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## ***EDUCATION***

**Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY**

**The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs**

Ph.D., Public Administration, 2013

*Dissertation:* Assessing the Role and Impact of Public Policy on Child and Family Violence.

*Committee:* Leonard M. Lopoo (Chair), Anna Aizer (Brown University), Robert Bifulco,

Leonard E. Burman, and Douglas A. Wolf

Master of Public Administration, 2008

**Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN**

B.A., Sociology, 2002

## ***ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT***

Associate Professor, Department of Public Policy, University of Connecticut, 2019-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy, University of Connecticut, 2013-2019

## ***RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS***

UConn's Center for Advancing Research, Methods, and Scholarship (ARMS) in Gun Injury Prevention, Director, University of Connecticut, 2021-present

Center on Community Safety, Policing and Inequality, Affiliated Researcher, 2021-present

Gun Violence Prevention – Research Interest Group (through InCHIP), Co-Director, University of Connecticut, 2019 - present

Scholars Strategy Network (SSN), Co-leader for Connecticut Chapter and Affiliated Researcher, 2018 – present

Regional Gun Violence Research Consortium, Rockefeller Institute of Government, Albany, NY  
Affiliated Researcher, 2018-present

Collaboratory on School and Child Health (CSCH), University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT  
Affiliated Researcher, 2018-present

Collaboratory on School and Child Health (CSCH), University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT  
Steering Committee, 2015-2018

Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy (InCHIP),  
Affiliate, 2013-present

Center for Policy Research, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY  
Graduate Associate, 2008 – 2013

## ***HONORS AND AWARDS***

InCHIP Leadership Fellow, 2022-2023

The National Foundation for End Child Abuse Now's (EndCAN) Best Research Paper Disruption Award for "Heed Neglect: Disrupt Child Maltreatment", 2019  
(With Lindsey Rose Bullinger, Megan Feely, and William Schneider).

APPAM's Raymond Vernon Memorial Prize winner for "Hold Your Fire: Did the 1996 Federal Gun Control Act Expansion Reduce Domestic Homicides?", 2016

University of Connecticut Provost's Teaching Commendation, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017

Given to faculty whose combined teaching evaluations exceed a 4.5/5.0.

Syracuse University All-University Doctoral Prize, 2014

Emerging Scholars Award, National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA), 2012

A national award given to three doctoral students; it provides recipients with the opportunity to present their graduate work at the 2012 NASPAA conference and a monetary prize.

Celebration of Excellence Awardee, Parents for Public Schools of Syracuse, Inc., 2012

Annual award for outstanding contributions in Syracuse City Schools; given in recognition of the child abuse prevention curriculum I designed and implemented in Syracuse city schools.

Doris Duke Fellowship for the Promotion of Child Well-Being, The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, 2011-2013

Graduate Associate Award, The Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 2008-2011

Margaret Jane White Scholar, The Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 2007-2008

Maxwell Dean's Professional Scholar, The Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 2007-2008

Student Marshall for Vanderbilt University's Commencement Ceremony, 2002

## ***EDITORIAL APPOINTMENTS***

Editorial Board, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 2015-2017

Invited Editor, *ANNALS* special volume on Gun Violence Prevention

## ***PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS***

^ Indicates equal author contributions.

Lindsey Rose Bullinger, Angela Boy, Megan Feely, Stephen Messner, Kerri M. Raissian, William Schneider, and Shannon Self-Brown. (2021) "Home, but Left Alone: Time at Home and Child Abuse and Neglect During COVID-19" *Journal of Family Issues*  
[Article Link](#)

William Schneider, Lindsey Rose Bullinger, and Kerri M. Raissian. (2021) "How Does the Minimum Wage Affect Child Maltreatment and Parenting Behaviors? An Analysis of the Mechanisms" *Review of Economics of the Household*  
[Article Link](#)

Lindsey Rose Bullinger, Kerri M. Raissian, Megan Feely, and William Schneider. (2021) "The Neglected Ones: Time at Home During COVID-19 and Child Maltreatment" *Children and Youth Services Review*.  
[Article Link](#)

Lindsey Rose Bullinger, Kerri M. Raissian, and William Schneider. (2021) “The Power of the Future: Intergenerational Income Mobility and Child Maltreatment in the United States.” *Child Abuse & Neglect*

[Article Link](#)

Mitchell Doucette, Christa Green, Jennifer Necci Dineen, David Shapiro, and Kerri Raissian. (2021). “Impact of ShotSpotter Technology on Firearm Homicides and Arrests among Large Metropolitan Counties: A Longitudinal Analysis, 1999-2016.” *Journal of Urban Health*.

[Article Link](#)

Megan Feely, Kerri M. Raissian, William Schneider, and Lindsey Rose Bullinger. (2021). “The Social Welfare Policy Landscape and Child Protective Services: Opportunities For and Barriers to Systems Integration.” *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*<sup>^</sup>

[Article Link](#), [CSCH Brief](#)

Lindsey Rose Bullinger, Megan Feely, Kerri M. Raissian, and William Schneider. (2020). “Heed Neglect: Disrupt Child Maltreatment.” *International Journal of Child Maltreatment. Special Issue: New Directions in Child Protection Research, Policy, and Practice* 3(1): 93-104.<sup>^</sup>

[Article Link](#)

\*\*\*Awarded [Best Research Paper](#) for Disruption Call by National Foundation to End Child Abuse Now ([EndCAN](#)), [Video Featuring](#) all Disruption Call Winners, [UConn Podcast](#) (starting at minute 17:29), [CSCH Brief](#)

Leonard M. Lopoo, Emily B. Cardon, and Kerri M. Raissian. 2018. “Health Insurance and Human Capital: Evidence from the Affordable Care Act’s Dependent Coverage Mandate.” *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 43(6): 917-939

[Article Link](#)

Kerri M. Raissian and Jessica Houston Su. 2018. “The Best of Intentions: Prenatal Breastfeeding Intentions and Infant Health.” *SSM - Population Health* 5: 86-100

[Article Link](#)

\*\*\* [Quartz](#), [Motherly](#)

Kerri M. Raissian and Lindsey Rose Bullinger. 2017. “Money Matters: Does Increasing the Minimum Wage Reduce Child Abuse?” *Children and Youth Services Review* 72(1): 60-70

[Article Link](#)

\*\*\* [In the press](#), [New York Times Magazine](#), [CT By the Numbers](#), [UConn Today](#), and [author written blog](#)

Kerri M. Raissian. 2016. "Hold Your Fire: Did the 1996 Federal Gun Control Act Expansion Reduce Domestic Homicides?" *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 35(1): 67-93  
doi: 10.1002/pam.21857

[Article Link](#)

\*\*\* Awarded the [2016 Raymond Vernon Memorial Award](#) for best article in *JPAM*.

Kerri M. Raissian. 2015. "Does Unemployment Affect Child Abuse? Evidence from New York State." *Child Abuse & Neglect* (48): 1-12<sup>†</sup>

[Article Link](#)

Douglas Wolf, Kerri M. Raissian, and Emily Grundy. 2015. "Parental disability, parent care, and offspring mental health." *European Journal of Ageing* 12(3): 175-185<sup>†</sup>

[Article Link](#)

Kerri M. Raissian and Leonard M. Lopoo. 2015. "Mandating Prescription Contraception Coverage: Effects on Contraception Consumption and Preventive Health Services." *Population Research and Policy Review* 34(4): 481-510.

[Article Link](#)

Leonard M. Lopoo and Kerri M. Raissian. 2014. "U.S. Social Policy and Family Complexity." *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 654(1): 213-230.

[Article Link](#)

Kerri M. Raissian, Carly B. Dierkhising, Jennifer Mullins Geiger, and Lisa Schelbe. 2014. "Child Maltreatment Reporting Patterns and Predictors of Substantiation: Comparing Adolescents and Younger Children." *Child Maltreatment* 19(1): 3-16. <sup>†</sup>

[Article Link](#)

Leonard M. Lopoo and Kerri M. Raissian. 2012. "Natalist Policies in the United States." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 31(4): 905-946.

[Article Link](#)

### ***OTHER PUBLICATIONS***

Feely, Megan, Kerri M. Raissian, William Schneider, and Lindsey Rose Bullinger. 2021. "Creating systems synergy across the social welfare policy landscape." *Focus on Poverty* 37(2):21-28

[Article Link](#) and [Classroom Supplement](#)

Leonard M. Lopoo and Kerri M. Raissian. 2018. "Fertility Policy in Developed Countries." For the Oxford Handbook on Women and the Economy. Edited by Susan L. Averett, Laura M. Argys, and Saul D. Hoffman.

[Chapter Link](#)

### ***UNDER REVIEW***

"More than Snuggles: The Effect of Paid Family Leave Infant Child Maltreatment" (with Lindsey Rose Bullinger)

“Specialization in Criminal Courts: Decision Making, Recidivism, and Re-victimization in Domestic Violence Courts in Tennessee” (with Aria Golestani and Emily Owens) [SSRN working paper](#) and [Probable Causation Podcast](#)

“Paid Family Leave: An Upstream Intervention to Prevent Family Violence?” (with Lindsey Rose Bullinger, Megan Feely, Derek Ford, Bart Klika, Whitney Rostad, William Schneider)

“Best for Whom?: Heterogeneous Treatment Effects of Breastfeeding on Child Development.” (with Jessica Houston Su and Jiyeon Kim)

### **PAPERS IN PROGRESS**

“Does SNAP Affect Child Maltreatment?: A National Study.” (with Lindsey Rose Bullinger and Colleen Heflin)

“Using Interviews to Learn What Physicians Can Tell Us about Firearm Safety Counseling in Primary Care Settings” (with Mekaila Carey, Jennifer Necci Dineen, and Mitchell Doucette)

### **WRITTEN FOR THE PRESS**

Jennifer Necci Dineen & Kerri M. Raissian (July 22, 2022). “Good Guys With Guns May Be Heroes – But They’re Not Our Solution.” *Newsweek*. [Article Link](#)

Kerri M. Raissian & Jody Terranova (April 23, 2021). “Lessons learned: Education is not enough to combat anti-vaccine propaganda.” *CT Mirror*. [Article Link](#)

Kerri M. Raissian & Jody Terranova (February 26, 2021). “Three fallacies and the truth about vaccines.” *CT Mirror*. [Article Link](#)

Kerri M. Raissian and Jennifer Necci Dineen. (November 23, 2020). “It’s time for COVID-19 disaster relief... for mothers.” *The Hill* [Article Link](#)

Kerri M. Raissian (July 23, 2020). “Don’t delay getting currently available vaccinations for you and your children.” *CT Mirror*. [Article Link](#)

Kerri M. Raissian (March 5, 2020). “Removing religious exemption is good policy.” *CT Mirror*. [Article Link](#)

Kerri M. Raissian (March 1, 2020). “My 1-Year-Old Son Got Chickenpox, and More Babies Will Get it if People Don’t Vaccinate Their Children.” *The Hartford Courant*. [Article Link](#)

Kerri M. Raissian. (October 5, 2018). “Are children paying the price for unemployment?” *The Hill*. [Article Link](#)

Leonard M. Lopoo and Kerri M. Raissian. (July 25 2018). “Washington is Biased Against Babies.” *The Wall Street Journal*. [Article Link](#)

Leonard M. Lopoo and Kerri M. Raissian. (September 17 2017). “Why America Needs a Population Czar.” *The Boston Globe Magazine* [Article Link](#)

### **BRIEFS OR OTHER WRITINGS**

Megan Feely, Kerri Raissian, William Schneider, and Lindsey Bullinger. (2020). “Practical Steps to Prevent Child Neglect in the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *APSAC Alert*. Volume 11, Issue 3. [Alert Link](#)

Kerri M. Raissian. (2018). “Why Low-Income Parents Need More than Jobs.” *Scholars Strategy Network Key Findings Brief*. [Brief Link](#)

### **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

“Does the Minimum Wage Affect Child Maltreatment and Parenting Behaviors?: A County Level Analysis.” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, November 2020

“Do Domestic Violence Judges Improve Domestic Court Case Outcomes?”  
National Bureau of Economic Research, Summer Institute, July 2020  
Southern Economic Association, November 2020

“The Social Welfare Policy Landscape and Child Protective Services: Opportunities For and Barriers to System Synergy.” ANNALS Authors’ Conference. Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA. February 2020.

“Does SNAP Affect Child Maltreatment Rates: A National Study.” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Denver, CO, November 2019

“A Paradigm Shift: Using Micro and Macro Data to Disrupt Norms.” CT Data Collaborative Conference. New Haven, CT. November 2019.

“Poverty and Child Maltreatment.” (with Megan Feely). Department of Children and Families, Middlesex Community College, Middletown CT. October 2019.

“Heed Neglect: Disrupt Child Maltreatment.” National Summit for the National Foundation to End Child Abuse Now (EndCAN). Denver, CO. March 2019.

“Using the NDANDS: Child File Data to Understand Effective Interventions in Child Maltreatment.” (panel included four papers using NCANDS: Child File data)  
American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, New Orleans, LA, June 2018

“Reasonable Doubt: Re-evaluating the Effects of Pro-Arrest Policies on Family Violence.”  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Chicago, IL, November 2017

- “An Indifferent Response? The Impact of Differential Response Policies on Child Welfare Outcomes.”  
University of Madison-Wisconsin, Emerging Scholars Workshop, October 2015  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC, November 2016
- “The Breast of Intentions: Reexamining the Effects of Breastfeeding on Child and Maternal Outcomes.”  
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 2016
- “Money Matters: Does Increasing the Minimum Wage Reduce Child Abuse?”  
Economic Causes and Consequences of Child Maltreatment, University of Wisconsin – Madison, August 2015
- “Mandating Contraception Coverage and its Effect on Preventive Healthcare among Women of Reproductive Age.”  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Albuquerque, NM, November 2014
- “Does Unemployment Affect Child Abuse? Evidence from New York State”  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC, November 2013
- “Mandating Prescription Contraception Coverage: The Effects on Contraceptive Consumption, Fertility, and Sexual Health”  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Baltimore, MD, November 2012
- “The Forgotten Ones? Exploring Factors Related to Child Maltreatment Reports and Substantiation Among Adolescents.”  
Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA, January 2013
- “Nurturing a New Generation of Leaders: Fellowships to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect”  
National Conference of Child Abuse and Neglect, Washington, D.C. April 18, 2012
- “Hold Your Fire: Did the 1996 Federal Gun Control Act Expansion Reduce Domestic Homicides?”  
University of Illinois Chicago, School of Public Health, Doctoral Seminar, April 9, 2012  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC, November 2011  
National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, Austin, TX, October 2012  
School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University, March 2015
- “Non-caregiver Stress in Europe: A Multi-Country Comparative Study”  
GGP Data Users Conference, Budapest, Hungary, May 2011
- “Do ‘Pro-Arrest’ Policies Affect the Prevalence of Intimate Partner Homicides?”  
Syracuse University, Department of Public Administration, March 2010  
Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, Quebec City, Canada, May 2010

## **GRANTS**

- Missouri Foundation for Health. Co-Investigator. “The *Harms and Benefits Inventory* (HBI): Development of a validated survey-based measure to understand the impact of policy on Missourian gun users” (with Mitchell Doucette (PI), Jennifer Necci Dineen, and Damion Grasso). \$162,000. 2021-2022.
- National Collaborative for Gun Violence Research (NCGVR). Co-Investigator. “The *Harms and Benefits Inventory* (HBI): Development of a validated survey-based measure to understand the impact of policy on gun users” (with Mitchell Doucette (PI), Jennifer Necci Dineen, and Damion Grasso). \$220,000. 2021-2022.
- Research Excellence Program, awarded by Office of the Vice President for Research at the University of Connecticut. Advancing Research, Methods, and Scholarship in Gun Violence Prevention Center at UConn. (with Jennifer Necci Dineen). \$50,000. 2021-2022.
- Facilitator and Barriers to Physician-Initiated Patient Conversations Regarding Safe Firearm Storage. (with Jennifer Dineen and Mitchell Doucette). Awarded by InCHIP. \$15,000.
- Bennett Fund for Research on Health and Policy, awarded by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Connecticut. Exploring Gun Policy and Legislation: What are the Effects? (with Shaun Dougherty and Jennifer Dineen). \$50,000. 2017-2021.
- Emerging Scholars Extramural Small Grant Program, administered through the National Poverty Research Center supported by the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 2014-2015. \$20,000.
- Doris Duke Fellowship for the Promotion of Child Well-Being, Dissertation Funding. The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, 2011-2013. \$50,000

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### ***Instructor of Record***

- Introduction to Public Policy and Management, University of Connecticut  
Quantitative Methods for Public Policy, University of Connecticut  
Research Design, University of Connecticut  
Child and Family Policy, University of Connecticut  
Financial Management for Public Organizations, University of Connecticut  
Capstone in Public Administration I & II, University of Connecticut  
Applied Management Project (Capstone Course), University of Connecticut  
“Math Boot Camp” for Master of Public Administration (MPA) Candidates, Syracuse University

## **PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS**

- Connecticut Commission on Gun Violence Prevention and Intervention, Appointed member

## **REVIEWER**

- American Journal of Health Economics, Children and Youth Services Review (CYSR), Demography, Health Economics, Journal of Child and Family Studies, Journal of Family Issues, Journal of Human Resources (JHR), Journal of Policy Analysis and Management (JPAM), Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences in the United States of America (PNAS)*

*Center for Disease Control Injury Prevention Grants*



## **MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS**

American Economic Association, Association for Public Policy and Management, Population Association of America, and Society for Research in Child Development

## **APPLIED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

McMahon/ Ryan Child Advocacy Center. Syracuse, New York. Community Outreach Coordinator. 2007 – 2013

Design, implement, and evaluate child abuse prevention programs in schools and the community; conduct professional trainings, such as mandated reporter trainings, in the community; and act as the agency's public spokesperson and media liaison.

YWCA Domestic Violence Center of Nashville and Middle Tennessee. Nashville, Tennessee. Community Living Manager. 2005-2006

Managed a 24 hour, domestic violence crisis line and a 52 bed domestic violence shelter for women and children fleeing domestic violence.

Davidson County District Attorney's Office. Nashville, Tennessee. Domestic Violence and Child Advocate. 2002-2005

Acted as a liaison between adult and child victims of domestic violence cases and the prosecuting district attorney to ensure successful prosecution and victim safety.

## **MEDIA AND PRESS\***

"The Last Pandemic Aid Anybody Wants to Need." Feature and interview in The [\*New York Times\*](#)

"US Birth Rate Continues to Decline During Pandemic." Live interview on NPR's [\*The Takeaway\*](#). May 12, 2021

"US births continue to decline as experts warn of economic implications." [\*ABC\*](#). May 5, 2021

Quoted in "In a Pandemic, Every Day Is Bring-Your-Child-to-Work-Day." [\*Bloomberg Opinion\*](#) November 5, 2020.

Quoted in "A Conversation with U.S. Senator Chris Murphy." Live interview on [\*The Full Story\*](#). September 24, 2019. (at minute 29:56)

"New York and Connecticut: Leading the Way on Guns." Live interview on [\*The Full Story\*](#). August 12, 2019. (at minute 21:35)

Quoted in "Hormonal birth control should be sold over the counter with no age restrictions, doctors say." [\*USA Today\*](#). September 26, 2019.

Quoted in "Multiple Warnings, No Action." [\*Inside Higher Ed\*](#). 2019.

"McMahon Ryan spokesperson on Former Judge Bryan Hedges." Live interview with Michael Benny on MyCNYCentral Evening News, August 23, 2012

"Fo[r]mer Judge Bryan Hedges faces removal over child sex incident." Live interview with Matt Mulcahy and Jackie Robinson on MyCNYCentral Evening News, August 23, 2012

Press Conference with New York State Senators Jeffrey D. Klein, Diane Savino, David Valesky, and David Carlucci supporting Erin Merryn's Law (S. 6182). April 30, 2012

"Comments on Sexual Abuse in Our Community." Live interview with Michael Benny on MyCNYCentral Evening News, December 6, 2011

"Did SNL's Skit Cross the Line?" Recorded interview with MyCNYCentral Evening News, December 6, 2011

"District Attorney asks parents to talk with children who had contact with Bernie Fine"  
Recorded interview with MyCNYCentral Evening News, December 7, 2011

\*Most interviews can be viewed at [kerriraissianphd.com](http://kerriraissianphd.com).