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Name

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Current Rank

Professor

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School of Social Work

Education and Professional Credentials

Bachelor of Arts (Anthropology), Case Western Reserve University, 1977

Master of Science in Social Administration, Case Western Reserve University, 1983

Master of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh, 1986

Doctor of Philosophy (Social Work), University of Pittsburgh, 1987

Work Experience

Health Coordinator, 1977 – 1981

Urban League of Greater Cleveland
Cleveland, OH

Research Associate, 1987-1990

Health & Welfare Planning Association
Pittsburgh, PA,

Research Associate, 1990-1994

Saint Margaret Memorial Hospital
Pittsburgh, PA,

Adjunct Faculty, 1992-1994

School of Social Work
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA

Assistant Professor, 1994-2000
Department of Social Work
Georgia State University
Atlanta, GA

Associate Professor, 2000-2017
School of Social Work
Georgia State University,
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Faculty Affiliate, 2012-present
Gerontology Institute,
College of Arts and Sciences,
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Professor, 2017- present
School of Social Work,
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Scholarship and Professional Development

Publications: Referred Scholarly

1. Zavadak, K. H., Kwoh, C. K., **Whitley, D. M.**, & Gibson, K. (1995). Variability in the attainment of functional outcomes during the acute care admission after total joint replacement. *Journal of Rheumatology*, 22(3), pp. 482-487.
2. Kwoh, C. K., Venglish, C. M., Lynn, A. H., **Whitley, D. M.**, Young, E., & Chakravarti, A. (1996). Age, sex and the familial risk of rheumatoid arthritis. *American Journal of Epidemiology*, 144(1), pp. 15-24.
3. Kelley, S. J., Yorker, B. C., & **Whitley, D. M.** (1997). To Grandmother's house we go...and stay: children raised in intergenerational families. *Journal of Gerontological Nursing*, 23(9),13-20.
4. Yorker, B. C., Kelley, S. J., **Whitley, D. M.**, Lewis, A., Magis, J., Bergeron, A., & Napier, C. (1998). Custodial relationships of grandparents raising grandchildren: results of a home-based intervention study. *Juvenile and Family Court Journal*, 49(2), 15-25.
5. **Whitley, D. M.**, & Wolk, J. (1999). Preferred academic and career paths of potential MSW students: what are they thinking? *Arete* (23, 1) 53-65.

6. **Whitley, D. M.**, Beck, E., & Rutkowski, R.L. (1999). Cohesion and organization patterns among family members coping with rheumatoid arthritis. *Social Work in Health Care*, 29 (3) 79-95.
7. Beck, E., **Whitley, D. M.**, & Wolk, J. (1999). Perceptions about poverty: views from the Georgia General Assembly. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 26 (2), 87-104.
8. **Whitley, D. M.**, White, K. R., Kelley, S. J., & Yorker B. (March/April, 1999). Strengths-based case management: the application to grandparents raising grandchildren. *Families in Society*, 80(2), 110-119.
9. Kelley, S. J., **Whitley, D. M.**, Sipe, T. A., & Yorker, B.C. (2000). Psychological distress in grandmother kinship care providers: the role of resources, social support and physical health. *Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal*, 24(3), 311-321.
10. Kelley, S.J., Yorker, B., & **Whitley, D. M.** (2001). A multimodal intervention for grandparents raising grandchildren: results of a pilot study. *Child Welfare*, 80 (1), 27-50.
11. **Whitley, D. M.**, Kelley, S. J., Yorker, B.C., & Sipe, T. A. (2001). Grandmothers raising grandchildren: Are they at risk for health problems. *Health and Social Work*. 26,(2),105-114.
12. Kelley, S. J., **Whitley, D. M.**, & Sipe, T. A. (2007). Results of an interdisciplinary intervention to improve the psychosocial well-being and physical functioning of African American grandmothers raising grandchildren. *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships*, 5 (3), 45-64.
13. Kicklighter, J., **Whitley, D. M.**, Kelley, S. J., Shipskie, S., Taube, J., & Berry, R. (2007). Grandparents raising grandchildren: A response to a nutrition and physical activity intervention. *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*,107(7), 1210-1213.
14. **Whitley, D.M.**, & Kelley, S. J. (2008). Developmental screening and evaluation results of young African American grandchildren raised by grandparents: Thoughts for research and practice. *Arete*, 32(1), 38-57.

15. Kicklighter, J., **Whitley, D.M.**, Kelley, S. J., Lynch, J., & Busby, T. (2009). A home-based nutrition and physical activity intervention for grandparents raising grandchildren: A pilot study. *Journal of Nutrition for the Elderly*, 28, 188-199.
16. Kelley, S. J., **Whitley, D. M.**, & Campos, P. E. (2010). Grandmothers raising grandchildren: Results of an intervention to improve health outcomes. *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*, 42(4), 379-386.
17. Kelley, S., **Whitley, D.**, & Campos, P. (2011). Behavior problems in children raised by grandmothers: The role of caregiver distress, family resources, and the home environment. *Children And Youth Services Review*, 33(11), 2138-2145
18. **Whitley, D. M.**, Kelley, S.J., & Campos, P. E. (2011). Perceptions of Family Empowerment in African American Custodial Grandmothers Raising Grandchildren: Thoughts for Research and Practice. *Families in Society*, 2011, 92(4),110–119. doi: 10.1606/1044-3894.4148
19. Kelley, S.J., **Whitley, D.M.**, & Campos, P. E. (2012). African American caregiving grandmothers: Results of an intervention to improve health indicators and health promotion behaviors. *Journal of Family Nursing*, 24. doi: 10.1177/1074840712462135
20. Kelley, S.J., **Whitley, D.M.**, & Campos, P.E. (2013). Psychological Distress in African American Grandmothers Raising Grandchildren: The Contribution of Child Behavior Problems, Physical Health, and Family Resources. *Research in Nursing and Health*, 36, 373-385. DOI: 10.1002/nur. 21542
21. **Whitley, D. M.**, Fuller-Thomson, E., & Brennenstuhl, S. (2015). Health Characteristics of Solo Grandparent Caregivers and Single Parents: A Comparative Profile Using the Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance Survey. *Current Gerontology & Geriatrics Research*, 2015, 1-10. doi:10.1155/2015/630717
22. **Whitley, D. M.**, & Fuller-Thomson, E. (2015). The Health of the Nation's Custodial Grandfathers and Single Fathers: Findings from the Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System. *American Journal of Men's Health*, .

doi:10.1177/1557988315621604

23. **Whitley, D. M.** (2016). Recruiting and Retaining African American Custodial Grandparents in University-sponsored Research: An Opening Dialogue. *Families in Society: The Contemporary Journal of Social Services*, 97(1), 58-66.
24. **Whitley, D. M.**, Kelley, S. J., & Lamis, D. A. (2016). Depression, Social Support, and Mental Health: A Longitudinal Mediation Analysis in Younger vs. Older African American Custodial Grandmothers. *International Journal of Aging and Human Development*
doi:10.1177/0091415015626550
25. **Whitley, D. M.**, Lamis, D. A. and Kelley, S. J. (2016), Mental Health Stress, Family Resources and Psychological Distress: A Longitudinal Mediation Analysis in African American Grandmothers Raising Grandchildren. *J. Clin. Psychol.*, 72, 563-579 doi: 10.1002/jclp.22272
26. **Whitley, D. M.** & Fuller-Thomson, E. (2017). Solo African American Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: A Representative Profile of Their Health Status *Journal of Community Health*, 42(2), 312-323. [Print Copy]
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10900-016-0257-8>
27. **Whitley, D. M.** & Fuller-Thomson, E. (2018). Latino solo grandparents raising grandchildren: Health risks and behaviors. *Hispanic Health Care International*, 16(1) DOI: [10.1177/1540415318757219](https://doi.org/10.1177/1540415318757219)
28. Kelley, S.J., **Whitley, D. M.**, & Campos, P.(2019). Differential impact of an intervention for grandmothers raising grandchildren. *Journal of Intergenerational Relationships*, 17(2) 141-162.
29. Kelley, S. J., **Whitley, D. M.**, Escarra, S., Zheng, R., Horne, E. M., & Warren, G. L. (2019). The Mental Health Well-being of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis *Marriage and Family Review*, 57, 329-345.

Publications: Books, Book Chapters, Monographs, and Reports

1. **Whitley, D.M.**, & Dressel, P. (2002). The controllers and the controlled - interactions of staff and clients in the social service and criminal justice systems. In J. Figueira-McDonough and R. Sarri (Eds), *Women At The*

Margins: Neglect, Violence and Resistance, (pp. 103-124). New York: The Haworth Press, Inc.

2. Kelley, S.J., & **Whitley, D.M.** (2003). Psychological distress and physical health problems in grandparents raising grandchildren: Development of an empirically based intervention model. In B. Hayslip and J.H. Patrick (Eds). *Working with Custodial Grandparents, (pp. 127-144).* New York: Springer Publishing Company, Inc.
3. **Whitley, D. M.** (October, 2006). Grandparents raising grandchildren in Fulton County, GA. (Prepared for the Fulton County Department of Human Services, Office of Planning and Community). Partnerships).
4. **Whitley, D. M.,** & Kelley, S. J. (January, 2007). Grandparents raising grandchildren: A call to action. (Prepared for the Administration for Children and Families, Region IV, Department of Health and Human Services).
5. **Whitley, D. M.,** Kelley, S. J., & Campos, P. E. (2013). Promoting Family Empowerment Among African American Grandmothers Raising Grandchildren. In B. Hayslip and G. Smith (Eds.). *Resilient Grandparent Caregivers: A Strengths Based Perspective, (pp. 235-250).* Routledge Publishing, Inc.
6. Kelley, S. J., & **Whitley, D. M.** (2014). General Considerations in Kinship Care. In R. Reece, R. Hanson, & J. Sargent (Eds). *Treatment of Child Abuse: Common Ground For Mental Health, Medical and Legal Practitioners, (pp. 96108.* Maryland: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Publications: Non-refereed and Other

1. **Whitley, D. M.** (July/August 1997). [Review of the book K. Corcoran & V. Vandiver (1996). Maneuvering the maze of managed care: Skills for mental health practitioners]. *Families in Society, 78(4),*438-440.
2. **Whitley, D. M.** (2015, February 14) “Where are the grandparents?” [Letter to the Editor – Guest Column]. *Atlanta Journal Constitution, A17.*

Publications: Papers under Review and In-Process

1. Matovu, S., **Whitley, D.M.,** Young, H. Global Perspectives of Perceived Needs of Primary Grandparent-caregivers: A Qualitative Review.

GrandFamilies: The Contemporary Journal of Research, Practice and Policy. (under review)

2. Kelley, S. J., **Whitley, D. M.**, Lamis, D. African American Custodial Grandmother Psychological Distress and Grandchild Behavior Problems: A Longitudinal Mediation Analysis. *Children Youth and Services Review* (Resubmit)
3. **Whitley, D. M.** and Kelley, S. J. The Importance of Social Support Networks on Mental Health Status of Custodial Grandparents (in process).

Research Projects in Process (unfunded)

Whitley, D.M., Kelley, S.J., Fruhauf, C., Smith, A., Lee, Y. & Hayslip, Jr, B. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in a Covid-19 Environment: A Multi-state Exploratory Study.

The aim of the study is to explore the impact of Covid-19 on the lives of grandparents raising grandchildren in parent-absent households. This is a mixed method, multi-state exploratory study (Georgia, Colorado, Florida and New York) allowing a diverse description of grandparent caregiving from varying contexts - health, social and emotional as custodial grandparents manage new demands related to the onset of the coronavirus. The results of the study have the potential to inform researchers and practitioners about the lived experiences of custodial grandparents living under constraints brought on by a global pandemic, as well as suggest possible intervention strategies that may minimize adverse effects for family members. (*Data collection in process*)

Externally Funded Research Grants

1. Neglected Children in Intergenerational Care: Promoting Healthy Intergenerational Families. (1997- 2001). S. J. Kelley, Principal Investigator, B. C. Yorker and **D. Whitley**, Co-Investigators. Funded for \$750,000, National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect Administration for Children and Families, DHHS.
2. Project Healthy Grandparents- Family Support Grant (1997-1998) \$75,000 Georgia Department of Human Resources; Co-Investigator
3. Project Healthy Grandparents – Family Preservation Grant (1997-1998) \$75,000 Georgia Department of Human Resources; Co-Investigator

4. Project Healthy Grandparents- Family Support Grant (1998-1999)
\$75,000 Georgia Department of Human Resources; Co-Investigator
5. Project Healthy Grandparents – Family Preservation Grant (1998-1999)
\$75,000 Georgia Department of Human Resources; Co-Investigator
6. Project Healthy Grandparents – Family Support Grant (1999-2000)
\$75,000 Georgia Department of Human Resources; Co-Investigator
7. Project Healthy Grandparents – Family Preservation Grant (1999-2000)
\$75,000 Georgia Department of Human Resources; Co-Investigator
8. Early Intervention Support Services (2001-2002) \$36,503. Children’s
Trust Fund Georgia Department of Human Resources; (Principal
Investigator)
9. Project Healthy Grandparents – Early Intervention Support Services
(2001-2005) \$395,511. Abandoned Infants Assistance, Department of
Health and Human Services; (Principal Investigator)
10. Professional Excellence (2012-2013) \$1.3M. Georgia Department of
Human Services (PI: Dr. Elizabeth Beck); Co-Investigator.
11. Professional Excellence (2013-2014) \$1.3M. Georgia Department of
Human Services (PI: Dr. Elizabeth Beck); Co-Investigator.

State Contracts

1. Title IV-E: Georgia Child Welfare Education and Training Start-up
Grant (2015) \$324,847. Georgia Department of Human Services,
Division of Family & Children Services (Principal Investigator)
(*Awarded Contract*).
2. Title IV-E: Georgia Child Welfare Education and Training Grant (2015-
2016) \$3,233,679. Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of
Family & Children Services (Principal Investigator) (*Awarded
Contract*)
3. Title IV-E: Georgia Child Welfare Education and Training Grant (2016-
2017) \$4,857,646. Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of
Family & Children Services (Principal Investigator) (*Awarded
Contract*)
4. Title IV-E: Georgia Child Welfare Education and Training Grant (2017- 2018)

\$4,078,637. Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family & Children Services (Principal Investigator) (*Awarded Contract*)

5. Title IV-E: Georgia Child Welfare Education and Training Grant (2018-2019) \$3,581,904. Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family & Children Services (Principal Investigator) (*Awarded Contract*).
6. Title IV-E: Georgia Child Welfare Education and Training Grant (2019-2020) \$3,423,640.76. Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family & Children Services (Principal Investigator) (*Awarded Contract*)
7. Title IV-E: Georgia Child Welfare Education and Training Grant (2020-2021) \$3,344,040.73. Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family & Children Services (Principal Investigator) (*Awarded Contract*)
8. Title IV-E: Georgia Child Welfare Education and Training Grant (2021-2022) \$3,555,190.24 Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family & Children Services (Principal Investigator) (*Awarded Contract*)
9. Title IV-E: Georgia Child Welfare Education and Training Grant (2022-2023) \$3,890,596.13 Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family & Children Services (Principal Investigator) (*Awarded Contract*)

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings and Conferences

1. Barker N. C., & **Whitley, D. M.** (1996). Services to Youth Program: A Critical Examination of A Group Focused Treatment Program For African-American Delinquent Youth. American Association of Children's Residential Centers, 40th Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM, October 16-19, 1996.
2. Barker N. C., & **Whitley, D. M.** (1997). Can After-school Specialized Programs Impact Delinquent Behavior among African-American Youth? The Research & Training Center for Children's Mental Health, 10th Annual Research Conference, Tampa FL, February 23-26, 1997. (*refereed, poster*).

3. Kelley, S. J., Yorker, B. C., & **Whitley, D. M.** (1997). Project Healthy Grandparents: Support for Intergenerational Families. Child Welfare League of America, Inc., San Francisco, CA. (*refereed paper*)
4. Kelley, S.J., Yorker, B. & **Whitley, D. M.** (November, 1997). Grandparents raising grandchildren: Results of an intervention study. The Gerontological Society of America's 50th Annual Scientific Meeting, Cincinnati, OH. (*referred paper*)
5. Kelley, S. J., Yorker, B., **Whitley, D.M.**, & Sipe, T. (July, 1998). Grandparents raising grandchildren: Results of a pilot intervention study. 10th International Nursing Research Congress, Utrecht, The Netherlands. (*refereed paper*)
6. Kelley, S., Yorker, B., **Whitley, D.**, & Sipe, T. (January, 1999). A multimodal intervention for grandparents raising grandchildren: Results of a pilot study. San Diego Response to Child Maltreatment Conference, San Diego, CA. (*referred paper*)
7. Kelley, S., **Whitley, D. M.**, & Yorker, B. (May, 1999). Project Healthy Grandparents. Department of Human Resources & Administration for Children and Families: Region IV Child Welfare Conference, Atlanta, GA. (*invited, paper*)
8. **Whitley, D. M.**, Kelley, S. J., White, K., & Thomas, A. (August, 1999). Project Healthy Grandparents: Part I & II. Child Welfare League of America: Kinship Care Conference, Atlanta, GA. (*refereed, paper*)
9. **Whitley, D. M.**, & Thomas, A. (September, 1999). Project Healthy Grandparents: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. The 4th Annual Sue Schley Mathews Pediatric Nursing Conference, Columbus, GA. (*Invited presentation*)
10. **Whitley, D. M.**, & Kelley, S. J. (2000, November). Psychological Distress in Grandmother Kinship Care Providers: The Role of Resources, Social Support, and Physical Health. Gerontology Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC. (*refereed paper*)
11. **Whitley, D.M.**, Kelley, S. J., & White, K. (2001, July). Saturday Youth Academy: A Mental Health Support Program for Grandchildren Being

Raised by Grandparents. Child Welfare League of America, Kinship Care Conference. Chicago, Illinois. (*refereed paper*)

12. Kelley, S.J., **Whitley, D. M.**, Yorker, B., & Sipe, T. (2001, October). Results of an Interdisciplinary Intervention to Improve the Well-being and Functioning of Grandmothers Raising Grandchildren. American Public Health Association, 129th Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. (*refereed paper*)
13. **Whitley, D. M.**, Kelley, S. J., & White, K. (2001, October). Saturday Youth Academy: A Mental Health Support Program for Grandchildren Being Raised by Grandparents. American Public Health Association, 129th Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (*referred paper*)
14. **Whitley, D.**, Robinson, M., & Kelley, S. J. (2002, October). Project Healthy Grandparents: An urban/rural perspective. National Alliance for Caregiving, 3rd International Conference, Washington, DC. (*refereed paper*)
15. **Whitley, D.**, White, K., & Kelley, S.J. (2002, October). Saturday Youth Academy: A Mental Health Support Program for Grandchildren Living with Grandparents. National Association of Social Workers – Georgia Chapter, 14th Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. (*refereed paper*)
16. Kelley, S. J., **Whitley, D. M.**, & Mitchum, N. (2003). Project Healthy Grandparents: National Replication. Generations United International Conference, Washington, DC. (*refereed paper*)
17. Kelley, S. J., Mitchem, N., & **Whitley, D. M.** (July, 2003). Project Healthy Grandparents: A National Replication. (Child Welfare League of America, Fourth National Kinship Care Conference. Kinship Care: Preserving and Strengthening a Family Resource. Philadelphia, PA. (*refereed paper*).
18. **Whitley, D. M.**, & Kelley, S.J. (2003). Project Healthy Grandparents – Early Intervention Support Services. National Association of Social Workers – Georgia Chapter, Marietta, GA. (*refereed paper*).
19. Kelley, S. J., **Whitley, D. M.**, & Sipe, T. A. (2004). Results of an Intervention to Improve the Well-being and Functioning of Grandmothers Raising Grandchildren. Gerontological Society of America 57th Annual Scientific Meeting. Chicago, IL. (*refereed paper*)

20. **Whitley, D. M., & Kelley, S. J.** (September, 2005). Project Healthy Grandparents: Best Practices and Lessons Learned. National Resident Summit, Washington, DC. (*invited presentation*).
21. Kelley, S. J., **Whitley, D. M., & Sipe, T. A.** (2005). History of Maltreatment and Behavior Problems in Children Raised by Grandparents. The 9th European Conference on Traumatic Stress. Stockholm, Sweden. (*refereed paper*).
22. **Whitley, D.M., & Kelley, S. J.** (2008). Project Healthy Grandparents: A Strengths-Based Practice Initiative. National Conference on Strengthening Families: Trends and Practices. Missouri Coalition on Children's Agencies. St. Louis, Missouri. March 31-April 1, 2008. (*Invited presentation*).
23. **Whitley, D. M., & Kelley, S. J.** (2008). Early intervention needs of grandchildren raised by grandparents: Accessibility and availability of community-based support services. Prevent Child Abuse America. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. May 20, 2008. (*refereed paper*).
24. **Whitley, D. M., & Kelley, S. J.** (2008). Early intervention needs of grandchildren raised by grandparents. Prevent Child Abuse Georgia 24th Symposium. Atlanta, GA. July, 2008. (*refereed paper*).
25. Kelley, S. J., **Whitley, D. M., & Campos, P. E.** (2008). Children raised by grandparents: Are they at risk for developmental delays. International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. Hong Kong, China. September 10, 2008. (*refereed paper*).
26. **Whitley, D. M., & Kelley, S. J.** (2008). Project Healthy Grandparents: Incorporating strengthening families Protective factors in community based practice. 39th Annual Conference: National Black Child Development Institute. Atlanta, GA. October 28, 2008. (*refereed paper*).
27. Kelley, S. J., **Whitley, D. M., & Campos, P.** (2009). Behavioral problems in children raised by grandmothers: Role of the caregiving environment. The Gerontological Society of America, 62nd Annual Scientific Meeting. Atlanta, GA. November 19, 2009.

28. **Whitley, D.M.**, Kelley, S.J., & Campos, P. E. (November, 2010). Perceptions of Family Empowerment Among Grandmothers Raising Grandchildren. Gerontological Society of America 63rd Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. (*workshop presenter*)

29. **Whitley, D. M.** (October, 2010). Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Parenting The Second Time Around. Together We Can Conference, Lafayette, LA. (*workshop presenter*)

30. **Whitley, D. M.** (2010). Infusion of Critical Thinking in BSW Education: A Roundtable Discussion. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Portland, OR. (*refereed paper*).

31. **Whitley, D. M.**, & Sessley, L. (June 22-24, 2010). Just When You Thought It Was Over: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. 5th Annual African American Healthy Marriage Initiative: Research to Practice Conference. Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, Hampton, VA. (*workshop presenter*).

32. **Whitley, D. M.** (April 29, 2010). Building Healthy Families in 2010. Brookdale Foundation Regional Conference, St. Louis, MO. (*plenary speaker*).

33. **Whitley, D. M.**, Smith, A. & Goyer, A. (April, 2011). Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Preliminary Results of a National Survey on Research and Practice. American Society on Aging Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA (*workshop presenter*)

34. **Whitley, D. M.**, Snyder, T., Washington, G., & Williams, C. (2011). Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Georgia's Family Village. Georgia Gerontology Society, 56th Annual Conference, Athens, GA (*refereed, panel presenter*)

35. Kelley, S. J., **Whitley, D. M.**, & Campos, P. E. (November, 2011). Grandmothers Raising Grandchildren. The Gerontological Society of America, 64th Annual Scientific Meeting, Boston, MA. (*refereed paper*)

36. **Whitley, D. M.**, Kelley, S. J., & Campos, P. E. (November, 2011). Family Behavior Patterns Among Custodial Grandmothers Raising Grandchildren. The Gerontological Society of America, 64th Annual Scientific Meeting. Boston, MA (*refereed symposium presenter*).

37. Smith, A., **Whitley, D.**, & Dannison, L. (March, 2012). Programs for Grandparent-headed Families: Building Effective Services. American Society on Aging Annual Conference. Washington, D.C. (*refereed workshop*)
38. Kelley, S.J., & **Whitley, D. M.** (September, 2012). Psychological Distress in Grandmother Kinship Care Providers, International Society on Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Istanbul, Turkey. (*refereed poster presentation*).
39. **Whitley, D.**, & Kelley, S.J. (2012). Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: The Positive Side of Raising Children with Disabilities. The Gerontological Society of America, 65th Annual Scientific Meeting. San Diego, CA (*refereed symposium presenter*).
40. Kelley, S. J., & **Whitley, D. M.** (2012). Custodial Grandmothers: The Role of Child Behavior Problems, Resources and Physical Health. The Gerontological Society of America, 64th Annual Scientific Meeting. San Diego, CA (*refereed symposium presenter*).
41. Kelley, S. J., & **Whitley, D. M.** (2013). Children in Out-of-Home Care with Grandmothers: Physical and Behavioral Health Issues. 2013 International Society on the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. (*refereed paper presentation*)
42. **Whitley, D. M.**, & Kelley, S. J. (2013). Project Healthy Grandparents: Recruitment and Retention of African American Custodial Grandparents in University Sponsored Projects. The Gerontological Society of America, 66th Annual Scientific Meeting. Louisiana: New Orleans (*refereed symposium presentation*).
43. Kelley, S. J., & **Whitley, D.M.** (June, 2013). African American Children Raised by Grandparents: The Role of Trauma and Psychological Well-Being, European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Conference, Bologna, Italy. (*refereed paper presentation*)
44. Kelley, S. J., & **Whitley, D. M.** (September, 2013). Children in Kinship Care with Grandparents: Behavioral and Physical Health Issues. International Society on Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Dublin, Ireland. (*refereed poster presentation*).

45. Ivery, J., & **Whitley, D.M.** (October, 2013). Caregiver Support Services: Leveraging Community Resources to Develop a Model of Service Delivery. The National Association of Social Workers – Georgia Chapter Annual Meeting. Georgia: Atlanta. (*refereed workshop presentation*)
46. **Whitley, D. M.**, & Kelley, S. J. (October, 2013). Grandparents Raising Grandchildren with Disabilities. The National Association of Social Workers – Georgia Chapter Annual Meeting. Georgia: Atlanta. (*refereed workshop presentation*)
47. Kelley, S. J., & **Whitley, D. M.** (July, 2014). African American Grandmothers Raising Grandchildren: Results of an Intervention to Reduce Caregiver Psychological Distress. The International Nursing Research Congress, sponsored by the Sigma Theta Tau, International Society of Nursing, Hong Kong, China. (*refereed paper presentation*)
48. Kelley, S. J., & **Whitley, D. M.** (September, 2014). Young Children in Substitute Care with Grandmothers: The Role of Developmental Disabilities. XXth International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Congress, Nagoya, Japan. (*refereed paper presentation*)
49. **Whitley, D. M.**, & Fuller-Thomson, E. (November, 2014). Social work perspectives on custodial grandparents: What have we learned in the past quarter century. The Gerontological Society of America, 66th Annual Scientific Meeting. Washington, DC (*refereed symposium presenter*).
50. Kelley, S. J., **Whitley, D. M.** & Campos, P. (September, 2015). Improving the caregiving environment of children in kinship care: Results of an interdisciplinary intervention. 14th ISPCAN European Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Bucharest, Romania (*refereed paper presentation*).
51. **Whitley, D.M.**, Fuller-Thomas, E. & Brennenstuhl, S. (November, 2015). Health Characteristics of solo grandparent caregivers and single parents: A comparative profile using the Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance Survey. The Gerontological Society of America, 67th Annual Scientific Meeting. Orlando, FL (*refereed poster presentation Accepted*).
52. **Whitley, D.M.** (Discussant). (November 21, 2015) Bridging the Gap: Grandparent Caregivers and Service Providers’ Programmatic and Educational Needs. The Gerontological Society of America, 67th Annual Scientific Meeting. Orlando, FL (*referred symposium presentation*)

53. **Whitley, D. M.** Casey, K., Bennett, S.N. Saunders, R., Heyward, S. & Davis, B. (2016). Coming Back to Title IV-E: Georgia's First Year Experience. 2016 National Roundtable –Title IV-E Child Welfare Conference. Salt Lake City, UT (*referred plenary session*).
54. **Whitley, D. M.** and Fuller-Thomson, E. (2016). Health Characteristics of Solo Latino Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Descriptions from the Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance Survey. The Gerontological Society of America, 68th Annual Scientific Meeting. Louisiana: New Orleans (*referred plenary presentation*).
55. **Whitley, D. M.** and Fuller-Thomson, E. (2017). African American Custodial Grandparents: A National Profile of Health Characteristics and Behaviors. 21st IAGG World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics. California: San Francisco (*poster presentation*).
56. Casey, K. and **Whitley, D. M.** (2018). Managing Title IVE- Fiscal Claiming Practices. National Roundtable –Title IV-E Child Welfare Conference. Portland, OR (*refereed paper*.)
57. **Whitley, D.**, Casey, K., and Bennett, S. (2019). Using Title IV-E Child Welfare Curriculum Allocation Method: The Georgia Model, Part I. National Roundtable –Title IV-E Child Welfare Conference, Stockton, NJ (*referred plenary presentation*).
58. Bennett, S. **Whitley, D.** and Casey, K. (2019). Using Title IV-E Child Welfare Curriculum Allocation Method: The Georgia Model, Part II. National Roundtable –Title IV-E Child Welfare Conference, Stockton, NJ (*referred plenary presentation*).
59. Mayfield, K., **Whitley, DM**, & Kelley, SJ. (2019). Gerontological Society of America 67th Annual Meeting, Austin TX. Nutritional Needs and Preferences Among African American Custodial Grandmothers: A Qualitative Study. November, 2019. (*refereed paper*).
60. Gerontological Society of America Symposium (2020). Needs of and Services for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Regional, National and International Perspectives. **DWhitley** (Discussant). The Gerontological Society of America, 68th Annual Scientific Meeting (Virtual) (*refereed presentation*).
61. **Whitley, DM** & Kelley, S. J. (2021). Grandparents as Caregivers Symposium: The Importance of Social Support Networks on Mental Health

Status of Custodial Grandparents. The Gerontological Society of America 69th Annual Scientific Meeting. November 10-14, 2021 (Virtual). (*refereed symposium presentation*).

62. Mayfield, K., **Whitley, DM.** & Kelley, SJ. (2021). Health and Perceptions and Issues of Transportation for African American Custodial Grandmothers in an Urban Metropolitan Southern City: A Spectrum of Experiences, Access and Potential Policy Implications. International Congress of Dietetics. September, 2021. Cape Town, South Africa. (*refereed poster presentation*).

Instruction

Teaching and Training Activities

School of Social Work 1994-present

Undergraduate – Course Instructor

SW3320/3200 Social Welfare Institutions

SW3390/3600 Social Welfare Policy

SW4930 Field Seminar I

SW4940 Field Seminar II

SW4990 Directed Independent Study

Graduate – Course Instructor

SW7500 Foundation Field Seminar I

SW7600 Social Welfare Policy

SW7900 Foundation Field Seminar II

SW7960 Seminar in Community Partnerships

SW7990 Directed Independent Study

Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member

Kelch-Oliver, Karia, "The Experiences of African American Grandchildren Raised in Grandparent-Headed Families."

Dissertation, College of Education, Department of Counseling and Psychological Services, Georgia State University, 2008.

http://scholarworks.gsu.edu/cps_diss/24 (*Dissertation Content Advisor*)

Service

School of Social Work

Faculty Search Committee, 1997; 1998; 2004 (*chair*); 2008 (*chair*); 2011 (*Member*)

Awards and Scholarship Committee (Spring, 2002) *Member*

Strategic Planning Committee (Fall, 2002) *Member*
Social Work Center Planning Committee (2005) *Member*
Promotion and Tenure (2009- present) *Member*
Critical Thinking Through Writing (CTW): (2008-2013) *SSW Coordinator*
BSW Curriculum Committee (2011 – present) *Member*
Online Program Committee (2017-2020) *committee Co-chair*
Director of Online Programming (2020-present)

College – Public and Urban Affairs

Faculty and Student Development Committee (1994-95) *Member*
Exhibits Committee (1994-1996) *Member*
Electronic Data Processing Committee (1994-1995) *Member*

College – College of Health and Human Sciences

Dean Search Committee (1996 - 1997) *Member*
Student Services (1996 -1997) *Member*
Student Appeals Committee (1997-2001) *Member*
College Promotion and Tenure Committee (2004 – 2005) *Member*
Department Chair Search, Public Health Institute (2005) *Member*
Faculty Search, Nutrition (2005 - 2006) *Member*
Faculty Search, Criminal Justice (2006) *Member*
Faculty Appeals (2006 - 2008) *Member*
College Promotion and Tenure Committee (2011-2012) *Member*

Andrew Young School of Policy Studies

Dean Search Committee (2017-2018) *Member*
Digital Landscape Committee (2019) *Invited Participant*
Triennial Evaluation of Dr. Karen Minyard, Director of Georgia Health Policy Institute, (2017) *Committee Member*
Triennial Evaluation of Dr. Brian Bride, Director of School of Social Work, (2020) *Committee Chair*
Triennial Evaluation of Dr. Sally Wallace, Dean AYS, (2022) *Committee Member*

Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing and Health Professions

College Promotion and Tenure Committee (2021, 2022) *Committee Member*

University

University Senate, Diversity (1999-00) *Member*
Presidential Search Committee (2008) *Member*
GSU Planning Retreat (March, 2011) *Member*
University Senate (2011-2012) *Member*
Graduation Committee (2013) *Member*
Center for Instructional Effectiveness (2014) *Panel Presenter*
New University Faculty Orientation (2021) *Invited Participant*

Service Activities in Academic and Professional Organizations

Arthritis Health Professionals Association. Peer Review Panel- Social Work Subsection Abstract Review Committee for the AHPA Annual Meeting, 1994-1995, *Member*.

Arthritis Foundation, GA Chapter. Government Affairs Committee, 1995 – 1996, *Member*.

Arthritis Health Professions Association. Publication Sub-committee - *Arthritis Care and Research*, 1994-1995;1996, *Chair*.

Project Healthy Grandparent, Georgia State University,
Assistant Director, 1996 – 1999
Associate Director, 2000-present

Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals. National Executive Committee 1997-1998, *Member*.

Governor's Council on Maternal and Infant Health, State of Georgia, 2001-2003
Co-chair, (Appointed by former Governor Roy Barnes)

National Association of Social Workers –
Georgia Chapter
North GA Board Member 1999-2003 (*elected positions*)
President-elect 2003-2004
President, 2004-2006
Immediate Past President (2006-2007)
Annual Meeting Planning Committee, 2013-2015, *Member*

National Research Center on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren,
Associate Director, (GSU) 2002-2008
Director/Co-Director 2009-present (Co-Director, Dr. Andrea Smith,
Western Michigan University)

Council on Social Work Education. 2010. 56th Annual Program Meeting, Panel Session: Finding a Job: Children and Families, Portland, OR, (*Invited Panelist*),

Generations United
Grandfamilies National Partnership and Advisory Group, 2009 – present,
Member

Gerontological Society of America, 2000-present
Member
Abstract Reviewer, 2016-present
Grandparents as Caregivers Interest Group, Member; co-chair 2018- 2021

Professional Journal Affiliations

Anthropology and Aging, Reviewer, 2023
Children Youth & Services Review, 2014 - present, Reviewer
Families in Society, 2000 – 2020, Consulting Editor
Family Issues, 2010 - present, Reviewer
Family Relations, 2012 - present, Reviewer
International Journal of Aging and Human Development, 2013-present, Reviewer
GrandFamilies: The Contemporary Journal of Research, Practice & Policy, 2013-present, Co-Founder and Co-Editor-in-Chief
International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, 2020-present, Reviewer
Journal of Aging and Health, 2020-present, Reviewer
Journal of Applied Gerontology, 2014 – present, Reviewer
Journal of Family Psychology, 2015 - present, Reviewer
Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine, 2015- present, Reviewer
Journal of Intergenerational Relationships, 2019-present, Reviewer
Journal of Pediatrics, 2021, Reviewer

Service to the Community

Atlanta Interfaith Health Ministry, Carter Center, Atlanta GA. 1995-1996, *Member.*

Centers For Disease Prevention and Control, Atlanta GA, 1996, *Grant Reviewer.*
Georgia Department of Human Resources, Atlanta GA, 1998-2000, *Grant Reviewer.*

Winston Salem State University, School of Nursing Grandparent Health Program, 1999. *Consultant*

Department of Health and Human Services, 2000-2011, *Federal Grant Reviewer.*
San Ysidro Health Center, Kinship Care Strategic Planning, San Diego, CA, 2011 – 2012. *Consultant.*

Georgia Grandfamilies State Work Team, 2013 – present, *Member*

Community Agency Presentations/Workshops

Whitley, D. & White, K. (May, 1998). Strengths-based case management. Safe Families Symposium, Department of Human Resources, Atlanta, GA. (*invited workshop*)

Whitley, D. & White, K. (June, 1998). Strengths-based case management. Statewide Domestic Violence Conference, Savannah, GA. (*invited workshop*)

Whitley, D. (2002, January). Project Healthy Grandparents. Kinship Care and Subsidized Guardianship: A working symposium. Georgia Health Policy Institute, Georgia State University. Sloppy Floyd Building, West Tower, Empire Room, 20th Floor, Atlanta, GA. *(invited presentation)*

Whitley, D. (2002, July). Project Healthy Grandparents. Georgia Interagency Coordinating Council, Lake Lanier, GA. *(invited presentation)*.

Whitley, D.M. & Kelley, S.J. (2008). Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. Gwinnett County Leadership Institute. Lawrenceville, GA. January, 2008. *(invited presentation)*.

Whitley, D.M. & Kelley, S. (2008). Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. African American Family Conference. University of Georgia School of Social Work. Athens, GA. *(invited presentation)*.