

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

PhD Candidate	University of Texas at Arlington, School of Social Work Dissertation: TBD Committee: Kathy L. Siepker, PhD, Noelle Fields, PhD, Christine Spadola, PhD, Yeonwoo Kim, PhD Anticipate Defense Date: May 2027	AUG 2023-Present
MSW	University of Texas at Arlington, School of Social Work Concentration: Health	JAN 2021-JUL 2022
BSW	University of North Texas Health and Public Services, Social Work	AUG 2016- AUG 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington TX	AUG 2023-Present
• Coordinate interdisciplinary aging and dementia research projects, including community-organization data management, analysis, program evaluation, and dissemination. • Support aging and dementia related course development, such as learning activities and course materials.	
Research Assistant, Social Determinants of Health Lab The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington TX	AUG 2023-Present
• Conduct quantitative research using large-scale national datasets using the HRS and BRFSS. • Mentor undergraduate, master's, and doctoral students in research method, data management, and research dissemination.	

RESEARCH INTEREST

Gerontology; older adults with alzheimer's disease and dementia; aging; social determinants of cognitive health; neighborhood environments and older adults with dementia; family caregiving experiences.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Kim, Y., Panisch, L. S., & Jang, S. (2026). *Cumulative adulthood trauma exposures and pain outcomes among older adults.*- British Journal of Pain

- Xu, L., **Jang, S.**, Xu, Q., Kirsch, J. Yang, D. (Accepted). *Grandparent-Grandchild Reminiscence Program for Asian American Families: Intergenerational and Cultural Reflection from Dyad Participants*. – Behavioral Science
- Saeed, F., Siepker L. K., **Jang, S.**, Shahdadian, S., Liu, H. (2026). *Cerebrovascular – CSF Coupling Measured by Broadband near-infrared spectroscopy as a Physiological Marker of Brain Aging and Alzheimer's Disease*. – Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience
- Mauldin, L. R., Mattingly, P. S., **Jang, S.**, Handique, S., Haque, M., Parekh, R. (2026). *Quantifying the Spatial Burden of Informal Ride Provision for Older Adults Using Activity Space Analysis and GIS*. - International Journal of Geo-Information
- Meller, A., Siepker, L. K., Fields, N., Fantus, S., **Jang, S.** (2025). *Informal Caregiver Outcomes in Home-Based Dyadic Dementia Interventions: A Scoping Review*- Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work
- Jang, S.**, Kim, Y. (2025). *Being Connected to Community: The Protective Role of Neighborhood Social Cohesion Against Loneliness During COVID-19*. – Journal of Social Service Research
- Kim, Y., **Jang, S.**, Ullahansari, S., Vo, J., Hyun, K., Fadel, P. J. (2025) *Neighborhood Safety and Hypertension Risk: A Systematic Review* – Journal of American Heart Association
- Kim, Y., **Jang, S.** (2025). *Socioeconomic Disparities in Cognitive Impairment: The Role of Neighborhood Social Cohesion* – Innovation in Aging
- Handique, S., **Jang, S.**, Benette, M., Scott, R. (2025). *Invisible Pillars with Hidden Burdens: A Scoping Review of the Challenges Faced by Informal Caregivers of Older Adults in Home-Based Palliative Care*. -Journal of Palliative Care
- Handique. S, **Jang, S.**, De Bhaumik, S. (2025). *A qualitative interpretative meta synthesis of experiences of incarcerated people undergoing palliative care*.- Journal of Social Work
- Kim, Y., Kim, S., **Jang, S.**, Lee, A., Jang, Y. (2025). *From marginalized to strength: Socio-ecological coping strategies of older Korean Americans with language barriers and healthcare needs* – Journal of Social Service Research
- Kim, Y., Cho, Y. J., Ullahansari, S., Ortega, C., **Jang, S.**, Forde, Allana. (2025) *Neighborhood Racial/Ethnic Segregation and Obesity: A Systematic Review* - Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities
- Handique, S., **Jang, S.** (2024) *Investigating the relationship between COVID-19 concerns and self-rated physical health of older adults in the US: The mediating role of Social Support* – Journal of Gerontological Social Work
- Kim, Y., Lee, A., **Jang, S.**, Jang, Y. (2024). *The Cognitive Health Risk of Social Isolation Mediated by Dietary Risks: A Study with Older Korean Americans*. – American Journal of Health Behavior
- Saha, T., Lee, K., Hyun, K.K., Cassidy, J., **Jang., S.** (2024). *Mobility Challenges of Vulnerable Older Adults during the COVID-19 Pandemic*. – Journal of Ageing and Longevity

Under Review

Jang, S., Handique, S., Lee, K. (Under Review). *Bringing Therapy Home: A Qualitative Interpretive Meta-Synthesis of Community-Dwelling Older Adults' Experiences in Home-Based Psychotherapy – Social Work in Healthcare*

Handique, S., **Jang, S.** (Under Review) *Strength in Struggle: A Qualitative Interpretive Meta-Synthesis of Older Adults' Experiences Undergoing Cancer Treatment.* – Journal of Gerontological Social Work

Ning, W., Saeed, F., Tang, H., **Jang, S.**, Siepker, L. K., Liu, H., Wang, L. (Under Review). *Bridging Neural and Hemodynamic Signals through EEG-bbNIRS Fusion for Early Alzheimer's Disease Classification.* – Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics

Hara, H., Kirsch, J., **Jang, S.** (Under Review). *Overqualification among Immigrants and Mental Well-being: A Scoping Mixed Studies Review.* – Work, Employment, and Society

Fields, N., Xu, L., Mammah, R., **Jang, S.**, Stringfellow, MK., Tinker, S., Kitchens, K. (Submitted). *Faith-Placed Programs and Supports for Dementia: A Scoping Review.* – The Gerontologist

Siepker, K. L., **Jang, S.**, Kusek, V., Yu, K. (Submitted). *A Clinical Social Work Case Study on Alzheimer's Disease and Assisted Dying.* – Studies in Clinical Social Work: Transforming Practice, Education, and Research

Siepker, L. K., **Jang, S.**, Seo, CH., Saeed, F., Shahdadian, S., Liu, H. (Submitted). *Integrating Social Work into Interdisciplinary Dementia Research: Lessons from an Alzheimer's Disease Study.* – Journal of Interdisciplinary Social and Community Studies

In Preparation

Jang, S., Siepker, L. K., Spadola, C. (In preparation). *Educational Components of Sleep Health Interventions Among Older Adults: A Scoping Review.*

Jang, S., Kim, Y., Ortega, C. (In preparation). *Beyond Exercise Guidelines: The Protective Role of Light Physical Activity against Loneliness in High-Burden Caregivers.*

Jang, S., Kim, Y., Ortega, C. (In preparation). *The Association between Social Relationships and Cognitive Function among Individuals with Post-Stroke: A Systematic Review*

Jang, S., Handique, S., Siepker, L. K. (In preparation). *A Mixed Methods Study on Technology Using Service Utilization and Case Management Among Asian American Caregivers.*

Kim, Y., **Jang, S.**, Webster, J. N., Gonzalez R. (In preparation). *Role of Physical Activity: Does Physical Activity Protect Against Cognitive Decline in Socially Isolated Older Adults?*

Lee, Y.S., Roh, S., Cho, S., **Jang, S.** (in preparation). *Alzheimer's Disease Knowledge, Social Support, and Depressive Symptoms Among American Indians*

Tinker S., Fields, N., Siepker L. K., Kirsch, J., **Jang, S.** (In preparation). *Frontotemporal Dementia and Suicide: A Scoping Review.*

Siepker, L. K., & Hyun, K. K., **Jang, S.**, Handique, S. (In Preparation). *Qualitative Evaluation of a Home-based Exercise Program, The Senior Fit.*

Park, Y., Rafieifar, M., Morris, R., Cantu, L., **Jang, S.** (In preparation). *Racial Effects in Family Therapy as an Intervention for Justice-Involved Youth*.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Jang, S., Handique, S., Siepker, L.K. (accepted). Digital Pathways to Support: Internet Use, Service Access, and Care Burden Among Asian American Dementia Caregivers. Paper presentation accepted at 2026 Gerontological Society America (GSA) Annual Conference, National Harbor, MD

Jang, S., Ortega, C., Kim, Y. (accepted). Social Relationships and Cognitive Function After Stroke: A Systematic Review and Future Directions. Poster accepted at 2026 Gerontological Society America (GSA) Annual Conference, National Harbor, MD

Siepker, L. K., **Jang, S.**, Kusek, V. (April 2026). Navigating Advocacy at the Intersection of Dementia, Autonomy, and End-of-Life Decision-Making: A Practice-Based Case Study. **Paper** presentation presented at 2026 Southern Gerontological Society Annual Conference, Dallas, TX.

Jang, S., Kim, Y. (January 2026). The Protective Role of Light Physical Activity in the Association between Caregiving Burden and Loneliness Among Informal Caregivers. **Oral presentation** presented at 2026 Society of Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Jang, S., Spadola, C., Siepker, L. K. (January 2026). Roles of Social Workers and Direct Healthcare Professionals in Advancing Sleep Health Promotion Among Older Adults: A Scoping Review. **Poster** presented at 2026 Society of Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, Washington DC.

Kim, Y. **Jang, S.** (January 2026). Social Isolation and Cognitive Health: Does Physical Activity Protect Against Cognitive Decline in Socially Isolated Older Adults? **Poster** presented at 2026 Society of Social Work and Research (SSWR) Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Jang, S., Siepker, L. K., Spadola, C. (November 2025). A Scoping Review of Strategies and Outcomes of Sleep Education Interventions for Older Adults. **Poster** presented at 2025 Gerontological Society America (GSA) Annual Conference, Boston, MA.

Lee, Y.S., Roh, S., Cho, S., **Jang, S.** (November 2025). Alzheimer's Disease Knowledge, Social Support, and Depressive Symptoms Among American Indians. **Poster** presented at 2025 Gerontological Society America (GSA) Annual Conference, Boston, MA.

Tinker, S., Fields, N., Siepker, L. K., Kirsch, J., **Jang, S.** (November 2025). Frontotemporal Dementia and Suicide: A Scoping Review. **Poster** presented at 2025 Gerontological Society America (GSA) Annual Conference, Boston, MA.

Fields, N., Xu, L., Stringfellow, M., Kitchens, K., **Jang, S.** (November 2025). Faith-Placed Services and Supports for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias: A Scoping Review. **Poster** presented at 2025 Gerontological Society America (GSA) Annual Conference, Boston, MA.

Siepkner, L. K., **Jang, S.** (October 2025). Bridging Disciplines: The Role of Social Work Researchers in Interdisciplinary Dementia Research. **Poster** presented at 2025 The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

Jang, S. (April 2025). Beyond Exercise Guidelines: The Protective Role of Light Physical Activity Against Loneliness in High-Burden Caregivers. **Poster** presented at School of Social Work Celebration of Research, Arlington, TX.

Jang, S., Kim, Y. (February 2025). Socioeconomic Disparities in Cognitive Impairment: The Role of Neighborhood Social Cohesion. **Poster** presented at Dallas Aging and Cognition conference, Dallas, TX.

Jang, S., Kim, Y. (January 2025). The Role of Neighborhood Social Cohesion in Older Adults' Loneliness During the COVID-19 Pandemic. **Poster** presented at Society of Social Work and Research (SSWR), Seattle, WA.

Jang, S. (November 2024). Exploring the Experiences of Community-Dwelling Older Adults in Home-Based Psychotherapy: A Qualitative Interpretive Meta-Synthesis. **Oral Presentation** at NASW-TX conference, Irving, TX.

Handique, S., **Jang, S., Mattingly, S., Parekh, R. Mauldin, R.** (November 2024). Using Geographic Information Systems Analysis to Understand the Burden of Providing Rides for Older Adults. **Poster** presented at Gerontological Society of America Conference. Seattle, WA.

Lee, K., **Jang, S., Cassidy, J.** (November 2024). Community Organizations' Outreach and Service Delivery to Older Adults Living with Dementia and Family Caregivers. **Poster** presented at Gerontological Society of America Conference (GSA). Seattle, WA.

Lee, K., Hyun, K., Haque, S., Henry, K., Csallner, C., Saha, T., Cassidy, J., **Jang, S.** (November 2024). A User-Centered Evaluation of and Exercise App for Older Adults: Senior Fit. **Poster** presented at Gerontological Society of America Conference (GSA). Seattle, WA.

De Bhaumik, S., **Jang, S.** (May 2024). Exploring Patient' Experiences of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare Services in South and Southeast Asia: A Scoping Review. **Poster** presented at JPS Health Network Research & Quality Symposium, Fort Worth, TX.

Kim, S., **Jang, S., Kim, Y.** (April 2024). *Barriers and Facilitators to Healthcare Access among Korean American Older Adults with Limited English Proficiency and Chronic Illness: A Qualitative Study.* **Oral Presentation** at 2024 Research Beyond Boundaries Poster Symposium, Dallas, TX.

Jang, S., Kim, S., Kim, Y. (April 2024). *Exploring Health Access Challenges Among Korean American Older Adults: A Socioecological Perspective.* **Poster** Presented at CONHI Research Expo, Arlington, TX.

Jang, S., Ullahansari, S., Vo, J., Fadel, P., Hyun, K.K., Kim, Y. (January 2024). *Gender Perspectives in Cardiovascular Health: Investigating the Influence of Neighborhood Safety on Blood Pressure – A*

Systemic Review. **Poster** presented at the 5th Annual Women's Cardiovascular and Brain Health Symposium, Fort Worth, TX.

Jang, S., Handique, S., Lee, K., & Hyun, K. K. (November 2023). *Efficacy of a home-based exercise program for older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic*. **Poster** presented at the Mini Conference at the University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work, Arlington, TX.

Jang, S., Cubbin, C., DiNitto, D., Park, Y., Vohra-Gupta, S., Mueller, E., Wood, B. (November 2023). *Where They Grew Up: The Impact of Childhood Neighborhood Poverty on Psychological Distress in Young Adulthood*. **Poster** presented at the Mini Conference at the University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work, Arlington, TX.

HONORS AND AWARDS

AGESW Pre-dissertation Fellowship	JUN 2025
Kim, Youngho Scholarship	2024-Present
James McKenney Travel Award (Gerontological Society of America Conference 2024)	NOV 2024
Stacie McGee Student Scholar Award (NASW-TX Conference 2024)	OCT 2024
Dallas Area Gerontology Society Scholarship	JUN 2024
The Kium Scholarship	DEC 2023

POST-MSW EXPERIENCES

Service Coordinator/Data Analysis Grace Adult Day Care Inc. , Farmers Branch TX	AUG 2022-DEC 2025
Service Coordinator Anna Care Inc. , Farmers Branch TX	AUG 2022-DEC 2025

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor University of Texas at Arlington, School of Social Work	Summer 2026-Fall 2026
• SOCW 3308: Social Work Research Methods (asynchronous online) • SOCW 4335: Aging in American Society (asynchronous online)	
Statistic Class Tutor University of Texas at Arlington, School of Social Work SOCW 6347 Intermediate Statistics SOCW 6367 Seminar in Advanced Stat Applications	SEP 2025

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Dementia Friend Session
Dementia Friendly Dallas, Dallas, 2023

Caring for Older Adults; The Aging Process Training

Relias, 2022

Ethics and the Care of Persons Living with Dementia Training

Relias, 2022

Interprofessional Education (IPE)

University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, 2022-2023

Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR) Gatekeeper Certificate

University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, 2021

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Southern Gerontological Society (SGS), 2026-Present

Dallas Area Gerontology Society (DAGS), 2024-Present

Gerontological Society of America (GSA), 2023-Present

Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGESW), 2023-Present

Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), 2023-Present

Social Isolation and Loneliness Coalition for Tarrant County (SILC), 2023-Present

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

President, Gerontology Student Organization, 2023-Present
University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX,

Mentor, Social Determinants of Health Lab, 2024-Present
University of Texas at Arlington, TX

- Michelle, Nwoke (Bachelor's)
- Ami, Patel (Master's)
- Dara, Nahal (Master's)
- Camilla, Ortega (Master's)
- Alemohammad, Seyedeh (1st year Ph.D. student)

Reviewer for Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (under supervision):

- Journal of Social Service Research
- Journal of American Heart Association
- Educational Gerontology
- Psychiatry Research
- Journal of Gerontological Social Work
- Journal of Intergenerational Relationships
- Innovation in Aging

Reviewer for Conferences

- 2026 Gerontological Society America
- 2025 Gerontological Society America
- 2024 SSWR Conference
- 2024 Gerontological Society America

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Grace Adult Day Care Inc, [Data Analyst], [Dallas, TX]	2025-Present
Doran Doran Dementia Program for Korean Older Adults [Data Analyst], [Dallas, TX]	2025-Present
Somang Community [Data Analyst], [Dallas, TX], Grant Agency: <u>Administration for Community Living</u> ID#: 90ADPI0099 Title: “Southern California AAPI Dementia Capability Expansion Initiative” PI: Somang Society (Hye Won Shin, PhD) Supervision: Dr. Siepker, L. Kathy	2025-Present
Dementia Friendly Dallas [Volunteer- Online Information Management], [Dallas, TX]	2023-2025
Korean American Family Association [Data Analyst], [Farmers Branch, TX]	2022-Present
Meals on Wheels [Volunteer-Home Visits and Meal Delivery], [Dallas, TX]	2019-2020
Our Daily Bread [Volunteer-Coordination], [Denton, TX]	2019
Cottonwood Nursing and Rehabilitation [Activity assistant], [Denton, TX]	2018-2019