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Employment

2025-Pres. Assistant Professor of Sociology, Sam Houston State University

Education

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

* Denotes undergraduate student co-author

2025 Maher, Erin; **Ferraro, A. C.**, and Wang, Dan. Subgroups of Risk and Adversity for Families Investigated for Child Maltreatment by Poverty Status. *Sociological Perspectives.* https://doi.org/10.1177/07311214251321447

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.childyouth.2022.106472

Manuscripts Under Review

Ferraro, A. C.; Lepper-Pappan, Heather; and Connelly, Sarah. Estimating the Effects of Placement Changes on Internalizing and Externalizing Symptoms. Under review at *Children and Youth Services Review*

Ferraro, A. C. and Schleifer, Cyrus. Is It the Work or the Worker? Individual and Occupational Effects of Teleworking on Income Inequality. Under review at *Gender, Work, and Organization*

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*

Manuscripts In Progress (Drafts Available)

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. 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

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

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

Conference Presentations

<u>National</u>

2025 Lepper-Pappan, Heather; Ferraro, A. C.; and Maher, Erin. "Supporting the Future: Future Expectations for Queer Youth in Child Welfare & How Social Support Shapes Them" *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA)*, Chicago, IL. (Accepted)

2025 Ferraro, A. C.; Campos, Mathaus; and Schleifer, Cyrus. "Certified Disparity: How Occupational Licensure and Educational Requirements Affect Racial Pay Disparities" *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA)*, Chicago, IL. (Accepted)

2025 Ferraro, A. C. "Examining Future Orientations of Youth Involved in the Child Welfare System" *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)*, Chicago, IL. (Accepted)

2025 Ferraro, A. C. "Future Expectations of Youth in Child Welfare and in Group Homes" *American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) Annual Colloquium,* New Orleans, LA.

2024 Ferraro, A. C.; and Wang, Dan. "Counting on Peers: How Peer Relationships Mediate the Effects of Child Maltreatment on Behavioral Issues" *National Council on Family Relations (NCFR),* 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" *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA)*, 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; Leverso, 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)

University

2025 Ferraro, A. C. "Future Orientations of Teens in Group Homes" Graduate & Postdoc Research & Scholarly Activity Day, Graduate College

2025 Ferraro, A. C. "Future Orientations of Teens in Group Homes" Innovating for Impact: DISC Inaugural Data Science Symposium, Data Institute for Societal Challenges

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: "Photovoice: The theoretical underpinnings and applications of an arts-based participatory method," Qualitative Methods Lab, University of Oklahoma

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

- Membership and Outreach Committee Member 2025-2027
- 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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