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EDUCATION

PhD in Social Welfare, University of Kansas, 2012-2016

Dissertation: *A Paycheck Away from Homelessness: Associations between Financial Fragility and Housing Instability in Households Headed by a Single Mother*

MSSW, University of Tennessee, 2008-2010, Evidence Based Practice Across Systems

Thesis: *Self-reported family income and expenditure patterns for a cohort of TANF-reliant African American Women: Outcomes from a Longitudinal Study in Miami-Dade, Florida*

BA, University of Tennessee, 2003-2007, Women's Studies and Philosophy

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Financial fragility of low-income families, homelessness and housing instability, feminization of poverty, social welfare policy, universal basic income, quantitative methods

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee College of Social Work

2016-Present

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS: PEER REVIEWED

1. **West, S.** (Accepted). The role of social support as a moderator of housing instability in single mother and two-parent families. *Social Work Research*.
2. Friedline, T., Rauscher, E., **West, S.**, Phipps, B., Kardash, N, Chang, K., & Ecker-Lyster, M., (Accepted) "They will go like I did": How parents think about college for their young children in the context of rising costs. *Children and Youth Services Review*.
3. Baker, A., & **West, S.** (2017). Asset depletion, chronic financial stress, and mortgage trouble among older female homeowners. *The Gerontologist*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnx137>
4. **West, S.**, Banerjee, M., Phipps, B., & Friedline, T. (2017) Coming up short: family composition, income, and household savings. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, 8(3).
5. **West, S.**, & Adams, D. (In press). Emergency savings for low income families: Policy options and rationale. *Journal of Policy Practice*.
6. Friedline, T., **West, S.**, Rosell, N., & Serido, J., & Shim, S. (2017) Do community characteristics relate to young adult college students' credit card debt? The hypothesized role of collective institutional efficacy. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 59(1-2) 80-93. DOI: 10.1002/ajcp.12116

Highlighted by the St. Louis Dispatch (September, 2015)

http://www.stltoday.com/business/credit/how-much-credit-card-debt-will-you-have-yourhometown/article_789fb32d-20d9-524a-bd28-4423c1a3a2b2.html

• Highlighted by Credit.com (September, 2015) <http://blog.credit.com/2015/09/how-much-credit-card-debt-will-you-have-your-hometownmay-be-a-big-factor-126491/>

- Highlighted by TIME (September, 2015) <http://time.com/money/4055727/credit-card-debt-hometown/?xid=homepage>
 - Highlighted by KIRO 7 News, Seattle (September, 2015) <http://jessejones.com/story/howmuch-credit-card-debt-will-you-have-your-hometown-may-be-a-big-factor/>
7. **West, S.**, & Friedline, T. (2016). Coming of age on a shoestring budget: Associations between financial capability and financial behaviors of lower-income Millennials. *Social Work*, 61(4), 305-312.
 8. Patterson, D., **West, S.**, Harrison, T., & Higginbotham, L. (2016). No easy way out: One community's efforts to house families experiencing homelessness. *Families in Society*, 97(3), 212-220.
 9. Friedline, T., & **West, S.** (2016). Young adults' race, wealth, and entrepreneurship. *Race and Social Problems*, 8(1), 42-63.
 10. **West, S.**, & Mottola, G. (2016). A population on the brink: The financial fragility of American renters. *Journal of Poverty and Public Policy*, 8(1), 1-16.
 11. Friedline, T., & **West, S.** (2015). Financial education is not enough: Millennials may need financial capability to demonstrate healthier financial behaviors. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 1-23.
 12. Adams, D., & **West, S.** (2015). Asset building among low-income adults: An exploratory study of an emergency savings program. *Journal of Community Practice*, 23 (3-4), 436-461.
 13. **West, S.**, Patterson, D., Brown, K., Mastronardi, A., & Sturm, R. (2014). Individual predictors of community costs before and after Housing First. *Journal of Poverty*, 18(3), 231-253.
 14. Patterson, D., Cronley, C., **West, S.**, & Lantz, J. (2014). Social justice manifest: University community partnership to promote the right to housing. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 50(2), 234-246.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Despard, M., Friedline, T., & **West, S.** Does the composition of financial services in a community relate to an individual's savings account ownership? R & R December 2017 to the *Journal of Community Practice*.

*Bills, K., **West, S.**, & *Hargrove, J. Housing cost burden and maternal stress among very low income mothers. R&R January 2018 to *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*.

Dennis, M., **West, S.**, & Scanlon, E. From farm to table: Community initiatives to reduce hunger and food waste. Submitted April 2017 to the *Journal of Social Work*.

Despard, M., Friedline, T., & **West, S.** Overemphasizing financial literacy ignores real reasons households lack emergency savings. R & R December 2017 to the *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*.

*Papers submitted with graduate students.

MINOR PUBLICATIONS: REPORTS

West, S. (2017). My People Fund: Preliminary findings. Available from <http://www.csw.utk.edu/research/economicjustice-housing/west/My%20People%20Fund%20Evaluation-Preliminary%20Findings.pdf>.

West, S., & Baker, A. (2017). Wealth inequality and asset depletion among single early baby boomers: Differences by gender, race/ethnicity, and home ownership in retirement readiness. Available from <http://iwpr.org/publications/pubs/weath-inequality-asset-depletion-single-boomers/>.

- Friedline, T., Despard, M., & **West, S.** (2017). Navigating day to day finances: A Geographic investigation of brick-and-mortar financial services and individuals' financial health. Available from <http://aedi.ku.edu/sites/aedi.ku.edu/files/docs/publication/FI/Nav-DtoD.pdf>.
- Friedline, T., Despard, M., & **West, S.** (2017). Resilient in the midst of change: A geographic investigation of brick-and-mortar financial services and individuals' financial health. Available from <http://aedi.ku.edu/sites/aedi.ku.edu/files/docs/publication/FI/Resilient.pdf>
- Friedline, T., Despard, M., & **West, S.** (2017). Investing in the future: A geographic investigation of brick-and-mortar financial services and individuals' financial health. Available from <http://aedi.ku.edu/sites/aedi.ku.edu/files/docs/publication/FI/Investing-future.pdf>.
- Friedline, T., & **West, S.** (2015). Building millennials' financial health via financial capability. https://static.newamerica.org/attachments/3330-building-millennials-financial-health-via-financial-capability/Millennials_Financial_Health.5a49a18e2eab40a5afd1925ef695a1e0.pdf
- Highlighted at:
 - *TIME* "How to Break the Millennial Debt Spiral"
 - *CBS Money Watch* "For Millennials, a World of Tough Financial Choices"
 - *Education Week* "Students Without Financial Education Plan Less for a Rainy Day, Study Finds"
- West, S.,** & Mottola, G. (2014). FINRA Foundation financial capability insights –October 2014: American renters and financial fragility. <http://www.finra.org/web/groups/foundation/@foundation/documents/foundation/p601077.pdf>
- Highlighted at:
 - *The New York Times* "Cheaper to Buy Than Rent A Home"
 - *Consumer Affairs* "What Renting Says About Your Financial Status"
 - *Yahoo Finance* "Here's why Renters in America Feel Trapped"
- Adams, D., & **West, S.** (2014). Start2Save research report for Opportunity Fund: Final Start2Save Survey Findings.
- Adams, D., & **West, S.** (2013). Start2Save research report for Opportunity Fund: Findings from the baseline survey.
- Patterson, D., Brown, K., Mastronardi, M., Sturm, R., **West, S.,** & Stothard, S. (2012). Comparative costs and benefits of permanent supportive housing in Knoxville, TN.
- Nooe, R., Patterson, D. & **West, S.** (2012). Homelessness in Knoxville and Knox-County, Tennessee, 2011-2012.
- Patterson, D., **West, S.,** & Lantz, J. (2010). The University of Tennessee College of Social Work KnoxHMIS 2010 Annual Report.
- Patterson, D., Buckingham, M., & **West, S.** (2009). The University of Tennessee College of Social Work KnoxHMIS 2009 Annual Report.

AWARDS

2015-2016	NASW Foundation Eileen Blackey Doctoral Fellowship, \$10,000
2015	Convening on Financial Capability and Asset Building Honorarium, \$500
2014-2015	The University of Kansas School of Social Welfare Liane V. Davis Scholarship, \$2,000
2012-2013	The University of Kansas School of Social Welfare Doctoral Fellowship, \$18,000

FUNDED RESEARCH

- 2017-2018 The University of Tennessee Community Engaged Research Grant
PI: Stacia West
Dollywood Foundation, My People Fund Evaluation, \$2,000
- 2014 The University of Kansas Graduate Studies Summer Research Grant
PI: Stacia West, MSSW
Data Fusion: An Innovative Analytic Technique for Social Work Research, \$5,000
- 2011-2012 University of Tennessee Academic Outreach and Engagement Award
Co-PIs: David A. Patterson, Ph.D. & Stacia West, MSSW
Study of Housing First Outcomes for Formerly Homeless Individuals at Flenniken Landing, \$2,000
- 2010-2011 University of Tennessee Academic Outreach and Engagement Award
Co-PIs: David A. Patterson, Ph.D. & Stacia West, MSSW
Study of Housing First Outcomes for Formerly Homeless Individuals at Minvilla Manor, \$2,000
- 2010-2011 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Co-PIs: David A. Patterson, Ph.D. & Stacia West, MSSW
Knoxville Homeless Continuum of Care -Homeless Management Information System Proposal. Renewal, \$132,894
- 2010-2011 The City of Knoxville-Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Co-PIs: David A. Patterson, Ph.D. & Stacia West, MSSW
Matching Support for KnoxHMIS, \$10,000
- 2010-2011 The University of Tennessee-Scholarly and Research Incentive Funds
Co-PIs: David A. Patterson, Ph.D. & Stacia West, MSSW
Matching Support for KnoxHMIS, \$5,000
- 2010-2011 Knox County-Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Co-PIs: David A. Patterson, Ph.D. & Stacia West, MSSW
Matching Support for KnoxHMIS, \$10,000

PEER REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

1. **West, S.,** Castro-Baker, A., & *Bills, K. (2018, January). Housing loss and financial asset depletion in the wake of the Great Recession. Oral presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
2. **West, S.,** & *Bills, K. (2018, January). How the affordable housing crisis undermines neighborhood connectedness. Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

3. *Bills, K., & **West, S.** (2017, October). Parental stress and aggravation among mothers experiencing housing cost burden. Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education.
4. **West, S.** & *Bills, K. (2017, October). The role of social support as a moderator of housing instability in single mother and two-parent households. Oral presentation at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Dallas, TX.
5. **West, S.** (2016, January). Financial fragility and its relationship to housing instability in a sample of single mothers. Oral presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
6. Friedline, T., **West, S.**, Rosell, N., Serido, J., & Shim, S. (2016, January). "It takes a village": Community-level explanations of young adults' credit card debt. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Grand Challenges for Social Work: Setting a Research Agenda for the Future, Washington, DC.
7. **West, S.** (2015, October). *A population on the brink: American renters and financial fragility.* Poster presentation at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Denver, CO.
8. Friedline, T., & **West, S.** (2015, June). *Financial education is not enough: Millennials may need financial capability to demonstrate healthier financial behaviors.* Oral paper presentation at the American Marketing Association Marketing and Public Policy Conference, Washington, DC.
9. **West, S.**, & Friedline, T. (2015, April). *Coming of age on a shoestring budget: Associations between Millennials' financial capability and financial behavior.* Oral paper presentation at the Convening on Financial Capability and Asset Building, St. Louis, MO.
10. **West, S.** (2015, January). *Data fusion: An innovative analytic technique for social work research.* Electronic poster presentation at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research Education, New Orleans, LA.
11. Friedline, T., **West, S.**, & Scheutz, N. (2015, January). *The association between young adults' financial capability and their financial behaviors.* Oral paper presentation at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research Education, New Orleans, LA.
12. Patterson, D., Higginbotham, L., Ensley, C., **West, S.**, & Nooe, R. (2015, January). *Information and communication technologies use by homeless individuals.* Oral paper presentation at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research Education, New Orleans, LA.
13. **West, S.**, & Scanlon, E. (2014, October). *Collaborating to develop outcome measures: A case study in generative research.* Oral paper presentation at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Tampa, FL.
14. Adams, D., & **West, S.** (2014, October). *Building emergency savings: The experiences of people with very low-incomes.* Poster presentation at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Tampa, FL.

15. Patterson, D. Brown, K. & West, S. (2013, November). *Comparative costs and benefits of permanent supportive housing before and after chronic homelessness*. Oral paper presentation at the 141st Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.
16. Patterson, D., Cronley, C. & West, S. (2012, November). *Social justice manifest: university community outreach for social justice*. Paper presented at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Washington, DC.
17. West, S., & Bowie, S. (2010, August). *Assessing the Trojan horse of TANF and welfare reform*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Community and organizational practice
 Social policy and programming
 Research methods
 Critical and feminist theories

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Ongoing (Spring) The University of Tennessee
 College of Social Work
 Course: Advanced Changed Management & Policy Practice (SW548)
- Ongoing (Spring) The University of Tennessee
 College of Social Work
 Course: Social Welfare Policy (SW510)
- Ongoing (Fall) The University of Tennessee
 College of Social Work
 Course: Resource Development & Management (SW545)
- Ongoing (Fall) The University of Tennessee
 College of Social Work
 Course: Social Work Research Methods (SW519)
- 2015 (Spring) *Instructor*, The University of Kansas
 School of Social Welfare
 Course: Social Work Research Methods (SW740)
- 2013 (Summer) *Instructor*, The University of Kansas
 School of Social Welfare
 Course: Grantwriting and Fundraising (SW847)
- 2011 (Fall) *Lecturer*, The University of Tennessee
 College of Social Work
 Course: Social, Political, and Economic Environments (SW512)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2017-Present Member, Closing the Women's Wealth Gap Initiative
2017-Present Reviewer, Children and Youth Services Review [2]
2016-Present Reviewer, Social Service Review [1]
2015-Present National Association of Social Workers, Member
2010-Present Council on Social Work Education, Member
2010-Present Society for Social Work and Research, Member
2014-2015 KUSSW Ph.D. Curriculum Committee, Senior Representative
2013-2013 KU Graduate Dean Search Committee, Member
2012-2013 KU MSW Application Review Committee, Member
2011-2012 Redeeming Hope: Board Member, Grantwriting Chair
2010-2012 Feminist Action Collective: Founder and Member
2009-2012 Knoxville-Knox County Homeless Coalition: Board Member, Committee Chair