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EDUCATION

2020 -		Ph.D.		Sociology		University of California San Francisco, CA
2017		M.P.H.		Sociomedical Sciences		Columbia University, NY
2011		B.A.		International Relations		Boston University, MA

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Grants

2023 - 2024	Agency for Health Research and Quality R36 Dissertation Award (\$42,600)
2022 - 2023	Anselm Strauss Endowed Dissertation Scholarship Award, UCSF (\$3,000)

Honors and Awards

2019	Featured Author, American Medical Association, Using Social Determinants of Health Data to Address Challenges in Clinical Care, Online Panel
2019	Oregon Health & Science, School of Nursing, Excellence Award
2018	Featured Author, American Medical Association, Integrated Health Model Initiative & Social Determinants of Health, Online Panel
2018	Oregon Health & Science, School of Nursing, Mission and Values Award

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

Livingston, Catherine J, Gray, Mary, **LaForge, K**, Choo, Esther. 2022. "A cross-sectional survey exploring clinician perceptions of a novel Medicaid back pain policy." *Journal of Complementary and Integrative Medicine*. <https://doi.org/10.1515/jcim-2022-0213>.

LaForge, Kate, Gray, Mary, Livingston, Catherine J., Leichtling, Gillian, & Choo, Esther K. (2022). Clinician Perspectives on Referring Medicaid Back Pain Patients to Integrative and Complementary Medicine: A Qualitative Study. *Journal of Integrative and Complementary Medicine*.

LaForge, Kate Stack, Erin, Sarah Shin, Justine Pope, Jessica E. Larsen, Gillian Leichtling, Judith M. Leahy, Andrew Seaman, Dan Hoover, Mikaela Byers, Caiti Barrie, Laura Chisolm, and Todd P. Korthuis. 2022. "Knowledge, Attitudes, and Beliefs Among Adults who Use Drugs in Oregon Related to Fentanyl." *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*. 108849.

Shin, Sarah S., **Kate LaForge**, Stack, Erin, Justine Pope, Gillian Leichtling, Jessica E. Larsen, Judith M. Leahy, Andrew Seaman, Dan Hoover, Laura Chisolm, Christopher Blazes, Robin Baker, Mikaela Byers, Katie Branson, and Todd P. Korthuis. 2022. "'It wasn't here and it's everywhere': Fentanyl's Rising Presence in Oregon's Drug Supply." *Harm Reduction Journal*. 19(1), 1-10.

Stack, Erin, Sarah Shin, **Kate LaForge**, Justine Pope, Gillian Leichtling, Jessica E. Larsen, Mikaela Byers, Judith M. Leahy, Daniel Hoover, Laura Chisolm, and Todd P. Korthuis. 2022. "COVID-19 Vaccination Status and Concerns among People Who Use Drugs in Oregon." *Journal of Addiction Medicine*. 10-1097.

LaForge, Kate, Mary Gray, Erin Stack, Catherine J. Livingston, and Christi Hildebran. 2022. "Using Asynchronous Focus Groups to Collect Data from Healthcare Professionals." *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*. 21, 16094069221095658.

Gray, Mary, **Kate LaForge**, Catherine J. Livingston, Gillian Leichtling, and Esther K. Choo (2021). "Experiences of Nonpharmacologic Providers Implementing the Oregon Back Pain Policy Expanding Services for Medicaid Recipients: A Focus Group Study." *The Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine* 27:868-875.

LaForge Kate, Peggy Wros, Katherine Bradley, Kristen Beiers-Jones. "'Having a Normal Life": A Qualitative Study on Client Goal Setting Within a Health Care and Social Needs Navigation Program." 2021. *The Journal of Ambulatory Care Management* Jan/Mar;44(1):56-65.

LaForge, Kate, Rachel Gold, Erika Cottrell, Arwen E. Bunce, Michelle Proser, Celine Hollombe, Katie Dambrun, Deborah J. Cohen, and Khaya D. Clark. "How 6 organizations developed tools and processes for social determinants of health screening in primary care: an overview." *The Journal of ambulatory care management* 41(1): 2.

Bradley, Katherine J., Peggy Wros, Nicholas Bookman, Launa Rae Mathews, Heather Voss, Tanya L. Ostrogorsky, and **Kate LaForge**. "The Interprofessional Care Access Network (I-CAN): achieving client health outcomes by addressing social determinants in the community." 2018. *Journal of Interprofessional Care*.

Articles Under Review

LaForge, Kate. "They just need you to be there": Stigma and Interactional Troubles Among those with Chronic Pain and Suicidality. (Under review at *Social Science & Medicine*)

Manuscripts in Preparation

Cooke, Alexis, Mary Gray, **Kate LaForge**, Diana Flores, Catherine Livingston, Esther K. Choo. Care Adaptations for Medicaid Beneficiaries with Back Pain During COVID: A Qualitative Study.

Cooke, Alexis, Mary Gray, **Kate LaForge**, Diana Flores, Catherine Livingston, Esther K. Choo. Provider Perspectives On Telehealth for Back Pain Patients.

PRESENTATIONS

Podium Presentations

Shields, Lisa, **Kate LaForge**, Kati Sanchez, Brigit Hatch. 2022. "Breaking Down Silo's: Collaborating to Implement the PINPOINT Intervention." Presented at the Oregon Conference on Opioids + Other Drugs, Pain + Addiction Treatment, May 9, Sunriver, Oregon.

LaForge, Kate, Erin Stack, Diana Hernandez, Lisa Shields, Jean Campbell, Caitlin Dickinson. 2021. "Improving Pain Management and Opioid Prescribing Practices across Oregon through the PINPOINT Intervention: A Multi-Stakeholder Perspective." Presented at the Oregon Public Health Association Conference, October 11, Virtual.

Adrienne Scavera, **LaForge, Kate**, Maryanne O'Neill-Tutor, Erin Stack. 2021. "What do Peers Think of Peer-Delivered Services in Oregon?" Presented at the Peerpocalypse Conference, May 3, Virtual.

LaForge, Kate, Heather Voss, Katherine Bradley, Sydnee Stoyles. 2019. Changes in Client Self-Sufficiency Over Time in an Interprofessional Healthcare and Social Needs Navigation Program. Presented at the Oregon Public Health Association Conference, October 14, Corvallis, Oregon.

LaForge, Kate. 2019. Buried in my laptop like a CIA agent: Building healthcare technology for people who hate it. Presented at Donut.js, March 30, Portland, Oregon.

Bradley, Katherine, **Kate LaForge**, Heather Voss, Claire McKinley, Peggy Wros. 2019. "I-CAN: A Community Based Program Improving Health Outcomes and Reducing Costs". Presented at the Western Institute of Nursing's 52nd Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference, April 10, San Diego, California.

LaForge, Kate. 2018. "Social Determinants of Health: What are they and how do we measure them?" Presented at Cambia Health Webinar Series, October 2, Portland, Oregon.

LaForge, Kate, Katherine Bradley, Peggy Wros, Heather Voss. 2018. "Evaluating a Social Determinants of Health and Healthcare Navigation Program: A Mixed Methods Approach." Presented at Oregon Public Health Association Annual Conference, October 8, Corvallis, Oregon.

Beiers-Jones, Kristen, **Kate LaForge**, Andrew Mar. 2018 "I-CAN: An Innovative Care Model Addressing Whole Person Health in Refugee Communities." Presented at North American Refugee Health Conference, October 14, Portland, Oregon.

Poster Presentations

LaForge, Kate, Diana Flores, Mary Gray, Catherine Livingston, Esther Choo. 2022. "Provider Perspectives on the Oregon Back Pain Policy: Qualitative Findings." Presented at Oregon Public Health Association Conference, Oct 17, Corvallis, Oregon.

LaForge, Kate, Erin Stack, Sarah S. Shin, Gillian Leichtling, Christopher Blazes, Dan Hoover, Andrew Seaman, P. Todd Korthuis. 2022. "Fentanyl's Rising Presence in Oregon's Drug

Supply and Knowledge, Attitudes, and Behaviors among People who Use Drugs.” Presented at the College of Drug Problems and Dependence, June 12, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Stack, Erin, Sarah Shin, **Kate LaForge**, Gillian Leichtling, Christopher Blazes, Daniel Hoover, Andrew Seaman, P. Todd Korthuis. 2022. “COVID-19 Vaccination Status and Concerns among People Who Use Drugs in Oregon.” Presented at the College of Drug Problems and Dependence, June 12, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Shin, Sarah S, **Kate LaForge**, Erin Stack, Justine Pope, Dan Hoover, Andrew Seaman, P. Todd Korthuis. 2022. “There’s also not really a way to avoid it.”: Fentanyl’s rising presence in Oregon.” Presented at Rx Summit, April 18, Atlanta, Georgia.

LaForge, Kate, Mary Gray, Erin Stack, Catherine Livingston, and Christi Hildebran. 2020. “Using Asynchronous Online Focus Groups to Capture Healthcare Provider Experience.” Presented at the American Evaluation Association Conference, October 22, Virtual.

Bradley, Katherine, **Kate LaForge**, Heather Voss, Sydnee Stoyles. 2020. “Measuring Change in the Social Determinants of Health: The Self Sufficiency Matrix.” Presented at the Western Institute of Nursing’s 53rd Annual Communicating Nursing Research Conference, April 15, Portland, Oregon.

LaForge, Kate, Katherine Bradley, Nic Bookman, Peggy Wros. 2018. “Lessons Learned in Adapting and Adopting a Social Determinants of Health-Centric Electronic Health Record.” Presented at the Oregon Public Health Association Annual Conference, October 8, Corvallis, Oregon.

LaForge, Kate, Katherine Bradley. 2018. “‘Having a normal life’: Goal setting in a Social Needs Navigation Program.” Presented at the Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, June 24, Seattle, WA.

Bradley Katherine, Peggy Wros, **Kate LaForge**, Mary Pesch, Claire McKinley. 2018. “In Crisis to Empowered: Changes in Client Self Sufficiency Over Time in a Nurse-Led Interdisciplinary Care Navigation Program.” Presented at the Western Institute of Nursing Conference, April 11, Spokane, WA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2022 - 2023

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE II, COMAGINE HEALTH, PORTLAND, OR

Conceptualized and drafted qualitative and mixed methods manuscripts. Contributed to the National Institute of Health grant design as a qualitative methods contributor. Represented Comagine Health at the state and national conferences. Designed and implemented conference evaluations.

2019 - 2022

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, COMAGINE HEALTH, PORTLAND, OR

Functioned as a key member of a research and evaluation team working on multiple NIH and CDC grants. Contributed to research design, qualitative and

quantitative data analysis, project management, and preparing reports and manuscripts for publication.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRUG ABUSE (NIDA) #1012350
IMPLEMENTATION, OUTCOMES, AND COST OF A NOVEL MEDICAID POLICY TO
REDUCE OPIOIDS FOR BACK PAIN

PI: DR. ESTHER CHOO, MD

Created, pilot tested, refined, and recruited 200+ participants for 2 cross-sectional surveys for healthcare providers to assess the impact of new opioid prescribing guidelines. Organized and co-moderate dtwo-time points for 7 online focus groups with 10-15 healthcare providers. Spearheaded thematic qualitative analysis of 7 online focus group data using immersion/crystallization method in NVivo. Led or co-led qualitative manuscript development, including journal selection, writing, communication among co-authors, and analysis.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) #NU17CE925018
OREGON'S OVERDOSE DATA TO ACTION GRANT (OD2A)

PI: Dr. LAURA CHISHOLM, Ph.D., MPH

Coordinate ddata collection from internal All Payer All Claims Data set with Oregon state to build Medication for Opioid Use Disorder fact sheet. Lead evaluation of Peerpocalypse Conference and Tribal Opioid Conference. Organized peer-to-peer dyad interviews. Co-drafted interview guide and conducted semi-structured phone-based interviews with peer support workers and people who use fentanyl. Led qualitative data analysis. Monitored data collection at 60 primary care clinics implementing Academic Detailing and Practice Facilitation using the Six Building Blocks (6BB) for opioid prescribing.

2017- 2019

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT, OREGON HEALTH & SCIENCE UNIVERSITY
PORTLAND, OR**

Oversaw mixed-methods data collection, analysis, and dissemination of results of a large 6-site HRSA grant. Drafted original manuscripts and conducted qualitative data collection and analysis.

HUMAN RESOURCES SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA) #UD7HP25057
INTERPROFESSIONAL CARE ACCESS NETWORK (I-CAN)

PI: DR. PEGGY WROS, Ph.D., RN

Led a qualitative paper examining client goal lists in navigation programs. Communicated with the Institutional Review Board to ensure compliance. Converted student learning survey to an online format, increasing survey return rate by 28%. Drafted interview guide, conducted phone interviews, and led the qualitative analysis of interview data from 13 community partners. Extracted and analyzed data for 510 clients using SQL and R.

HARTFORD CENTER OF GERONTOLOGICAL EXCELLENCE

PI: DR. HIROKO KIYOSHI-TEO, PhD, RN

Fall Prevention in Community-Based Care Facilities: An academic-community partnership Identified 4 study data collection instruments through a detailed literature review for study use. Created REDCap project and entered 7 study instruments into REDCap to centralize data collection and analysis processes. Drafted, and edited IRB Protocol in collaboration with the PI.

2016 - 2017

**RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
NEW YORK, NY**

Designed and investigated original research questions using SQL, SAS, R, and GIS. Tested NYC restaurant safety program efficacy using Independent T-Tests and ANOVA with 5000+ data points using NYC Department of Health datasets. Produced data visualizations using R and GIS, which were used in NYC Environmental Epi Data Brief publications, inter-agency presentations, and outside vendors.

2016 - 2016

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, OCHIN RESEARCH TEAM, PORTLAND, OR

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DIABETES & KIDNEY DISEASES, R18DK105463
ASSESS SOCIAL DETERMINANTS USING EHR'S IN SAFETY NET CLINICS
PI: Dr. RACHEL GOLD, PhD

Spearheaded a case study detailing processes undertaken by 6 research teams to develop survey tools to assess Social Determinants of Health (R18DK105463, PI: Rachel Gold). Recruited study 12 participants from 4 research groups, wrote the interview guide, and planned and conducted interviews with 1-4 representatives of each group via phone. Led data analysis and manuscript submission, including multiple rounds of editing among 8 co-authors and comment adjudication.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2022 - Founder, Network of Early Career Researchers in Suicide Qualitative Interest Group
- 2021 - Member, International Network of Early Career Researchers in Suicide
- 2021 - Associate Member, Pain & Addiction Research Center, UCSF
- 2020 - American Sociological Association, Member
- 2020 - Crisis Text Line Counselor, online
- 2020 - 2022 Co-lead, UCSF Works-in-Progress sessions
- 2019 - Social Determinants of Health Initiative Scholar at Portland State University
- 2018 - 2020 Oregon Program Evaluators Network, Communications Officer
- 2018 - 2020 p:ear Youth Housing Volunteer, Portland, OR
- 2017 - 2020 Oregon Public Health Association, Member
- 2017 - 2020 Oregon Program Evaluators Network, Member
- 2015 - 2017 Food Policy and Obesity Prevention Group, Board Member, Columbia