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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Understanding how to achieve sustainable community development in face of poverty, inequality, and migration.

EDUCATION

PhD	University of California, Berkeley School of Social Welfare	December 2010
MSW	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor School of Social Work	December 2000
MFA	Creative Writing, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo	May 1995
BA	English Language and Literature, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	May 1993

AWARDS

2020	Society for Social Work and Research Honorable Mention Excellence in Research Award
2019	Friends of Mongolia Meritorious Service Award
2018	Council on Social Work Education/SAGE Award for Teaching Innovation (Shared)
2016, 2014	Wayne State University School of Social Work Teacher of the Year
2016	Urban Affairs Association Best Conference Paper
2015	Society for Social Work and Research Fellow
2014	Best Article in <i>Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare</i>
2014	Rose Dobrof Award for outstanding article in the <i>Journal for Gerontological Social Work</i>
2013	Association of Community Organization and Social Administration (ACOSA) Emerging Scholar Award

GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2020-2022	Urban Learning Leadership Collaborative (ULLC), Wilson, C. (PI), Larsosa, J. (co-PI), Smith, R. (co-PI). Spencer Foundation. Amount Awarded \$24,722 of \$399,912.
2018-2022	Water and Health Infrastructure Resilience and Learning (WHIRL), McElmurry, S. (PI), Seeger, M. (co-PI), Sobeck, J, O'Donovan, K, Love, N., McDonald-Gibson, J., Kerkez, B., & Smith, R. 2018-2022. National Science Foundation. Amount Awarded \$46,518 of \$1,570,000.
2019-2020	A data science approach for integrating social media, population, and administrative data to reduce health disparities. Wang, C., Smith, R.J. , McElmurry, S.P., & Kilgore, P. WSU Office of the Provost. Amount Awarded \$200 of \$10,000.
2017-2018	Community-aware charging station network design for electrified vehicles in urban areas. Venkatachalam, S.(PI), Babu, R., & Murat, A. The Transportation Research Center for Livable Communities. Amount Awarded: \$5,000 of \$79,481.
2012-2013	Office of the Vice President for Research Graduate Student Assistant Award Amount Awarded: \$35,000.
2012	School of Social Work Research Enhancement Award. Amount Awarded: \$7,500.
2009-2010	U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant. Amount Awarded: \$25,000.
2007-2009	U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Early Doctoral Student Research Grant. Amount Awarded: \$15,000.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016 - Present **Associate Professor**
Course Title: SW 6585 International Social Work
Course Title: SW 7065 Foundations of Macro Theory and Practice
Course Title: SW 8025 Community Assessment and Evaluation
Course Title: SW 8035 Techniques of Quantitative Data Analysis
Course Title: SW 8045 Techniques of Data Interpretation and Presentation
Course Title: SW 8075 Advanced Community Building and Development
MASTER'S IN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM, WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
Course Title: SW 9260 Current & Historical Trends in Social Welfare Policy
DOCTORATE IN SOCIAL WORK WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
- 2010 - 2016 **Assistant Professor**
Course Title: SW 7720 Social Welfare Policy History
Course Title: SW 8770 Advanced Social Welfare Policy Analysis and Reform
MASTER'S IN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM, WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
- Fall 2009 **Graduate Student Instructor**
Course Title: SW 112 Social Welfare Policy
BACHELOR'S IN SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAM, UC BERKELEY
Instructor: Steven Stritt, PhD, LCSW
- Spring 2009 **Lecturer**
Course Title: SW204 Social Policy Analysis and Advocacy
MASTER'S IN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM, SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY
- 1997-1998 **Program Director and Instructor**
SPRING ENGLISH LANGUAGE CENTER AT ULAANBAATAR UNIVERSITY
- 1995-1996 **Educational Development Specialist**
UNITED STATES PEACE CORPS MONGOLIA

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- Abramovitz, M., & **Smith, R.J.** (in press). The persistence of residential segregation by race, 1940–2010: The role of federal housing policy. *Families in Society*.
- Day, A., Quist, L., **Smith, R. J.**, & Tajima, E.A. (in press). Stopping out and its impact on college graduation among a sample of foster care youth: A joint scale-change accelerated failure time analysis. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*.
- Smith, R.J.** & Schmitt-Sands, C. (in press). How Many Immigrant-Friendly Communities are in the United States? Classifying the Policy Stream. *Social Work Research*.
- Smith, R.J.** (2020). Did immigrant incorporation overcome structural discrimination in Federal place-based anti-poverty implementation? *Journal of Poverty*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10875549.2020.1731047>
- Santiago, A. M., & **Smith, R. J.** (2019). What can “big data” methods offer human services research on organizations and communities? *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership & Governance*, 43(4), 344–356. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23303131.2019.1674756>
- Ellis, J. D., Resko, S. M., Szechy, K., **Smith, R. J.**, & Early, T. J. (2019). Characteristics associated with attitudes toward marijuana legalization in Michigan. *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*, Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02791072.2019.1610199>
- Foster, K., Bell, B., **Smith, R. J.**, & Shaw, T. (2019). Testing the importance of geographic distance on social network resources. *Urban Affairs Review*, 55(1). <https://doi.org/10.1177/1078087417714895>. Also presented as a paper in January 2016 at the Society for Social Work and Research 20th Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

- Galster, G. C., Santiago, A. M., **Smith, R. J.**, & Leroux, J. (2019). Benefit–cost analysis of an innovative program for self-sufficiency and homeownership. *Evaluation Review*, Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0193841X19846697>
- Lehning, A. J., Kim, K. M., Choi, M. & **Smith, R. J.** (2018). Do socioeconomic differences moderate the influence of transportation on social participation in later life? *Ageing & Society*, (38)10, 2041-2060. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0144686X17000411>
- Smith, R. J.** & Rey, S. J. (2018). Spatial approaches to measure subnational inequality: Implications for Sustainable Development Goals. *Development Policy Review*, (32)S2,O657-O675. <https://doi.org/10.1111/dpr.12363>
- Smith, R. J.**, Lehning, A. J., & Kim, K. M. (2018). Aging in place in gentrifying neighborhoods: Implications for health and well-being. *The Gerontologist*, 58(1), 26-35. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnx105> Presented as a paper in July 2017 at the International Association of Gerontological Societies in San Francisco, CA. Also invited to present in July, 2017 at the Ecocity World Summit in Melbourne AUSTRALIA.
- Lee, K. O., **Smith, R. J.**, & Galster, G. C. (2017a). Neighborhood trajectories of low-income U.S. households: An application of sequence analysis. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 39(3), 335-357. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2016.1251154>. Also presented as a paper at the May 2015 American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association 43rd National Conference, Washington, DC.
- Lee, K. O., **Smith, R. J.**, & Galster, G. C. (2017b). Subsidized housing and residential trajectories: An application of sequence analysis. *Housing Policy Debate*, 27(6), 843-874. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10511482.2017.1316757>. Also presented as a paper in January 2017 at the Society for Social Work and Research 21st Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA. Also presented as a paper in June 2016 at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference in London, England.
- Lehning, A. J., **Smith, R. J.**, & Kim, K.M. (2017). "Friendly" initiatives: A policy analysis of efforts to improve communities for marginalized groups. *Journal of Policy Practice*, 16(1), 46-58. <http://doi.org/10.1080/15588742.2015.1125331>. Also presented as a paper in March 2015 at the Center for Citizenship Annual Conference at Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.
- Santiago, A.M., Galster, G. C., & **Smith, R. J.** (2017). Evaluating the impacts of an enhanced family self-sufficiency program. *Housing Policy Debate*, 27(5), 772-778. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10511482.2017.1295093>. Also presented as a paper at the November 2015 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference, Miami, FL.
- Smith, R. J.**, Pride, T. & Schmitt-Sands, C. (2017). Does spatial assimilation lead to reproduction of gentrification in the global city? *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 39(6), 745-763. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2016.1262693>. Also presented as a poster at the Society for Social Work and Research 20th Annual Conference, Washington, DC. Also presented in April 2015 at the Urban Affairs Association, Miami, FL.
- Smith, R. J.** (2016). Did the community renewal tax incentives pirate businesses from other places? *Economic Development Quarterly*, 30(1), 46-61. <http://doi.org/10.1177/0891242415620008>. Also presented as a paper at the 2011 Fall Research Conference of the American Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC.
- Lehning, A., **Smith, R. J.**, & Dunkle, R. (2015). Do age-friendly characteristics influence the expectation to age in place? A comparison of low-income and higher income Detroit elders. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 34, 158-180. <http://doi.org/10.1177/0733464813483210>. Also presented as a paper at the January 2013 Society for Social Work Research 17th Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Smith, R. J.** (2015). Ending poverty in Mongolia: From socialism to social development? *International Journal of Social Welfare*, 24, 159-169. <http://doi.org/10.1111/ijsw.12113>. Also presented as a paper at the 2009 Asian Social Protection International Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, National University of Singapore.

- Smith, R. J.** (2015). Empowerment for whom? The impact of community renewal tax incentives on jobs and businesses. *Urban Studies*, 52, 702-720. <http://doi.org/10.1177/0042098014528398>. Also presented as a paper at the May 2011 Atlantic Causal Inference Conference in Ann Arbor, MI; and the January 2011 Society for Social Work Research in Tampa, FL.
- Lehning, A., **Smith, R. J.**, & Dunkle, R. (2014). Age-friendly communities and self-rated health: An exploration of Detroit elders. *Research on Aging*, 36, 72-94. <http://doi.org/10.1177/0164027512469214>. Also presented as a poster in November 2012 at the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Smith, R. J.**, & Eaton, T. (2014). Information and communication technology in child welfare: The need for culture-centered computing. *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, 41, 137-160. <http://wmich.edu/socialwork/journal/index.htm>
- Clark, S. J., **Smith, R. J.**, & Uota, K. (2013). Professional development opportunities as retention incentives in child welfare. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 35, 1687-1697. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2013.07.006>. Also presented as a paper at the October 2010 Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Portland, OR.
- Smith, R. J.** (2013). A social worker's report from the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). *Social Work*, 58, 369-372. <http://doi.org/10.1093/sw/swt032> [Commentary]
- Smith, R. J.**, Dunkle, R., & Lehning, A. (2013). Conceptualizing age-friendly community characteristics in a sample of urban elders: An exploratory factor analysis. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 56, 90-111. <http://doi.org/10.1080/01634372.2012.739267>. Also presented as a poster at the November 2012 Gerontological Society of America 65th Annual Scientific Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- Smith, R. J.**, & Miller, K. (2013). Ecocity mapping using GIS: Introducing a planning method for assessing and improving neighborhood vitality. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships*, 7, 95-106. <http://doi.org/10.1353/cpr.2013.0000>. Also presented as a poster at the June 2012 Sentinels of Sustainability, Fort Leme, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.
- Rey, S., & **Smith, R. J.** (2013). A spatial decomposition of the Gini coefficient. *Letters in Spatial and Resource Sciences*, 6, 55-70. <http://doi.org/10.1007/s12076-012-0086-z>. Also presented as a poster at the June 2012 Sentinels of Sustainability, Fort Leme, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.
- Smith, R. J.**, & Clark, S. J. (2011). Does job resource loss reduce burnout and job exit for professionally trained social workers in child welfare? *Children and Youth Services Review*, 33, 1950-1959. <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2011.05.026>. Also presented as a poster at the January 2009 Society for Social Work Research 14th Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA. Also presented as a paper at the 2008 Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Philadelphia, PA.
- Fulcher, G., & **Smith, R. J.** (2011). Economic and environmental correlates of public child welfare worker turnover. *Administration in Social Work*, 35, 442-457. <http://doi.org/10.1080/03643107.2010.518530>. Also presented at the 2008 Meeting of the Society for Social Work Research. Washington D.C. and the 2007 Annual Program Meeting of Council on Social Work Education. San Francisco, CA.
- Jung, S. Y., & **Smith, R. J.** (2007). The economics of poverty: Explanatory theories to inform practice. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, 16, 21-39. http://doi.org/10.1300/J137v16n01_03.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- Kim, K., **Smith, R. J.**, Mattocks, N., & Lehning, A. (2020). *Neighborhood environments, food insecurity, and psychological distress in older adults*. Manuscript in preparation.
- Lehning, A., Kim, K., Mattocks, N., & **Smith, R. J.** (2020). *Neighborhood age composition and self-rated health*. Manuscript in preparation.

Smith, R. J., Kim, K., Mattocks, N., & Lehning, A. (2020). *Residential segregation, self-rated health and well-being in older adults*. Manuscript in preparation.

Smith, R. J., Vanderwill, L., & Foell, A. (2020). Are school of choice policies a form of racialized community violence? Comparing rates of out of district enrollment by school ranking, distance, and racial segregation. Manuscript in preparation. Also presented as a paper at the April 2019 Urban Affairs Association Conference in Los Angeles, CA. Also presented as a paper at the Society for Social Work and Research 23rd Annual Conference in San Francisco, CA. Also presented at the February 2019 School of Social Work Brown Bag Speaker Series.

Vanderwill, L., Foell, A. & Smith, R. J. (2020). A market for education? Equality of opportunity in an environment of school closures and tax foreclosures. Manuscript in preparation. Accepted as a poster at the 2020 Urban Affairs Association Conference in Washington, DC. [CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19]

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Smith, R. J. (2013). The influence of western philosophy on definitions of social justice. In M. J. Austin (Ed.), *Social Justice and Social Work: Rediscovering a Core Value of the Profession* (pp. 21–30). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2009 - Present *International Ecocity Standards Framework Core Advisor*

2006 - 2009 *Geographic Information System Mapping Intern*
ECOCITY BUILDERS, INC.

- Providing research support for sustainable community indicators presented at the 2012 United Nations Conference of Sustainable Development.
- Prepared portions of a winning \$70,000 grant to the Bay Area Air Quality Management Board to fund a community mapping process in West Oakland.

2003-2005 *Community Planning and Development Specialist*

2001-2003 *Presidential Management Intern*
U.S. DEPT. OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- Program officer for Empowerment Zones and Renewal Communities who held a combined portfolio of \$180 million in grants and tax incentives.

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS

2017 Big Data & Mediation and Moderation. CARMA. Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

2015 Intro to R & Multivariate Data in R. CARMA. Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

2014 Latent growth curves & Meta-analysis. CARMA. Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

2020-Present MSW Curriculum Design Committee, WSU School of Social Work

2017-Present Editor, *Journal of Community Practice*

2016-Present Social Entrepreneurship Committee, WSU School of Social Work

2015-Present Specialization Chair & Lead Teacher, Innovation in Community, Leadership & Policy
WSU School of Social Work

2014-Present Editorial Board for *Journal of Community Practice*

2014-Present Consulting Editor for *Social Work Research*

2012-Present Consulting Editor for *Social Work*

2012-Present Hope Village Initiative Steering Committee, Focus:Hope, Inc.

2013-Present Urban Learning & Leadership Collaborative, Detroit, MI.

2017-2020 Chair, Budget Advisory Committee, WSU School of Social Work

2012-2019 Academic Senate, Wayne State University
2012-2019 Budget Advisory Committee of the Academic Senate, Wayne State University
2018-2019 Chair, Academic Senate Budget Advisory Committee
2016-2018 Co-Chair, Social Entrepreneurship Committee, WSU School of Social Work

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Sociological Association (Community, Immigration)
- Association for Community Organization and Social Administration
- Association for Public Policy and Management
- Community Development Advocates of Detroit
- Friends of Mongolia
- International Consortium for Social Development
- National Association of Social Workers
- National Peace Corps Association
- Society for Community Research and Action
- Society for Social Work Research
- Urban Affairs Association