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**EDUCATION**

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Aug. 2017 to May 2020 **Doctorate of Philosophy in Social Work**, The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

Aug. 2015 to May 2017 **Master of Social Work**, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

Mar. 2013 to Oct. 2014 **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH

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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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2023	<b>Assistant Professor</b> , The University of Oklahoma, Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work, Tulsa, OK
2020-2023	<b>Assistant Professor</b> , The University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health, Honolulu, HI
2020-2024	<b>Affiliate Faculty</b> , The University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
2023-2024	<b>Affiliate Faculty</b> , The University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health
2022-2023	<b>Adjunct Faculty</b> , The University of Arkansas School of Social Work
2017-2020	<b>Adjunct Faculty</b> , The University of Texas at Arlington

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maternal mental health during pregnancy</li><li>• Prenatal mental health needs of survivors of sexual trauma</li><li>• Perinatal mental health among Indigenous populations</li><li>• Indigenous women's rights and equity</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Integrated obstetric healthcare</li><li>• Historical trauma</li><li>• Maternal role transition/Matrescence</li><li>• Body modification by survivors of trauma</li><li>• Qualitative methods</li></ul> |
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**RESEARCH FUNDING**

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2025	<b>Statewide Crisis Response and Hub</b> Arkansas Department of Human Services <i>Role:</i> Key Personnel, Maternal Mental Health Expert <i>Amount:</i> \$10,000,004
2025	<b>TANF Impact Fund</b> OU Center for Public Management <i>Role:</i> Primary Investigator <i>Project Title:</i> Exploring Barriers to Employment for Perinatal Populations in Oklahoma Experiencing Intimate Partner Violence and Postpartum Depression <i>Amount:</i> \$44,215
2024-2028	<b>Assisted Outpatient Treatment- Centers for Youth</b> Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration <i>Role:</i> Co- Investigator <i>Amount:</i> \$3,000,000
2024-2028	<b>Supporting Healthy Initiatives for Tulsa</b> Health Resources and Services Administration <i>Role:</i> Co-Investigator and Evaluator <i>Amount:</i> \$4,000,000
2024	<b>Junior Faculty Fellowship Program</b>

Office of the President for Research and Partnerships, University of Oklahoma  
 Role: Primary Investigator  
 Amount: \$6983

**2023-2025      **Preschool Development Grant (PDG-5)****  
 State of Oklahoma, Department of Human Services  
 Role: Co-Investigator  
 Amount: \$801,746.

**2023-2024      **Informal Means of Healing Postnatal PTSD through Tattoo****  
 Knee Foundation  
 Role: Principal Investigator  
 Amount: \$7140

**2023- 2027      **Counseling Associates CCBHC Improvement and Advancement Grant****  
 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
 Role: Co-Principal Investigator  
 Amount: \$4,000,000

**2023- 2027      **Centers for Youth CCBHC Improvement and Advancement Grant****  
 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
 Role: Co-Principal Investigator  
 Amount: \$4,000,000

**2022- 2026      **Western Arkansas Counseling and Guidance Center CCBHC Improvement and Advancement Grant****  
 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration  
 Role: Co-Principal Investigator  
 Amount: \$4,000,000

**2022- 2026      **Western Arkansas Counseling and Guidance Center CCBHC Planning, Development, and Improvement Grant****  
 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration  
 Role: Co-Principal Investigator  
 Amount: \$4,000,000

**2022-2022      **Evaluation of Kaneohe Joint Outreach Clinic/Street Medicine****  
 Hawaii Homeless Healthcare Hui  
 Role: Principal Investigator  
 Amount: \$16,000

**2021              **Centers for Health Equity (CHER) Fellow****  
 Faculty Fellowship, Center for Health Equity Research (CHER) Institute  
 Role: Faculty fellow. Selected through a competitive process to participate in a six-day intensive research institute funded by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) under award number R25GM121266 to enhance the readiness of early career faculty at minority-serving institutions (MSIs).  
 Amount: \$2,000

**2019-2020      **National Institute of Transportation and Communities Dissertation Grant****  
 National Institute of Transportation and Communities  
 Role: Principal Investigator.  
 Amount: \$15,000

**2019-2020      **National Institute of Transportation and Communities Grant****  
 National Institute of Transportation and Communities  
 Role: Principal Investigator.  
 Amount: \$4000

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#### RESEARCH GRANTS-APPLIED FOR OR UNFUNDED

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**2025              **Innovative Pilot Mental Health Services Research Not Involving Clinical Trials (R34)****  
 National Institutes of Health

- Role: Co-PI  
 Project Title: *Bridging Traditions and Therapy: Adapting the SUMMIT Behavioral Activation Treatment for Indigenous Mothers in the Chickasaw Nation*  
 Amount: \$676,699, submitted 2/12/25
- 2025 Strengthening Families and Communities Grant**  
 Telligen Foundation  
 Role: PI  
 Project Title: *Bridging the gap: Adapting SUMMIT therapy for postpartum depression in underserved Tulsa maternal communities*  
 Amount: \$150,000, submitted 3/1/25. Revoked for state DEI mandates.
- 2024 Collaborative Research Faculty Fellowship**  
 Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences  
 Role: Co-Investigator  
 Project Title: *Harmonious Beginnings: Investigating the Influence of Lullabies on Parent-Infant Bonding and Stress Reduction*  
 Amount: \$25,000, Unfunded
- 2022 COVID-19 Mental Health Research PAR-22-112**  
 National Institutes of Health  
 Role: Co- Investigator  
 Project Title: *Supporting Under-Resourced Moms: A Culturally Informed Tele-mental Health Intervention for Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders*  
 Amount: \$1,147,955. Unfunded.
- 2022 Small Grant on Education**  
 Spencer Foundation  
 Role: Co-Investigator  
 Project Title: *A Sociohistorical Trauma-Informed Study of Teacher Attrition in Post-Pandemic Hawai'i*  
 Amount: \$200,000. Unfunded.
- 2021 Minority Research Grant Program, Opportunity number: CMS-1W1-21-002**  
 Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicaid/Medicare  
 Role: Co-Investigator  
 Project Title: *Addressing Maternal Mental Health Disparities: Development and Testing of a Trauma-Informed Maternal Tele-mental Health Intervention*  
 Amount: \$450,000. Unfunded.
- 2020 National Institute of Justice Tribal-researcher Capacity Building Grant**  
 National Institute of Justice  
 Role: Co-Investigator  
 Project Title: *Evaluating and Enhancing Keetoowah Tribal Court*  
 Amount: \$1,000,000. Unfunded.

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Manuscripts Accepted and Published*

- 2025** Long, C., Thomas, J., Schneckloth, C. & **Maxwell, D.** Queer camp in the American South: A practice note on secular church, social work and building inclusivity. *Best Practices in Mental Health*.
- 2024** Thomas, S.A., Thomas, J., **Maxwell, D.** & Michel, L. 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>
- 2024** **Maxwell, D.**, Leat, S, Thomas, J. & Coad, S. Power through anonymity: Exploring barriers to reporting sexual assault through analysis of Reddit data. *Affilia*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08861099241291872>

- 2024 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>
- 2024 **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>
- 2024 Thomas, J., **Maxwell, D.**, & Thomas, S. (2024). Bodily autonomy and trauma: The effect of an external locus of control on depression. *Violence and Victims*. [10.1891/VV-2022-0060](https://doi.org/10.1891/VV-2022-0060)
- 2024 **Maxwell, D.** & Praetorius, R. (2024). "Gutting it out" doesn't work: Why mental health days are needed in college. *Social Work in Public Health*. DOI - 10.1080/19371918.2024.2322589
- 2024 Thomas, J. **Maxwell, D.**, & Thomas, S. A. (2024). These are not my words: The importance of member-checking when qualitatively researching the experiences of survivors of sexual trauma. *Best Practices in Mental Health, Special Issue on Trauma*. <https://www.ingentaconnect.com/contentone/follmer/bpmh/2024/00000019/00000002/art00002;jsessionid=75o4l0dju068l.x-ic-live-03>
- 2023 **Maxwell, D.**, Leat, R., & Thomas, J. Measuring becoming a mother: A scoping review of existing measures of matrescence. *Best Practices in Mental Health*, 19 (1). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.70256/497467quramm>
- 2023 **Maxwell, D.** & Thomas, J. (2023). Land allotment, transportation access, and Indigenous maternal mental health. *Transport and Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jth.2023.101721>
- 2023 **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*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2023.2250052>
- 2023 **Maxwell, D.**, Seo, J.Y., Stotzer, R. (2023). The effects of COVID-19 on choosing to have children in the state of Hawai'i. *Hawaii Journal of Health and Social Welfare*. PMID: 37304897 <https://www.ingentaconnect.com/contentone/follmer/bpmh/2023/00000019/00000001/art00003>
- 2023 **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>
- 2023 Praetorius, R., **Maxwell, D.**, Williams, J., Hulama, K., & Tamura, A. (2022). "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>
- 2022 **Maxwell, D.** & Conrad, P. (2022) Women are the Thread: Keetoowah elder's experiences of becoming a mother. *Culture, Health, and Sexuality*. DOI: 10.1080/13691058.2022.2156618
- 2022 **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*. DOI: 10.3390/ijerph19127088
- 2021 **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*. DOI: 10.1080/15313204.2022.2041520
- 2020 **Maxwell, D.**, Praetorius, R., Keaton, C. & Alam, K. (2020). Beyond bath bombs: Partner's response to postpartum depression. *Journal of Family Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13229400.2020.1827007>
- 2020 Praetorius, R., **Maxwell, D.** & Alam, K. (2020). Wearing a Happy mask: Mother's expressions of suicidality with postpartum depression. *Social Work in Mental Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15332985.2020.1769003>
- 2020 **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>
- 2020 **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>

- 2019** Robinson, S., **Maxwell, D.** & Williams, J. (2019). Qualitative interpretive metasynthesis of women's experiences of intimate partner violence during pregnancy. *Journal of Obstetrics, Gynecologic & Neonatal Nursing*. doi: 10.1016/j.jogn.2019.08.002
- 2019** Robinson, S., **Maxwell, D.**, & Rogers, K. (2019). Living in domestic violence shelters: A qualitative interpretive meta-synthesis of women's experiences. *British Journal of Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjsw/bcz079>
- 2019** **Maxwell, D.**, Thomas, J., & Thomas, S. (2019). Cathartic ink: A qualitative examination of tattoo motivations for survivors of sexual trauma. *Deviant Behavior*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2019.1565524>
- 2019** Stauss, K., Jackson, B., & **Maxwell, D.** (2019). Developing collaborative networks in marginalized communities: Experiencing hardships while focusing on opportunities. *Journal of Community and Applied Social Psychology*, 29. doi:10.1002/casp.2408.
- 2018** **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*, 27(3). doi: 10.1111/hsc.12645.
- 2018** 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*, 43(1).
- 2017** 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 Studies*, 5 (12). doi: 10.11114/ijsss.v5i12.2749.
- 2017** **Maxwell, D.** (2018, May). Book Review: Her Body, Our Laws: On the front lines of the abortion war, from El Salvador to Oklahoma. *Affilia*, online. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886109918778055>.

#### **Manuscripts Under Review**

- 2025** **Maxwell, D.**, Munoz, R. & Leat, S. (*Revise and Resubmit*). Development and validation of Birthing Environment Assessment Scale. *Journal of Obstetrics, Gynecologic & Neonatal Nursing*
- 2025** **Maxwell, D.**, Gallegos, T. Praetorius, R., Waters, R., Zachariah, B., Moore, A., & Yonamine, R., There's no such thing as postpartum depression in my culture: A Qualitative interpretive meta-synthesis on cultural perspectives on postpartum mental health. *Health and Social Care in the Community*.
- 2025** **Maxwell, D.**, Hulama, K., Praetorius, R., Williams, J., Tamura, A., Kameda, K., Reinhofer, C., Arakaki-Mineshima, K. & Wong, M.; Chan, K.; Garret, B.; Kaai, N.; Yamauchi, J., & Schap, V. (*Revise and Resubmit*). "No lu'au for baby's 1st birthday": Becoming a mother during the COVID-19 pandemic in Hawai'i. *Ethnicity and Health*.
- 2025** **Maxwell, D.**, Thomas, J., Alalawneh, M.; Gallegos, T., & Praetorius, R., She made this about her: Balancing new motherhood in the presence of a narcissistic mom. *Journal of Family Social Work*.
- 2025** Bekteshi, V., Bellamy, J., & Terpstra, L. & **Maxwell, D.** The impact of economic challenges and interpersonal support on the overall wellbeing of Latino fathers and their children facing behavioral difficulties. *Families in Society*.
- 2025** Thomas, S., Thomas, J. Eassey, J., Baldwin, J., & **Maxwell, D.** Community-Centered care in the justice system: A case study in ACT adaptation in rural communities. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*.

#### **Manuscripts in Preparation**

- 2025** **Maxwell, D.**, Stotzer, R., Lee, J., Lehn, R., & Glaza, F. White saviorism, colonialism, and becoming mothers: Impacts of better baby contests in Hawaii.
- 2025** **Maxwell, D.** & Praetorius, R. Ecological systems of becoming a mother: A framework for maternal mental health.
- 2025** **Maxwell, D.**, Draper, A., Thomas, J., Thomas, S., Gallegos, T., & Praetorius, R. Informal means of healing postnatal PTSD through tattoo.
- 2025** **Maxwell, D.**, Miller-Cribbs, J., Veach, C.; Vasquez-Hernandez, A.; Murdock, B.; & Henson, R. Narratives of trauma-informed birthing care on Reddit
- 2025** **Maxwell, D.**, & Munoz, R. Race related stress as a driver of postpartum depression among a sample of African American mothers.
- 2025** **Maxwell, D.**, Munoz, R., & Leat, S. The relationship of historical trauma and birth environment to maternal

mental health outcomes.

- 2025** Hulama, T. Riley, L. & **Maxwell, D.** Experiences of medical discrimination and gaslighting by healthcare providers towards Native Hawaiian women.
- 2025** Davis, B. & **Maxwell, D.** Maternal motivations: A Qualitative Interpretive Meta-Synthesis of desires to become a mother.
- 2025** Fauntus, S. & **Maxwell, D.** Institutional betrayal, moral injury, and birth trauma.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**2025 Key Personnel- Maternal Mental Health**

*Project Title:* Statewide Crisis Response and Hub

*Co-Investigators:* Thomas, J. (PI), Thomas, S. (Key Personnel), Plassmeyer, M. (Key Personnel), Bradley, M. (Key Personnel), Allison, K. (Key Personnel).

**2024 Co-PI, The University of Oklahoma**

*Project Title:* Institutional betrayal, moral injury, and birth trauma.

*Co-Investigators:* Sophia Fauntus, PhD, LCSW, The University of Texas at Arlington

**2024 Co-PI, The University of Oklahoma**

*Project Title:* Quality Enhancement Evaluation of the PDG-5 Grant

*Co-Investigators:* David McCleod, PhD, University of Oklahoma; Erin Maher, PhD, University of Oklahoma; Diane Horm, PhD, University of Oklahoma; Sarah Connelly, PhD, University of Oklahoma; Lisa White, MS, University of Oklahoma.

**2024 Principal Investigator, The University of Oklahoma**

*Project Title:* Relationships Between Maternal Mental Health and Empowerment and Providers in the Birthing Environment

**2024 Co-I, The University of Oklahoma**

*Project Title:* The Power of Social Connection: A Comprehensive Investigation of Building Bridges in a Disconnected World.

*Co-Investigators:* Johanna Thomas, PhD, University of Arkansas, Alishia Ferguson, PhD, University of Arkansas, Shaun Thomas, PhD, University of Arkansas

**2024 Principal Investigator, The University of Oklahoma**

*Project Title:* Informal Means of Healing Postnatal PTSD through Tattoo

**2023 Co-PI, The University of Oklahoma**

*Co-Investigator:* Sarah Leat, PhD, The University of Memphis

*Project Title:* Understanding the experiences of intimate partner violence survivors who are mothers in Shelter.

**2023 Co-PI, The University of Oklahoma**

*Co-Investigators:* Michelle Pangilinan, MD, The University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Amelia Feinburg-Eddy, MD, The University of Hawai'i at Manoa

*Project Title:* Perceived Environmental Stress in the Birthing Environment: A Hawai'i specific validation.

**2023 Co-PI, The University of Oklahoma**

*Co-Investigators:* Michelle Pangilinan, MD, The University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Brooklyn Cochrane, MD, The University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

*Project Title:* Trauma-informed obstetric care curriculum: Provider experiences

**2023 Principal Investigator, The University of Hawai'i at Manoa, The University of Oklahoma**

*Co-Investigators:* Rebecca Stotzer, PhD, Janette Lee, MSW, Rachel Lehn, MSW, Fran Glaza, MSW, University of Hawai'i at Manoa

*Project Title:* White saviorism, colonialism, and becoming mothers: Impacts of Better Baby contests in Hawaii.

**2023 Principal Investigator, The University of Hawai'i at Manoa, The University of Oklahoma**

*Co-Investigators:* Regina Praetorius, PhD, University of Texas at Arlington and Sarah Leat, PhD, University of Memphis.

- Project Title: Historical trauma, birthing environment, and postpartum depression.*
- 2023 Qualitative Evaluation Consultant**, Department of Human Services Arkansas  
*Principal Investigator: Johanna Thomas, PhD, University of Arkansas*  
*Project Title: Evaluation of TANF Services, State of Arkansas*
- 2022 Co-PI**, Western Arkansas Counseling and Guidance Center  
*Evaluation Team: Thomas, J (PI), Thomas, S. (Co-PI), Baldwin, J. (Co-PI), Eassey, J (Key Personnel), and Maxwell, D. (Co-PI).*  
*Project Title: WACGC CCBHC Improvement and Advancement*
- 2022 Co-PI**, Western Arkansas Counseling and Guidance Center  
*Evaluation Team: Thomas, J (PI), Thomas, S. (Co-PI), Baldwin, J. (Co-PI), Eassey, J (Key Personnel), and Maxwell, D. (Co-PI).*  
*Project Title: WACGC CCBHC Planning, Development, and Improvement*
- 2021 Principal Investigator**, Hawaii Homeless Healthcare Hui  
*Co-Investigator: Deborah Taiya, PhD, University of Hawai'i at Hilo*  
*Project Title: Evaluation of Kaneohe Joint Outreach Clinic*
- 2021 Principal Investigator**, The University of Hawai'i at Manoa  
*Co-Investigators: Lorinda Riley, SJD, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Thompson School of Social Work and Public Health and Camonia R. Graham-Tutt, PhD, CHES, University of Hawai'i West Oahu*  
*Project Title: An Evaluation of Familial Bonding in Hawai'i Through the Lullaby Project*
- 2021 Qualitative Key Personnel**, The University of Arkansas  
*Evaluation Team: Thomas, J (PI), Thomas, S. (Co-PI), Baldwin, J. (Co-PI), Eassey, J (Key Personnel), and Maxwell, D. (Key Personnel).*  
*Project Title: The Centers for Youth and Families. Centers for Youth and Families Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Expansion Project.*
- 2021 Qualitative Consultant**, IDEALS Institute, The University of Arkansas, and the American Bar Foundation  
*Evaluation Team: Shobe, M. (PI), Smith, E. (Co-PI), Thomas, J. (Co-PI) & Thomas, S. (Co-PI).*  
*Project Title: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Professional Service Evaluation*
- 2020 Principal Investigator**, The University of Hawaii at Manoa  
*Co-investigators: Regina Praetorius, PhD, LMSW-AP*  
*Project Title: Pandemic Parenting: Pregnancy and birthing in the time of COVID-19*
- 2019 Principal Investigator**, The University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work  
*Project Title: Keetoowah birthing practices: An exploration of elder's experiences*
- 2017 Project Coordinator**, The University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work  
*Principal Investigator: Regina Praetorius, PhD, LMSW-AP*  
*Project Title: Student success and student well-being: Evaluation of an intervention in first year experience courses among social work undergraduates*
- 2018 Principal Investigator**, The University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work  
*Co-investigators: Rebecca Mauldin, PhD, LMSW and Dennis Kao, PhD, MSW*  
*Project Title: Healthcare access and social engagement among older minority adults: Experiences of navigating transportation barriers*
- 2016 Graduate Research Assistant**, University of Arkansas School of Social Work  
*Project Title: TANF and interpersonal violence*  
*Principal Investigator: Johanna Thomas, PhD, LCSW*

## PRESENTATIONS

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- 2025 Maxwell, D. & Munoz, R. (May 2025).** *Race Related Stress as a Driver of Postpartum Depression Among a Sample of African American Mothers.* 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Social Work Symposium, Memphis, TN.

- 2025 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.
- 2024 Hulama, T. Riley, L. & Maxwell, D.** (October 2024). *Experiences of medical discrimination and gaslighting by healthcare providers towards Native Hawaiian women*. Counsel of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting Conference, Kansas City, MO.
- 2024 Maxwell, D. & Praetorius, R.** (October 2024). *Ecological systems of becoming a mother: A social work specific framework for maternal mental health*. Counsel of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting Conference, Kansas City, MO.
- 2024 Maxwell, D.** (September 2024). *Ecological systems of becoming a mother: A framework for maternal mental health*. International Marce Society for Perinatal Mental Health, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2024 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.
- 2024 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.
- 2024 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.
- 2023 Maxwell, D. & Stotzer, R.** (October 2023). *White saviorism, colonialism, and becoming mothers: Impacts of Better Baby contests in Hawaii*. Counsel of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2023 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.
- 2023 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.
- 2022 Maxwell, D. & Thomas, J.** (November 2022). *Cultural Expressions of Postpartum Depression*. Counsel of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting Conference, Anaheim, CA.
- 2022 Hulama, K. & Maxwell, D.** (November 2022). *Geographical Isolation and Limited Healthcare: Becoming a Mother in Hawai'i during COVID*. Counsel of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting Conference, Anaheim, CA.
- 2022 Leat, S. & Maxwell, D.** (November 2022). *Intimate partner violence residential programs as Optimal Healing Environments: Survivors' perspectives*. Counsel of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting Conference, Anaheim, CA.
- 2022 Maxwell, D. & Praetorius, R.** (April 2022). *Wearing a Happy Mask: Mother's Expressions of Suicide and Postpartum Depression*. International Violence and Trauma Conference, Honolulu, HI.
- 2022 Maxwell, D. Thomas, J. and Thomas, S.** (January 2022). *Investigating the Therapeutic and Empowering Properties of Tattoos for Survivors of Trauma*. Western Sociology and Criminology Conference, Honolulu, HI.
- 2021 Maxwell, D., Thomas, J., and Mauldin, R.** (November 2021). *Indigenous Motherhood and Historical Trauma: Keetoowah Experiences of Becoming Mothers*. Counsel of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting Conference, Orlando, FL.
- 2021 Maxwell, D., Praetorius, R., and Williams, J.** (November 2021). *Becoming a Mother During COVID-19*. Counsel of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting Conference, Orlando, FL.
- 2021 Maxwell, D., Leat (Robinson), R., Thomas, J. and Coad, S.** (April, 2021). *Strength, Power, and Choice: Empowerment Through the Tattoo Environment for Survivors of Sexual Trauma*. National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence, virtual.
- 2021 Maxwell, D. and Roark, E.** (January 2021). *Land Allotment, Transportation Access and Indigenous Maternal Mental Health*. Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting, Virtual.
- 2021 Williams, J., Maxwell, D. Thomas, J. and Nordberg, A.** (January, 2021). *Experiences with Transportation Barriers for Low-Income Mothers Who Experience IPV*. Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Virtual.



- 2020** Williams, J., **Maxwell, D.** Thomas, J. and Nordberg, A. (November, 2020). *Transportation as a Barrier to Self-sufficiency for Low-income Mothers who Experience IPV*. Counsel of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting Conference, Virtual.
- 2020** **Maxwell, D.**, Robinson, S. & Thomas, J. (January, 2020). *These are not my words: The importance of member-checking when qualitatively researching the experiences of survivors of sexual trauma*. Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- 2020** Robinson, S., **Maxwell, D.** & Thomas, H. (January, 2020). *#butnothingwasdone: Perceived barriers to reporting sexual assault in #metoo times*. Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- 2020** **Maxwell, D.**, Robinson, S., Williams, J. & Keaton, C. (January, 2020). *Short story of a lonely guy: A qualitative thematic analysis of involuntary celibacy using Reddit*. Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- 2019** **Maxwell, D.** & Praetorius, R. (October, 2019). *"Gutting it out" doesn't work: Why mental health days are needed in college*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting Conference, Denver, CO.
- 2019** Praetorius, R., & **Maxwell, D.** *Sanism, self-care, mental health, stigma, and access: puzzle pieces toward helping students*. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2019** **Maxwell, D.**, Praetorius, R. & Alam, K. (September, 2019). *Beyond bath bombs: Partner's response to postpartum depression*. CityMatch Leadership and MCH Epidemiology conference, Providence, RI.
- 2019** Robinson, S., **Maxwell, D.** & Praetorius, R. (September, 2019). *Sacred space: A qualitative interpretive meta-synthesis of women's lived birthing experiences*. CityMatch Leadership and MCH Epidemiology conference, Providence, RI.
- 2019** **Maxwell, D.**, Mauldin, R. & Kao, D. (2019, March). *Healthcare access and social engagement among older minority adults: Experiences of navigating transportation barriers*. Health Across the Lifespan Symposium, The University of Texas at Arlington.
- 2019** **Maxwell, D.** & Praetorius, R. (2019, March). *Just be there for her: Partner's voices of supporting a partner with postpartum depression*. Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- 2019** **Maxwell, D.** & Thomas, J. (2019, January). *Who's in control? Sexual trauma, lack of control, and depression severity*. Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2019** Thomas, J. & **Maxwell, D.** (2019, January). *Compounding hardships: Barriers to employment for survivors of IPV who use TANF*. Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2018** **Maxwell, D.** & Praetorius, R. (2018, November). *Riding the therapeutic superhighway: A qualitative meta-synthesis of online therapy experiences*. Counsel of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting Conference, Orlando, FL.
- 2018** **Maxwell, D.** & Robinson, S. (2018, September). *Capturing the experiences of pregnant survivors of intimate partner violence: A qualitative-interpretive meta-synthesis*. CityMatch Leadership and MCH Epidemiology conference, Portland, OR.
- 2018** **Maxwell, D.** (2018, January). *Cathartic Ink: A qualitative examination of tattoo motivations for survivors of sexual trauma*. Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 2017** **Maxwell, D.** (2017, September). *Inked journal: Tattoo as a personal narrative for survivors of sexual trauma*. National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence, San Francisco, CA.
- 2017** **Maxwell, D.** (2017, March). *Phoenix Ink: Psychodynamic motivations for tattoo attainment by survivors of trauma*. National Association of Social Workers Arkansas Annual Conference, Little Rock, AR.

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#### GUEST LECTURES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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- 2024** **Maxwell, D.** (2024, August). *Trauma-informed care with maternal clients*. Oklahoma Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaboration, Nurturing Recovery: Substance Use and Trauma-Informed Care Symposium. Online.
- 2024** **Maxwell, D.** (2024, April). *Historical Trauma and the Effects on Maternal Mental Health*. Association of Women's Health and Neonatal Nursing, Edmond, OK.

- 2023 Maxwell, D.** (2023, September). *No Mas Bebés: A Film Panel*. The University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work, Arlington, TX.
- 2023 Maxwell, D.** (2023, September). *The Environment and Birthing: Perinatal Care Environments During COVID-19 and Maternal Mental Health*. Women's Health Research Seminars-Maternal Fetal Medicine Program, Hawai'i Pacific Health.
- 2022 Maxwell, D.** (2022, March). *Supporting Decolonizing Efforts Within Social Work Education and Practice*. National Association of Social Workers, Arkansas Chapter, Little Rock, AR.
- 2022 Maxwell, D.** (2022, November). *Self-Care as a Parent- Guided Meditation*. Student Parents at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 2021 Maxwell, D.** (2021, January). *Supportive Care Environments and Becoming a Mother*. The Queen's Medical Center, Social Work CEU's, Honolulu, HI.
- 2020 Maxwell, D.** (2020, November). *Parenting in the Pandemic*. Student Parents at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 2017 Maxwell, D.** (2017, February). *Unique Issues for Individuals who are LGBTQ with terminal illnesses*. Continuing Education presentation, Circle of Life Hospice, Fayetteville, Arkansas.
- 2016 Maxwell, D.** (2016, May). *You jumped that chasm: The importance of process-centered praise*. Travelling Arkansas Professional Pathways (TAPPS) workshop, Girls Scouts of America, Camp Kahinio, Arkansas.
- 2016 Rosa, A. & Maxwell, D.** (2016, April). *Deeper issues: Contextual ethical issues in social work*. Social Work continuing education training, Ozark Guidance, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE: Courses Taught and Developed (Developed and Updated Indicated by \*)

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- 2023-2025 Assistant Professor**, The University of Oklahoma, Tulsa, OK  
*Courses Taught:* SW 5333, *Diversity and Societal Oppression*, SW5083 Social Work Research Methods, *MSW Online*; Conducted course update SW 5333\* Online Summer 2024.
- 2020-2023 Assistant Professor**, The University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI  
*Courses taught:* *Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, BSW and MSW; *Socio-cultural Content for Social Work Practice*, BSW; *Women and Health*, SW 776\*, MSW; *Seminar in Social Work in Healthcare*, SW 723; *Social Work Practice in Healthcare*, SW 722\*; *Decolonizing Social Work*, SW 680\*, BSW, MSW; *Teaching Practicum*, SW699, PhD.
- 2021 Adjunct Professor**, The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR  
*Courses Taught:* *Social Welfare Policy*, MSW.
- 2017-2020 Adjunct Instructor**, The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX  
*Courses Taught:* *Human Behavior in the Social Environment*, BSW and MSW; *Human Development and Social Work*, BSW and MSW; *Social Work Field Seminar II*, BSW and MSW; *Social Work Field Seminar I*, BSW; *MSW Foundation Field II*, MSW.
- 2018 Graduate Teaching Assistant**, The University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX  
*Courses Taught:* *Intermediate Statistics*, PhD.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE: Mentorship and Directed Student Learning

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- 2024 Dissertation Committee Member**, Brennan Davis, The University of Oklahoma, Organizational and Community Leadership
- 2024 Dissertation Committee Member, Ex-Officio**, Toni Gallegos, The University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work.
- 2024 Dissertation Committee Member, Ex-Officio**, Tina Hulama, The University of Denver, School of Social Work.
- 2023 Dissertation Committee Member Ex-Officio**, Siobhan Coad, The University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Social Work
- 2024 Directed Student Learning, Independent Study**, Brennan Davis, The University of Oklahoma, Organizational and Community Leadership, Course Title: OCL-6990, *Becoming a Mother*.

<b>2024</b>	<b>Directed Student Learning, Independent Study</b> , Tina Hulama, University of Denver, School of Social Work, Course Title: Evaluation of Social Services Programs
<b>2023</b>	<b>Dissertation Specialization Committee, Affiliate Faculty</b> , Sina Pili, The University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Social Work
<b>2023</b>	<b>Dissertation Committee Member</b> , Anja Wurtz, The University of Hawaii at Manoa, Nutrition Sciences
<b>2023</b>	<b>MSW Thesis Committee Member- Ex-Officio (Methods)</b> , Kineret Yardena, The University of Texas at Arlington, Social Work
<b>2023</b>	<b>Dissertation Committee Member- Ex-Officio</b> , Mansi Patel, The University of Texas at Arlington, Social Work
<b>2023</b>	<b>Individual and Group Research</b> , SW 746, SW 743, MSW level
<b>2022</b>	<b>MSW Thesis Committee Member Ex-Officio (Methods and Design)</b> , Lacey Quinones

#### SERVICE TO SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

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<b>2023-2025</b>	<b>Section Lead- SW5333 Diversity and Oppression</b> , Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work
<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>Hiring Committee</b> , Committee Member, Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work
<b>2023-2025</b>	<b>Foundation Year Curriculum Committee</b> , Co-chair, Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work
<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>Field Supervisor</b> , Student Parents at Manoa, UH Manoa
<b>2020-2023</b>	<b>Chair</b> , Indigenous Affairs Committee, The University of Hawaii at Manoa, Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health
<b>2021-2023</b>	<b>Chair</b> , Health Specialization, The University of Hawaii at Manoa, Thompson School of Social Work & Public Health

#### SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

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<b>2024</b>	<b>Car Group Leader</b> , Summer Institute, School of Community Medicine and Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work, University of Oklahoma
<b>2023</b>	<b>Dissertation Committee Member</b> , Brennan Davis, The University of Oklahoma, Organizational and Community Leadership
<b>2021-2023</b>	<b>Ex-officio Member</b> , The University of Hawaii at Manoa, NAWSON School of Nursing Hiring Committee
<b>2020-2023</b>	<b>Member</b> , Health Interprofessional Education (HIPE), Telehealth Collaborative, Communications Committee, The University of Hawaii at Manoa
<b>2022</b>	<b>Judge</b> , Research Day, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health UH Manoa

#### SERVICE TO PROFESSION

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<b>2024</b>	<b>Invited Reviewer</b> , Gender, Work, and Organization
<b>2024</b>	<b>Guest Editor</b> Special Issue: Trauma and Maternal Well-Being, <i>Behavioral Sciences</i>
<b>2024</b>	<b>Invited Reviewer</b> , <i>BMC Women's Health</i>
<b>2021-2023</b>	<b>Facilitator</b> , <i>HIPE Simulations</i> , University of Hawaii Interprofessional Education Committee
<b>2023</b>	<b>Invited Reviewer</b> , <i>Journal of the Society of Social Work Research</i>
<b>2023</b>	<b>Invited Reviewer</b> , <i>BMC Women's Health</i>
<b>2023</b>	<b>Invited Reviewer</b> , <i>International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health</i>
<b>2023</b>	<b>Invited Reviewer</b> , <i>Culture, Sexuality, and Health</i>
<b>2022-2025</b>	<b>Abstract Reviewer</b> , <i>Counsel for Social Work Education</i> , Annual Program Meeting
<b>2023</b>	<b>Community Advisory Board Member</b> , <i>Medicaid Innovation Collaboration on Maternal Mental Health in Hawai'i</i>
<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>Invited Reviewer</b> , <i>Violence Against Women</i>
<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>Invited Reviewer</b> , <i>Advances in Social Work</i>

**2019-2022**     **Member**, *Violence Against Women and Children Special Interest Group, SSWR*  
**2020**           **Invited Reviewer**, *Journal of Humanities and Applied Social Services*  
**2020**           **Invited Reviewer**, *Affilia*  
**2020**           **Invited Reviewer**, *Psychology of Men and Masculinities*

## SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

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**2024**           **Volunteer Trainer**, Family and Children's Services Maternal Mental Health Unit, Tulsa. Developed a toolkit for maternal mental health providers working with moms experiencing IPV and trained staff on using the toolkit. October 2024.

**2024**           **Organizer**, Maternal Monologues with Alliance for Innovation in Maternal Health and SHIFT Tulsa.

**2023**           **Oklahoma Maternal Mood Disorders Workgroup**, member

**2023-2025**     **Board Member**, Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health, Community Care Initiative- Tulsa

**2023-2025**     **Grant Writer**, Supporting Healthy Initiatives for Tulsa, Healthy Start

**2018-2023**     **Board Member**, Sequoyah County Coordinated Community Response Team, Sallisaw, OK  
*Duties:* Responded to potential clients and provided intervention including resource linkage and referral, brief therapeutic support. Operated outreach booths at local events. Attend monthly interdisciplinary meetings and advocate for local law enforcement changes in approach to handling calls regarding IPV and increasing outreach to victims.

**2021-2023**     **Volunteer**, Service Connections, Kauhale Waimanalo, Waimanalo, HI  
*Duties:* Coordinating services for individuals living at Kauhale Tiny Homes village.

**2020-2021**     **Volunteer**, Contact Tracing Trainer, UH West Oahu, Honolulu, HI  
*Duties:* Facilitated a day-long training using motivational interviewing for those applying to be COVID-19 contact tracers.

**2003-2005**     **Volunteer Development Coordinator**, Old Growth Alliance, Seattle, WA  
*Duties:* Developed and coordinated fundraising events for a local start-up non-profit that sought to revitalize culture among Northwest tribes for the purpose of creating unity and health among the people. Collaborated with local tribal members and leaders, local businesses, and investing parties to ensure fundraisers were successful.

## MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

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- Research featured in University of Hawai'i News: <https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2023/06/27/cultural-shifts-in-maternal-health/>
- Research featured in University of Hawai'i News and Living 808: <https://www.khon2.com/living-808/local-tattoo-shop-provides-safe-space-for-domestic-violence-victims/>
- Research featured in University of Hawai'i News: <https://www.hawaii.edu/news/2020/10/14/postpartum-depression-themes/>
- Research featured in an article on CNN Health International: <https://www.cnn.com/2019/03/12/health/tattoo-therapy-sexual-assault-survivors-study-intl/index.html>
- Research featured in campus newspaper at The University of Texas at Arlington [http://www.theshorthorn.com/life\\_and\\_entertainment/for-sexual-assault-survivors-tattoos-spell-relief/article\\_fbc52abc-528d-11e9-ad70-3395946cca23.html](http://www.theshorthorn.com/life_and_entertainment/for-sexual-assault-survivors-tattoos-spell-relief/article_fbc52abc-528d-11e9-ad70-3395946cca23.html)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**2015-2017**     **Certified Trainer**, Travelling Arkansas Professional Pathways (TAPPS), Fayetteville, AR  
**2009-2013**     **Family Services Coordinator**, Pike Market Childcare and Preschool, Seattle, WA  
**2003-2009**     **Family Services Coordinator and Assistant Director**, Early Learning and Development Center, Seattle, WA

## SOCIAL WORK INTERNSHIPS

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**2016-2017**      **MSW Intern**, Circle of Life Hospice, Fayetteville, AR  
**2016**            **MSW Intern**, Washington County Juvenile Detention Center, Social Work Intervention Program,  
Fayetteville, AR

## AWARDS AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

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Graduate Assistantship, UT Arlington, \$12,000	2017-2020
Outstanding PhD Student of the Year, UTA School of Social Work	2019
Outstanding PhD Instructor, UTA School of Social Work	2019
Glenn W. and Miriam S. Rollins Mental Health Graduate Scholarship, \$1000	2019
Hall-Kohfeldt Award in Native American Studies, \$500	2019
Dean's Fellowship, UT Arlington, \$12,000	2017-2019
Outstanding GRA of the Year, UT Arlington	2017-2018
MSW Student of the Year, University of Arkansas, \$150	2016-2017
Graduate Assistantship, University of Arkansas, \$11,000	2015-2017