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EDUCATION

2024 -	Ph.D. in Social Work University of Connecticut, School of Social Work, US
2019	M. S.W. Nanjing University, School of Social & Behavioral Sciences, CN
2017	B.A. in Social Work Fujian Normal University, School of Social Development, CN

PUBLICATIONS

Guo, W., Chen, L., **Su, Z.** et al. *The road not taken: sexuality education and its associations with sexual knowledge and attitudes among senior high school students in rural areas of Western China*. China popul. dev. stud. 4, 186–201 (2020). https://doi.org/10.1007/s42379-020-00059-1

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, University of Connecticut		
Project Title: Breakthrough Parenting Curriculum		
Matthew Price, PhD (PI), Jon Phillips, PhD (PI), Cristina Wilson, PhD (PI)		
Research Assistant, University of Connecticut		
Project Title: Survey of Helping Professionals		
Kelsi Carolan, PhD (PI), Jon Phillips, PhD (PI), Gio Iacono, PhD (PI)		
Research Coordinator, China Social Work Academy		
Project title: Status and Development Needs of the Grassroots Child		
Welfare Workforce in China		
Xueyin Zou, (PI)		
Research Assistant, Nanjing University		
Project title: Study on Sexual and Reproductive Health of Rural		
Adolescents in Western China		
Wei Guo, PhD (PI)		

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Su, Z.& Chen S. (2026, January 14-18). *The Pitfalls of Progress: An Analysis of the Social Work Certification System in Mainland China.* [Poster presentation]. 30th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work & Research, Washington DC, United States.

Harrington, K.Y., **Su, Z.**, Phillips, J.D., Carolan, K., & Iacono, G. (2026, January 14-18). *Social worker preparedness to work with far-right clients*. 30th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work & Research, Washington DC, United States.

Carolan, K., Phillips, J.D., Charles, D., Moynihan, L., **Su, Z**., Harrington, K.Y., & Iacono, G. (2026, January 14-18). *Examining social workers' perceived preparedness to work with clients with chronic illnesses and/or disabilities*. 30th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work & Research, Washington DC, United States.

Harrington, K.Y., Su, Z., (2025, October 22-24) *United States Social Worker Preparedness to Work with Far-Right Clients*. Aleksanteri Conference 2025: Extremisms, Ambiguities, Ideologies, Agency, Helsinki, Finland.

Phillips, J. D., **Su, Z.,** Harrington, K.Y., Goldsborough, E. J., Carolan, K., & Iacono, G. (2025, October 23-26). *Do MSW programs prepare students for interprofessional collaboration? Results from a national survey.* [Poster presentation]. Council on Social Work Education 71st Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO, United States.

Carolan, K., Phillips, J., Charles, D., Harrington, K.Y., Iacono, G., & Su, Z. (2025, October 23-26). *Examining practicing social workers' perception of MSW program preparation to work with clients with disabilities or chronic illnesses*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO, United States.

Su, Z., Wu, S., & Hu, X. (2025, May 16–19). Exploring the relationship between training and job preparedness among child welfare workers in China: Evidence from a nationally representative study. Asian & Pacific Islander Social Work Educators Association International Conference, Jakarta, Indonesia.

POST-MSW EXPERIENCE

2022 - 2024	China Social Work Academy	Beijing, CN
2021 - 2022	ZTE Public Welfare Foundation	Shenzhen, CN
2019 - 2021	Teach for China (Fellow 2019-2021)	Nanning, CN

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS AND DEVELOPMENT

2018 – 2019 Certificate Program of International Relation

The Johns Hopkins University -Nanjing University Center for Chinese

and American Studies, Nanjing, CN

2018 International Summer School: developing next generation of global

leaderships

International Training Center of International Labor Organization,

Turin, IT

AWARDS AND HORNORS

2025	Pre-Dissertation Student Travel Scholarship (\$1000)
2025	PhD Student Professional Development Fellowships (\$1000)
2019	Outstanding Graduates of Nanjing University
2019	He Ren Charity Scholarship of Nanjing University (10000 RMB)
2019	Graduate Academic Scholarship of Nanjing University (8000 RMB)
2018/2019	Graduate Academic Scholarship of Nanjing University (8000 RMB)
2019	Outstanding Youth Scholarship of Nanjing University (3000 RMB)
2017	Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis of Fujian Normal University
2015	First Class Scholarship of Fujian Normal University

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATE

Software Skills: STATA, R, ArcGIS Pro

Certificate: Chinese Social Work Qualification Certificate (Intermediate Level)

Language: Mandarin Chinese (Native), English (Fluent)