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Education

Ph.D. in Social Work	2022
The Ohio State University	
Dissertation: <i>Exploring the Impact of Covid-19 on Women Involved in Sex Work in Cúcuta, Colombia</i>	
Master of Social Work	2014
University of Pittsburgh	
Concentration: Community Organizing and Social Administration	
Bachelor of Social Work	2012
Shippensburg University	
Minor: Political Science	
Honors: Magna Cum Laude, Phi Alpha Social Work Honor's Fraternity	
Study Abroad: Galen University, Belize	

Research Interests

Human rights, global perspectives, migration, sex work, workers' rights, health disparities, community organizing, international social work education

Professional Appointments

Assistant Professor	2022-present
West Virginia University, School of Social Work: Morgantown, WV	
PhD Candidate Dissertation Researcher	2021-present
The Ohio State University, College of Social Work: Columbus, OH	
Graduate Research Associate	2018-2020
The Ohio State University, College of Social Work: Columbus, OH	

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journals Articles

10. Zapcic, I., **Fabbri, M.**, Karandikar, S. (2023). Using Reddit as a Source for Recruiting Participants for In-Depth and Phenomenological Research. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/16094069231162674>
9. Zapcic, I., **Fabbri, M.**, Karandikar, S. (2023). ‘How can I love you if you don’t let me do this?’: Evaluating the effects of The Red Pill seduction community experienced by intimate partners. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10926771.2023.2186302>
8. Xin, Y., **España, M.**, & Davis, A. K. (2022). The acceptability of non-abstinent treatment goals among clinical social workers in the United States. *Journal of Social Work Practice*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02650533.2022.2034768>
7. Karandikar, S., Knight, L., Casassa, K., **España, M.** & Kagotho, N. (2021). Economic considerations of migrant female sex workers in India. *Sexuality and Culture*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12119-021-09921-x>
6. **España, M.**, Karandikar, S., McCloskey, R. J., & Reno, R. (2021). From survival to resilience: The journey through sex trafficking, motherhood and finding strength. *Journal of Human Trafficking*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23322705.2021.1885238>
5. Maleku, A., **España, M.**, Jarrott, S., Karandikar, S., & Parekh, R. (2021). We are aging too! The social impact of late-life migration on health and well-being of older immigrants. *Journal of Immigrants and Refugees Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15562948.2021.1929643>
4. Davis, A. K., Agin-Liebes, G., **España, M.**, Pilecki, B., & Luoma, J. (2021). Attitudes and beliefs about the therapeutic use of psychedelic drugs among psychologists in the United States. *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02791072.2021.1971343>
3. Karandikar, S., Casassa, K., Knight, L., **España, M.**, & Kagotho, N. (2021). "I am almost a breadwinner for my family": Exploring the manifestation of agency in sex workers' personal and professional contexts. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08861099211022717>
2. Reno, R. Karandikar, S., McCloskey, R. J., & **España, M.** (2020). Structural vulnerabilities and breastfeeding among female sex workers in Mumbai. *Maternal and Child Nutrition*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/mcn.12963>
1. McCloskey, R. J., Karandikar, S., Reno, R., & **España, M.** (2020). The feminist ethic of care: Mothering among sex workers in Mumbai. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*, 36 (1). <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886109920939053>

Manuscripts Under Review

3. **Fabbri, M.**, Alba Niño, M., Karandikar, S., Alvarez Padilla, Y., Coronel, V., Pineda, M. A., & Díaz, Y. (Under Review). The impact of Covid-19 on the human rights of women involved in sex work in Cúcuta, Colombia. *The International Journal of Human Rights*.
2. **Fabbri, M.**, Alba Niño, M., Karandikar, S., Alvarez Padilla, Y., Coronel, V., Pineda, M. A., & Díaz, Y. (Under Review). An Exploratory Comparison of the Lived Experiences of Domestic and Migrant Women in Sex Work in Cúcuta, Colombia. *Culture, Health, and Sexuality*.
1. **Fabbri, M.**, Alba Niño, M., Karandikar, S., Alvarez Padilla, Y., Coronel, V., Pineda, M. A., & Díaz, Y. (Under Review). An Exploration of the Social Support of Women in Sex Work in Cúcuta, Colombia. *Journal of Social Service Research*.

Conference Presentations

Oral Presentations

16. **Fabbri, M.** & Dunaway, B. (2023, May). *A Human Rights Approach to Social Work in West Virginia*. [Oral presentation]. NASW West Virginia.
15. **Fabbri, M.**, Alba Niño, M., Karandikar, S., Alvarez Padilla, Y., Coronel, V., Pineda, M. A., & Díaz, Y. (2022, November). *The Impact of Covid-19 on the Rights of Women in Sex Work in Colombia*. [Oral presentation]. Council on Social Work Education, Anaheim, CA.
14. **Fabbri, M.**, Alba Niño, M., Karandikar, S., Alvarez Padilla, Y., Coronel, V., Pineda, M. A., & Díaz, Y. (2022, September). *How Covid-19 influenced the lives of women involved in sex work in Cúcuta, Colombia*. [Oral presentation]. Sexual Violence Research Initiative, Cancun, MX.
13. Casassa, K., **España, M.**, Karandikar, S., Knight, K. & Kagotho, N. (November 2021). *Exploring manifestations of agency among cis-gender female sex workers of Mumbai, India*. [Oral presentation] Council on Social Work Education, Orlando, FL.
12. **España, M.**, Casassa, K., Karandikar, S., Knight, K. & Kagotho, N. (2021, July). *Exploring the financial utilization and income autonomy of female sex workers in Mumbai*. [Oral presentation]. International Conference of International Consortium for Social Development, virtual.
11. **España, M.**, & Karandikar, S. (2021, May). *Exploring the Perspectives of Law Enforcement Officers among Cases Involving Sex Trafficked Victims in Ohio*. [Oral presentation]. European Conference for Social Work Research, virtual.
10. **España, M.**, Karandikar, S., & Kagotho, N. (2020, November). *Income Utilization of Indian Female Sex Workers: Informing Social Work Practice*. [Oral presentation]. Council on Social Work Education, virtual.
9. **España, M.**, Karandikar, S., & Kagotho, N. (canceled because of COVID). *Domestic Remittance Patterns of Female Sex Workers in Mumbai, India*. [Oral presentation]. Joint World Conference on Social Work Education and Social Development, Rimini, Italy.

8. **España, M.**, Karandikar, S., McCloskey, R., & Reno, R. (2020, January). *From Survival to Resilience: Exploring Female Sex Worker's Experiences through Trafficking and Motherhood*. [Oral presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research, Washington D.C.
7. **España, M.** & Alvarez Padilla, Y. (2019, November). *Strengths and limitations of the trafficking victims protection act involving migrant victims of human trafficking: A scoping review*. [Oral presentation]. The 4th Binational Mexico—United States Conference on Social Work and Migration, Houston, TX.
6. **España, M.**, McCloskey, R., & Maleku, A. (2019, November). *Application of social determinants of health framework in immigrant health research: A systematic scoping review*. [Oral presentation]. American Public Health Association, Philadelphia, PA.
5. **España, M.**, & Karandikar, S. (2019, October). *Human trafficking and law enforcement: A scoping review for future social workers*. [Oral presentation]. Council on Social Work Education, Denver, CO.
4. **España, M.**, Karandikar, S., McCloskey, R., & Reno, R. (2019, July). *Exploring maternal health access and barriers for sex workers in Mumbai, India*. [Oral presentation]. International Conference of International Consortium for Social Development, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
3. **España, M.**, Maleku, A., Kagotho, N., & Karandikar, S. (2019, July). *Social inclusion and immigrant integration efforts in the mid-western United States: Findings from the New Americans research project*. [Oral presentation]. International Conference of International Consortium for Social Development, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
2. **España, M.** (2019, April). *Análisis de las intervenciones sociales contra trata de personas en la frontera de EE. UU. y México. [Analysis of the social interventions for human trafficking along the border of the U.S. and Mexico]*. [Oral presentation]. New Challenges and Proposals for Social Intervention in Border Areas, Cúcuta, Colombia.
1. **Fabbri, M.** & Hawk, S. (2012, March). *Human Trafficking: What you can do as a student*. [Oral presentation]. Pennsylvania Association of Undergraduate Social Work Education (PAUSWE) Conference, State College, PA.

Poster Presentations

3. **España M.** and Karandikar, S. (2021, January). *Relationship building as a tool to fight sex trafficking: a case study with law enforcement in Ohio*. [Poster presentation]. Society for Social Work and Research, virtual.
2. Maleku, A., **España M.**, Karandikar, S., Kagotho, N., Parekh, R., & Jarrott, S. E. (2019, November). *The social determinants of late-life migration in the U.S.: Findings from the new Americans project*. [Poster presentation]. The Gerontological Society of America, Austin, TX.

1. McCloskey, R, **España, M.**, Karandikar, S., & Reno, R. (2019, October). *The feminist ethic of care among sex-working mothers in Mumbai*. [Poster presentation]. Council on Social Work Education, Denver, CO.

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor

West Virginia University, School of Social Work: Morgantown, WV 2022-present

- Methods 3: Organizations and Communities Fall 2022, 2023
- Social Work Research and Statistics Fall 2023
- Generalist Practice 2: Rural Community Macro Practice Spring 2023

Graduate Teaching Associate

The Ohio State University, College of Social Work: Columbus, OH 2020-2022

- Social and Economic Justice Spring 2022
- Introduction to Social Welfare Fall 2021
- Human Trafficking: Domestic and Global Perspectives Spring 2021
- Introduction to Social Work in Contemporary Society Fall 2020
- International Social Work Summer 2020
- Preparation for International Service-Learning Spring 2020

Graduate Curriculum Development Associate

The Ohio State University, College of Social Work: Columbus, OH 2020

- Assisted with the MSW curriculum ideation process
- Updated International Social Work course

Invited Lectures and Panels

8. *Qualitative Research in Social Work*. [Invited Lecture]. Research Methods in Social Work. The Ohio State University, OH. February 21, 2023.
7. *International Social Work*. [Invited Lecture]. Introduction to Social Work. The Ohio State University, OH. January 31, 2022.
6. *Using NVivo 12 for Qualitative Data Analysis*. [Invited Lecture]. Qualitative Methods. The Ohio State University, OH. March 24, 2021.
5. Alvarez Padilla, Y. & **España, M.** (2020, Octubre 29). *Apoyando a los migrantes en medio del miedo político: Respondiendo a la crisis social en los EE.UU.* [Invitada lectura]. Retos y Desafíos de Trabajo Social en Contexto de Crisis, Cucuta, Colombia. Universidad Simón Bolívar Programa Académico de Trabajo Social.

[Alvarez Padilla, Y. & **España, M.** (2020, October 29). *Supporting migrants in the midst of political fear: Responding to the social crisis in the U.S.* [Invited lecture]. Challenges and

Challenges of Social Work in the Context of Crisis, Cucuta, Colombia. Simón Bolívar University Social Work Academic Program.]

4. *Reducing poverty: Welfare? A presentation on TANF.* [Invited lecture]. Global Social Work Perspectives on Poverty and Inequality. The Ohio State University, OH. October 31, 2019.
3. *Introduction to human trafficking.* [Invited lecture]. Reynoldsburg Youth Human Trafficking Coalition. Columbus, OH. October 28, 2019.
2. *Neighborhoods project panel on rural perspectives.* [Invited]. Mosaic High School Program, Columbus, OH. October 4, 2018.
1. *Macro practice in urban communities.* Practice with Organizations and Communities, Shippensburg University, PA. March 2015.

Awards

2021 Women's Council Feminist Manuscript Award Council of Social Work Education	Fall 2021
PhD Research Seed Grant (\$1,000) The Ohio State University College of Social Work	Spring 2021
Edward J. Ray Travel Award for Service and Scholarship (\$1,000) The Ohio State University Council of Graduate Students	Spring 2020
2019 Doctoral Student Community Involvement Award The Ohio State University College of Social Work	Fall 2019
2014 COSA Community Practice Award (\$750) University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work	Fall 2014
Dr. Robert L. Hewitt "Vision for Excellence in Social Work" (\$500) Shippensburg University Department of Social Work	Fall 2012

Academic Service

Journal Peer-Reviewer Journal of Human Trafficking Perspectives on Social Work	2020-2022 2020-2022
Service to the Profession of Social Work Abstract Reviewer, Society for Social Work and Research Doctoral Student Committee Member, Society for Social Work and Research	2023-present 2020-2021

WVU School of Social Work Departmental Service	
Chair, Committee on Anti-Racism, Equity, and Justice	2022-present
BSW Program Committee Member	2022-present
MSW Program Committee Member	2022-present
OSU College of Social Work Service	
College of Social Work Delegate, Council of Graduate Students	2020-2021
<u>Subcommittees:</u>	
Racial Equity Ad Hoc Committee Member	
University Conduct Board Student Committee Member	
Ray Travel Award Committee Member and Judge	
Ohio Union Activities Board Graduate/Professional Committee Member	

Practice Experience

Advisory Counselor	2023-current
Open Field: Pittsburgh, PA	
Mental Health Advisory Counselor	2023-current
Hillside Health Care International: Toledo, Belize	
Student Success Coach	2021-2022
The Ohio State University College of Social Work: Columbus, OH	
Human and Social Services Program Coordinator	2016-2018
South Bend Community School Corporation: South Bend, IN	
Migrant Education Program Home Visitor	2016
South Bend Community School Corporation: South Bend, IN	
Operations Associate	2015-2018
CalWest Education: Pittsburgh, PA	
Group Supervisor	2015-2016
Liberty Extended Day Program: Pittsburgh, PA	
Community Organizer Intern	2013-2014
Oakland Planning and Development Corporation: Pittsburgh, PA	
Student Support Services Associate	2012-2013
Lincoln Intermediate Migrant Education Program: Chambersburg, PA	

Additional Skills

Research Software

NVivo, STATA, SPSS, Any Logic, Qualtrics

Languages

English, Spanish, Italian (*conversational*)

Memberships in Professional Societies

Council of Social Work Education	2019-present
European Social Work Research Association	2020-present
International Consortium for Social Development	2019-present
International Federation of Social Workers	2020-present
Society for Social Work and Research	2019-present