

December Maxwell's Awards, Publications, and Presentations

AWARDS:

Selected Recent Awards

2025

- Statewide Crisis Response and Hub
Arkansas Department of Human Services
Award Date: 4/1/2025
- TANF Impact Fund
OU Center for Public Management
Award Date: 4/1/2025

2024

- Assisted Outpatient Treatment – Centers for Youth
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Award Date: 10/1/2024
- Supporting Healthy Initiatives for Tulsa
Health Resources and Services Administration
Award Date: 4/1/2024
- Junior Faculty Fellowship Program
Office of the President for Research and Partnerships, University of Oklahoma
Award Date: 4/1/2024
- Evaluation of Preschool Development Grant (PDG-5)
State of Oklahoma, Department of Human Services
Award Date: 2/1/2024

2023

- Informal Means of Healing Postnatal PTSD through Tattoo
Knee Foundation
Award Date: 10/1/2023

PUBLICATIONS:

Long, C., Thomas, J., Schneckloth, C., & Maxwell, D. (2025). Queer camp in the American South: A practice note on secular church, social work and building inclusivity. *Best Practices in Mental Health*.

Thomas, S. A., Thomas, J., Maxwell, D., & Michel, L. (2024). Assessing the influence of self and collective efficacy on volunteering following a natural disaster. *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijdrr.2024.104952>

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Thomas, J., Leat, S., Maxwell, D., & Williams, J. (2024). Barriers to empowerment for rural mothers using TANF who experience IPV. *Journal of Family Violence*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-024-00738-4>

Maxwell, D., Leat, S., Gallegos, T., & Praetorius, R. (2024). Sacred space: A qualitative interpretive meta-synthesis of women's lived birthing experiences. *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12884-024-06544-6>

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Maxwell, D., & Thomas, J. (2023). Land allotment, transportation access, and Indigenous maternal mental health. *Transport and Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ith.2023.101721>

Maxwell, D., Leat, S., Coad, S., Thomas, J., & Thomas, S. A. (2023). The tattoo environment as a therapeutic healing space for sexual assault survivors. *Deviant Behavior*.
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<https://www.ingentaconnect.com/contentone/follmer/bpmh/2023/00000019/00000001/art00003>

Maxwell, D., Thomas, J., & Plassmeyer, M. (2023). The dynamics of providing street medicine to a geographically diverse homeless population: Strengths, lessons, and challenges. *Journal of Evidence Based Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/26408066.2023.2211067>

Praetorius, R., Maxwell, D., Williams, J., Hulama, K., & Tamura, A. (2023). "I didn't get to have this experience with anyone": Experiences of becoming a mother during the pandemic. *Social Work in Mental Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15332985.2023.2190437>

Maxwell, D., & Conrad, P. (2022). Women are the thread: Keetoowah elder's experiences of becoming a mother. *Culture, Health, and Sexuality*.
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36527451/>

Maxwell, D., Mauldin, R., Thomas, J., & Holland, T. (2022). American Indian motherhood and historical trauma: Keetoowah experiences of becoming mothers. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health; Special Issue: First Nation's Health and Well-being Promotion: Within and Beyond Health Systems*.
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35742333/>

Maxwell, D., & Robinson, R. (2021). A scoping review of the empirical measures on becoming a mother and their relevance to the American Indian/Native Alaskan mother: Implications for research and policy. *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work*.
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Maxwell, D., & Robinson, S. (2020). Safety for native women: An Indigenous first analysis of Violence Against Women Act- Title IX. *Advances in Social Work*.
<https://doi.org/10.18060/22608>

Maxwell, D., Robinson, S., Keaton, C., & Williams, J. (2020). Short story of a lonely guy: A qualitative thematic analysis of involuntary celibacy using Reddit. *Sexuality and Culture*.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12119-020-09724-6>

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Maxwell, D., Thomas, J., & Thomas, S. (2019). Cathartic ink: A qualitative examination of tattoo motivations for survivors of sexual trauma. *Deviant Behavior*.
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Maxwell, D., Robinson, S., & Rogers, K. (2018). "I keep it to myself": Experiences of postpartum depression among North American marginalized populations. *Health and Social Care in the Community*. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30178901/>

Rogers, K., Maxwell, D., & Robinson, S. (2018). Influences of academic success among low-income, minority students: A qualitative interpretive meta-synthesis of student, educator, and parent experiences. *School Social Work Journal*.

Thomas, J., Collier-Tenison, S., Maxwell, D., & Cheek, C. (2017). TANF participation and intimate partner violence: Exploring barriers to self-sufficiency. *International Journal of Social Science*. <https://doi.org/10.11114/ijsss.v5i12.2749>

PRESENTATIONS:

Maxwell, D., & Munoz, R. (May 2025). *Race related stress as a driver of postpartum depression among a sample of African American mothers*. 13th Annual Social Work Symposium, Memphis, TN.

Maxwell, D., & Munoz, R. (January 2025). *Historical trauma as a contributor to postpartum depression among American Indian mothers*. Society for Social Work Research Conference, Seattle, WA.

Hulama, T., Riley, L., & Maxwell, D. (October 2024). *Experiences of medical discrimination and gaslighting by healthcare providers towards Native Hawaiian women*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Kansas City, MO.

Maxwell, D., & Praetorius, R. (October 2024). *Ecological systems of becoming a mother: A social work specific framework for maternal mental health*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Kansas City, MO.

Maxwell, D., & Praetorius, R. (September 2024). *Ecological systems of becoming a mother: A framework for maternal mental health*. International Marce Society for Perinatal Mental Health, Barcelona, Spain.

Maxwell, D., Munoz, R., & Leat, S. (April 2024). *A structural model of the relationship between a woman's birthing environment and postpartum depression*. Southwestern Social Science Association, New Orleans, LA.

Thomas, S., Maxwell, D., Leat, S., & Thomas, J. (March 2024). *The tattoo environment as a therapeutic healing space for sexual assault survivors*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Maxwell, D., & Thomas, J. (January 2024). *She made this about her: Experiences of becoming a mother with a narcissistic parent*. Society for Social Work Research, Washington, DC.

Maxwell, D., & Stotzer, R. (October 2023). *White saviorism, colonialism, and becoming mothers: Impacts of Better Baby contests in Hawaii*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Maxwell, D., Praetorius, R., & Williams, J. (January 2023). *Designing a trauma-informed maternal mental health intervention for acute stress events*. Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

Thomas, S., Thomas, J., Maxwell, D., & Bogen, L. (October 2023). *Volunteerism after a natural disaster: Assessing the independent and interactive effects of self and collective efficacy on volunteering*. Mid-South Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.