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### EDUCATION

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2023 (Expected) **Doctor of Philosophy (Social Work)**

Case Western Reserve University

**Dissertation Title:** Caregiver Stress and Depressive Symptoms Among Older Female Caregivers of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder: The Role of Informal Support and Secondary Stressors

**Dissertation Committee:** Ann Nguyen, Ph.D. (Chair), Sonia Minnes, Ph.D., David Hussey, Ph.D., Christopher Burant, Ph.D., FGSA

2014 **Master of Social Work (with Distinction, equivalent to a CSWE accredited MSW degree in the U.S.)**

The University of Hong Kong

2012 **Bachelor of Laws in Political Sciences**

China Youth University for Political Sciences

### POST-M.S.W. CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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2014 – 2017 **Medical Social Worker, Full-time**

Medical Intensive Care Unit, Singapore Changi General Hospital

- Counseling
- Crisis intervention
- Trauma-informed care
- Case management

### GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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Apr 2022 **Arol Shack Dissertation Grant (\$1000)**

Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University

2021 – 2022 **Graduate Student Assistantship (\$5000)**

Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University

2017 – 2021 **Doctoral Student Fellowship (\$72,000 plus full tuition waiver)**

Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University

May 2022 **John A. Yankey Outstanding Teacher Award for Adjunct Teaching (\$500)**

Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University

May 2022 **Invited Attendee (\$200)**

Summer Data Immersion Program, Michigan Center for Contextual Factors in Alzheimer's Disease (MCCFAD), University of Michigan

March 2022 **Professional Development Fund (\$200)**

School of Graduate Studies, Case Western Reserve University

Apr 2021 **Invited Attendee**

Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research Mentoring Program (MCUAAAR), University of Michigan

Apr 2021	<b>Global Citizen Award</b> School of Graduate Studies, Case Western Reserve University
Oct 2020	<b>Mentoring and Career Development Diversity Fellow Award (\$500)</b> The Gerontological Society of America
Nov 2019	<b>Social Research, Policy, and Practice Section Travel Award (\$500)</b> The Gerontological Society of America
2017 – 2021	<b>Doctoral student travel award (\$750-\$800 each academic year)</b> Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University

## RESEARCH FOCUS

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- Aging
- Family caregiving
- Racial disparities in mental health

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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13. **Wang, F.**, Nguyen, A. W., Lincoln, K. D., Qin, W., & Hamler, T. (2022). The moderating role of race and ethnicity in the relationship between negative family interactions and mental health among older adults. *The Gerontologist*, 62(5), 674-684. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnab148>
12. **Wang, F.**, Marsack-Topolewski, C. N., DiZazzo-Miller, R., & Samuel, P. S. (2022). Health of aging families: Comparing compound and noncompound caregivers. *Journal of gerontological social work*, 65(3), 290-304. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01634372.2021.1963024>
11. **Wang, F.**, Qin, W., & Yu, J. (2022). Neighborhood social cohesion and mobility limitations among community-dwelling older Americans: The mediating roles of depressive symptoms and mastery. *International journal of aging & human development*, 94(3), 290-311. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00914150211037657>
10. Marsack-Topolewski, C. N., & **Wang, F.** (2022). Dimensions of caregiver burden between compound and noncompound caregivers of adults with Autism. *Journal of gerontological social work*, 65(4), 402-420. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01634372.2021.1969609>
9. Nguyen, A. W., **Wang, F.**, Qin, W., & Hamler, T. C. (2022). The role of church support networks in the relationship between discrimination and psychiatric disorders among older African Americans. *Review of Religious Research*, 64(1), 35-54. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13644-021-00464-z>
8. Ishler, K. J., Biegel, D. E., **Wang, F.**, Olgac, T., Lytle, S., Miner, S., Edguer, M., & Kaplan, R. (2022). Service use among transition-age youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder. *Journal of autism and developmental disorders*, 52(3), 1051-1065. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10803-021-04999-6>
7. Nguyen, A. W., Taylor, H. O., Lincoln, K. D., **Wang, F.**, Hamler, T., & Mitchell, U. A. (2022). Religious involvement and sleep among older African Americans. *Journal of Aging and Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08982643221085408>
6. Nguyen, A. W., Taylor, H. O., Lincoln, K. D., Qin, W., Hamler, T., **Wang, F.**, & Mitchell, U. A. (2022). Neighborhood characteristics and inflammation among older black Americans: The moderating effects of hopelessness and pessimism. *The journals of gerontology. Series A, Biological sciences and medical sciences*, 77(2), 315-322. <https://doi.org/10.1093/gerona/glab121>
5. Nguyen, A. W., Lincoln, K. D., **Wang, F.**, & Qin, W. (2021). Negative interactions with extended family and church members and subjective well-being among older African American women. *Journal of Women & Aging*, 33(4), 347-361. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08952841.2020.1829938>

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4. **Wang, F.**, Tian, C., & Qin, W. (2020). The impact of epidemic infectious diseases on the well-being of migrant workers: A systematic review. *International Journal of Wellbeing*, 10(3), 7-25.
  3. Qin, W., Tuschman, P., & **Wang, F.** (2020). Driving cessation and social participation in late life: A systematic review. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 30(5). 559-572. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10911359.2020.1716912>
  2. Qin, W., Nguyen, A. W., Mouzon, D. M., Hamler, T. C., & **Wang, F.** (2020). Social support, everyday discrimination, and depressive symptoms among older African Americans: A longitudinal study. *Innovation in Aging*, 4(5), <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igaa032>
  1. Lu, N., Liu, J. Y., **Wang, F.**, & Lou, V. W. (2017). Caring for disabled older adults with musculoskeletal conditions: A transactional model of caregiver burden, coping strategies, and depressive symptoms. *Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics*, 69, 1-7. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.archger.2016.11.001>

#### UNDER REVIEW

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1. **Wang, F.**, Irani, E., Tian, C., & Lau, M., Y. Caregiving stressors and mental health among older spousal caregivers: The mediating role of caregiver-care recipient relationship. *International journal of aging and human development*.
2. **Wang, F.**, & Nguyen, A. W. Correlates of physical and emotional strain of older caregivers. *Journal of gerontological social work*.
3. Marsack-Topolewski, C. N., & **Wang, F.** Characteristics of adult children with Autism and caregiver burden. *Journal of Family Social Work*.
4. Pignatiello, G. A., **Wang, F.**, Leuchtag, M., Kraus, N., & Hickman, R. L. Environmental and psychological predictors of nurses' decision fatigue during the covid-19 pandemic. *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*.
5. Hamler, T., Nguyen, A. W., Keith, V., Qin, W. D., & **Wang, F.** How skin tone influences the relationship between discrimination, psychological distress, and self-rated mental health among older African Americans. *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Social Sciences*.
6. Berg, K. A., Ishler, K. J., Lytle, S., Kaplan, R., **Wang, F.**, Olgac, T., Miner, S., Edguer, M. N., & Biegel, D. E. "Don't promise something you can't deliver": Caregivers' advice for improving services to adolescents and young adults with Autism. *Families, Systems, & Health*.
7. Qin, W., Nguyen, A. W., Wang, Y., Hamler, T., & **Wang, F.** Everyday discrimination, neighborhood characteristics, and incidence of daily activity limitations among middle-aged and older African Americans. *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Social Sciences*.

#### IN PREPARATION

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1. **Wang, F.**, Lou, V. W., & Pignatiello, G. A. Developing and examining the caregiving process and multi-dimensional outcomes framework for older spousal caregivers. *International journal of aging and human development*.
2. **Wang, F.**, & Wang, X. C. Caregiving stressors and formal support: The National Study of Caregiving. *Journal of Aging and Health*.
3. Irani, E., & **Wang, F.**, Griggs, S., & Hickman, R. L. Role overload and sleep quality among dementia caregivers: The mediating role of caregiver resilience. *Geriatric Nursing*.
4. Samuels, P. S., Tarraf, W. & **Wang, F.** Electronic version of the Family Quality of Life Survey (eFQOLS): Evaluation of Internal Consistency and Construct Validity. *Families in Society*.

## PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

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1. **Wang, F.**, & Irani, E. *Caregiving stressors and mental health among older dementia caregivers: The mediating role of life disruption*. Poster to be presented at the Conference of Gerontological Society of America; Indianapolis, IN.
2. Irani, E., & **Wang, F.**, Griggs, S., & Hickman, R. L. *Role overload and sleep disturbance among caregivers of persons with dementia: The moderating effect of resilience*. Presentation to be presented at the Conference of Gerontological Society of America; Indianapolis, IN.
3. Irani, E., & **Wang, F.** *Social participation and depressive symptoms among spousal and adult child caregivers*. Poster to be presented at the Conference of Gerontological Society of America; Indianapolis, IN.
4. **Wang, F.**, & Lou, V. W. (January, 2022). *Developing and examining the caregiving process and multi-dimensional outcomes framework for older spousal caregivers*. Paper presented at the Conference of Society for Social Work and Research; Washington, D.C.
5. Hamler, T., Nguyen, A. W., Keith, V., Qin, W. D., & **Wang, F.** (January, 2022). *How skin tone influences the relationship between discrimination, psychological distress, and self-rated mental health among older African Americans*. Poster presented at the Conference of Society for Social Work and Research; Washington, D.C.
6. **Wang, F.**, Qin, W., & Yu, J. (November, 2021). *Neighborhood social cohesion and mobility limitations among community-dwelling older Americans: The mediating roles of depressive symptoms and mastery*. Symposium presentation presented at the Conference of Gerontological Society of America (Virtual).
7. **Wang, F.**, Marsack-Topolewski, C. N., DiZazzo-Miller, R., & Samuel, P. S. (November, 2021). *Health of aging families: comparing compound and noncompound caregivers*. Paper presented at the Conference of Gerontological Society of America (Virtual).
8. Qin, W., Nguyen, A. W., Mouzon, D. M., Hamler, T. C., & **Wang, F.** (November, 2020). *Social support, everyday discrimination, and depressive symptoms among older African Americans: A longitudinal study*. Poster presented at the Conference of Gerontological Society of America (Virtual).
9. **Wang, F.**, & Nguyen, A. W. (January, 2020). *Racial and sociodemographic differences in formal support among older adult caregivers*. Poster presented at the Conference of Society for Social Work and Research; Washington, D.C.
10. **Wang, F.**, & Nguyen, A. W. (November, 2019). *Correlates of family caregiving for older adults and emotional strain among African Americans*. Poster presented at the Conference of Gerontological Society of America; Austin, TX.
11. **Wang, F.**, & Han, Y. D. (November, 2019). *Future planning among older caregivers of family members with intellectual disability or mental illness*. Poster presented at the Conference of Gerontological Society of America; Austin, TX.
12. **Wang, F.**, & Nguyen, A. W. (May, 2019). *Correlates of family caregiving for older adults and emotional strain among african americans*. Poster presented at the Anna V. Brown Community Forum & Conference "Connect, Create and Contribute: Reassessing the Needs of Black Elders;" Cleveland, OH.
13. Ishler, K., **Wang, F.**, Biegel, D., & Berg, K. (January, 2019). *Social inequalities in relation to service needs and barriers reported by family caregivers of transition-age youth with autism spectrum disorders*. Poster presented at the Conference of Society for Social Work and Research; San Francisco, CA.
14. Qin, W. D., Townsend, A., & **Wang, F.** (November, 2018). *Functional limitations and depressive symptoms in older Chinese*. Poster presented at the Conference of Gerontological Society of America; Boston, MA.
15. **Wang, F.** (November, 2018). *Elder abuse, neglect and exploitation: comparing studies in the United States and Asia*. Symposium at the Conference of Gerontological Society of America; Boston, MA.

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16. Li, Q. Y., Guo, Y. Q., & **Wang, F.** (November, 2018). *A cross-sectional study of risk factors of cyber-bullying involvement among school-aged children*. Poster presented at the Annual Program Meeting of Council of Social Work Education; Orlando, FL.
  17. **Wang, F.** (July, 2018). *Examining the use of self-help Integrative Body-Mind-Spirit techniques in the alleviation of anxiety while awaiting in Vitro Fertilization result*. Paper presented at the Conference of Social Work, Education and Social Development; Dublin, Ireland.

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

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- Jan 2022 – Present      **Research Assistant**  
The Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve University  
**An Examination of Stress, Resources, and Sleep Quality Among Dementia Caregivers**
- PI: Elliane Irani, PhD, RN
- Responsibilities: Grant (R21) revision, data analysis (national datasets), manuscript writing  
Outcome: One manuscript (Wang et al.) is under review; three abstracts accepted by GSA 2022
- Jun – Nov 2021      **Project Manager**  
The Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve University  
**A Biobehavioral Exploration of Family Intensive Care Unit Syndrome**
- Funded by American Nursing Foundation | PI: Grant A. Pignatiello, PhD, RN
- Responsibilities: manuscript writing, data analysis, project coordination, data collection  
Outcome: One manuscript (Pignatiello et al.) is under review
- Jun – Aug 2021      **Research Assistant**  
The Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve University  
**Tailored Health Self-Management Interventions for Highly Distressed Caregivers: Family Members of Persons with Dementia**
- NIH (R01) | PI: Jaclene A. Zauszniewsk, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN
- Responsibilities: Liaise with community agencies for recruitment, data collection
- Aug 2017 – Sep 2020      **Project Manager**  
Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University  
**Supporting Families with Autism Research Project**
- Funded by Mt. Sinai Catalytic Autism Research Award and Research Development & Training Grant Award | PI: David E. Biegel, PhD
- Responsibilities: Quantitative and qualitative data analysis, manuscript writing, project coordination, data collection and community recruitment  
Outcome: One manuscript (Ishler et al., 2021) is published; one manuscript (Berg et al.) is under review; presentation at SSWR 2018 as the presenting author

#### TEACHING INTEREST

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- Direct practice in social work: individual and family work
- Direct practice with aging populations
- Aging and healthcare
- Program and practice evaluation

#### COURSES TAUGHT AND DESIGNED

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- Jan – May 2022      **Instructor**  
**Program and Practice Evaluation (In-person, MSW)**  
Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University

Sep – Dec 2021	<b>Instructor</b> <b>Direct Practice: Individual Theory &amp; Practice (In-person, MSW)</b> <b>Direct Practice: Family Theory &amp; Practice (In-person, MSW)</b> Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University
Feb – May 2021	<b>Instructor</b> <b>Program and Practice Evaluation (Remote-Synchronous, MSW)</b> Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University
Sep – Dec 2020	<b>Instructor</b> <b>Direct Practice: Family Theory &amp; Practice (Remote-Synchronous, MSW)</b> Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University
May 2020 – Sep 2021	<b>Course Designer</b> <b>Family Theory &amp; Practice (In-person and online, MSW)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design weekly course plan for both in-person and online format</li> <li>• Design course materials (case study, handouts, PPTs, video recordings)</li> <li>• Develop Canvas site</li> </ul> Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University
Oct – Dec 2019	<b>Instructor</b> <b>Theory and Practice Approaches in Direct Practice Social Work (Online, MSW)</b> Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University
Apr – Jun 2019	<b>Instructor</b> <b>Direct Practice Generalist Methods &amp; Skills (Online with live sessions, MSW)</b> Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University
Nov 2019	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> <b>Human Development I: Child &amp; Adolescent (In-person, MSW)</b> “Developmental Issues of Left-behind Children in China” Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University
Nov 2019	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> <b>Human Development I: Child &amp; Adolescent (In-person, MSW)</b> “Autism and Adolescent Development” Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University
Nov 2019	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> <b>Social Policy (In-person, MSW)</b> “Working Overseas as a Medical Social Worker” Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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May 2021 – Present	<b>Ad hoc reviewer</b> Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work
Nov 2021 – Present	<b>Symposium Co-organizer</b> International Comparisons of Healthy Aging Interest Group, The Gerontological Society of America
Jun 2020 – Present	<b>Reviewer</b> International Journal of Well-being

#### SERVICE TO COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL

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Aug 2021 – Present	<b>Leader</b> Local International Konnections (LINK), Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University
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May 2020 – Sep 2021      **Course Designer**  
Curriculum Development Committee, Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University

Oct 2019 – present      **Speaker**  
Communication Skills in Social Work Direct Practice (annual training for Year-1 MSW students)  
Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University

Oct 2019      **Panelist**  
International Social Work  
Jack, Joseph & Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University

Jun 2019 – Present      **Member**  
Northeast Ohio Autism Community Collaborative

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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- Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)
- Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- The Gerontological Society of America (GSA)
- The Association for Gerontology Education (AGESW)
- Asian & Pacific Islander Social Work Educators Association (APISWEA)