

CURRICULUM VITAE
KIRK A. FOSTER

Personal Information

Office

School of Social Work
The University of Texas at Arlington
501 W. Mitchell St.
Arlington, TX 76019

Administrative Appointments

2024 – present Dean, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Arlington

2021 – 2024 Director, School of Social Work, East Carolina University

2018 – 2021 Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina

Academic Positions

2024 – present Professor (tenured), School of Social Work, University of Texas at Arlington

2023 – 2024 Professor (tenured) & Carolyn Freeze Baynes Distinguished Scholar, School of Social Work, College of Health & Human Performance, East Carolina University

2021 – 2023 Associate Professor (tenured) & Carolyn Freeze Baynes Distinguished Scholar, School of Social Work, College of Health & Human Performance, East Carolina University

2017 – 2021 Associate Professor (tenured), College of Social Work, University of South Carolina

2017 – present Core Faculty, The Rule of Law Collaborative, Office of the Provost, University of South Carolina

2014 – 2017 Faculty & Founding Director, Graduate Civic Scholars Program, The Graduate School, University of South Carolina

2013 – 2021 Faculty Affiliate, African American Studies, University of South Carolina

2011 – 2017 Assistant Professor, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina

Education

2011 Ph.D., George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
Chair: Gautam N. Yadama, Ph.D.

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Dissertation: *Urban Religious Congregations as Resource Brokers*

- 2002 M.S.W., Social Work with Management Specialization, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- 1997 M.Div., Divinity, Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO
- 1994 A.B., Russian & East European Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Courses Taught (School of Social Work, East Carolina University)

Human Behavior and the Social Environment Macro Systems (BSW – Online)
MSW Field Education Seminar I
Human Behavior and the Social Environment (MSW)
Clinical Decision-Making for Interdisciplinary Practice (MSW)

Courses Taught (College of Social Work, University of South Carolina)

Community-engaged Research for Social Welfare and Social Change (PhD)
Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities (Lead Teacher)
Human Behavior and Social Environment Large Systems
Human Behavior and Social Environment Macro Systems (Korea)
Social Welfare Policy Analysis (Korea)
Generalist Practice IV: Social Work with Communities and Organizations (BSW)
Graduate Civic Scholars Seminar I
Graduate Civic Scholars Seminar II
Graduate Civic Scholars Seminar III

Courses Taught (George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis)

Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities
Research Methods for Social Work Practice
Foundations of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for the Applied Social Sciences
Teaching Assistant, The Role and Use of Theory in Applied Social Sciences (PhD)
Teaching Assistant, Social and Economic Development Policy

Other Graduate-Level Teaching

Teaching Assistant, New Testament Foundations, Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Honors and Awards

- 2023 James R. Talton, Jr. Leadership Award, East Carolina University (nominated)
- 2016 Society for Social Work and Research, Award for Best Scholarly Book for *Chasing the American Dream*

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- 2009, 2010, 2011 Excellence in Teaching, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- 2005 – 2008 William E. Gordon Fellow in Research, Washington University
- 2004 Excellence in Research, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- 2001, 2002 United Church of Christ “Make A Difference!” Health and Human Service Scholarship
- 2000 – 2002 Delmar and Helen Templeton Scholar, Washington University
- 2000 – 2002 Fellow, Health and Human Service Management, Council for Health and Human Service Ministries, Cleveland, OH
- 2001 Outstanding Project for Urban, At-Risk Children, Youth, and Families, Office of Field Education, Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- 1993 Outstanding Paper, Undergraduate Colloquium, University of Wisconsin

Grant Activity

- 2022 – 2027 Co-Director. Predoctoral Training in General, Pediatric, and Public Health Dentistry and Dental Hygiene. Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. D85HP45702-01-00. Mark Moss, PhD, Director. (\$1,499,550)
- 2022 – 2024 Co-Principal Investigator. Examining Quality of Community Trust in Law Enforcement: Centering the Voices of BIPOC Communities. ASPIRE: University of South Carolina, Office of the Vice President for Research. (\$14,900)
- 2021 – 2022 Principal Investigator. Impact of Contextual Education on Vocational Resilience and Adaptability in Leadership Capacities. Lilly Endowment & Eden Theological Seminary. (\$12,000)
- 2020 – 2024 Principal Investigator. Bridging the Divide Between African American Communities and the Police. Subcontract with Metropolitan Congregations United, St. Louis. Funder: Deaconess Foundation, St. Louis. (\$42,600)

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- 2020 – 2022 Principal Investigator. Bridging the Divide Between African American Communities and Law Enforcement: Root Causes and Successful Initiatives. ASPIRE: University of South Carolina, Office of the Vice President for Research. (\$14,925)
- 2019 – 2021 Co-Principal Investigator. Bridging the Divide Between African American Communities and the Police: Root Causes and Successful Initiatives. Office of the Provost, University of South Carolina. Joel Samuels, JD, Principal Investigator. (\$100,000)
- 2015 – 2016 Co-Principal Investigator. The South Carolina Arts Leadership Collaborative: Building Capacity for College and Career Readiness among Low-Income Youth. Office of the Provost, University of South Carolina. David Cutler, DM, Principal Investigator (\$25,000)
- 2015 – 2016 Principal Instructor. Integration and Application of Community and Organizational Practice Skills in Social Work Education. University of South Carolina, Center for Teaching Excellence and the Office of the Provost. (\$7481)
- 2014 – 2016 Principal Investigator. Using Social Media to Assess Social Capital, Neighborhood Attachment, and Collective Action: Citizens in their Own Voices. ASPIRE: University of South Carolina, Office of the Vice President for Research. (\$14,920)
- 2014 – 2017 Co-Principal Investigator. Place Attachment and Collective Action: The Changing Sociopolitical Landscape of Black Urban Neighborhoods. National Science Foundation SES-1402515. Todd Shaw, Ph.D., Principal Investigator (\$163,407)
- 2013 – 2014 Southeastern Conference Visiting Faculty Travel Grant (\$2400)
- 2013 – 2014 Co-Investigator. Recovery Program Transformation and Innovation Fund Research and Program Evaluation. South Carolina Department of Health & Human Services, Dana DeHart, Ph.D., Principal Investigator (\$687,926)
- 2009 – 2011 Principal Investigator. On the Road to Samaria: Urban Religious Congregations as Resource Brokers. The Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis. #08-09-I-03 (\$10,000)
- 2005 – 2009 Project Coordinator. IMPROVE: Intervention for Multisector Provider Enhancement. National Institute on Mental Health R34MH072871, Arlene R. Stiffman, Ph.D., Principal Investigator (\$382,240).

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- 2004 – 2007 Center Coordinator. Comorbidity and Addictions Center.
National Institute on Drug Abuse R24DA13572, Arlene R.
Stiffman, Ph.D., Principal Investigator (\$2,000,000).
- 2004 Supervisor. NIDA Summer Intern Program for Minority Students.
National Institute on Drug Abuse, Arlene R. Stiffman, Principal
Investigator (\$50,000).
- 2003 – 2005 Project Director. Neuropsychiatric Impairment in Adolescent
MDMA Abusers. National Institute on Drug Abuse
R03DA015929, Matthew O. Howard, Ph.D., Principal
Investigator (\$100,000).
- 2003 – 2004 Project Director. Neuropsychiatric Impairment in Adolescent
Inhalant Users. National Institute on Drug Abuse
R03DA015556, Matthew O. Howard, Ph.D., Principal
Investigator (\$100,000).
- 2002 – 2004 Field Research Coordinator. Comorbidity and Addictions Center.
National Institute on Drug Abuse R24DA13572, Arlene R.
Stiffman, Ph.D., Principal Investigator (\$2,000,000).
- Other Professional Activity**
- 2014 Evaluation Consultant. The United Church Board for Ministerial
Assistance, Next Generation Leadership Initiative. New York, NY.
- 2010 – 2011 Research Assistant. Chasing the American Dream: Understanding
the Dynamics that Shape our Fortunes.
PI: Mark R. Rank, Ph.D.
- 2010 Interim Minister. Grace United Church of Christ, O’Fallon, MO.
- 2007 – 2008 Research Assistant. Entrepreneurial Approaches to Providing
Public Goods: An Examination of Social Innovation in China.
PI: Gautam Yadama, Ph.D.
- 2003 Interim Senior Minister. Metropolitan Community Church of
Greater St. Louis, MO.
- 2000 – 2001 Program Associate. Family Support Council, St. Louis, MO.
- 1997 – 2000 Pastor of Spiritual Growth and Nurture. Immanuel United Church
of Christ, Ferguson, MO.

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1996 – 1997 Director, Community Health Ministries, Deaconess Incarnate
Word Health System, St. Louis, MO.

Peer Reviewed Journal Publications (†denotes student)

1. Ohmer, M. L., Brisson, D., **Foster, K. A.**, Hyde, C., & Ivery, J. (2023). Collaborations in community-engaged research: Paving the way for the future of social work research. *Journal of Community Practice*, 31, 255-265. doi: 10.1080/10705422.2023.2287937
2. Davis, B., **Foster, K. A.**, Pitner, R. O., Ohmer, M. L., & Wooten, N. (online advance). Conceptualizing gentrification-induced social and cultural displacement and place identity among longstanding Black residents. *Journal of Black Studies*. doi: 10.1177/00219347231166097
3. Davis, B., **Foster, K. A.**, Pitner, R. O., Wooten, N., & Ohmer, M. L., (online advance). Innovating methodologies for examining gentrification-induced social and cultural displacement: An illustration of integrating photovoice into story map. *Urban Affairs Review*. doi: 10.1177/10780874231177628
4. Foster, K. A., †Davis, B., & †Foell, A. (online advance). Innovating photovoice: Using Smartphones and Social Media. *Urban Affairs Review*. doi: 10.1177/10780874221100263
5. †Foell, A. & **Foster, K. A.** (online advance). “We Roll our Sleeves up and get to Work!”: Portraits of Collective Action and Neighborhood Change in Atlanta’s West End. *Urban Affairs Review*. doi: 10.1177/10780874211027848
6. Shaw, T. C., **Foster, K. A.**, & Combs, B. H. (2022). Disconnected mecca: Social media, place attachment, and collective action in Southern Black neighborhoods. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 44, 865-886. doi: 10.1080/07352166.2020.1826326
7. **Foster, K. A.**, & †Charles, V. A. (2021). Social Networks. In D. Bailey & T. Mizrahi (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Macro Social Work*. New York: Oxford University Press. doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199975839.013.1031
8. Shaw, T. C., **Foster, K. A.**, & Combs, B. H. (2019). Race and poverty matters: Black and Latino linked fate, neighborhood effects, and political participation. *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 7(3), 663-672. doi: 10.1080/21565503.2019.1638800
9. **Foster, K. A.** (2019). Transitions: Looking back and looking ahead [Editorial]. *Social Work Research*, 43(1), 3-4. doi: 10.1093/swr/svz002

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10. **Foster, K. A.**, Smith, R. J., Bell, B. A., & Shaw, T. C. (2019). Testing the importance of geographic distance on social capital resources. *Urban Affairs Review*, *55*, 231-256. doi: 10.1177/1078087417714895
11. †Nguyen, T., & **Foster, K. A.** (2018). Multiple time-point course evaluation and student learning outcomes in an MSW course. *Journal of Social Work Education*, *54*, 715-723. doi: 10.1080/10437797.2018.1474151
12. †Priester, M. A., **Foster, K. A.**, & Shaw, T. C. (2017). Are discrimination and social capital related to housing instability? *Housing Policy Debate*, *27*, 120-136. doi: 10.1080/10511482.2016.1180311
13. **Foster, K. A.**, & †Charles, V. A. (2016). Social Networks. In C. Franklin (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Social Work Online*. New York: Oxford University Press.
14. **Foster, K. A.** & Maas, C. D. (2016). An exploratory factor analysis of the Resource Generator-United States: A social capital measure. *The British Journal of Social Work*, *46*, 8-26. doi: 10.1093/bjsw/bcu111
15. **Foster, K. A.**, Pitner, R., Freedman, D. A., Bell, B. A., & Shaw, T. C. (2015). Spatial dimensions of social capital. *City & Community*, *14*(4), 392-409. doi: 10.1111/cico.12133
16. **Foster, K. A.**, Bowland, S., & Vosler, A. N. (2015). All the pain along with all the joy: Spiritual resilience in lesbian and gay Christians. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, *55* (1-2), 191-201. doi: 10.1007/s10464-015-9704-4
17. **Foster, K. A.** (2014). Urban U.S. congregations as resource brokers: Measuring social capital with the Resource Generator-US. *Social Work and Christianity*, *41* (4), 308-333.
18. Bowland, S., **Foster, K. A.**, & Vosler, A. N. R. (2013). Culturally competent and spiritually sensitive therapy with lesbian and gay Christians. *Social Work*, *58* (4), 321-332. doi: 10.1093/sw/swt037
19. **Foster, K. A.**, Bowland, S., & Vosler, A. N. (2013). Spiritually sensitive psychotherapy with lesbian and gay Christians. *Psychology, Community & Health*, *2*(2), 166-167.
20. **Foster, K.A.** & Hipp, J.A. (2011). Defining neighborhood boundaries for social measurement. *Social Work Research*, *35* (1), 25-35.
21. **Foster, K.A.**, & Stiffman, A.R. (2009). Child welfare workers' adoption of decision support technology. *Journal of Technology in Human Services*, *27*, 106-126.

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22. Bunger, A., Stiffman, A.R., **Foster, K.A.**, & Shi, P. (2009). Child welfare workers' connectivity to resources and youth's receipt of services. *Advances in Social Work*, 10 (1), 19-38.
23. Vaughn, M.G., Howard, M.O., **Foster, K.A.**, Dayton, M.K., & Zelner, J.L. (2005). Substance use in a state population of incarcerated juvenile offenders. *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work: Advances in Practice, Programming, Research, and Policy*, 2 (1/2), 155-173.
24. Stiffman, A. R., **Foster, K. A.**, Hamburg, K., & Doré, P. M. (2004). IMPROVE: A software program to improve assessments and multisector referrals. In C. J. Liberton, K. Kutash, & R. M. Friedman (Eds.), *Conference Proceedings: A System of Care for Children's Mental Health, Expanding the Research Base*. Tampa, FL: Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health, pp. 449-452.

Papers Under Peer Review

25. Davis, B., **Foster, K. A.**, Pitner, R. O., Ohmer, M. L., & Wooten, N. (under review). An empirical test of gentrification-induced social and cultural displacement and place identity: Examining native Black residents' experiences. *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.

Under Preparation

1. Joe, S., **Foster, K. A.**, & Ohmer, M. (Eds). Toward a new agenda for community science. *Book proposal under development – Oxford University Press (target)*
2. **Foster, K. A.**, †Davis, B., Yang, J., & Shaw, T. C. Social Inclusion, Social Exclusion, and Political Participation among Minority US Populations.
3. **Foster, K. A.**, Bell, B. A., & Shaw, T. C. Structural social capital and health: Using the Resource Generator-US in health research.
4. **Foster, K. A.**, & Rank, M. R. Faith and the American Dream: Economic and Religious Ideals in the United States.
5. Bell, B. A., **Foster, K. A.**, & Yingling, M. E. When is small large enough?: An empirical investigation on the impact of sample size on model complexity on two-level linear models.

Book Chapters

1. Howard, M.O., Dayton, M.K., **Foster, K.A.**, Vaughn, M.G., & Zelner, J.L. (2006). Psychopathy assessment and juvenile justice mental health evaluations. In N.E. Dowd, D.G. Singer, & R.F. Wilson (Eds.), *Handbook of children, culture, & violence* (pp. 395-413). Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

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Books

1. Shaw, T. C., **Foster, K. A.**, & Combs, B. H. (under contract). *Black Places of Empowerment: The Communities of 21st Century Black Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press.
2. Rank, M. R., Hirschl, T. A., & **Foster, K. A.** (2014). *Chasing the American Dream: Understanding What Shapes our Fortunes*. New York: Oxford University Press. Paperback edition released 2016.

Other Publications

1. Drake, F. B., & Jonson-Reid, M. (2008). *Social Work Research Methods: From Conceptualization to Dissemination*. Appendix A: Statistical Tests. Boston: Allyn & Bacon. Supplemental statistics material for Instructor's Manual and Test Bank.

Conference Presentations

1. Priester, M., Bell, B. A., **Foster, K. A.**, Kulkarni, S., Thomas, L. & Pitner, R. (2024). Racial Equity Analysis: Access to Permanent Housing and the Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assessment Tool. Oral Paper. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
2. Shaw, T. C., **Foster, K. A.**, & Combs, B. H. (2023). The Homes of Black Politics. Oral Paper. National Conference of Black Politics Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
3. Foell, A., Brisson, D., **Foster, K. A.**, Marçal, K., Pope, N., & Smith, R. (2023). Systems Thinking and Systems Science in Community and Neighborhood Research. Roundtable. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
4. Ohmer, M., Brisson, D., & **Foster, K. A.** (2023). Challenges and Potential Solutions to Supporting and Rewarding Community Engaged Scholarship. Roundtable. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
5. Oakley, D., ... **Foster, K. A.** (2022). JUA Special Issue: Black Mecca Dilemmas: Prosperity, Political Power, and Poverty. Panel/Oral Paper. Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
6. **Foster, K. A.**, Brisson, D., & Ohmer, M. (2022). Building Anti-Racist Scholarship through Community-Engaged Research. Roundtable. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
7. †Davis, B., **Foster, K. A.**, & Shaw, T. C. (2021). Gentrification and African American Residents' Neighborhood Attachment. Oral Paper. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference (virtual).

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8. **Foster, K. A.**, Brisson, D., Ohmer, M., & Shattuck, P. (2021). Building Community Capacity for Sustainable Community Change. Roundtable. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference (virtual).
9. **Foster, K. A.**, †Davis, B., & Shaw, T. C. (2020). Social Inclusion, Social Exclusion, and Political Participation among Minority US Populations. Oral Paper. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
10. **Foster, K. A.**, Brisson, D., Ohmer, M., & Shattuck, P. (2020). The Role of Community-Engaged Research in Advancing the Science on Racial and Economic Inequality. Roundtable. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
11. Bryan, M. L., **Foster, K. A.**, Horton, M., Carter Staples, S., Hopkins, X., & Weldon Stewart, T. (2020). UofSC Teaching Towards Inclusive Excellence Program: An Institutional Model for Curricular Diversification. Oral Presentation. National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.
12. **Foster, K. A.**, Bell, B. A., & Shaw, T. C. (2019). Social Capital, Civic Engagement, and the Value of Social Ties: A Latent Class Analysis. Poster Presentation. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
13. **Foster, K. A.**, Shaw, T. C., & Bell, B. A. (2018). Social Capital and Social Exclusion among Minority US Populations. Poster Presentation. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington DC.
14. Draper, C. & **Foster, K. A.** (2017). Exploring the Integration of Social Workers into the Library Setting. Oral Paper. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington DC.
15. **Foster, K. A.**, Shaw, T. C., & Combs, B. (2017). Talking Pictures: Using Photographs and Social Media to Envision Greater Neighborhood Cohesion. Oral Paper. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
16. **Foster, K. A.**, Shaw, T. C., & Combs, B. (2017). Black Neighborhood Attachment and the Built Environment of Social Capital and Collective Action. Poster Presentation. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
17. Combs, B., **Foster, K. A.**, & Shaw, T. C. (2017). (Combatting) Gentrification in the City “Too Busy” to Hate: Using Photographs and Social Media to Envision Greater Neighborhood Cohesion. Oral Paper. Still the Black Mecca? Race, Social Inequality, and Urban Displacement in 21st Century Atlanta, Symposium of The James Weldon

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Johnson Institute for the Study of Race and Difference, Emory University, Atlanta, GA.

18. Bowland, S. E., **Foster, K. A.**, & Vosler, A. N. (2016). Healthy Aging: Resilience at the Intersection of Sexual Orientation and Religion. Symposium. Gerontological Society of America, Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
19. **Foster, K. A.**, Shaw, T. C., & Combs, B. (2016). Talking Pictures: Using Photographs and Social Media to Envision Greater Neighborhood Cohesion. Oral Paper. Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
20. **Foster, K. A.** (2016). Flipped Pedagogy: Building a Teaching Team. Oral Presentation. Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina, Oktoberfest: A Symposium on Teaching, Columbia, SC.
21. **Foster, K. A.**, Shaw, T. C., & Combs, B. (2016). Talking Pictures: West End Citizens Using Photographs to Envision Greater Neighborhood Cohesion. Oral Paper. Atlanta Studies Symposium, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA.
22. Shaw, T. C., **Foster, K. A.**, & Combs, B. (2016). Active Voices: Social Capital, Dialogue, and Collective Action in Black Neighborhoods. Oral Paper. Annual Meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Jackson, MS.
23. Shaw, T. C., **Foster, K. A.**, & Combs, B. (2016). New Approaches to Analyzing Urban Inequality. Panel. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
24. **Foster, K. A.**, Pitner, R., Freedman, D. A, Bell, B. A., & Shaw, T. C. (2016). Spatial Dimensions of Social Capital. Poster. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
25. **Foster, K. A.**, Smith, R. J., Bell, B. A., & Shaw, T. C. (2016). Testing the Importance of Spatial Distance on Social Network Resources. Oral Paper. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
26. Bell, B. A., †Blue, G. L., **Foster, K. A.**, & †Yingling, M. E. (2016). When is Small Large Enough?: An Empirical Investigation on the Impact of Sample Size on Model Complexity on Two-Level Linear Models. Oral Paper. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
27. Shaw, T. C., **Foster, K. A.**, & Combs, B. (2015). Active Voices: Social Capital, Social Media, and Urban Neighborhood Civic Engagement. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
28. **Foster, K. A.**, Bowland, S. E., & Vosler, A. N. (2015). All the Pain Along with All the Joy: Spiritual Resilience in Lesbian and Gay Christians. Symposium: LGBT

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Resilience across Cultures. Society for Community Research and Action Biennial Meeting, Lowell, MA.

29. **Foster, K. A.** (2015). Toward a Model of Lesbian & Gay Christian Spiritual Resilience. NASW-SC Spring Symposium: Social Work Paves the Way for Change. Columbia, SC.
30. †Priester, M., **Foster, K. A.**, & Shaw, T. (2015). The Influence of Discrimination and Social Capital on Housing Instability. Oral paper. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
31. **Foster, K. A.** & Rank, M. R. (2014). American Religion and the American Dream: Implications for Economic Mobility in the U.S. Oral paper. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.
32. **Foster, K. A.**, Bowland, S., & Vosler, A. N. (2014). Toward a Model of Lesbian & Gay Christian Spiritual Resilience. Oral paper. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.
33. **Foster, K. A.**, Pitner, R., Freedman, D., Bell, B., & Shaw, T. (2014). Spatial Dimensions of Social Capital. Poster. American Psychological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
34. **Foster, K. A.** (2013). Urban Christian Churches as Resource Brokers. Oral paper. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
35. **Foster, K. A.** (2013). Network Embedded Resources within Urban Christian Congregations. Oral paper. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
36. Shaw, T. C., Ortiz, K., **Foster, K. A.**, & Combs, B. (2013). "Space Race": Black Neighborhood Attachments and the Geographic Inequalities of Black Politics. Oral Paper. American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
37. **Foster, K. A.**, Bowland, S., & Vosler, A. N. (2013). Spiritually Sensitive Psychotherapy with Lesbian and Gay Christians. Oral paper. LGBT Psychology and Related Fields International Conference, Lisbon, Portugal.
38. Shaw, T., **Foster, K. A.**, Combs, B., Hodge, M., & Pedescleaux, D. (2013). Black Neighborhood Attachments, Social Capital, and Collective Action: Preliminary Study Results. Panel. The Changing Socio-Political Environments of Atlanta's Black Neighborhoods. Annual Atlanta Studies Symposium, Emory University. Atlanta, GA.
39. Coulton, C., **Foster, K. A.**, Hipp, J. A., Nicotera, N., & Teitler, J. O. (2013). Neighborhood Metrics and Measures: Alternative Specifications and Tools.

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Roundtable. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.

40. **Foster, K.A.**, & Stiffman, A.R. (2009). Child Welfare Workers' Use of Technology for Psychiatric Referrals. World Psychiatric Association International Congress, Florence, Italy.
41. Bunger, A., Stiffman, A.R., & **Foster, K.A.** (2009). Connecting Youth in Child Welfare to Behavioral Health Services. 20th NIMH Conference on Mental Health Services Research: Increasing the Efficiency of Research and Mental Health Services Delivery, Washington, D.C.
42. **Foster, K.A.** (2008). Defining Neighborhood Boundaries for Social Measurement. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
43. **Foster, K.A.**, & Stiffman, A.R. (2008). Child Welfare Workers' Adoption of Decision Support Technology. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
44. **Foster, K.A.**, & Stiffman, A.R. (2006). IMPROVE: A Technological Intervention Translating Research to Practice. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
45. Stiffman, A.R., & **Foster, K.A.** (2005). IMPROVE: A Technological Intervention Translating Research to Practice. 18th NIMH Conference on Mental Health Services Research: Broadening the Scope of Scientific Investigation. Bethesda, MD.
46. Zelner, J.L., Dayton, M.K., Howard, M.O., & **Foster, K.A.** (2005). Demographic, Psychosocial and Clinical Characteristics of Incarcerated Females. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Miami, FL.
47. Howard, M.O., & **Foster, K.A.** (2004). Inhalant abuse among incarcerated adolescents. Missouri Division of Youth Services, Department of Social Services, St. Louis, MO.
48. Stiffman, A.R., **Foster, K.A.**, Hamburg, K., & Doré, P.M. (2003). IMPROVE: A software program to improve assessments and multisector referrals. The Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health Annual Research Conference, Tampa, FL.

Invited Presentations

1. **Foster, K. A.** (2024). Navigating University Systems in Community-Engaged Research and Science. Organizer & Moderator. National Symposium on Community Science. Washington University in St. Louis, MO.

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2. **Foster, K. A.** (2024). Hip Hop at 50: How Music and the Arts Shape Social Work Science. Invited Symposium – Organizer & Moderator. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference. Washington, DC.
3. **Foster, K. A.** (2023). Does Dentistry Need Social Work? ECU School of Dental Medicine, Greenville, NC.
4. **Foster, K. A.** (2022). Impact of Contextual Education on Vocational Resilience & Adaptability in Leadership Capacities, 2022 Herbster Event, Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO.
5. **Foster, K. A.** (2021). Examining Activist Networks: Mapping the Patterns of Influence in Police Reform, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina.
6. **Foster, K. A.** (2020). Bodies and Activism in Policing and Police Reform. Equity Summit 2020, Collaborative on Race, University of South Carolina.
7. **Foster, K. A.** (2020). Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion. New Faculty Academy. Office of the Provost, Office of Research, the Center for Teaching Excellence, and the Office of Diversity, University of South Carolina.
8. **Foster, K. A.** (2020). Teaching Toward Inclusive Excellence. Center for Teaching Excellence, University of South Carolina.
9. **Foster, K. A.** (2019). Building Strategic Leadership Capacity. New Faculty Academy – Leadership Development Strategies and Practices. Office of the Provost, University of South Carolina.
10. **Foster, K. A.** (2017). Community-based Teaching and Learning: Lessons for the Field. Center for Lifelong Learning, University of Aruba, Oranjestad, Aruba.
11. **Foster, K. A.** (2014). All the Pain Along with All the Joy: Finding a Place in the Church for Gay and Lesbian Christians. Washington Avenue United Methodist Church, Columbia, SC.
12. **Foster, K. A.** (2014). What Does Faith have to do with The American Dream? Everything! Washington Avenue United Methodist Church, Columbia, SC.
13. **Foster, K. A.** (2014). Using Exponential Random Graph Modeling to Understand the Impact of Network Structure on Social Capital. Social Welfare Research Center, Yonsei University. Seoul, South Korea.
14. **Foster, K. A.** (2014). Faith-based Social Work Practice in the US: History, Characteristics, & Effectiveness. Korea Association of Social Welfare for a Sustainable Future Management. Seoul, South Korea.

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15. **Foster, K. A.** (2014). *Social Work and Community-Based Mental Health Practice. Developing Social Work in Mental Health Care in Vietnam in the Context of Global Integration.* Hanoi, Vietnam.
16. **Foster, K. A.** (2013). *Defining Neighborhood Boundaries for Social Measurement.* University of South Carolina GIS Summer Institute. Columbia, SC.
17. **Foster, K. A.** (2013). *Cultural Competence in Mental Health Services: Common Challenges for Practitioners and Clients.* South Carolina Mental Health and the Law seminar. Columbia, SC.
18. **Foster, K.A.,** Choi, G., & Sawyer, E. (2012). *Detecting Emotional and Behavioral Problems among Kindergarten Aged Children.* The Center for the Study of Child Brain Development. Taejun, South Korea.
19. **Foster, K.A.,** Choi, G., & Sawyer, E. (2012). *The Etiology of Bullying: A Cause for Alarm.* Korea Association of Social Welfare for a Sustainable Future Management. Seoul, South Korea.
20. **Foster, K.A.,** Choi, G., & Sawyer, E. (2012). *Giving Voice to the Bullied: Community-Level Responses to Bullying Behavior.* Korea Association of Social Welfare for a Sustainable Future Management. Seoul, South Korea.

Guest Editorships & Special Issues of Peer Reviewed Journals

Collaborative Dynamics in Community-Engaged Research

Guest Co-Editors: Daniel Brisson, **Kirk Foster**, Cheryl Hyde, & Mary Ohmer

Journal of Community Practice

Thesis and Dissertation Committees

Mason Smith – South Carolina Honors College (thesis director, complete May 2015)

James H. Brown – College of Education, University of South Carolina (dissertation committee, complete August 2016)

Victoria Charles – College of Social Work, University of South Carolina (comps committee; dissertation committee)

Mary Ann Priester – College of Social Work, University of South Carolina (dissertation committee)

Dorothy Collins – College of Hospitality, Retail, and Sport Management, University of South Carolina (dissertation committee, complete May 2018)

Débora Viana – School of Social Work, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas (thesis committee member, complete May 2019)

Phan Van – Department of Clinical-Community Psychology, College of Arts & Sciences, University of South Carolina (comps committee; dissertation committee)

Brittany Davis – College of Social Work, University of South Carolina (dissertation committee chair) **received the 2023 SSWR Outstanding Dissertation Award**

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Jordan Kupersmith – South Carolina Honors College (thesis director)

In the Media

The Atlantic

<http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2013/11/a-shockingly-high-number-of-americans-experience-poverty/281172/>

USA Today

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/personalfinance/2014/07/04/american-dream/11122015/>

Urban Affairs Forum

<https://www.urbanaffairsreview.com/uar-archive/innovating-methodologies>

<https://urbanaffairsreview.com/uar-archive/2018/01/03/testing-the-importance-of-geographic-distance-for-social-capital-resources/>

<https://urbanaffairsreview.com/uar-archive/2021/09/09/place-attachment-fosters-collective-action-in-rapidly-changing-urban-neighborhoods/>

Fostering a Difference – Podcast Series (host)

<https://www.audible.com/pd/Podcast/B08JJN4S8X>

The Times Higher Education (United Kingdom)

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/books/chasing-the-american-dream-understanding-what-shapes-our-fortunes-by-mark-robert-rank-thomas-a-hirschl-and-kirk-a-foster/2015319.article>

Vital Signs & Statistics – The Center for Analytics, Research and Data, United Church of Christ; contributor on research important to local congregations

<http://carducc.wordpress.com/>

Insight into Diversity

<https://www.insightintodiversity.com/the-university-of-south-carolina-models-a-collaborative-approach-to-diversity-equity-and-inclusion/>

University at Buffalo, School of Social Work, in SocialWork Podcast series

<https://www.insocialwork.org/episode.asp?ep=264>

Local/Regional Media

<https://video.sctv.org/video/september-18-2020-dk1rg4/>

<https://www.abccolumbia.com/2020/07/17/why-revoking-the-ruling-on-international-student-visas-matters>

http://www.postandcourier.com/business/the-average-south-carolina-family-made-more-money-last-year/article_57fb14f2-9e50-11e7-baa7-ef77a0d73bca.html

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http://www.pennlive.com/news/2016/03/how_likely_are_you_to_end_up_i.html
<http://www.newswise.com/articles/census-poverty-numbers-are-a-snapshot-not-full-picture>
<http://www.postandcourier.com/20160915/160919627/sc-poverty-rate-drops-sharply-in-2015-but-stays-above-pre-recession-levels>
<https://source.wustl.edu/2014/06/call-to-service/>

Certificates and Trainings

SEC Academic Leadership Development Program. The Southeastern Conference.

Pipeline for Academy Leaders. Offices of the Provost and Human Resources, University of South Carolina.

Completed Diagnostic Interview Schedule training in the Department of Psychiatric Epidemiology at Washington University School of Medicine. Received a certificate as a DIS trainer.

Ordained Ministerial Standing, Southeast Conference, United Church of Christ.

Reviewer Activity

American Sociological Review
The British Journal of Social Work
Children and Youth Services Review
Journal of Homosexuality
Journal of Social Psychology
Research on Social Work Practice (special issue on Evaluating Faith-Based Services)
Sage Publications – textbook review
Sexuality Research and Social Policy
Journal of Religion and Health
Social Work Research, consulting editor
Society for Social Work and Research – conference abstract review
City & Community
Social Science Research
Social Service Review
International Journal of Geographical Information Science
Journal of Community Practice
Journal of Urban Affairs
Urban Affairs Review
Sociological Spectrum
Religion & Gender
International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Health & Well-being
Health & Social Care in the Community

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Social Inclusion

Service to the University

East Carolina University

2021 – present Strategic Enrollment Management, Graduate School, ECU
2022 – present Faculty, Interprofessional Education, Brody School of Medicine
2022 – present Member, Telehealth Planning Network, Brody School of Medicine

University of South Carolina

2021 Strategic Planning Group – Priority 4 (DEI), Office of the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, University of South Carolina

2020 – 2021 Faculty Search Committee, College of Information and Communications, University of South Carolina

2020 – 2021 Clinical Faculty Review Committee, COSW

2020 – 2021 BSW Program Committee, COSW

2020 – 2021 Future Planning Group, Public Health Committee member, Diversity and Inclusion subcommittee chair; Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Advisory Team convener, University of South Carolina Office of the President (Covid-19 response team)

2020 Support to Promote Advancement of Research and Creativity (SPARC) grant review committee, Office of the Vice President for Research, University of South Carolina

2019 – 2020 Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion Search Committee Member, University of South Carolina Office of the President

2018 – 2021 Council of Academic Diversity Officers, University of South Carolina; Co-Chair 2019-2021

2017 – 2018 PhD Program Committee, COSW

2016 – 2017 Dean’s Search Committee, COSW

2016 – 2021 Carolina Judicial Council, Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity, University of South Carolina

2016 – 2021 Fellowships & Scholarships Committee, The Graduate School, University of South Carolina

2016 – 2019 Faculty Recruitment Committee, COSW

2015 – 2021 President’s Diversity & Inclusion Advisory Committee, Office of the President, University of South Carolina

2015 ASPIRE-I Review Committee, Office of the Vice President for Research, University of South Carolina

2014 – 2016 Faculty Council, COSW

2012 – 2014 Faculty Recruitment Committee, COSW

2012 – 2014 Community Sequence Coordinator, COSW

2012 – 2014 Curriculum Revision Workgroup, COSW

2012 – 2015 University Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions

2012 – 2013 Curriculum Committee, COSW

2012 – 2013 Carolina Nexus Planning Committee, University of South Carolina

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2011 – 2018 UofSC Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, Straight Alliance, Faculty Sponsor
2011 – 2012 Special Events Committee, Chair, COSW
2011 – 2012 Scholarship Committee, COSW

Washington University in St. Louis

2007 – 2010 Institutional Review Board, member
2006 – 2009 PhD Proseminar Series, co-leader and organizer
2004 – 2011 Academic Advisor

Service to the Profession

2023 – 2024 2024 Annual Conference Chairperson, Society for Social Work and Research
2023 – 2024 Vice President, Society for Social Work and Research
2022 – 2025 Consulting Editor, Social Work Research, NASW Press
2022 – 2023 Vice President Elect, Society for Social Work and Research
2022 – 2023 Guest Co-Editor, Special Issue, Collaboration in Community-Engaged Research, Journal of Community Practice
2022 – present Editorial Board member, Journal of Community Practice, Sponsored by the Association for Community Organization and Social Action (ACOSA)
2019 – 2022 Co-Chair, Community and Neighborhood Research Cluster, Society for Social Work and Research
2017 – 2021 Editorial Board member, Social Work Research, NASW Press
2016 – 2022 National Advisory Committee, Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation, The New York Community Trust, NY, NY

Service to the Community

2022 – 2025 Member, Board of Trustees, Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO
2018 – 2020 Diversity Consultant, Greater Columbia YMCA, Board of Directors, Columbia, SC
2019 – 2020 Columbia Fireflies MLB, Pride Night Committee, Columbia, SC
2018 – 2019 Leadership Committee, South Carolina Child Well-Being Coalition, Children’s Trust of South Carolina
2017 – 2021 Segra Park Board of Advisors, City of Columbia, SC
2012 – 2018 Board of Directors, Cottontown/Bellevue Historic District Neighborhood Association, Columbia, SC
2007 – 2008 Vision for Children at Risk, Data Committee, St. Louis, MO

Professional Affiliations

Association for Community Organization & Social Action

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Association for the Sociology of Religion
Council on Social Work Education
National Association of Social Workers
National Association of Deans & Directors of Schools of Social Work
Society for Social Work and Research
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion