

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Academic Rank

Assistant Professor, School of Social Work
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Education

Degree	Institution	Date
Ph.D.	Arizona State University School of Social Work Phoenix, Arizona Dissertation: <i>“Loneliness Experiences of Hmong Older Adults: A Constructivist Grounded Theory Study.”</i> Doctoral Advisor: Kelly F. Jackson	2019
M.S.W.	California State University, Sacramento Sacramento, California	2013
B.A.	University of California, Los Angeles Los Angeles, California Major: History Minor: Southeast Asian Studies	2008

Languages

Hmong (Native)

Professional and Academic Positions

University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, School of Social Work Assistant Professor	2019-Present
Hmong Innovating Politics, Sacramento, California Community Outreach Specialist	2018-2019
School of Social Work, Arizona State University Graduate Research Assistant	2017-2018
ASU Community Collaborative at the Westward Ho, Phoenix, Arizona Clinical Coordinator & Social Work Field Instructor	2016-2018
Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center, Arizona State University Graduate Research Assistant	2015-2016
Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy, Arizona State University Research Fellow	2014-2015

Yolo Adult Day Health Center, Woodland, California Medical Social Worker	2013-2014
The Community College Foundation, Sacramento, California Tutor	2013
Hmong Women’s Heritage Association, Sacramento, California Community Health Navigator	2011-2013

Professional Memberships

Asian and Pacific Islander Social Work Educators Association (APISWEA)	2019-Present
Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGESW)	2019-Present
Diversity Scholars Network	2019-Present
Gerontological Society of America (GSA)	2019-Present
Minnesota Gerontological Society (MGS)	2019-Present
Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)	2019-Present

HONORS AND AWARDS FOR RESEARCH, TEACHING, AND SERVICE

“Doctoral Fellowship.” Asian and Pacific Islander Social Work Educators Association. Role: Fellow	2018
“Completion Fellowship.” Graduate College, Arizona State University. Role: Fellow	2018-2019
“Outstanding Mentor Award.” Graduate and Professional Student Association, Arizona State University. Role: Recipient	2018
“Travel Grant.” Graduate and Professional Student Association, Arizona State University. Role: Recipient	2018
“Travel Grant.” School of Social Work, Arizona State University. Role: Recipient	2018
“Sun Award.” Arizona State University. Role: Recipient	2016
“University Grant.” Graduate Education, Arizona State University. Role: Recipient	2016
“Travel Grant.” Graduate and Professional Student Association, Arizona State University. Role: Recipient	2016
“AGESW Pre-Dissertation Initiative.” Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work. Role: Recipient	2015-2016
“Doctoral Enrichment Fellowship.” Graduate Education, Arizona State University. Role: Recipient	2014-2016
“Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship.” Institute of International Education. Role: Recipient (\$5,000)	2006

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

Grants and Contracts

“Hmong affinity group – School of Social Work.” University of Minnesota President’s Campus Climate Micro-Grant, University of Minnesota. Role: Co-P.I. (\$700).	2020
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- “Loneliness experiences of Hmong older adults a phenomenological study.” 2018
Arizona State University GPSA and Graduate Education GRSP. Role: P.I.
(\$2,000).
- “Building community capacity through a participatory group exercise program 2017
at a federally subsidized housing site: Feasibility study.” Arizona State
University Obesity Solutions. Role: Co-P.I. (\$5,000).

Publications

Refereed Journal Articles

- Vang, C.**, Sun, F., & Sangalang, C.C. (Accepted). Mental health among the Hmong population in the United States: A systematic review of the influence of cultural and social factors. *Journal of Social Work*.
- Oh, H., Trinh, M., **Vang, C.**, & Becerra, D. (2020). Addressing barriers to primary care access for Latinos in the U.S.: An agent-based model. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*.
- Sangalang, C.C. & **Vang, C.** (2016). Intergenerational trauma in refugee families: A systematic review. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health, 19*(3), 745-754.

Manuscripts Under Review

- Vang, C.**, Sieng, M., & Zheng, M.* (Revise and resubmit). Conceptualizing loneliness among a refugee older adult group: Using an intersectionality framework. *Ageing and Society*.
- Sangalang, C.C., **Vang, C.**, Kim, B.J., & Harachi, T. (Under review). Effects of trauma exposure and post-migration stress on refugee women’s health: A life course perspective. *Social Work*.

Manuscripts in Preparation

- Vang, C.**, Sieng, M., & Thor, P. Premigration, displacement, and postmigration experiences of loneliness among Hmong older adults. *Journal of Refugee Studies*.
- Vang, C.**, Sieng, M., & Zheng, M. Coping with loneliness among Hmong older adults. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*.
- Vang, C.**, Sieng, M., Thor, P., & Zheng, M. A conceptual model of loneliness among Hmong older adults. *Asian American and the Journal of Psychology*.
- Vang, C.** Taking a step back: Lessons learned from a study with Hmong older adults. *Hmong Studies Journal*.
- Vang, C.**, Garbe, R., & Oh, H. What influences trust in physician?: An examination of Latinx patients’ social network structure and attributes. *Ethnicity and Health*.
- Oh, H., Trinh, M.P., Garbe, R., & **Vang, C.** Effects of dynamic social network changes to chronic illness management (CIM) among tenants in publicly subsidized housing.
- Um, M.Y., Oh, H., & **Vang, C.** Mental and physical health among Latinx patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus: The role of perceived social support and social networks.
- Lee, S., **Vang, C.**, Chang, J., & Vang, P.D. Modern social work practices using multidimensional cultural strength-based empowerment approach with Hmong clients: The then and now.

Non-Refereed Publications

Vang, C. (2016) [Review of the book *Life in and against the odds: Debts of freedom and the speculative roots of U.S. culture*, by H. Hoechst]. *The Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, 43, 185-187.

Presentations, Posters, and Exhibits

Refereed Conference Presentations

Vang, C. & Thor, P. (2022, June). *Research engagement with the Hmong: Lessons learned and future directions*. International Hmong National Development 2022, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Vang, C., Sieng, M., Zheng, M., & Thor, P. (2020, October). *Experiences of loneliness among a refugee older adult group*. Paper presented at the American Public Health Association 2020, San Francisco, California.

Vang, C., Sieng, M., & Zheng, M. (2020, October). *Conceptualization of loneliness among an aging refugee older adult group*. Poster presented at the American Public Health Association 2020, San Francisco, California.

Vang, C., Sieng, M., & Thor, P. (2020, April). *Premigration, displacement, and postmigration experiences of loneliness among Hmong older adults*. Paper presentation accepted at the 8th International Conference on Hmong Studies, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Vang, C., Sieng, M. (2019, November). *Premigration, displacement, and postmigration experiences of loneliness among Hmong older adults*. Latebreaker poster presented at the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) 71st Annual Scientific Meeting, Austin, TX.

Vang, C. (2019, October). *Coping with loneliness among Hmong older adults*. Paper Presented at the 5th Hmong Studies Consortium International Conference, Saint Paul, MN.

Oh, H., Trinh, M. P., **Vang, C.**, & Becerra, D. (2019, August). *Addressing barriers to access primary care for Latinos in the U.S.: An agent-based model*. In *E. Archibold & *L. Bao (chairs), *Application of Agent-Based Modeling (ABM) in Organizational Research on Teams*. Symposium presented at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management, Boston, MA.

Bonifas, R., **Vang, C.**, Oh, H., Garbe, R. (2018, November). *Leveraging interprofessional education to meet health and psychosocial needs in subsidized housing*. Poster presented at the Council on Social Work Education 64th Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, Florida.

Vang, C. (2018, April). *Mental health among Hmong population in the United States: A systematic review of the influence of cultural factors*. Paper presented at the 7th International Conference on Hmong Studies, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Oh, H., Trinh, M., **Vang, C.** (2018, January). *Parsing the effects of culture, language, and insurance: An agent-based model of access to care among Hispanics in the United States*. Paper presented at the 22nd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington DC.

- Bonifas, R., Garbe, R., **Vang, C.**, Casalean, M. (2017, July). *Factors associated with loneliness among older adults living in low-income independent housing*. Poster presented at the IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, San Francisco, California.
- Vang, C.** (2017, January). *Mental health among Hmong population in the U.S.: A systematic review of the influence of cultural factors*. Poster presented at the 21st Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Sangalang, C.C. & **Vang, C.** (2016, January). *Intergenerational trauma in refugee families: A systematic review*. Poster presented at the 20th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington DC.

Invited Presentations

- Vang, C.**, Sieng, M., Zheng, M., & Thor, P. (2020, March). *A conceptual model of loneliness: Experiences of Hmong older adults*. CEHD Research Day 2020, Oral presentation, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (Event cancelled)
- Vang, C.** (November, 2018). *Loneliness experiences of Hmong older adults: A phenomenological study*. Oral presentation, Asian and Pacific Islander Social Work Educators Association, Orlando, Florida.
- Vang, C.** (April, 2018). *Loneliness experiences of Hmong older adults: A phenomenological study*. Poster presentation, ASU Institute for Social Science Research Spring 2018 Poster Contest, Tempe, Arizona.

TEACHING

Courses Taught

University of Minnesota School of Social Work

Advanced Direct Practice and Community-Based Intervention in Gerontology (Instructor)
 Human Behavior in the Social Environment (Instructor)
 Working with Immigrants and Refugees (Guest Lecturer)

Arizona State University School of Social Work

Practice-oriented research (Instructor)
 Aging: Biopsychosocialspiritual perspective (Instructor)
 Micro Human Behavior in the Social Environment (Teaching Assistant)
 Aging Social Work Perspective (Teaching Assistant)
 Critical Qualitative Research Seminar (Guest Lecturer)
 Interprofessional Education and Collaboration Seminar (Guest Lecturer)
 Interprofessional Health Care Practice (Guest Lecturer)

California State University, Los Angeles School of Social Work

Human Behavior and the Social Environment III (Guest Lecturer)