**Introducing the 2017 Entering PhD Class**

**LYN DEN BOND**  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Deborah Padgett and Dr. Victoria Stanhope

Lynden Bond's research interests include understanding the needs of formerly homeless individuals living in supportive housing, and developing interventions that allow individuals to thrive within these settings. She is also interested in using data to shape and develop policies related to housing and homelessness. She has spent the last seven years working in a variety of settings providing direct service to individuals experiencing homelessness, including homeless outreach services and in supportive housing programs. Lynden holds an MSW from NYU Silver School of Social Work.

**LAURA CURRAN**  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rohini Pahwa and Dr. Jennifer Manuel

Laura Curran's research interests include mental health treatment and medication-assisted therapies for opioid dependence and co-occurring disorders, evaluation of substance abuse interventions for pregnant and post-partum women, and strengthening collaborations between the child welfare system, substance abuse and mental health services, and family/dependency court. Laura is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and has provided therapy to foster and adoptive children and families, the homeless community, and opioid-dependent pregnant women receiving Methadone treatment. She is the first author on a paper examining the risk factors that influence the removal of children from mothers receiving substance abuse treatment. Laura holds a MA in Counselor Education from the University of South Florida.

**CORA DE LEON**  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Manuel

Cora de Leon is interested in how research informs policy, particularly in the area of tobacco use. She has been a member of multiple research teams, examining such topics as rates of affective disorders in primary care facilities for men, effectiveness of short term treatments for depression, and testing a cognitive behavioral intervention among active drug users. Cora is currently a member of a multi-site research team examining potential associations between Parkinson's Disorder and affective disorders. She is also a member of the Sarah Lawrence Institutional Review Board and a clinical instructor at NYU Silver School of Social Work. Cora holds an MSW from NYU Silver and an MPH from Columbia University.

**NING HE**  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Wen-Jui Han

Ning He's research interests include child well-being, developmental social work, and immigrant children and families. Ning served as a social work intern at World Vision, where she provided services to migrant children at elementary schools in Beijing. She also worked at Qingyang Social Service Center, where she developed various services and conducted assessments for children whose parents lost their farmland in Shenyang, China. She has authored several publications in Chinese, including *Community Mental Health Service, The Developmental Social Work for Migrant Children in Schools, and Social Science and Research*. Ning holds an MSW from Peking University.

**YANGJIN PARK**  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Wen-Jui Han

Yangjin Park’s research interests include mental health, family conflict and intervention, and family therapy. His research has benefited from using both quantitative and qualitative methodologies. Yangjin has presented at numerous conferences, including a presentation at the 2017 American Psychological Association conference in Washington, DC. He has coauthored several publications, including *Variation in Major Depressive Disorder Onset by Place of Origin Among US Latinos (online first)* and *A Case Study on Family Therapy for a Korean Son with Schizophrenia (under revision)*. Yangjin holds an MSW from Soong Sil University.

**PA THOR**  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Jeane Anastas

Pa Thor's research interests include mental health treatment with ethnic minorities, culturally respectful service delivery to ethnic minorities in child welfare, positive youth development, quantitative methodology, and social work education and training. Pa was a recipient of the California Social Work Education Center (CalSWEC) Title IV-E Stipend to which she specialized in public child welfare and spent several years working as a child welfare social worker. Pa is a member of the Hmong Women's Initiative and assisted in organizing a Hmong Women's conference to inform and empower the community of current issues. Pa currently serves as a board member for the nonprofit organization Merced Lao Family Community, Inc., and assists Southeast Asian families to achieve self-sufficiency in America. She holds an MSW from California State University, Stanislaus.

**SEJUNG YANG**  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Judith Siegel

Se Jung Yang's research interests include family structure and functioning, domestic violence, and adolescent mental health. She has served as a research assistant on numerous projects such as the National Survey on Family and Sexual Violence in Korea, where she conducted interviews and collected and analyzed data. She has worked for two years as a social worker at Community Child Center in South Korea. She has coauthored several peer-reviewed papers on single-parent families in journals including *Journal of Korean Adolescent Welfare* and *Journal of Korean Family Relations*. Se Jung holds an MSW from Yonsei University.