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Academic Background

- Ph.D., School of Social Welfare, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, (2014)
- Dissertation—Predictors of Interagency Coordination in Early Childhood
- MSW Social Welfare, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS (2007)
- BA International Relations and History, The American University, Washington, DC (1997)

Recent Professional Experience

Center for Public Partnerships & Research, University of Kansas, Achievement & Assessment Institute, Lawrence, KS (November 2013 – Present)

Associate Director


- Serve as Principal Investigator for portfolio of projects, including partnerships with the Bureau of Family Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas
- Develop and conduct research and evaluation of CPPR projects, including both quantitative and qualitative methods.
- Analyze and report data for CPPR projects, primarily focused on children, youth and families.
- Identify and participate in broad research integration and reporting initiatives.
- Disseminate research via professional conference and peer-reviewed journals.

Camp Fire, National Headquarters, Kansas City, MO (July 2012 – November 2013)

Vice President, Planning & Evaluation

- Oversee \$2.6 million funding from Thrive Foundation for Youth and New York Life Foundation for Camp Fire's Thrive initiative.
- Lead evaluation of youth development programs, including outcome and process evaluations.
- Lead data driven decision making, using both quantitative and qualitative data, to develop program improvements.



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- Work cooperatively with the External Relations Department, as requested on cultivating, developing and managing proposals impacting national programs to large corporate and national foundations.
 - Work cooperatively with Headquarters colleagues to deliver sound program business plans, tools and resources to ensure quality programs at council level.

The University of Kansas, Institute for Educational Research and Public Service, Lawrence, KS (August 2006 – July 2012)

Principal Investigator, October 2010 – July 2012

Project Coordinator, March 2007 – October 2010

- Provide leadership to statewide early childhood initiatives, including the Kansas Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (KECCS) Plan
- Design and conduct research related to early childhood and child abuse and neglect prevention through state and local contracts
- Write grant applications, reports and documentation related to early childhood and child abuse/neglect projects
- Provide training and technical assistance to support local, regional, and statewide efforts
- Collaborate with and serve as a liaison between the Institute and various state agencies

Presentations and Publications

h-index = 3; i10-index=3; citations = 53


Gillam, R. & Counts, J. (2018). The intangibles: What it takes for a backbone organization to succeed. In Walzer, N. & Weaver, L. (Ed.), *Using collective impact to bring community change* (1st ed., pp. 56-76). New York: Routledge.

Gillam, R., Counts, J., & Garstka, T. (2016) Collective impact facilitators: how contextual and procedural factors influence collaboration. *Community Development*, doi: 10.1080/15575330.2015.1133684.

Counts, J., Horras, J., & **Gillam, R.** Empowering Families to Use Adverse Childhood Experiences Research to Build Resiliency, *AMCHP 2015 Annual Conference*, United to Build Healthier Communities, Washington, DC, January 25-27, 2015

Gillam, R. & Counts, J. Tools for Building Effective Partnerships & Collective Impact: Tips & Tricks. *AMCHP 2015 Annual Conference*, United to Build Healthier Communities, Washington, DC, January 24, 2015.

Brodowski, M.L., Counts, J. M., **Gillam, R. J.**, Baker, L., Collins, V.S., Winkle, E., Skala, J., Stokes, K., Gomez, R., & Redmon, J. (2013). Translating evidence-based policy to practice: a multilevel partnership



using the interactive systems framework. *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services*, 94(3), 141–149.

Gillam, R., Chang-Rios, K., McKay, A. (November 2011) Ensuring Parent Voice in a Statewide Capacity Assessment of Home Visiting Services, Multipaper Session, American Evaluation Association Conference, Anaheim, CA.

Gillam, R., Chang-Rios, K., Morales, M. (November 2011) Development and Implementation of a Statewide Database for Child Maltreatment Prevention Outcomes, Poster Presentation, American Evaluation Association Conference, Anaheim, CA.

Counts, J., **Gillam, R.**, Chang-Rios, K. (November 2009) A Developmental Evaluation of Agency and Parent Perspectives on Parent Involvement: Understanding and Utilizing the Context, Multipaper Session, American Evaluation Association Conference, Orlando, FL (November 2009).

Grants

- Co-Principal Investigator – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, *Preschool Development Grant Birth-5*, Competitive, awarded February 2020, \$8.9 million.
- Co-Principal Investigator - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, *Screening and Treatment for Maternal Depression and Related Behavioral Disorders Program*, Competitive, awarded August 2018. Funded, \$3.1 million.
- Co-Principal Investigator – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Adolescent Health, *Lifting Young Families Toward Excellence*, awarded 2017-2018 \$1.1 million; 2018-2020 \$1.9 million.
- Principal Investigator – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Tribal Practices in Wellness*, awarded April 2018, \$400,000.
- Principal Investigator - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration, *Circles of Care*, Competitive, awarded August 2017. Funded, \$1.1 million.
- Principal Investigator - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children’s Bureau, *Community-Based Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention (CBCAP)*, Competitive, submitted June 2016. Funded, \$2.9 million.
- Principal Investigator - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, *Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Impact Grant*, Competitive, awarded August 2016. Funded, \$2.1 million.
- Principal Investigator - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration, *Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI)*, Competitive, awarded July 2015. Funded, \$1.6 million.

- Principal Investigator - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration, *Native Connections*, Competitive, submitted June 2014. Funded, \$1.0 million.
- Principal Investigator - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration, *Project LAUNCH*, Competitive, submitted February 2014. Funded, \$2.9 million.
- Principal Investigator - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, *Healthy Start*, Competitive, submitted May 2014. Funded, \$3.5 million.
- Principal Investigator - Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, *A Comprehensive Approach to Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country – financed solely by Prevention and Public Health Funding*, Competitive, submitted July 2014. Funded, \$975,000.
- Principal Investigator - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration, *Supported Employment Program*, Competitive, submitted April 2014. Funded, \$3.9 million.
- Co-Principal Investigator – Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Title V Five-Year Needs Assessment, \$120,000.
- Project Coordinator - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, *Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems, Competing Continuation*, submitted April 2011. Funded, \$140,000.
- Project Coordinator - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, *Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems, Competing Continuation*, submitted April 2010. Funded, \$140,000.
- National Governors Association, *Supporting “Ready States:” A Project to Develop Key Components of State Early Childhood Infrastructure*, submitted March 2010. Selected.
- Quality Improvement Center on Early Childhood, *Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Research and Demonstration Grant*, January 2010. Not funded.
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, *Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children’s Health)*, submitted May 2009, Funded, \$4.25 million.

Teaching Experience

Avila University (Spring 2012)

Assistant Director Field Experience, Kansas City, MO

- Taught SW 497 Integrated Field Seminar
- Served as Field Liaison for BSW Practicum

Professional Affiliations

- Licensed Master of Social Work, Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board, 2007- 2015
- Evaluation Network for the Missouri River Basin (EN4MRB) (Affiliate of the American Evaluation Association), Treasurer, 2012



- Kansas Public Health Leadership Institute, Cycle VI (2008-2009) Graduate

