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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Aging, population aging, sense of community and quality of life of older adults, outmigration and effects on communities, impact of climate change and natural disasters on the mental health of older adults

## EDUCATION

Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work, Ph.D. Program	Richmond, VA Expected May 2021
Columbia University School of Social Work Master of Science in Social Work (MSW) <i>Concentration: Social Enterprise Administration &amp; Aging</i>	New York, NY May 2015
George Mason University Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)	Fairfax, VA May 2013

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Hans Falck Doctoral Scholarship, VCU School of Social Work	2020
Gerontological Society of America Student Travel Stipend Award	2019
Doctoral Scholar's Institute, Network for Social Work Management	2019
Pre-Dissertation Fellow, Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGESW)	2018
BSW Advocacy Award, George Mason University	2013

## RECENT & CURRENT FUNDED PROJECTS

July 2019-Present. **Project Coordinator**, "Mental Health Status and Needs of Older Adults in Puerto Rico". Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work  
PI: Denise Burnette, PhD

July 2019-June 2020. **Project Lead**, "The Implementation and Evaluation of a Student Ambassador Program for a Music and Memory Intervention" 4-VA Collaborative, \$19,500.  
PI: Cathy Tompkins, PhD

## PUBLICATIONS

Burnette, D., **Buckley, T. D.**, Fabelo, H. E., & Yabar, M. P. (2020). Foregrounding context in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Learning from older Adults in Puerto Rico. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 1-4. doi: 10.1080/01634372.2020.1793253.

Kim, K., Hong, M., & **Buckley, T.D.** (2020). Family caregiving situations and engagement in advance care planning. *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, 23(1), 125-128.

**Buckley, T.D.**, Becker, T.D., & Burnette, D. (in preparation). Validation of the Six-Item Lubben Social Network Scale with Spanish-Speaking older adults in Puerto Rico. *Journal of Aging and Health*

Kim, K, Burnette, D., **Buckley, T.D.**, Cho, S., & Kim, S. (in preparation). Measurement indicators of age-friendly communities: findings from the AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey. *The Gerontologist*.

## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

**Buckley, T.D.**, Kim, K., & Burnette, D. (2020, November). A confirmatory factor analysis of the Brief Sense of Community Scale for Spanish-Speaking older adults in Puerto Rico. Poster session to be presented at the annual meeting of Gerontological Society of America (Online).

Cox, C., **Buckley, T.D.**, & Doron, I. (2020, November). Considering LTSS through the lenses of social construction of target populations: theory and neoliberalism. Oral paper to be presented at the annual meeting of Gerontological Society of America (Online).

Kim, K., **Buckley, T.D.**, Burnette, D., & Sung, C. (2020, November). Measurement indicators of age-friendly communities: findings from the AARP Age-Friendly Community Survey. Poster session to be presented at the annual meeting of Gerontological Society of America (Online).

Burnette, D., **Buckley, T. D.**, Fabelo, H. E., & Yabar, M. P. (2020, November). Sense of community and quality of life for older adults in Puerto Rico 2 years after Hurricane Maria. Oral paper to be presented at the annual meeting of Gerontological Society of America (Online).

Cho, S & **Buckley, T.D.** (2020, November). Moderating effect of race and ethnicity between technology use and social isolation. Poster session to be presented at the annual meeting of Gerontological Society of America (Online).

**Buckley, T.D.**, Burnette, D., Fabelo, H., Carrasquillo, K., & Taylor, T. (2020, July). Sense of community and quality of life among older adults in Puerto Rico two years after Hurricane Mariá. Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development 2020, Calgary, Canada.

Burnette, D. & **Buckley, T.D.** (2019, November). Feasibility of an evidence-based mental health intervention with older adults in Post-Hurricane Maria Puerto Rico. *Presentation as part of Symposium: Aging, Disasters, and the Environment: Role of Climate Change in Disaster Preparedness and Response*, presented at the annual meeting of Gerontological Society of America, Austin, TX.

Childs, E. & **Buckley, T.D.** (2019, October). Rural social work education in American BSW programs. Poster session presented at the annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Denver, CO.

Childs, E. & **Buckley, T.D.** (2019, August). A content analysis of rural social work education in American BSW programs. Poster session presented at the Rural Sociological Society Conference, Richmond, VA.

**Buckley, T.D.**, Watts, K. J., Dick, D., & Chartier, K. (2019, January). Examining the effects of traumatic or stressful events experienced in childhood and college on the mental health of college students. Poster session presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 2019 Annual Conference, San

Francisco, CA.

Kim, K., Hong, M., & **Buckley, T.** (2018, November). Family caregiving environment and engagement in advance care planning. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of Gerontological Society of America, Boston, MA.

**Buckley, T.D.** (2017, December). Age-friendly cities and communities (AFCs): a theoretical roadmap. Invited presentation at the Student Poster Presentation: Theoretical Explorations, School of Social Work at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

**Buckley, T.D.** (2018, April). Are neoliberal social welfare policies shifting the social construction of older adults? Invited presentation at the Social Welfare Policy Mini-Conference, School of Social Work at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

**Buckley, T.D.** (2018, April). Examining the impact of traumatic events on the mental health of college students. Invited presentation at the Student Research Symposium, School of Social Work at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

**Buckley, T.D.,** Arakelian, S., & Schrock-Fischer, S. (2013, April). "Young at Heart" survey report. Research poster session presented at the CHHS Research Day, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia.

**Buckley, T.D.,** et al. (2013, April) Human rights awareness and education at GMU according to faculty, staff, and administrators. Research poster session presented at the Human Rights Fair, Social Work Department, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Foundations of Research for Advanced Standing Students- Online (SLWK 611)** Summer 2020  
Primary Instructor  
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work

**Foundations of Social Work Research I (SLWK 380)** Spring 2020  
Primary Instructor  
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work

**Foundations of Social Work Research- Online (SLWK 609)** Spring 2020  
Teaching Assistant (Primary Instructor Jamie Cage, PhD)  
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work

**Foundations of Social Work Research I (SLWK 380)** Fall 2019  
Teaching Assistant (Primary Instructor Jamie Cage, PhD)  
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work

## GUEST LECTURES

**Buckley, T.D.** (2018, April). Overcoming ageism. Concentration Social Policy: Aging (MSW), with Kyeongmo Kim, MSW, PhD. Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

**Buckley, T.D.**, Chartier, K., & McGinnis, H. (2018, April). Innovation and impact in social work. Research Sharing Meeting. Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work, Richmond, Virginia

**Buckley, T.D.** (2018, April). Career preparedness panel and discussion. Concentration Social Policy: Aging (MSW), with Kyeongmo Kim, MSW, PhD. Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

**SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

Sentara Lifecare PACE <i>Social Worker</i>	Norfolk, VA March 2017- August 2017
On Lok Lifeways PACE <i>Social Worker</i>	Fremont, CA July 2015- January 2017
Second Chances Comprehensive Services <i>Social Worker</i>	Hampton Roads, VA October 2013- June 2014

**SOCIAL WORK FIELD PLACEMENT EXPERIENCE**

New York City Department for the Aging <i>Social Work Intern, Program Planning Department</i>	New York, NY September 2014- May 2015
Weill Cornell Medical College and NYC Department for the Aging <i>Mental Health Outreach Worker, SMART MH Project</i>	New York, NY September 2014- May 2015
VITAS Innovative Hospice Care <i>Social Work Intern</i>	Fairfax, VA August 2012- May 2013
Green Acres Senior Center and David R. Pinn Community Center <i>Social Work Intern</i>	Fairfax, VA September 2011- May 2012

**PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Peer Reviewer, Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting	2019-2020
Student Reviewer, <i>The Gerontologist</i>	2018
Advocates for Gerontological Education, Officer, Columbia University	January 2015- May 2015
Treasurer- GMU Social Work Student Association	June 2012- May 2013

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Society for Social Work and Research, Member	2017- Present
Gerontological Society of America, Member	2018- Present
Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work, Member	2018- Present
The Buckley Foundation, Board Member	2013- 2015