Curriculum Vitae MEGAN E. GILSTER

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EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Higher Education

Postdoctoral Scholar

September 2010-January 2013

University of Wisconsin, Madison Health Disparities Research Scholars Program Center for Women's Health and Health Disparities Research School of Medicine and Public Health

Ph.D., Sociology and Social Work

September 2004-September 2010

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Degree conferred December 2010

Dissertation Title: Neighborhood Activism in Context: Three Studies of the Neighborhood

Antecedents and Individual Effects of Participation in Neighborhood Activism.

Co-Chairs: Michael Spencer, Ph.D. (Social Work) & Jeffrey Morenoff, Ph.D. (Sociology)

M.S.W. September 2001-April 2003

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Degree conferred April 2003

Practice Method: Social Policy and Evaluation Minor Practice Method: Community Organization

Practice Area: Children and Youth

B.A., Anthropology and Music

September 1995-June 1999

Lawrence University, Appleton WI Degree conferred June 1999 Urban Studies Semester, Chicago, Fall 1998

Areas of Interest

Social determinants of physical and mental health, communities, neighborhoods, neighborhood social organization, spatial and network analysis, housing inequality

Academic Positions

Assistant Professor
University of Iowa, School of Social Work
January 2013-present
Iowa City, IA

Professional Appointments

Faculty Affiliate; 2018-present Scholar in Residence; Spring 2018 Scholar in Residence (with Jessica Welburn Paige) Summer 2018 University of Iowa, Public Policy Center Iowa City, IA

Professional Positions

Select Previous Research Experience

Research Assistant 2006-2007 University of Michigan, Chicago Community Adult Health Study Ann Arbor MI

Research Assistant 2004-2010 University of Michigan, School of Social Work Ann Arbor MI

Select Previous Program Evaluation Experience

Mental Health Evaluator

Venice Family Clinic

Venice CA

Social Policy and Evaluation Intern; Evaluation Consultant 2002-2005 Evaluation of Southwest Counseling and Development Services; Starfish Family Services University of Michigan, School of Social Work Detroit MI

Evaluation Research Assistant 2003-2004 Functional Assessment Systems, Kay Hodges, Ph.D. Ann Arbor MI

Research Assistant, Evaluation of Mott Behavioral Health Clinic
University of Michigan, School of Social Work

2001-2003
Ann Arbor MI

Select Honors and Awards

Marie O. Weil Award for best 2017 article in the Journal of Community Practice Association for Community organizing and Social Administration (ACOSA)

Health Equity Leadership Institute Alumni Fellow
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Collaborative Center for Health Equity

Health Disparities Research Loan Repayment Program (LRP) Award National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)	2012-2014
Health Equity Leadership Institute Fellow University of Wisconsin-Madison, Collaborative Center for Health Equit	2011 y
One Term Dissertation Grant (\$8,000) University of Michigan, Rackham Graduate School	2010
Harold T. and Vivian Shapiro Prize for distinguished achievement (\$4,00 University of Michigan, School of Social Work	2009
Diversity Fellowship—Dissertation Award Honorable Mention Ford Foundation	2009
• /	2007, 2008, 2009
University of Michigan, Rackham Graduate School	
Debt Management Award for public service (\$10,000) University of Michigan, Rackham Graduate School	2008
Debt Management Award for public service (\$10,000)	2008 2008
Debt Management Award for public service (\$10,000) University of Michigan, Rackham Graduate School Nonprofit Public Management Doctoral Research Support Grant (\$750)	

Memberships

Council for Social Work Education (CSWE) Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) Association for Community Organizing and Social Administration (ACOSA) Urban Affairs Association (UAA)

TEACHING

University of Iowa

6145 Organization and Community Practice6148 Research Practice I7270 Research Practice II7297 Advanced Practicum Seminar I

7298 Advanced Practicum Seminar II 3845 Social Work Processes Practicum Coordination

Doctoral Student Supervision

Alyssa Clayden	Comprehensive exam committee co-chair 2019-20	Expected 2022
Dana M. W. Cheek	Comprehensive exam committee member 2018-19	Expected 2021
Elizabeth Byram	Comprehensive exam committee member 2017	Expected 2019
	Dissertation committee member 2018-	
Cristian Meier	Comprehensive exam committee member 2015	Grad 2018
	Dissertation committee member 2015-2018	
	Advisor 2017-2018	
Chris Martin, PhD	Dissertation committee member 2013-2014	Grad 2014

Other Contributions to Instructional Programs

Research Practicum Supervision (PhD students - 1) Independent Study Supervision (PhD students - 1) Independent Study Supervision (MSW students - 12) Supervision of Classroom Instructors (Computer Laboratory – 5 semesters)

University of Michigan Department of Sociology

Sociology Undergraduate Research Opportunity Instructor, Fall 2007 Project Community: Education, Graduate Student Instructor, 2007- 2008 Project Community: Public Health, Graduate Student Instructor, 2006-2007

University of Michigan School of Social Work

Evaluation in Social Work, Instructor, Spring/Summer 2008 Basic Research, Lab Assistant, Winter 2013

SCHOLARSHIP

Publications

Refereed

Gilster, M. E. Neighborhood tenure, donated social support, and participation in low-income communities. Accepted at *Journal of Sociology and Social Work*.

Gilster, M. E., Kleinschmit, J. L., Cummings, S. P., & Ronnenberg, M. M. (2019) Pick your platform: Social media skill building for social work advocacy. Online first at *Journal of Social Work Education*. DOI: 10.1080/10437797.2019.1593903.

Meier, C. & **Gilster, M. E.** (2019). Exploring two measures of spatial accessibility to organizational resources in a small city. Online first at *Community Development*. DOI: 10.1080/15575330.2019.1591475.

- **Gilster, M. E.** (2017). The importance of neighborhood organizational resources for resident participation in neighborhood activism. *Social Service Review*, *91*(2), 264-292.
- **Gilster, M. E.** & Meier, C. L. (2017) Formal and informal social organization: Do geography, structural inequality, and other forms of social organization matter? *Journal of Community Practice*, 25(2), 172-189. DOI:10.1080/10705422.2017.1307797

Awarded 2018 Marie O. Weil award (see honors and awards above)

- **Gilster, M. E.** & Meier, C. L. (2016). Formal and informal neighborhood social organization: Which supports resident self-rated health in Chicago? *Health & Social Work*, 41, 182-190. doi: 10.1093/hsw/hlw024
- **Gilster, M. E.** (2016). Racial and ethnic differences in the neighborhood context of mastery. *Journal of Community Psychology 44*, 38-50.
- **Gilster, M. E.** (2014). Neighborhood stressors, mastery, and depressive symptoms: Racial and ethnic differences in an ecological model of the stress process in Chicago. *Journal of Urban Health 91*, 690-706.
- **Gilster, M. E.** (2014) Putting activism in its place: The neighborhood context of participation in neighborhood-focused activism. *Journal of Urban Affairs 36*, 33-50. doi: 10.1111/juaf.12013
- **Gilster, M. E.** (2012). Comparing neighborhood-focused activism and volunteerism: Psychological well-being and social connectedness. *Journal of Community Psychology, 40,* 769-784.
- Woolley, M. E., Grogan-Kaylor, A., **Gilster, M. E.,** Karb, R. A., Gant, L. M., Reischl, T., & Alaimo, K. (2008). Neighborhood social capital, poor physical conditions, and school achievement. *Children & Schools*, *30*, 133-145. Impact factor: not rated
- Mowbray, C. T., Woolley, M. E., Grogan-Kaylor, A., Gant, L. M., **Gilster, M. E.,** & Shanks, T. R. W. (2007). Neighborhood research from a spatially oriented strengths perspective. *Journal of Community Psychology*, *35*, 667-680.
- Grogan-Kaylor, A., Woolley, M. E., Mowbray, C., Reischl, T., **Gilster, M.,** Karb, R. A., et al. (2006). Predictors of neighborhood satisfaction. *Journal of Community Practice*, *14*, 27-49.

Under Review

Gilster, M. E., Booth, J., Torres-Cacho, H. R., & Meier C. L., Assessing the Role of Ethnic Enclaves in the Relationship Between Neighborhood Conditions and Participation in Neighborhood Activism Among Latinos in Chicago.

Gilster, M. E., Meier C. L., & Booth, J., Assessing the Role of Ethnic Enclaves and Neighborhood Conditions in Volunteering Among Latinos in Chicago.

Meier, C. L., Sabbagh, N., & **Gilster, M. E.** Gender, Individual Race and Ethnicity and Neighborhood Racial and Ethnic Composition in New York City Interact to Effect Disparities in Self-Rated Health.

Non-refereed (and student refereed)

Gilster, M. E. & Meier, C. L. (2016). *Place and networks among AIM assets: Results from a multi-method assessment of programs and services that help meet AIM goals.* Report to The United Way of Muscatine and Aligned Impact Muscatine.*

Coohey, C., Bockenstedt, J. & **Gilster, M. E.** (2013). *Creating a coordinated response to homelessness in the Quad Cities and surrounding communities*. Report to The United Way of the Quad Cities Area. ****

Robert, S. A., Schuppie, J., Turner, M. **Gilster, M. E.** & McCall, A. (2012). *The health and well-being of women of childbearing ages in Dane and Racine Counties: Results from the Healthy Neighborhoods Healthy Families Study*. Report to UW-Madison Partnership Program. ****

Gilster, M. E. (2009). Bogging down the neighborhood: Lessons from community development block grant social service provision and community participation. *Agora: The Planning Journal of the University of Michigan, 65-71*. http://hdl.handle.net/2027.42/120350

Non-refereed manuscripts in Progress

Welburn Paige, J., **Gilster, M. E.,** Kearney, S. *How first-generation students and low-income community residents navigate Iowa City's tight housing market: Preliminary Findings*, in preparation as Public Policy Center Research Brief

Grants Funded

External

PI 2018

Longitudinal Study of Permanent Supportive Housing: \$259,782 (first 3 years: \$178,417 available to renew for a total of \$259,782)

Anonymous donor

Letter of Intent Submitted 6/25/2018

Full Application Submitted 7/30/2018

Consultant, 2016

College Access Challenge Grant Launch Subgrant, Sub-award: \$15,160 Iowa College Student Aid Commission via United Way of Muscatine

PI 2013-2014

Making Connections Research Scholar Award: Community Social Organization and Residential Mobility: Exploring Resident Participation and Child Health in Making Connections Neighborhoods, \$10,000

Annie E. Casey Foundation and NORC at the University of Chicago

Co-PI, 2013

Using Strategic Knowledge to Address Homelessness in the Quad Cities and Surrounding Communities, \$24,698

Community Foundation of the Great River Bend, United Way of the Quad Cities, and the University of Iowa School of Social Work

Internal

Co-Investigator 2018

Housing Inequality in Iowa City: Examining the Experiences of Community Members and University Students, \$6,000.

University of Iowa Public Policy Center, Summer Scholars Grant

Co-Investigator 2017

Exploring Housing Affordability and Instability in Iowa City: \$10,000.

University of Iowa Office of Outreach & Engagement, Community Impact Grant

Co-Director 2017

Place-based Inclusion Working Group—Robin Bachin Campus Visit: \$1500

Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, University of Iowa: Working Group Funding

PI 2016

Aligned Impact Muscatine Asset Mapping: \$1341

Office of Outreach & Engagement, University of Iowa: Micro Grant

Invited Lectures and Conference Presentations (Juried)

Meier, C. & Gilster, M. E. (2019). *Program and Organizational Locations: Measurement of Resource Access and Social Organization*. Accepted paper presentation at the annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Los Angeles, California.

Gilster, M. E. & Daley, M. (2019). *Opportunities and Limitations of the Cost-Savings Frame for the Expansion of Permanent Supportive Housing*. Accepted paper presentation at the annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Los Angeles, California.

- Cummings, S. P. (2018) *Pick Your Platform: Social Media Skill Building for Social Work Advocacy*. Additional research contribution from Kleinschmit, J. L., **Gilster, M. E.,** & Ronnenberg, M. M. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education 2018 Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, Florida
- Kleinschmit, J. L., **Gilster, M. E.,** Cummings, S. P., & Ronnenberg, M. M. (2018) *Pick Your Platform: Social Media Advocacy Skill Building*. Paper presented at the annual Policy Conference 2.0, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Kleinschmit, J. L., **Gilster, M. E.,** Cummings, S. P., & Ronnenberg, M. M. (2018) *Pick Your Platform: Social Media Skill Building for Social Work Advocacy*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of Social Work Distance Education Conference, San Antonio, Texas.
- **Gilster, M. E.** & Meier, C. (2018). *Inequality in Organizational Resources in a Small City: Exploring Space and Program Delivery Location.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Toronto, Canada.
- Meier, C. & Gilster, M. E. (2018). Do People Grocery Shop near Home? Examining Individual, Household, and Neighborhood Characteristics Associated with Shopping Close to Home. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Toronto, Canada.
- **Gilster, M. E.** & Meier, C. (2018). *Integrating social network data into community assessments*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work Research, Washington DC.
- **Gilster, M. E.** & Meier, C. (2017). *Networks and perceptions in asset mapping for a community collaborative*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Minneapolis, MN.
- **Gilster, M. E.** Meier, C. L., & Sabbagh, N. (2017). *The Effect of Everyday Discrimination and Mastery on Chronic Health Conditions Among Residents of Chicago*. ePoster presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans, LA.
- **Gilster, M. E.,** Torres-Cacho, H. R., & Meier C. L. (2017). *Neighborhood Needs, Neighborhood Resources, and Latino/a Participation in Neighborhood Activism and Volunteerism in Chicago*. ePoster presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans, LA.
- **Gilster, M. E.** (2016). Length of neighborhood tenure and the neighborhood context: exploring resident participation in Making Connections neighborhoods. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work Research, Washington DC.
- **Gilster, M. E.** & Meier, C. (2016). *Predictors of and spatial relationships among neighborhood social organization in Chicago*. Symposium Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work Research, Washington DC.

- **Gilster, M. E.** (2015). Residential mobility and donated social support: Barriers to resident participation in Making Connections neighborhoods. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Miami, FL.
- **Gilster, M. E.** (2015). Formal and informal neighborhood social organization: Which supports resident health? Society for Social Work Research, Annual Conference, ePoster Presentation.
- **Gilster, M. E.** & Robert, S. A. (2013). *Neighborhood safety and race disparities in birthweight*. Society for Social Work Research, Annual Conference, Paper Presentation.
- **Gilster, M. E.** (2012). The neighborhood context of resident participation in neighborhood-focused activism. Panel presentation at the annual conference of the Midwestern Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN.
- **Gilster, M. E.** (2012). *Mastery, neighborhood stressors, and depressive symptoms: Examining racial and ethnic heterogeneity.* Paper presentation at the annual conference of the Midwestern Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN.
- Brisson, D., Coulton, C., **Gilster, M. E.**, Johnson, M. A., Smith, R. J. (2011). *Neighborhood effects research and social work*. Society for Social Work Research, Annual Meeting, Roundtable Presentation.
- **Gilster, M. E.** (2009). The effects of participation in neighborhood activism on individual well-being. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Paper Presentation.
- **Gilster, M. E.** (2009). The effects of neighborhood activism on depression: Mastery as empowerment. Society for the Study of Social Problems, Annual Conference, Paper Presentation.
- **Gilster, M. E.** & Gershoff, E. T. (2009). *Impacts of exposure to violence in both home and school neighborhoods on youth depression and conduct disorder*. Society for Social Work Research, Annual Conference, Paper Presentation.
- **Gilster, M. E.** (2008). Externalities of nonprofit organizations: Social organization and capital and neighborhood decline. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Paper Presentation.
- **Gilster, M. E.** (2008). The effects of nonprofit organizations on urban neighborhood decline. American Sociological Association, Community and Urban Sociology Roundtable Presentation.
- Karb, R. A., Gilster, M. E., Grogan-Kaylor, A., Woolley, M. E. (2008) Experiences of racial discrimination and mental health outcomes: Moderating effects of neighborhood sociostructural characteristics. Society for Social Work Research, Annual Conference, Poster Presentation.

- Follett, C. C., **Gilster, M. E.**, Miller, P., & Spencer, M. (2005). *Utilizing a logic model approach to assess implementation fidelity for Latinos in non-traditional behavioral health settings*. Joint Canadian Evaluation Society/American Evaluation Association Conference, Paper presentation, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- Hodges, K., Yange, X., Wotring, J., Pettee. M., & **Gilster, M. E.** (2003). *Outcomes for children in foster care who are referred to mental health*. The 17th Annual Research Conference, A System of Care for Children's Mental Health: Expanding the Research Base, Paper presentation.

Local Presentations

- Welburn Paige, J., & Gilster, M. E., with Baquero, B. (2018). How first-generation students and low-income community residents navigate housing instability in Iowa City: Preliminary findings. University of Iowa, Public Policy Center, Lunch and Learn
- **Gilster, M. E.** (2016). Place and networks in assets for college attainment and career readiness: Preliminary results interpretation workshop. United Way of Muscatine, Aligned Impact Muscatine. Oral Presentation.
- **Gilster, M. E.** (2016). Lessons from neighborhood effects research for place-based inclusion. University of Iowa, Place-based Inclusion Working Group Meeting, Oral Presentation
- **Gilster, M. E.** (2015). Lessons from neighborhood effects research for community development. University of Iowa. Human Rights and Community Development (HRTS: 3905), Guest Lecture.
- **Gilster, M.E.** (2012). *Tips on the academic job search*. University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Social Work, Job Club Meeting. Panel Presentation.
- **Gilster, M. E.** (2012). The neighborhood context of racial and ethnic differences in mental health. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Women's Health and Health Disparities, Professional Development Luncheon. Oral Presentation.
- **Gilster, M. E.** (2012). The neighborhood context of racial and ethnic differences in depressive symptoms. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Population Health Sciences, Health Disparities Interest Group Meeting. Oral Presentation.
- **Gilster, M. E.** (2011). How neighborhood stressors and resources affect disparities in health. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Collaborative Center for Health Equity, Health Equity Leadership Institute. Oral Presentation.
- **Gilster, M. E.** (2007). Externalities of Nonprofit Organizations: Social Organization and Capital and Neighborhood Decline. University of Michigan School of Social Work Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Social Science 50th Anniversary Celebration. Poster Presentation

Gilster, M. E. & Griffin, S. A. (2007). *Current and emerging initiatives in the joint interdisciplinary doctoral program*. University of Michigan School of Social Work Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Social Science 50th Anniversary Celebration. Panel Moderation.

SERVICE

Professional Service

Journal of Community Practice, Editorial Board Member, 2018-present

Urban Affairs Association, Activist Scholar Award Committee, member, 2017-2020 "international professional organization for urban scholars, researchers, and public service professionals" http://urbanaffairsassociation.org/about/mission/

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Loan Repayment Program (LRP), Ambassador, 2017-present

"a network of former and current LRP awardees that promote the NIH LRPs"

Article Reviews

Journal of Community Practice (June, 2019)

American Journal of Community Psychology (May, 2019)

Society & Mental Health (January, 2019; revision review June 2019)

Ethnicity & Health (December, 2018)

Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma (November, 2018; revision review April, 2019)

Society and Mental Health (September, 2018)

American Journal of Community Psychology (August, 2018)

Social Service Review (July, 2018)

Journal of Community Practice (April, 2018; revision review July, 2018)

Society and Mental Health (April, 2018)

Ethnicity & Health (March, 2018)

Social Work in Health Care (March, 2018)

Nonprofit Management & Leadership (February, 2018; revision review August, 2018)

Health & Social Work (July, 2017)

Journal of Child and Family Studies (May, 2017)

Journal of Child and Family Studies (December, 2016)

Journal of Community Practice (July, 2016; revision review November, 2016)

Social Science & Medicine (July, 2016)

Ageing & Mental Health (March, 2016)

Journal of Child and Family Studies (January, 2016)

Journal of Child and Family Studies (August, 2015)

Journal of Urban Affairs (May, 2015; revision review March, 2016)

Journal of Child and Family Studies (November, 2014)

Health & Social Work (March, 2014)

Journal of Community Practice (January, 2014; revision review April, 2014)

Ethnicity & Disease (October, 2013; revision review January, 2014)

Journal of Child and Family Studies (May, 2013) Health & Social Work (April, 2013) Journal of Community Practice (January, 2013)

University Service

Public Policy Center

Ad-hoc Grant Reviewer (2019), Summer Scholar-in-Residence Program

Obermann Center for Advanced Studies

Advisory Board Member (2017-2020) Graduate Institute on Engagement and the Academy Co-Director (2018-2019) Place-Based Inclusion Working Group Director (2017-2018) Place-Based Inclusion Working Group Co-Director (2016-2017) Place-Based Inclusion Working Group Member (2015-2016) Place-Based Inclusion Working Group

College of Public Health

Invited Panelist (2017) Unnatural Causes: Place Matters

Interprofessional Education @ Iowa (includes College of Dentistry, College of Public Health, College of Nursing, College of Medicine, College of Pharmacy, and School of Social Work)

Facilitator, Interprofessional Skills and Team Based Healthcare I, In-person Team Meeting, Fall 2017

Facilitator, Interprofessional Skills and Team Based Healthcare II, In-person Team Meeting, Spring 2017

Liaison to School of Social Work, Spring 2017

Departmental Service

University of Iowa School of Social Work

Curricular review ad-hoc committee, Co-chair, 2019-2020

Curricular review ad-hoc committee, Member, 2018-2019

Research sequence committee, Chair, 2018-present

Doctoral Studies Committee, Member, 2016-present

Macro Practice (foundation level), Chair, 2016-present

Practice sequence committee, Member, 2013-present

Field sequence committee, Member, 2013-2015; 2016-present

Integrated practice sequence committee, Member, 2013-present

Search committee (Clinical Assistant Professor), Member, 2016-2017

MSW admissions committee, Member, Spring 2016-2017

Field sequence Advanced Practicum Seminar working group, Member, 2014-2015

Field sequence Advanced Practicum Seminar working group, Lead, 2016

Bridge course working group, Member, 2014-2015

MSW job search panel, Moderator, 2014

Integrated practice focus group, Facilitator, 2015 Research sequence committee, Member, 2013-2018 Integrated practice working group, Member, 2013-2014 Search committee (Assistant Professor), Member, 2013-2014

University of Michigan School of Social Work

Co-Chair, Social Work Doctoral Student Organization (DSO), 2006-2008
Co-Coordinator, Conversations Across Social Disciplines, 2005-2008
Co-organizer, DSO Brown Bags 2004-2006
MSW Student Representative, Tenure-Track Faculty Search Committee, 2002-2003
Member, Students Organizing for Social Justice (SOSJ) 2002-2003
SOSJ Representative, Student Group Leaders 2002-2003

University of Michigan Sociology Department

Student Representative, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2007-2008

Community Service

Shelter House, Consultant, 2018-

Johnson County Affordable Housing Coalition, Member, 2018-present; Consultant, 2017-2019; Education Committee Presentation, 2017

Crisis Center of Johnson County, Consultant, 2018

United Way of Muscatine, College Access Challenge Grant Launch, Consultant, 2016

Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc., Homelessness Project, Consultant, 2013

Johnson County Local Homeless Advisory Board, Consultant, 2013-2014