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## EDUCATION

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| 2002 | Ph. D.<br>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, School of Social Work<br>Urbana, IL |
| 1998 | M.S.W.<br>University of Wisconsin at Madison, School of Social Work<br>Madison, WI        |
| 1996 | B.A. Social Work<br>Soongsil University, School of Social Work<br>Seoul, Korea            |

## EMPLOYMENT

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 2014 - Present | Virginia Commonwealth University<br>Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine<br>Richmond, VA<br>Clinical Associate Professor |
| 2013 - Present | Virginia Commonwealth University<br>Institute for Drug and Alcohol Studies, Richmond, VA<br>Associate Professor                  |
| 2013 - Present | Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work,<br>Richmond, VA<br>Associate Professor                                   |
| 2002 - 2013    | Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, MA<br>Assistant Professor   |

- 2001 – 2002 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, School of Social Work,  
Urbana, IL  
Instructor
- 1999 – 2002 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL  
Children and Family Research Center  
Research Associate
- 1998 – 1999 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL  
Children and Family Research Center  
Research Assistant
- 1995 - 1996 Ewha Woman’s University Hospital, Seoul, Korea  
Hospital Social Worker

#### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2015 Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Excellence in  
Research Award
- 2012 National Institute of Health (NIH) Summer Institute on Social and  
Behavioral Intervention Research
- 2007 – 2009 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) New Connections  
Fellowship
- 2005 – 2006 National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Children Health  
Intervention Prevention Service (CHIPS) Fellowship
- 2001 Korean-American Research Scholarship, Korean-American  
Scholarship Foundation
- 2000 Ethics in Research Scholarship, University of South Florida.
- 1999 Daniel S. Sanders Award, School of Social Work.  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

### Grants Funded

- 2012 - 2015      **Principal Investigator** (with Khalsa, Sat Bir). Reducing Substance Use Risk Factors in the High School Setting. National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA, R34), Amount for research: \$450,000.
- 2010 - 2013      **Principal Investigator**. Childhood Maltreatment, Self-Regulation, and Alcohol Use in Emerging Adulthood. Alcoholic Beverage Medical Research Foundation (ABMRF)/The Foundation for Alcohol Research, Amount for research: \$100,000.
- 2010 - 2012      **Principal Investigator**. Childhood Interpersonal Trauma and Substance Abuse. National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA; R03). Amount for research: \$50,000.
- 2009 - 2011      **Principal Investigator**. Disentangling the Complex Association between Child Abuse/Neglect and Adolescent Hazardous Drinking. The Silberman Fund Faculty Grant Program, Amount for research: \$40,000.
- 2007 - 2009      **Principal Investigator**. Explaining Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Access to Mental Health Services by Children involved with Child Welfare. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Amount for research: \$56,000.
- 2006 - 2007      **Principal Investigator**. Childhood Maltreatment and Youth Alcohol Problems Pilot Study. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), Youth Alcohol Prevention Center Grant (PI: Rosenbloom), Amount for research: \$15,000.
- 2004 - 2005      **Principal Investigator**. Evaluation of Drug-Free Communities Support Programs at Town of Brookline. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA), Amount for research: \$10,000.
- 2003 - 2005      **Co-Investigator**. (PI: Collins). National Evaluation of Child Welfare Training Grants. US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Amount for research: \$1,048,434.

- 2003 – 2005            **Co-Investigator.** (PI: Collins). Professional Education for Current Public Child Welfare Agency Staff. US Department of Health and Human Service, Administration for Children and Families, Amount for research: \$374,121.
- 2003 – 2004            **Principal Investigator.** Students Teaching Effective Prevention (STEP). The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, Amount for research: \$10,000.

### **Pilot/Intramural Grants Funded**

- 2007 – 2008            **Principal Investigator.** Mental Health Care of Children in the Child Welfare System. BUSSW Dean's Grant

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### *Peer-reviewed Journal Articles*

- Shin, S. H.,** Hassamal, S. & Groves, L. (In press). Examining the role of psychological distress in linking childhood maltreatment and alcohol use in young adulthood. *American Journal on Addiction.*
- Shin, S. H.,** Lee, S., Jeon, S., & Wills, T. (In press). Childhood emotional abuse, negative emotion-driven impulsivity, and alcohol use in young adulthood. *Child Abuse & Neglect.*
- Shin, S. H.,** Miller, D.P., & Teicher, M. H. (2013). Exposure to childhood neglect and physical abuse and developmental trajectories of heavy episodic drinking from early adolescence into young adulthood. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence, 127* (1-3), 31-8.
- Shin, S. H.,** Chung, Y., & Jeon, S. (2013). Impulsivity and substance use in young adulthood. *American Journal on Addiction, 22* (1):39-45
- Shin, S. H.** (2012). A longitudinal examination of the relationships between childhood maltreatment and patterns of adolescent substance use. *American Journal on Addiction, 21* (5), 453-461.
- Shin, S. H.,** Hong, G., & Wills, T. (2012). An examination of pathways from childhood maltreatment to adolescent binge drinking. *American Journal on Addiction, 21* (3), 1-8.
- Shin, S. H.,** Hong, G., & Jeon, S. (2012). Personality and alcohol use: The role of impulsivity. *Addictive Behaviors, 37* (1), 102-107.

- Shin, S. H.,** & Miller, D.P. (2012). A longitudinal examination of childhood maltreatment and adolescent obesity: Results from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (AddHealth). *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 36 (2), 84-94.
- Shin, S. H.,** & Lee, S. (2011). Caregiver social support for children involved with child welfare: Correlates and racial/ethnic variations. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 5 (4), 1-20.
- Shin, S. H.,** Hong, H. G., & Hazen, A. (2010). Childhood sexual abuse and adolescent substance use: A latent class analysis. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 109, 226-235.
- Shin, S. H.,** Edwards, E., Heeren, T., & Amodeo, M. (2009). Relationship between multiple forms of maltreatment by a parent or guardian and adolescent alcohol use. *American Journal on Addiction*, 18(3), 226 - 234.
- Shin, S. H.,** Edwards, E., & Heeren, T. (2009). Child abuse and neglect: Relations to adolescent binge drinking in the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (AddHealth). *Addictive Behaviors* 34 (3), 277-280.
- Shin, S. H.,** & Brown, T. (2009). Racial/ethnic disparities in caregiver strain and child mental health services use: A structural equation model. *Psychiatric Services*, 60:1039-1045.
- Shin, S. H.,** (2009). Improving social work practice with foster adolescents: Examining readiness for independence. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 3 (4), 354-371.
- Hahm, H. C., Lahiff, M., Baretto, R. M., **Shin, S. H.,** & Chen, W. (2008). Health care disparities and language use at home among Latino, Asian American, and American Indian adolescents: Findings from the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS). *Journal of Community Psychology*, 36 (1), 20-34.
- Shin, S. H.,** Lundgren, L., & Chassler, D. (2007). Examining drug treatment entry patterns among young injection drug users. *American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, 33 (2), 217-225.
- Shin, S. H.,** & Choi, S. (2007). State response to substance abusing TANF recipients: The challenge of welfare policy. *Journal of Policy Practice*, 6 (1), 65 - 83.
- Shin, S. H.,** & Amodeo, M. (2007). Injection drug use among adolescents and young adults: Scope of the problems and recommendations. *Families in Society*, 88 (1), 95-103.

**Shin, S. H.** (2005). Need for and actual use of mental health services by older foster youth. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 27 (10), 1071-1083.

**Shin, S. H.** (2004). Developmental outcomes of vulnerable youth in the child welfare system. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 9 (1/2), 39-56.

(Simultaneously published in C. Dulmus and K. Sowers (Eds., 2004) For Better or for Worse: How Institutions are Shaping the Future of Our Children. New York: The Haworth Press.)

**Shin, S. H.** (2003). Building evidence to promote educational competence of foster youth. *Child Welfare*, 82 (5), 615-632.

Wehrmann, K., **Shin, S. H.**, & Poertner, J. (2002). Transfer of training: An evaluation study. *Journal of Health and Social Policy*, 15 (3), 23-38.

(Simultaneously published in K. Briar-Lawson & J. Zlotnik (Eds., 2003), Evaluation Research in Child Welfare (pp. 23-37). Binghamton, NY: The Haworth Press.)

**Shin, S. H.** (2002). A review of school-based drug-prevention program evaluations in the 1990s. *American Journal of Health Education*, May-June, 139-147.

*Manuscripts Under Review & In Progress*

**Shin, S. H.**, Cook, A., Morris, N., McDougale, R., & Groves, L. P. (Under review) The different faces of impulsivity as links between childhood maltreatment and young adult crime. *Preventive Medicine*.

**Shin, S. H.**, Chung, E., & Rosenberg, R. (Under review). Identifying sensitive periods for alcohol use: The roles of timing and chronicity of child physical abuse. *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*.

Park, J., Chung, E., & **Shin, S. H.** (Under review). Bayes variable selection for semi-continuous data regression. *Statistical Methods in Medical Research*.

**Shin, S. H.** & Wills, T. (In progress). Self-regulation profiles among adolescent substance users.

**Shin, S. H.**, Jeon, S., Wills, T., & Teicher, M. H. (In progress). Exploring the role of self-control and childhood maltreatment in alcohol use during emerging adulthood.

**Shin, S. H.** & Wills, T. (In progress). Patterns of impulsivity and alcohol problems.

*Book Chapters*

Webb, M. B., Frome, P., Harden, B. J., Baxter, R., Dowd, K., & **Shin, S. H.** (2007). *Addressing the Educational Needs of Children in Child Welfare Services*. In R. Haskins, F. Wulczyn, and M. B. Webb (Eds.) *Child Protection: Using Research to Improve Policy and Practice*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.

*Reports*

**Shin, S. H.**, & Poertner, J. (2002). Developmental outcomes of older children in out-of-home care. Children and Family Research Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL.

**Shin, S. H.**, & Poertner, J. (2001). Well-being of older youth in out-of-home care who are headed to independence. Children and Family Research Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL.

**Shin, S. H.**, Wehrmann, K., & Poertner, J. (2000). Transfer of Clinical Practice Training, School of Social Work, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL.

Wehrman, K., **Shin, S. H.**, & Poertner, J. (1999). An evaluation of clinical practice training for child welfare workers. Children and Family Research Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL.

**NATIONAL JURIED PRESENTATIONS**

**Shin, S. H.**, Jeon, S., & Teicher, M. (2015). Child maltreatment and alcohol use in emerging adulthood: The potential mediating roles of psychological stress and delinquent/criminal behavior. Symposium presentation (Symposium title: The Roles of Genes and Environment in Social Work and Addiction) at the 19th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, New Orleans, LA.

**Shin, S. H.** (2014). Childhood maltreatment and adolescent binge drinking: New findings on a longitudinal relationship, Oral presentation at the 76th College on Problems of Drug Dependence Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**Shin, S. H.** (2014). Social work practice in light of america's changing demographics. Special panel discussion at the 18th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Antonio, TX.

- Shin, S.H.** (2014). Chronic stress of maltreatment and vulnerability to addiction. Institute for Translational Science, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, TX.
- Shin, S. H.,** Lee, S., Jeon, S., & Wills, T. (2014). Child maltreatment, impulsivity, and alcohol use in young adulthood. Oral presentation at the 18th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Shin, S. H.,** Jeon, S., & Chung, Y. (2014). Timing of Child Maltreatment and Alcohol Use in Young Adulthood. Poster presented at the 18th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Shin, S. H.,** Jeon, S., & Teicher, M. (2013). Childhood physical abuse, sensitive periods, and problematic alcohol use in young adulthood . Poster presented at the 75th College on Problems of Drug Dependence Annual Meeting, San Diego, California.
- Shin, S. H.,** Jeon, S., & Teicher, M. (2012). Developmental pathways from childhood maltreatment to problematic alcohol use in young adulthood. Poster presented at the 74th College on Problems of Drug Dependence Annual Meeting, Palm Springs, California. Childhood physical abuse, sensitive periods, and problematic alcohol use in young adulthood
- Shin, S. H.** (2011). A latent transition analysis of childhood maltreatment and patterns of adolescent substance use. Poster presented at the 73rd College on Problems of Drug Dependence Annual Meeting, Hollywood, Florida.
- Shin, S. H.,** Hong, H., & Hazen, A. (2010). A latent class analysis of adolescent substance use and childhood sexual abuse. Poster presented at the 72nd College on Problems of Drug Dependence Annual Meeting, Scottsdale, Arizona.
- Shin, S. H.,** Hong, H., & Hazen, A. (2010). Childhood sexual abuse and adolescent substance use. Poster presented at the 33rd Research Society on Alcoholism, San Antonio, TX.
- Shin, S. H.,** Edwards, E., & Heeren, T. (2008). Child maltreatment and adolescent alcohol problems. Paper presented at the 2008 Addiction Health Services Research (AHSR) conference, Boston, MA.
- Shin, S. H.,** Edwards, E., Heeren, T., & Amodeo, M. (2008). The impact of co-occurrence of multiple types of childhood maltreatment on youth alcohol problems. Poster presented at Joint scientific meeting of Research Society on Alcoholism and International Society for Biomedical Research, Washington, D.C.



- Shin, S. H.** (2008). Racial and ethnic disparities in access to mental health services by maltreated children: The Mediating Role of Caregiving Experience. Poster presented at the 16th Annual Meeting, Society for Prevention Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Shin, S. H.,** Edwards, E.\*, & Heeren, T. (2008). Multiple facets of maltreatment as predictors of youth alcohol use and binge drinking. Paper presented at the 12th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC.
- Shin, S. H.** (2007). Child maltreatment and adolescent alcohol problems: Examining the joint effect of the co-occurrence of multiple types of maltreatment on youth alcohol use. Poster presented at the 15th Annual Meeting, Society for Prevention Research, Washington, DC.
- Shin, S. H.** (2007). Parental social support and mental health services use by children involved with child protective services. Poster presented at the 2007 Biannual Society for Research in Child Development Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Hahm, H. C., Barreto, R., **Shin, S. H.** (2007). Health care disparities and language use at home among Latino, Asian American, and American Indian adolescents: Findings from the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS). Poster presented at the 11th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Shin, S. H.** (2006). Relationship between multiple forms of childhood maltreatment and youth alcohol problems. Paper presented at the 2006 Add Health Users Conference, Bethesda, MD.
- Hahm, C. H. & **Shin, S. H.** (2006). Language use at home, health status, and access to health care among ethnic minority adolescents: Findings from the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS). Paper presented at the 134th Annual American Public Health Association Meeting & Exposition, Boston, MA.
- Shin, S. H.** (2006). Developing effective preventive interventions for maltreated children at risk of mental health problems. Paper presented at the 14th Annual Meeting, Society for Prevention Research, San Antonio, TX.
- Shin, S. H.** (2006). Acculturation and Asian American adolescents' substance abuse: The role of parental and peer disapproval. Poster presented at the 14th Annual Meeting, Society for Prevention Research, San Antonio, TX.
- Shin, S. H.,** Ung, T., & Lee, J.\* (2006). Promoting social work practice with maltreated children in school. Paper presented at the 100th Anniversary of School Social Work Conference, Boston, MA.

- Shin, S. H., & Lee, J.\*** (2006). Caregiver mental health services use, support networks, and utilization of mental health services by children involved with child welfare. Paper presented at the 10th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Shin, S. H.** (2005). The role of the child welfare system in preventing school failure among youth and children. Paper presented at the 13th Annual Meeting, Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.
- Collins, M., **Shin, S. H.**, Miranda, C.\*, & Rheaume, H.\* (2005). National Evaluation of Child Welfare Training: Findings from Cross-Site Analysis of Grantees. Paper presented at the 15th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Boston, MA.
- Shin, S. H.** (2005). Comparing school engagement and educational performance of children with a history of foster care placement and children in contact with social services. Paper presented at 9th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Miami, FL.
- Shin, S. H.** (2005). What do we know about educational outcomes of child abuse and neglect? Child Protection Conference co-sponsored by the Brookings Institute, Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago, and the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Washington, D.C.
- Shin, S. H.** (2004). Preventing young injection drug users (IDU) from evolving into chronic injection drug users. Paper presented at the 12th Annual Meeting, Society for Prevention Research, Quebec City, Canada.
- Shin, S. H.** (2004). Need for mental health service and actual use of mental health service among adolescents in foster care. Paper presented at the 8th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Shin, S. H.,** Lundgren, L., & Chassler, D. (2004). Comparing patterns of drug treatment entry for younger and older injection drug users. Symposium presented at the 8th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Shin, S. H.** (2003). Building evidence to prevent academic failure of adolescents at risk: Implications for state policy. Paper presented at the 11th Annual Meeting, Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.
- Shin, S. H.** (2003). Assessing adolescent development and educational achievement of vulnerable youths in care. Paper presented at the 7th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, D.C.

**Shin, S. H.** (2001). Drug education in 1990s. Paper presented at the 9th Annual Meeting, Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.

**Shin, S. H.,** Wehrmann, K., & Poertner, J. (2001). Transfer of training in child welfare training. Paper presented at the 5th Annual Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

## **EDITORIAL & GRANT REVIEW ACTIVITIES**

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Present        | <b>Post-hoc Peer Reviewer</b><br><i>Addiction</i><br><i>Child Maltreatment</i><br><i>Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment</i><br><i>Pediatrics</i><br><i>Psychology of Addictive Behaviors</i><br><i>Psychiatry Research</i><br><i>Social Service Review</i>                       |
| 2008 - Present | <b>Review Board Member</b> , <i>Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions</i>  |
| 2004 - Present | <b>Peer Reviewer</b> , <i>Children and Youth Services Review</i>   |
| 2003 - Present | <b>Consulting Editor</b> , <i>Families in Society</i>  |
| 2003 - 2008    | <b>Consulting Editor</b> , <i>Children and Schools</i>   |
| 2007           | <b>Grant Reviewer</b> , <i>Targeted Grants to Increase the Well-Being of, and to Improve the Permanency Outcomes for Children Affected by Methamphetamine or Other Substance Abuse. Administration on Children, Youth and Families, US Department of Health and Human Service.</i> |

## **VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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| 2013 - Present | Member, University Tenure and Promotion Policy Review Committee |
| 2013 - Present | Member, Operation and Governance Committee                      |
| 2013 - Present | Member, Wurtzel Chair Search Committee                          |

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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|-------------|--|
| 2009 – 2013 | Director, Boston University School of Social Work and School of Theology Dual Degree Program |
| 2011 – 2013 | Facilitator, Responsible Conduct of Research Training for Boston University                  |
| 2011 – 2013 | Grader, Doctoral Qualifying Exam   |
| 2011 – 2012 | Chair, Awards Committee  |
| 2010 – 2012 | Member, Status Review Committee for Disciplinary Review of Students                          |
| 2009 – 2010 | Co-Chair, Curriculum Committee   |
| 2007 – 2008 | Member, Curriculum Committee   |
| 2007 – 2008 | Member, Awards Committee   |
| 2006 – 2008 | Member, Diversity Committee  |
| 2006 – 2007 | Co-facilitator, Faculty Meeting  |
| 2004 – 2006 | Chair, Technology Committee  |
| 2002 – 2004 | Member, Technology Committee   |
| 2002 – 2004 | Member, Committee on Faculty Assignments   |

**STUDENT MENTORING***Doctoral Students*

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 2014 – Present | Advisor, Rachel Diane Rosenberg, VCU School of Social Work            |
| 2013 – Present | Advisor, Lauren Peasley, VCU School of Social Work                    |
| 2013 – Present | Dissertation committee member, Caren Putzu, VCU School of Social Work |
| 2012 – 2013    | Chair, Sae-Mi Jeon, BU School of Social Work                          |
| 2011           | Chair, Cesar G. Abarca, BU School of Social Work                      |
| 2010           | Committee member, Yoo-Yun Cho, BU School of Theology                  |
| 2009           | First Reader, Critical Essay, Alvin Lee, BU School of Social Work     |

*Masters Student Research Assistant*

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|-------------|--|
| 2010 – 2011 | Kaite McCarthy, BU School of Social Work     |
| 2009 – 2011 | Bonnie Wennerstrom, BU School of Social Work |
| 2009 – 2011 | Sae-Mi, Jeon, BU Department of Psychology    |
| 2008 – 2009 | Sarah Dowal, BU School of Social Work        |

*Boston University Undergraduate Research Opportunities (UIROP) Funding*

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| 2012 Fall | Lincoln Hill      |
| 2011 Fall | Elizabeth Henehan |
| 2010 Fall | Kathleen Olson    |

*Boston University Undergraduate Research Opportunities (UROP) Mentoring*

2011 - 2013      Lincoln Hill, BU Department of Psychology  
2010 - 2013      Elizabeth Henehan, BU School of Public Health  
2010 - 2011      Kathleen Olson, BU Department of Psychology  
2010              Shinjini Bose, BU Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation  
                         Sciences  
2009 - 2010      Abbie Felix, BU Department of Psychology

**CERTIFICATIONS/ AFFILIATIONS**

Member - Society of Social Work Research (SSWR)  
Wisconsin LSSW (Licensed School Social Worker), May 1998