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Education

- 2006 PhD - Social Work, University of Kentucky
Title of Dissertation: *Homeownership as asset accumulation: Predicting and understanding mortgage repayment outcomes among low-income households in Central Appalachia* (Mary C. Secret, Chair)
- 2001 Masters of Social Work, University of Kentucky
Masters Research Project: *Provider opinions regarding affordable rural homeownership: Availability and services*
- 1995 BA - Political Science – University of Iowa

Professional & Research Interests: *Housing and Homeownership for Low-Income populations, Community Development, Social and Economic Justice, Social Work Education, Financial Well-Being and Vulnerable Populations*

Academic Positions

Senior Lecturer: University of Kentucky College of Social Work (2013 – present)
Teaching 3 - 4 classes per semester in the College of Social Work and performing associated committee and service responsibilities to the College, University, and Community.
Appalachian Center Affiliated Faculty (2016-present)
Lewis Honors College Affiliated Faculty (2010 – present)

Lecturer: University of Kentucky College of Social Work (2007 – 2013)
Research Associate: University of Kentucky Institute for Workplace Innovation (iWin) (2006-2007)

Teaching and Course Development

Undergraduate courses

- HON 141 Introduction to the Social Sciences SW
222 Development of Social Welfare
HON 250 Introduction to Social Sciences: Social Justice
SW 325 Social Justice Foundations
SW 325H Honors Social Justice Foundations
HON 395 Independent Study in the Lewis Honors College
SW 420 Human Behavior in the Social Environment
SW 422 Human Behavior in the Social Environment
SW 430 Social Welfare Policy, Theory & Implementation
SW 444 Educational Practicum I
SW 450 Social Work Research Methods
SW 470W Integrative Senior Seminar (GCCR Course)
SW 580 Topical Seminar in Grant Writing
SW 580 Topical Seminar: Social Justice Foundations

Graduate courses

- SW 621 Understanding Inequality and Injustice: Foundations for Practice
SW 630 Introduction to Social Welfare Policies and Services
SW 636 Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities: Engagement and Assessment (new course in development)
SW 650 Research Methods

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| SW 701 | Asset Based Community Practice |
| SW 721 | Poverty and Inequality |
| SW 731 | Advanced Social Welfare Policy |
| SW 733 | Community Interventions |
| SW 733a | Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities: Implementation and Evaluation (new course in development) |
| SW 741/743 | Community & Social Development Practicum (<i>development team for courses; have not taught</i>) |
| SW 750 | Research Design and Implementation |
| SW 751 | Research Design and Implementation |
| SW 751a | Program Evaluation for Community and Social Development (<i>development team for course; have not taught</i>) |
| SW 780 | Independent Study |
| SW 787 | Doctoral Teaching Practicum |

Dissertation Committees:

Meredith Garrison, Communication, 2018-present

Annie E. Snow, Social Work, 2018 – present

Qun Zhang, Family Studies, 2016 – present

Publications & Presentations

Peer Reviewed Articles (*denotes student)

- Benner, K., **Loeffler, D.N.**, & *Buchanan, S. (in press). Understanding social justice engagement in undergraduate social work curriculum. *Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work*.
- Pope, N., Lee, J., & **Loeffler, D.N.** (2015). Future care planning practices of aging services professionals in rural Appalachia. *Contemporary Journal of Rural Social Work*, 7, 2 p. 85-99.
- West, A. & **Loeffler, D.N.** (2015). Understanding victim resistance: An exploratory study of the experiences of service providers working with victims of child trafficking. *Journal of Applied Research on Children*, 6 (1), pp. 1-25.
- Pope, N., **Loeffler, D.N.**, & *Ferrell, D.L. (2014). Aging in rural Appalachia: Perspectives from geriatric social service professionals. *Advances in Social Work*, 15 (2) pp. 1-16.
- Gillen, M. & **Loeffler, D.N.** (2012) Financial literacy and social work students: Knowledge is power. *Journal of Financial Therapy*, 3 (2), p. 28-38.
- *Hirsbrunner, L., **Loeffler, D.N.** & Rompf, E.L. (2012). Spirituality and religiosity: Their effects on undergraduate social work career choice. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 38, p. 199-2011.
- Loeffler, D.N.**, Ely, G. & Flaherty, C. (2010). Parenting on the tenure track: Exploring gender differences in perceptions of collegial and supervisor support. *Academic Leadership: The Online Journal*, 8 (2).
- Ersing, R.L. , **Loeffler, D.N.** & Sutphen, R. (2009). *Exploring the impact and implications of residential*

mobility: From the neighborhood to the school. *Advances in Social Work*, 10 (1), p. 1-18.

Ersing, R.L. & **Loeffler, D.N.** (2008). Teaching students to become effective in policy practice:

Integrating social capital into social work education and practice. *Journal of Policy Practice*, 7 (2/3).

Ersing, R.L., **Loeffler D.N.**, Tracy, M.B. & Onu, L. (2007). The role of social enterprise to promote the rights of the disabled in Romania: a case study of Pentru Voi Fundatia. *Social Work Review* (1-2), pp. 12-26.

Ersing, R.L., **Loeffler D.N.**, Tracy, M.B. & Onu, L. (2007). The role of social enterprise to promote the rights of the disabled in Romania: a case study of Pentru Voi Fundatia. *Journal of Romanian Sociology*, 18(1/2), pp. 107-121. (Reprint from *Social Work Review*).

Ersing, R., **Loeffler, D.N.**, Tracy, M. & Onu, L. (2007). Pentru Voi Fundatia: An interdisciplinary community development approach in Romania. *Journal of Community Practice*, 15(1/2), pp. 193- 216.

Otis, M. D., & **Loeffler, D.N.** (2005). Changing youths' attitudes toward difference: A community-based model that works. *Social Work with Groups*, 28 (1), 41-64.

Loeffler, D.N., Christiansen, D.C., Tracy, M. B., Secret, M.C., Ersing, R.L., Fairchild, S.R. & Sutphen, R. (2004). Social capital for social work: Towards a definition and conceptual framework. *Social Development Issues*, 26 (2/3), pp. 22-38.

Currently Under Review

Loeffler, D.N., Miller, J.J., & Pachner, T. (submitted). *Self-care among social workers employed in rural settings: A cross-sectional investigation*. Submitted to the *Journal of Contemporary Rural Social Work*.

*Snow, A., Cerel, J., **Loeffler, D.N.**, & Flaherty, C. (submitted). Barriers to mental health care for transgender and gender non-conforming adults: A systematic review of the literature. Submitted November 2018 to *Health and Social Work*.

Book Chapters

Loeffler, D.N. & King, J. (2016). FAHE: Strength in numbers. In W. Schumann and R. Fletcher, Eds. *Appalachia Revisited* (University of Kentucky Press).

Ersing, R., **Loeffler, D.N.**, Tracy, M. & Onu, L. (2007). Pentru Voi Fundatia: An interdisciplinary community development approach in Romania. In A. Johnson-Butterfield and Yossi Korazim-Korosy, Eds. *Interdisciplinary Community Development: International Perspectives*. New York: Hayworth Press.

Select Technical Reports & Other Publications

Loeffler, D.N. & Pope, N.D. (2014, March). Aging in place in Appalachia: A review of the literature for FAHE's Elder Initiative.

Loeffler, D.N., et al (2013). Barriers to self-sufficiency: An assessment of social service needs in Fayette County, KY.

<http://www.lexingtonky.gov/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=25908>

Swanberg, J., Clouser, J.M., Walton, L.A., Hilliard, L. & **Loeffler, D.N.** (October 2011). *Creating Healthy Organizations: Promising Practices in Kentucky*. University of Kentucky.

Loeffler, D.N. (2009) *Book Review* : Colonias in Arizona and New Mexico: Border Poverty and Community Development Solutions, by Esparza, A. X., & Donelson, A. J. *Journal of Community Practice*, 17 (4), 522.

Ersing, R.L., **Loeffler, D.N.**, & Hobson, J. (May 2008). *Points of Connection: Strategies for Safe and Sustainable Communities*. University Area Community Development Corporation (UACDC) anti- crime initiative, Tampa, FL.

Swanberg, J., **Loeffler, D.N.**, & Warner, M. (2007). *Making Workplaces Work: Employer Best Practices in Kentucky*. University of Kentucky.

Loeffler, D.N. (2006). *Mortgage repayment outcomes: A technical summary for the Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises, Inc.*

Select Presentations

Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (November, 2018). Orlando, FL. *Equine Assisted Therapy for Survivors of Sexual Trauma: Promising Pilot Data.*

Loeffler, D. N., Ely, G. & Easley, C.

Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (November, 2018).

Orlando, FL. *How do undergraduates from across disciplines and professions understand and internalize intersectionality?* *Pachner, T., **Loeffler, D.N.**, & Benner, K.

Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (November, 2018).

Orlando, FL. *A trauma-informed, interprofessional model for incorporating health justice concepts into online courses.* Ely, G., Sperlich, M., Polmanteer, R. & **Loeffler, D.N.**

Social Inclusion and Social Justice Conference, Shippensburg, PA. (2018). *Increasing social justice understanding, awareness and engagement.* Benner, K., **Loeffler, D.N.** & *Buchanan, S. [invited, did not present]

- Social Inclusion and Social Justice Conference, Shippensburg, PA. (2018). *What does intersectionality mean to students: Lessons from undergraduates and implications for teaching.* **Loeffler, D.N., Benner, K., & *Pachner, T.** [invited, did not present]
- Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, Atlanta, GA (2018) *Increasing social justice understanding, awareness and engagement in undergraduate social work curriculum.* Benner, K., **Loeffler, D.N.** & *Coursey, C.
- Social Inclusion and Social Justice Conference, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania (2017). *What does intersectionality mean to students: Lessons from undergraduates and implications for teaching.* Loeffler, D., **Benner, K.**, Loeffler, D. & *Pachner, T.
- Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (October 2015). Denver, CO. *Lessons learned from over a decade of online learning.* Ely, G., Flaherty, C. & **Loeffler, D.N.**
- 40th Annual National Institute for Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas (July 2015, Invited, did not attend). Vermillion, SD. *Poverty: Who can I Blame? Using Student Perceptions to Inform Classroom Dialogue around Poverty and Inequality.* **Loeffler, D.N.** & Ely, G.
- American Public Health Association Conference (October 2012) San Francisco, CA). *Engaging employers in Creating Healthy Organizations.* Swanberg, J., Clouser, J.M., Walton, L.A., Hilliard, L., & **Loeffler, D.N.**
- Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting (October, 2011). Atlanta, GA . *Financial Social Work: Lessons from the Classroom and Beyond.* Gillen, M., Wolfsohn, R. & **Loeffler, D.N.**
- Financial Therapy Association (September, 2011). Athens, GA. *Predictors of Mortgage Foreclosure Among Rural, Low-income Households: Using this information to Create Best Practices for Pre- and Post- purchase Housing Counseling.* **Loeffler, D.N.** & Gillen, M.
- Financial Therapy Association (September, 2011). Athens, GA. *Teaching Financial Social Work at the Undergraduate and Graduate Levels: Lessons from the Classroom and Beyond.* Gillen, M., Wolfsohn, R. & **Loeffler, D.N.**
- Kentucky Association of Social Work Educators (April 2010). Campbellsville, KY. *Financial Literacy and Social Work Students: A Pilot Study.* **Loeffler, D.N.** & Gillen, M.
- National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas. (July 2009). Duluth, MN. *What do we know about rural mortgage foreclosure?* **Loeffler, D.N.**
- Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. (October, 2008)

.Philadelphia, PA. *Student attitudes about the relevancy of social welfare policy, education, and practice.* **Loeffler, D.N.** & Ely, G.

Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. (October, 2008)

Philadelphia, PA. *Policy Plus: Teaching Social Welfare Policy with Technology.* Reid, C., Threadgill, N. & **Loeffler, D.N.**

Kentucky Association of Social Workers Spring Meeting. (April, 2008). Covington, KY.

The use of technology in social work education: A practical application for teaching social welfare policy, Reid, C., Threadgill, N. & **Loeffler, D.N.**

National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas, Boise, ID (July 2008,

Invited, did not attend). *Rural mortgage foreclosure: implications for community practice and development.* **Loeffler, D.N.**

Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (October 2007), San Francisco, CA. *Homeownership as a Social Work Issue: Rural Experiences and Educational Implications,* **Loeffler, D.N.**

Carework Conference. (August 2007, Invited, did not attend). NY, NY. Parenting on the tenure track: how do gender and generation impact the work/life balance of academic parents? **Loeffler, D.N.** & Ely, G.

First Biennial Southern Conference on Doctoral Research In Social Work. (September 2007). Jackson, MI. Predicting and understanding mortgage repayment outcomes among low-income households in Central Appalachia, **Loeffler, D.N.**

Bluegrass Works Summit (April 2007). Richmond, KY *From Cutting Edge to Bottom Line,* Swanberg, J. & **Loeffler, D.N.**

Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises, Inc. Spring Meeting, (April, 2006). Berea, KY. Preventing and Understanding Mortgage Foreclosure among FAHE Member Groups, **Loeffler, D.N.**

Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises, Inc. Annual Meeting *Keynote Speaker,* (September, 2005). Gatlinburg, TN. Mortgage Foreclosure and Low-Income Homeownership – a strategy for the future, **Loeffler, D.N.**

International Conference on Social Sciences. (June 2005, Invited, did not attend). Honolulu, HI. *New Innovations in Teaching Macro Practice at the Graduate Level: Engaging Students in Web- Enhanced Community Based Learning Opportunities,* **Loeffler, D.N.**

Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. (February 2005). NY, NY. *Social Capital: Implications for Social Work Education, Policy, and Practice,* **Loeffler, D.N.,** Ersing, R.,

Fairchild, S.

Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. (February 2005). NY, NY. *From My Place to Cyberspace: A Strategy for Teaching Community Practice Skills Online*, Ersing, R., Hobson, J., & **Loeffler, D.N.**

National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas (July, 2005). Shepherdstown, WV. Homeownership for Rural Low-Income Families: Policy & Practice, **Loeffler, D.N.**

Service

Profession:

- CSWE Macro Guide Social Work Task Force 2017 – present
- ACOSA Volunteer at the APM, 2018
- Peer Review:
 - CSWE Annual Program Meeting, as needed (2008 – present)
 - *Journal of Religion and Spirituality* (2016-present)
 - *Evaluation and Program Planning* (2016-present)
 - *Journal of Financial Therapy* (2014)
 - *Advances in Social Work* (2009 - present)
 - *Child and Youth Services* (2014 - 2016)
 - Brooks/Cole Publishers Social Policy texts (2009)
 - *Gender, Work, and Organization* (2007)

College of Social Work:

- Spring Book Club Leader: *Do Muslim Women Need Saving*, 2018
- Social Justice Week Planning and Development 2017, 2018
- PhD Program Committee, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- Admissions, Advising and Student Concerns Committee 2017, 2018
- Curriculum Committee, 2018
- Diversity Committee 2010 (co-chair), 2011, 2012
- Budget Committee, 2009, 2010 (chair) 2011 (chair), 2012, 2015 (chair), 2016
- Strategic Planning Committee, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
- Bylaws Committee (ad hoc) 2015
- MSW Macro Course Development 2016, 2017
- MSW Foundation Committee, 2008, 2009, 2010
- Undergraduate Program Committee Member, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2016
- Comprehensive Exam Ad Hoc Committee, College of Social Work, 2007, 2008
- Practicum Review Committee, College of Social Work, 2007, 2010, 2011

University:

- Faculty Learning Community on Teaching and Equity, 2017
- Faculty Sponsor, YARN Student Organization, 2017, 2018

- Faculty Workgroup on Energy Efficiency and Housing in Appalachia, 2015
- UKASB Volunteer, 2015
- Faculty Sponsor, Men's Club Soccer Team, 2014, 2015
- UK QEP Faculty Fellow (nominated and accepted, first cohort), 2014
- UK Shepherd Poverty Consortium Faculty Volunteer, 2013, 2014
- UK Health Colleges Cultural Competence Conference Planning Committee Member, 2012
- Honors Program Admissions Committee, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016
- Honors Program Journal Club Faculty Mentor, 2010, 2011
- Honors Program Faculty Volunteer 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
- Honors Program Scholarship Review Committee, 2011
- K-WEEK Common Reading Experience Discussion Leader, 2009
- FUSION Faculty Volunteer, ongoing
- Member of the Work-Life Task Force on Child Care at the University of Kentucky, 2006- 2007

Community:

- Ongoing work with Fahe, Inc. related to evaluation, and program development 2004-present
- Fahe, Inc. At Large Board Member 2013 – present
- Ampersand (formerly Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center), consultant & evaluator, 2016-present
- Grant Reviewer for VOCA funding through the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, 2018
- Board Member, Living Arts and Science Center 2014 - 2016
- Partners for Youth Grant Reviewer 2013
- Lexington Fayette Urban County Government Partner Agency Selection Committee 2012
- Lexington Montessori School, Board Member 2010-2013
- Consultation and service to Bluegrass Prevention beyond the scope of the federal DFC grant 2009-2012

Consulting Work

Select Experience:

- Ongoing work with FAHE, Inc. (research and evaluation consultation - 2005 - present)
- Ongoing consultation with BRCC, (2016-present)
- Bluegrass Prevention's Drug Free Communities Grant- Evaluator (2010 - 2013)
- University of South Florida's Jim Walter Partnership (2007)
- Sub-contractor for SFG, Inc. - grant writing, research, program development (1998 – 2004)
 - Successfully funded a \$3 million HeadStart grant for Kentucky River Foothills to expand their services to Laurel County (2004); Subsequent successful continuation grant for the agency (2005)
 - Helped to design and successfully fund an Innovative Health & Nutrition Project for the Latina Community in Madison County (\$50,000, HHS, 2006)
- Collaboration with NCCJ and the Knight Foundation to create evaluative standards for program grants; \$1 million Knight Foundation Grant for NCCJ (2000)
- Additional ongoing work with small non-profit organizations to identify and submit funding proposals to public and private granting agencies.

Select Research Experience

- Creating Healthy Organizations – Project Research Associate/Writer *Summer 2011*
 - University of Kentucky’s Institute for Workplace Innovation
- The Eastern Kentucky Innovative Employer Feasibility Project – Principal Investigator *2010-2011*
 - University of Kentucky’s Institute for Workplace Innovation and the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program.
- Research Associate: University of Kentucky Institute for Workplace Innovation *2006 – 2007*
 - Research Associate for the interdisciplinary institute; work with institute faculty, staff, and associates to manage and conduct applied and scientific research related to the institute’s interdisciplinary mission.
- Research Associate: KIDS NOW Initiative – University of Louisville *2002*
 - ECERS-R and ITERS-R evaluations for the Governor’s Early Childhood Initiative
- Research Assistant: Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center, UNC Chapel Hill *2001 - 2003*
 - Kentucky-based research assistant for a national study of Pre-K programs. Coordinated and conducted assessments with 40 rural and urban schools/childcare centers. Trained with national leaders in early childhood education and evaluation to become proficient with a wide range of individual and classroom assessment tools. Research supported by NCEDL and the Department of Education.
- MSW Research Assistant: University of Kentucky College of Social Work *2000*
 - Provided assistance to four faculty members: qualitative and quantitative data analysis; literature reviews and related tasks.

Grants

Kalea Benner, **Diane N. Loeffler**, and Natalie Pope. \$15,000 from the UK Office of Institutional Diversity for Social Justice Week, 2017

Patty Cook-Craig, Principal Investigator, **Diane N. Loeffler**, Co-Investigator, Evelyn Knight, PhD and Jim King, MBA, collaborating partners. *Investigating Social Networks among non-profit housing providers in central Appalachia*. \$1200 grant from the University of Kentucky Appalachian Center, 2011

Diane N. Loeffler and Gretchen Ely, PhD, Co-Principle Investigators on the *Parenting on the Tenure Track* study. Award Amount: \$3000 from the University of Kentucky Internal Grants program

Travel Grant from the College of Social Work Research Committee to attend the 19th Annual National Symposium on Doctoral Research in Social Work, April 2007 (\$300)

Travel Grant from the Graduate School to attend the CSWE APM, 2005 (\$500)

Submitted, not funded:

Allison Gibson, Natalie Pope, **Diane N. Loeffler**, and J. Giger, to the Retirement Research Foundation (will be submitted SP 2018): *Lexington’s Age Friendly Community: Identifying Housing Affordability for Seniors*. 130,000.

Diane N. Loeffler and Martie Gillen. (2010) *Empowering Women across our Commonwealth*.

Submitted to the NASI *Innovative Projects to Strengthen Social Security* grant in the amount of \$70,661.

Patty Cook-Craig, Principal Investigator and **Diane N. Loeffler**, Co-Investigator (2010) *The role of homeownership in the creation and maintenance of social networks and as a pathway out of poverty in economically disadvantaged communities*. Submitted (abstract) to the MacArthur Foundation in the amount of \$1,000,000 over three years.

Honors and Awards

- VIP Faculty Champion, 2014
- Department of Student Affairs Faculty Award, 2014
- Dissertation chosen as one of 12 to be presented at the First Biennial Southern Conference on Doctoral Research in Social Work, 2007
- Dissertation chosen as an alternate for the 19th National Symposium on Doctoral Research in Social Work, 2007

Professional Affiliations

- ACOSA
- Appalachian Studies Association
- CSWE