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Education

Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO
College of Arts & Sciences
Ph.D. in Public and Social Policy, 2022 (Anticipated)

New York University, New York, NY
Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service
Master of Public Administration, May 2010
Public Policy Concentration

New York University
College of Arts & Science
Bachelor of Arts (Honors), May 2007
Double Major in Politics and Metropolitan Studies

Professional Experience

2017 – Present **Assistant Dean for Policy Initiatives**
Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis

2017 – Present **Policy and Planning Director**
Centene Center for Health Transformation
Social Policy Institute at Washington University

2014 – 2017 **Assistant Director, Policy & External Affairs**
McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy & Research
New York University

2012 – 2014 **Policy & Research Analyst**
Public Health Solutions (New York, NY)

2010 – 2012 **Borough Organizer**
Fund for Public Health (New York, NY)

2007 – 2010 **Policy Analyst**
Office of Government and Community Affairs New York University (New York, NY)

Teaching Appointments

2020 **Instructor, Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis**
Social Policy Analysis & Evaluation
Public Economics and Policy: Opportunities and Barriers for Equity
Policymaking, Advocacy, and Analysis in the U.S. Legislative System
(Washington, D.C.)

2019 **Instructor, Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis**
Public Economics and Policy: Opportunities and Barriers for Equity
Policymaking, Advocacy, and Analysis in the U.S. Legislative System
(Washington, D.C.)

2018 **Instructor, Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis**
Advancing Equity through Policy

2017 **Adjunct Faculty, New York University Silver School of Social Work**
Advanced Policy: Healthcare
Social Work and Legislative Advocacy: Developing Skills and Knowledge
(Washington, D.C.)

Touro College Graduate School of Social Work
Social Welfare Policy and Service Delivery Systems II

2016 **Instructor, New York University Silver School of Social Work**
Social Work and Legislative Advocacy: Developing Skills and Knowledge
(Washington, D.C.)

Adjunct Faculty, Touro College Graduate School of Social Work
Social Welfare Policy and Service Delivery Systems I

2015 **Instructor, New York University Silver School of Social Work**
Social Work and Legislative Advocacy: Developing Skill and Knowledge
(Washington, D.C.)

Publications

Davison, G., **Ferris, D.**, Pearson, A., Shach, R. (2019). Investments with returns: a systematic literature review of health-focused housing interventions. *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*, 1-17.

Ferris, D., Hayduk, R., Richards, A., Strauss-Schubert, E., Acri, M. (2019). Noncitizen voting rights in the global era: a literature review and analysis. *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, 1 – 23.

Acri, M.C., Fuss, A.A., Quintero, P., Baier, M., Connolly, C., Dean-Assael, K., **Ferris, D.**, Franco, L., McGuire, M., Vilgorin, B., & Cleek, A. (2019). An Assessment of The New York State Behavioral Health System’s Readiness to Transition to Medicaid Managed Care. *Community Mental Health Journal*, 55(4), 599-607.

Macintyre, A., **Ferris, D.**, Gonçalves, B., Quinn, N. (2018). What has economics got to do with it? The impact of socioeconomic factors on mental health and the case for collective action. *Palgrave Communications*, 4(1), 10.

Working Papers

Ferris, D., Hsu, Y, Liem, W., Raymond, M., Acri, M. Medicaid buy-in: barriers and opportunities for increasing financial security for adults with disabilities who work (under review).

Accepted Presentations

Eikenberry, J., **Ferris, D.**, Townes, M. *Facilitating Successful Community Reintegration of Formerly Incarcerated Individuals*. Accepted paper presentation to Macro Social Work Conference 2.0, St. Louis, MO, May 2020.

Cleek, A., Vilgorin, A., **Ferris, D.**, Baier, M., Cronin, C. *A Little Help from My Friends: Tool Development*. Accepted storyboard at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement 28th Annual National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care, Orlando, FL. December, 2016.

Blanck, E., **Ferris, D.** *Opportunities to Expand Early Childhood Mental Health Services*. Accepted presentation to the New York State Coalition for Children's Behavioral Health Annual Staff Development Training Forum, Saratoga, NY. November, 2016.

Parker, G., **Ferris, D.**, *Compulsory Voting: An International Approach to Improving Electoral Participation in the United States*. Accepted presentation to Policy Conference 2.0, Austin, TX. May, 2015.

Cleek, A., **Ferris, D.**, *New York's Transition to Medicaid Managed Care for Care Coordinators*. Accepted presentation to New York State Care Management Coalition Annual Training Conference, Albany, NY. May, 2015.

Cleek, A., **Ferris, D.**, *Data Driven Decision Making and the Importance of Outcomes for a Value-Based System*. Accepted Presentation to New York State Care Management Coalition Annual Training Conference, Albany, NY. May, 2015.

Cleek, A., **Ferris, D.**, Baier, M., Campanelli, P., Salerno, A. *The Transition to Medicaid Managed Care for Behavioral Health in New York*. Accepted Presentation to NASW New York City Chapter Annual Conference, New York, NY. April, 2015.

Feinberg, S., **Ferris, D.**, Le, D., Slagle, A., *Identifying Need and Creating Tools to Engage Communities Around Smoke-Free Housing*. Accepted presentation to American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. November, 2013.

Invited Presentations

Ferris, D. Mental Illness and the Workplace: Navigating the Mental Health Epidemic (panelist). Texas A&M – San Antonio, Society for Human Resource Management. October, 2020.

Ferris, D., Roll, S., & Pearson, A. Medicaid and Financial Security for Working People with Disabilities. St. Louis, MO. Centene National Disability Advisory Committee. February, 2019.

Ferris, D. & Opobo, T. Translating Research to Policy. SMART Africa Annual Conference on Child Behavioral Health in Sub-Saharan Africa. Masaka, Uganda. July, 2018.

Ferris, D., Kelly, Y., Vilgorin, B. *Medicaid System Transition Update*. Invited keynote address presented to the New York State Families Together Annual Conference, Albany, NY. May, 2017.

Vilgorin, B., **Ferris, D.**, Baier, M. *New York's Changing Healthcare Landscape*. Invited Presentation to the North Country Behavioral Healthcare Network and NYS Department of Health Office of Rural Health's Spring Forum, Lake Placid, NY. April, 2016.

Cleek, A., **Ferris, D.**, *Data Driven Decision Making and the Importance of Outcomes for a Value Based System*. Invited presentation to New York Association of Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services Annual Conference, Kerhonkson, NY. September, 2015.

Research Experience

Principle-Investigator

Free and Reduced Price Breakfast in Missouri Schools (\$38,872)

Analyze and synthesize statewide data in relation to free and reduced price breakfast and lunch participation, measure observable impacts of school type, level, geography, and reimbursement models.

October 2019 – September 2022

Co-Investigator (PI: Jason Jabbari)

Increasing a Healthy, Hunger-Free, and Nutrition Forward School Environment

Evaluation of a multi-faceted initiative in a local school district that seeks to improve food access and quality for students while creating positive nutrition and health-related spillover effects in the community.

January 2020 – December 2023

Co-Investigator (PI: Stephen Roll)

Fresh Food Rx: Nourishing Health Starts (\$300,000)

Design and implement a multiyear randomized control research and evaluation project to address food insecurity during pregnancy in partnership with local healthcare provider.

June 2018 – April 2023

Co-Principle Investigator (Co-PI: Ashley Fuss)

Communities of Color Non-Profit Stabilization Fund Program Evaluation (\$10,000)

May 2016 – August 2016

Research Assistant

Shame as a Psychosocial Dimension of Poverty: A Complimentary Study in the United States

January 2014 – January 2016

Project Associate

Impacts of Public Financing of State Elections, Brennan Center for Justice

September 2009 – May 2010

Op-Eds, Select Media, and Blog Posts

Poor, T. [New Internship with Board of Aldermen Gives Students Behind-the-Scenes Policy Experience.](#) *The Source*. March 12, 2019.

Parker, G. & Ferris, D. [Access is critical but by itself not sufficient.](#) *The Source*. April 5, 2018.

Simpson, K. & Ferris, D. [Navigating the DNA Roadmap: Genetic Testing and Health Behavior Change](#). Centene Center Blog Post. December 14, 2017.

Cleek, A., Vilgorin, B., Cronin, C., Ferris, D., Baier, M. [Driving System Success during Times of Change](#). *Behavioral Health News*, Volume 4, Issue 3, spring 2017.

Ferris, D., Baier, M. [Developing Workforce Knowledge through Technical Assistance](#). *Behavioral Health News*, Volume 3, Issue 3, spring 2016.

Lewis, C. [CRISP, McSilver Institute Host Congressional Briefing](#). Congressional Research Institute for Social Work and Policy blog post, November 11, 2015.

Service & Professional Memberships

Institutional Representative, Association for Public Policy & Management (2020 – Present)

Member, Brown School Sexual Assault Advisory Board (Spring 2020 – Present)

Member, University Sexual Assault Investigation Board, Washington University in St. Louis (Fall 2019 - Present)

Co-Chair, Brown School Strategic Planning ‘One School’ Committee (Summer, 2019)

Master of Social Policy Program Committee, Brown School (2017 – Present)

Co-Lead and Student Advisor, Graduate Policy Scholars Program, Washington University in St. Louis (Fall 2018 – Present)

Co-Chair, American Lung Association of New York South Bronx Smoke-Free Leadership Team (2012- 2013)

Elected Member, University Senate, New York University (2009 – 2010)

Awards and Honors

Outstanding Staff Award (2020), Washington University in St. Louis Graduate Student

Senate

University Honors Scholar Founders' Day Award (2007), New York University.

Service above Self Award (2003), North Shore Rotary Club.