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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Service capacity and funding sustainability of human service organizations
Nonprofit administration
Public policy governing nonprofits
Program evaluation
Macro social work education

EDUCATION

PhD School of Social Policy and Practice, University of Pennsylvania, 2020 (expected)
 Dissertation: *Community participation in human service funding processes*
 Chair: Femida Handy

Teaching
Certificate Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pennsylvania, 2018

MSW School of Social Work, University of Washington, 2012

MPA Daniel J. Evans School of Public Policy and Governance, University of
 Washington, 2012

BA Western Washington University, 2006

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

2018 **Farwell, M. M.**, Shier, M., & Handy, F. Explaining trust in Canadian charities: The influence of public perceptions of accountability, transparency, familiarity and institutional trust. *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, 30(4), 768-782

2016 Barber, P., & **Farwell, M. M.** Charitable solicitations regulation and the principles of regulatory disclosure. *Nonprofit Policy Forum*, 7(3), 311-338.

Book Chapters

- 2017 Barber, P., & Farwell, M. M. The roles and relationships between state and non-state interventions in charitable solicitation law in the United States. In A. Dunn, O. Breen, and M. Sidel (Eds.), *Regulatory waves: Comparative perspectives on state regulation and self-regulation policies in the nonprofit sector* (pp. 199-220). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Manuscripts in Submission

- Galle, B., Farwell, M. M., & Barber, P. (under review). Does mandatory disclosure matter? Evidence from charitable solicitation laws. *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*.
- Farwell, M. M., Gaughan, M., & Handy, F. (revise and resubmit). How did we get here? Career paths of higher education fundraisers. *Nonprofit Management & Leadership*.
- Simonsson, P., Farwell, M. M., & Solomon, P. (revise and resubmit). Judges' perceptions of violence risk among defendants with mental illness. *Journal of Forensic Psychiatry and Psychology*.
- Simonsson, P., Farwell, M. M., & Solomon, P. (under review). Defendants with mental illness and judicial decision-making regarding Mental Health Court: A factorial survey. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.

Manuscripts in Preparation

- Heist, D., Cummings, B., Farwell, M. M., & Cnaan, R. (in preparation). Motivation to use Donor Advised Funds.
- Farwell, M. M., Iverson, M., & Handy, F. (in preparation). An examination of fundraising ethics and compensation structures in higher education.
- Iverson, M., Farwell, M. M., & Dentato, M. (in preparation). Social work student perceptions of preparedness for macro practice.
- Farwell, M. M., Russell, A., & Handy, F. (in preparation). Public perception of CSR: An examination of the net-cost approach from a cross-cultural perspective
- Farwell, M. M. (in preparation). Putting the 'community' in community funding: Identity, power, and role negotiation
- Farwell, M. M. (in preparation). Prevalence and configurations of community grantmaking committees
- Farwell, M. M. (in preparation). Who wins grants in a community-driven system? A case study

Other Publications

- 2018 Sustainable funding for human service agencies: The Eastside funding landscape [Technical report]. Bellevue, WA: Eastside Human Services Forum.
- 2018 O'Reilly, A., **Farwell, M. M.**, Walker, K., & Ekstrom, T. Human services needs update [Technical report]. Bellevue, WA: City of Bellevue.
- 2016 Making Ends Meet. [Technical report]. Retrieved from United Way of Snohomish County: <http://www.uwsc.org/povertyresourceibrary>.
- 2012 Barber, P., Hugh, M., & **Farwell, M. M.** Nonprofits in Washington 2012: Recent statistics and policy developments [Technical report]. Retrieved from Nancy Bell Evans Center of Nonprofits & Philanthropy: <http://evans.uw.edu/sites/default/files/files/NPINWA2012.pdf>.
- 2012 Nonprofit resiliency in King County: Understanding the recession's impact on local organizations [Technical report]. Seattle, WA: United Way of King County.
- 2012 Wood, C., & **Farwell, M. M.** The state of health and human services in King County [Technical report]. Seattle, WA: United Way of King County.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019 Summer Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice (\$6,100)
- 2019 Urban Research Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania Institute for Urban Research (\$2,000)
- 2018 Student Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (\$600)
- 2018 Doctoral Scholars Institute, Network for Social Work Management (\$400)
- 2017 Student Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania Graduate and Professional Student Assembly (\$800)
- 2017 John Grenzebach Award for Outstanding In-Progress Research in Philanthropy for Educational Advancement, Council for Advancement and Support of Education (\$2,000)
- 2012 Pi Alpha Alpha (global honor society for students of public administration)
- 2009 Hammond Memorial Fund Fellowship, University of Washington

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

- 2020 “Putting the 'community' in community-based funding: Challenges and strategies of local human service funders” (accepted), Society of Social Work Research (Poster), Washington, DC, January 15-19.
- 2020 “Social work student perceptions of preparedness for macro practice” (accepted), Society of Social Work Research (Poster), Washington, DC, January 15-19.
- 2019 “Mental illness and violence: A factorial examination of judges’ decision-making” (accepted), American Criminology Society, San Francisco, CA, November 13-16.
- 2019 “Defendants with mental illness: A factorial survey concerning judicial decision making” (accepted), American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA, November 2-6.
- 2019 “How and why people use Donor-Advised Funds: A qualitative study of a variety of DAF users” (accepted), Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, San Diego, CA, November 21-23.
- 2019 “An examination of fundraising ethics and compensation structures in higher education” (accepted), Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, San Diego, CA, November 21-23.
- 2019 “Whose money is it anyway? Exploring community resource flow,” Society of Social Work Research (Poster), San Francisco, CA, January 16-20.
- 2018 “Community-based grantmaking committees: Role identification, conceptualization, and negotiation,” Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, Austin, TX, November 21-23.
- 2018 “Does mandatory disclosure matter? Evidence from charitable solicitation laws,” Conference of the Science of Philanthropy Initiative, Indianapolis, IN, September 19-20.
- 2018 “Explaining trust in nonprofits: The effects of institutional trust and perceptions of nonprofit accountability, transparency, and familiarity,” Association for Nonprofit and Social Economy Research, Regina, Saskatchewan, May 30-June 1.
- 2017 “How did we get here? The career paths of higher education fundraisers,” Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, Grand Rapids, MI, November 16-18.

- 2014 “Mapping the regulators: Charitable solicitations regulations in the United States,” International Society for Third Sector Research, Amsterdam, Netherlands, July 10-13.
- 2014 “Charitable solicitations regulation and the principles of targeted disclosure Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action Denver, CO, November 19-22.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fordham University, Instructor

Advanced Integrative Practice with Organizations and Communities (Online: Summer 2019, Fall 2019)

Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities (Online: Fall 2019)

University of Pennsylvania, Instructor

Program Evaluation (Summer 2018, Fall 2018)

University of Washington, Instructor

Macro Practice I: Organizational, Community, and Policy Practice (Winter 2018, Winter 2019)

University of Pennsylvania, Teaching Assistant

Corporate Social Responsibility: Partnerships and Practice (Spring 2018, Spring 2019)

University of Washington, Teaching Assistant

Schoolwide (BSW, MSW, PhD) Writing Consultant (Fall 2010, Winter 2011, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Winter 2012, Spring 2012)

SELECTED PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

- 2011-2019 Human Services Analyst (contract), City of Bellevue, Bellevue, WA
Co-managed city’s \$2.7 million human services grants portfolio; Developed needs assessments to guide funding process and strategy development; Developed and implemented evaluations for funded programs.
- 2016-2017 Director of Learning and Analytics, United Way of Snohomish County, Everett, WA
Led evaluation efforts for all aspects of organization (fundraising, program, volunteer engagement); Oversaw development of countywide shared outcome measurement system.

- 2013-2016 Senior Manager of Impact and Community Investment, United Way of Snohomish County, Everett, WA
Served as program officer for \$1.1 million portfolio of human service organizations, including development of program-specific measurement.
- 2012-2013 Research Manager, Harvard Kennedy School Women and Public Policy Program, Cambridge, MA
Wrote, edited, and disseminated briefs translating academic studies into actionable research for practitioners and policymakers.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

Committee Member

SSWR Doctoral Student Committee, member, 2019-2020

School of Social Policy and Practice Doctoral Student Steering Committee, co-chair, 2017-2019

Professional Organization Member

Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA), 2016-present

American Evaluation Association (AEA), 2012-present

Association for Community Organization & Social Administration (ACOSA), 2018-present

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), 2009-present

National Association of Social Workers (NASW), 2009-present

Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), 2017-present