & Marsiglia, F. (2026, Jan). *Sustaining community health workers through state policies*. Flash-Talk at the Society for Social Work and Research 30th Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- Kim, D.***, Peri, A., & Marker, N. (2025, Nov). *Evaluating the impact of clinical decision support tools on depression screening and follow-up: A quality improvement study in a community health center*. Oral presentation at the 2025 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Washington D.C.
- Kim, J., Lee, J. H., Lee, H. Y., Yoon, Y., & **Kim, D.** (2025, Nov). *Internet use patterns among Korean baby boomers: Factors influencing gender differences*. Poster Presentation at the Gerontological Society of America 2025 Conference, Boston, MA
- Kim, D.** (2025, Oct). *Uncovering Midwestern HIV/AIDS activism: A historical text analysis using topic modeling and sentiment analysis*. Poster Presentation at the 71st Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Yoon, Y., Shin, S. H., **Kim, D.**, & Lee, H. Y. (2025, Oct). *Comparing anti-Asian hate in media and law enforcement reports: Insights from the COVID-19 pandemic*. Poster Presentation at the 71st Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Jung, W., Kim, S., **Kim, D.**, Tabar, M., & Lee, D. (2025, Oct). *A new lens on homelessness: Daily tent monitoring with 311 calls and street images*. Oral presentation at the 18th International Conference on Social Computing, Behavioral-Cultural Modeling, & Prediction and Behavior Representation in Modeling and Simulation, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Yoon, Y., **Kim, D.***, Shin, S. H., Chandrasekaran, S., Kamibayashi, M., Beckwith, J., & Lee, H. Y. (2025, Jan). *Factors associated with anti-Asian hate incident reporting during COVID-19 pandemic: Comparisons between media and law enforcement data*. Oral Presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 29th Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.
- Kim, D.**, Yoon, Y., Giorgio, L., & Lee, H. Y. (2025, Jan). *The paradox of online health information-seeking: Higher usage and the increased likelihood of unmet medical needs*. Flash Talk at the Society for Social Work and Research 29th Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.
- Kim, D.***, Tuyishime, E., Musuhukye, B., & Haight, W. (2025, Jan). *Beyond poverty and violence: Ethnographic insights into the lives of street children in urban Rwanda*. Oral Presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 29th Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.
- Blakey, J., **Kim, D.***, Coleman, J., & Buraik, L. (2024, Oct). *Training isn't enough: Teaching social service professionals about racism using racial identity processing groups*. Interactive Workshop at the 2024 70th Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Kansas City, MO.

- Shin, S. H., Yoon, Y., **Kim, D.**, Chandrasekaran, S., Kamibayashi, M., Beckwith, J., & Lee, H. Y. (2024, Aug). *Examining discrepancies in Anti-Asian Hate Incident Reporting between media and law enforcement data amidst the COVID-19 era in the United States*. Poster presented at the 48th International Association for Research in Economic Psychology/Society for the Advancement of Behavioral Economics Joint Conference, Dundee, Scotland, U.K.
- Kim, D.** (2024, May). *HIV criminalization and health outcomes: An analytical insight from eight U.S. states*. Poster presented at the 2024 National Conference of Social Work and HIV/AIDS, Lake Buena Vista, FL.
- Kim, D.** (2024, Mar). *Advancing depression screening and monitoring practices in primary care: A case study from a federally qualified health center*. Poster presented at The Minnesota Social Service Association 2024 Conference & Expo, Minneapolis, MN.
- Yoon, Y., **Kim, D.**, Lee, L.H., & Lee, H.Y. (2024, Jan). *Attitudes towards opioid-related service needs: Do social determinants of health matter?* Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 28th Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- Lee, L.H., **Kim, D.**, Yoon, Y., & Lee, H.Y. (2024, Jan). *Factors associated with perceived transportation barriers for access to opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery services*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 28th Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- Beltran, R., **Kim, D.***, Sevillano, L., Cordero, L., & Hong, C., (2023, Oct). *Mobility matters: Predictors of loneliness during the COVID-19 pandemic among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) in low versus high-stigmatizing countries*. Poster presented at the 2023 Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science, Baltimore, MD.
- Lee, L. H., **Kim, D.**, Yoon, Y., Noh, H., Jones, S., & Lee, H.Y. (2023, Oct). *Depression-transportation disparities in rural AL: A health equity lens for anti-oppressive education*. Poster presented at the 2023 Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Kim, J., Lee, J., Lee, H.Y., Yoon, Y., **Kim, D.**, & Han, G. (2023, Jun). *Patterns of Internet use, depression, and health among Korean baby boomers*. Poster presented at the 2023 International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics Asia/Oceania Regional Congress, Yokohama, Japan.
- Kim, J., Lee, H., Yoon, Y., **Kim, D.** (2023, Jun). *Older adults' Internet use and depressive symptoms by gender*. Poster presented at the 2023 International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics Asia/Oceania Regional Congress, Yokohama, Japan.
- Kim, D.*** & Piescher, K. (2023, Mar). *When support matters: Predictors of child protection workforce retention during welfare reform*. Poster presented at the 2023 CEHD Research & Innovation Day, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.
- Kim, D.**, Yoon, Y., & Lee, H.Y. (2022, Oct). *Digital health technology use and its link to unmet health needs among African Americans living in underserved rural areas*. Paper presented at the 2022 Joint World Conference on Social Work Education and Social Development, Seoul, Korea (Virtual).

Lee, L. H., **Kim, D.**, Yoon, Y., Noh, H., Jones, S., & Lee, H.Y. (2022, Oct). *Perceived transportation barriers moderate the effect of depressive symptoms on the household transportation use: A case study among Alabamians living in rural Black Belt*. Poster presented at the 2022 Joint World Conference on Social Work Education and Social Development, Seoul, Korea (Virtual).

INVITED & OTHER COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

Yoon, Y., Shin, S., **Kim, D.**, Lee, H. Y. (2025, April). *Community factors associated with anti-Asian hate incidents during the COVID-19*. Annual Scholars' Reception. Colorado State University Pueblo, Pueblo, CO.

Lee, H. Y., Yoon, Y., & **Kim, D.** (2023, May). *Honoring and celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islanders in the U.S.: Demographics, diversity, and leadership*. Oral presentation at AAPI Heritage Month (May) Conference. Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL.

TRAVEL GRANTS — INTERNAL

- Graduate Student Government Travel Grant, ASU (\$950) (2025)
- Graduate College Travel Award, ASU (\$300) (2025)
- Graduate & Professional Student Association (GPSA) Travel Grant, ASU (\$950) (2024)
- Council of Graduate Students (C.O.G.S) Conference Grant, University of Minnesota (\$674.74) (2024)
- GradSEHD Research Travel Grant, University of Minnesota (\$250) (2024)
- School of Social Work Travel Grant, University of Minnesota (\$1,000) (2023)

SELECTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 8/2023 -
2/2025 | <p>Lead Researcher (grant development and data integration)
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (Grant #: 81090, Amount: \$250,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project: Creating data visualizations to understand the impact of structural racism on anti-Asian hate crime during COVID-19 and to mitigate its effects • Principal Investigators: Dr. Hee Yun Lee, Ms. Sruthi Chandrasekaran |
| 5/2025 -
8/2025 | <p>Graduate Research Assistant, School of Social Work
Arizona State University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project: Improving HIV Care Engagement Among Ugandan Adolescent Girls and Young Women Through Reductions in Male Partner Alcohol Use and Intimate Partner Violence Risk: <i>The Kisoboka Mukwano</i> Intervention • Principal Investigator: Dr. Ijeoma Ogbonnaya |
| 8/2024 -
5/2025 | <p>Graduate Research Assistant, School of Social Work
Arizona State University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project: Improving Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities • Principal Investigator: Dr. Flavio Marsiglia |

- 6/2024 - **Diversity Fellow**, Institute for Social Research and Data Innovation
8/2024 University of Minnesota
- Project: Drivers in Disparities of Antibiotic Overuse for Acute Gastroenteritis
 - Principal Investigator: Dr. Gillian Tarr
- 8/2023 - **Graduate Research Assistant**, School of Social Work
5/2024 University of Minnesota
- Project: Racial Identity Processing Group for Early Childhood Educators
 - Principal Investigator: Dr. Joan Blakey

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 7/2023 - **Consultant**, Center for Health Interprofessional Programs
8/2023 Minneapolis, United States
- Drafted and disseminated analysis reports of survey results from the agency program activities such as CLARION Case Competition (2016-2023) that included Interprofessional Collaborative Competencies Attainment Survey (ICCAS) items.
 - Developed program measurement tools including questionnaires, focus group guide (question route) in collaboration with program staff.
 - Proposed scales and instruments to measure interprofessional competencies tailored to program objectives and mission of the organization.
- 8/2021 - **Title IV-E Program Evaluation Associate**
5/2023 Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, Saint Paul, United States
- Assisted with the Minnesota Child Welfare Workforce Stabilization study, including data management, analysis support, and preparation of conference presentations.
 - Supported administration of the Title IV-E MSW fellowship program, including maintaining scorecards, coordinating pre-post assessments, and monitoring trainee progress.
- 2/2014 - **Program Coordinator**, ChildFund Korea
5/2021 Seoul, Korea
- Provided technical assistance in developing guidelines and manuals for assessment on overseas projects.
 - Revised and updated progress monitoring tools.
 - Review team leader, Morogoro, Tanzania, 12/2019
 - Developed tools for data collection and conducted quantitative data analysis for the mid-term review of the project called ‘Tuwalinde Watoto’ (Let’s protect children).
 - Evaluation team leader, Gasabo, Rwanda, 12/2018
 - Designed questionnaires, interview guides. Organized and facilitated enumerator training and data analysis. Wrote impact evaluation report.
- 1/2016 - **Country Manager**, ChildFund Rwanda
7/2018 Kigali, Rwanda

- Led teams during program planning based on hard evidence from data collected during assessments and baseline surveys.
- Developed evaluation framework and supervised record management from compiling relevant raw data and reports.
- Conducted enumerator training during research activities. Carried out dissemination presentations for government officials and community members.
- Represented the organization by participating in various stakeholders' meetings and platform sessions.

2/2012 -
10/2013

Child Protection Officer, Nonviolent Peaceforce South Sudan
Jonglei and Unity States, South Sudan

- Produced situation and incidence reports concerning unaccompanied minors and separated children.
- Provided referral support for social workers in interim care centers in Bor county and child-friendly spaces in the Yida refugee camp to facilitate family tracing and reunification (FTR) program.

6/2011 -
12/2011

Research Intern, Global Witness
London, United Kingdom

- Compiled baseline bibliographies and assisted in preparing concept notes on the issue of domestic resource mobilization (DRM) and accountability of extractive industries (EIs).
- Assisted investigation and research on the corruption scandals and transparency in Afghan context.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2025 – present

Abstract Reviewer

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

2024 – present

Article Reviewer

Frontiers in Medicine

Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities

Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved

Discover Public Health

COMMUNITY SERVICES, ACTIVITIES & LEADERSHIP

2/2024 – 7/2025

Council Member

Minnesota Council for HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention (Needs Assessment and Evaluation Committee), MN

5 – 7/2024

Volunteer

Mainline Syringe Services Program, Rainbow Health, MN

1/2006 – 1/2008

Sergeant (Ret.)

Korea Augmentation to the United States Army

Republic of Korea Army

E Co, 1-72 AR, 2ID, Camp Casey, Republic of Korea

ADDITIONAL DISTINCTIONS (PRE-GRADUATE & SERVICE)

- Army Achievement Medal, United States Department of the Army (2007)
- Army Commendation Medal, United States Department of the Army (2008)
- Foreign Minister's Award, 15th Model United Nations Conference, Republic of Korea (2009)
- Chancellor's Award, Big Data Analytics Competition, Korea National Open University (2020)

SOFTWARE & LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

• Quantitative analysis: R, SPSS, AMOS • Qualitative analysis: Dedoose • Other: Tableau, Open Data Kit (ODK), LaTeX

• English (Advanced) • Korean (Native) • Spanish (Working proficiency in reading and writing) • French (Beginner – A2, CEFR) • Kinyarwanda (Basic conversational proficiency)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, Minnesota Population Center (MPC)

Member, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)

Member, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

Member, American Public Health Association (APHA)

Member, Project Management Institute (PMI)