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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**2018-** Associate Professor (with tenure)  
Program Director, PhD Program  
Co-Director, Center for Child and Family Well-being  
Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, Bryn Mawr College

**2012-2018** Assistant Professor  
Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, Bryn Mawr College

## EDUCATION

2012 Ph.D. Social Welfare; University of Washington; Seattle, WA

2008 Masters in Public Health (Concentration in Community-Oriented Public Health Practice) and  
Graduate Certificate in Global Health; University of Washington; Seattle, WA

2006 Masters in Social Work (Concentration in Community Based Practice); Portland State  
University; Portland, OR

1999 BA, Liberal Arts (Concentrations in Sociology, Latin American Studies, Feminist Theory,  
Critical Race Theory); The Evergreen State College; Olympia, WA

## PUBLICATIONS

Scholar Profiles: [Google Scholar](#) \ [ORCID](#) \ [Research Gate](#)

### Publications in Peer Reviewed Journals

\*indicates current or former student co-author

**Sousa, C.**, Veronese, G., Jaradah, A., & Hamdouna, H. (2021). Daily experiences and strategies for psychological survival during the 2014 assaults in Gaza: a retrospective analysis of chronological diaries. *The Lancet*, 398, S49. DOI: [10.1016/S0140-6736\(21\)01535-X](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(21)01535-X)

Veronese, G., **Sousa, C.**, & Cavazzoni, F. (2021). Survival and resilience among Palestinian women: a qualitative analysis using individual and collective life events calendars. *Violence against women*, 27(6-7), 900-917. DOI: [10.1177/1077801220914406](https://doi.org/10.1177/1077801220914406)

**Sousa, C.**, Siddiqi, M.\*, & Bogue, B.\* (2021). What do we know after two decades of research about mothering and IPV?: A systematic scoping review. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*. DOI: [10.1177/15248380211016019](https://doi.org/10.1177/15248380211016019)

- Sousa, C.** & Veronese, G. (2021). “No safe place”: Applying the transactional stress and coping model to active warfare. *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, Policy*. DOI: [10.1037/tra0001023](https://doi.org/10.1037/tra0001023)
- Dennelly, L. \*, **Sousa, C.**, & Roberts, K. (in press). Innovations in Healthcare Social Work: Integrated Primary Care and COVID-19.
- Sousa, C.** (2020). On mental health amid COVID-19. *Journal of Palestine Studies*. 49(4), 77-90. DOI: [10.1525/jps.2020.49.4.77](https://doi.org/10.1525/jps.2020.49.4.77) (roundtable piece with Weeam Hammoudeh, Samah Jabr and Maria Helbic)
- Sousa, C.**, Akesson, B. & Badawi, D. \* (2020). “Most importantly, I hope God keeps illness away from us”: The context and challenges surrounding access to health care for Syrian refugees in Lebanon. *Global Public Health*. DOI: [10.1080/17441692.2020.1775865](https://doi.org/10.1080/17441692.2020.1775865)
- Cavazzoni, F., **Sousa, C.**, Fiorini, A., & Veronese, G. (2020). Agency operating within structures: a qualitative exploration of agency amongst children living in Palestine. *Childhood*. DOI: [10.1177/09075682211025588](https://doi.org/10.1177/09075682211025588)
- Veronese, G., **Sousa, C.**, and Cavazzoni, F. (2020). Individual and collective narratives of survival and resilience in a group of Palestinian women resisting ongoing political violence and structural oppression: A qualitative analysis using live events calendar. *Violence Against Women*. DOI: [10.1177/1077801220914406](https://doi.org/10.1177/1077801220914406)
- Sousa, C.**, el-Zuhairi, M., Siddiqi, M. \* (2020). “The utmost strength I can bear”: Strategies and psychological costs of mothering within political violence. *Feminism and Psychology*. DOI: [10.1177/0959353520912971](https://doi.org/10.1177/0959353520912971)
- Veronese, G., **Sousa, C.**, and Cavazzoni, F. (2020). Spatial agency as a source of resistance and resilience among Palestinian children living in Dheisheh refugee camp, Palestine. *Health and Place*. DOI: [10.1016/j.healthplace.2020.102304](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2020.102304)
- Akesson, B. and **Sousa, C.** (2019). Parental suffering and resilience among recently displaced Syrian refugees. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*. DOI: [10.1007/s10826-019-01664-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10826-019-01664-6)
- Veronese, G., Cavazzoni, F, Russo, S. and **Sousa, C.** (2019). Risk and protective factors among Palestinian women living in a context of prolonged armed conflict and political oppression. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. DOI: [10.1177/0886260519865960](https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260519865960)
- Sousa, C.**, Yutzy, L. \*, Campbell, M. \*, Cook, C. \*, Slates, S. \* (2019). Understanding the curricular needs and practice contexts of macro social work: A community-based process. *Journal of Social Work Education*. DOI: [10.1080/10437797.2019.1656686](https://doi.org/10.1080/10437797.2019.1656686)
- Haj-Yahia, M., **Sousa, C.**, Lugassi, R. (2019). The relationship between exposure to violence in the family of origin during childhood, psychological distress, and perpetrating violence in intimate relationships among male university students. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. DOI: [10.1177/0886260519843280](https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260519843280)

- Sousa, C., Kemp, S., & el-Zuhairi, M. (2019).** Place as a social determinant of health: Narratives of trauma and homeland among Palestinian women. *British Journal of Social Work*, 49(4), 963-982. DOI: [10.1093/bjsw/bcz049](https://doi.org/10.1093/bjsw/bcz049)
- Sousa, C., Hagopian, A., & Stoller, N. (2019).** Addressing the social determinants of health through public health policy: A case study of US-based advocacy efforts for health justice in occupied Palestinian territory. *The Lancet*. DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(19\)30635-X](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(19)30635-X) [Peer-reviewed conference abstract presented at Lancet Conference on Palestinian Health]
- Sousa, C., Yacoubian, K. \*, Flaherty-Fishette, P. \*, & Haj-Yahia, M.M. (2018).** The co-occurrence and unique mental health effects of political violence and intimate partner violence. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 33(2), 268-292. [originally published online 2015] DOI: [10.1177/0886260515605120](https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260515605120)
- Sousa, C. & El-Zuhairi, M. (2017).** Mothering within the context of political violence: An exploratory study of mental health risks and resilience. *The Lancet*. Published on-line Aug. 1, 2017. DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(17\)32037-8](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(17)32037-8) [Peer-reviewed conference abstract presented at Lancet Conference on Palestinian Health]
- Sousa, C., Mason, W.A., Herrenkohl, T.I., Prince, D., Herrenkohl, R., & Russo, J. (2017).** Direct and indirect effects of chronic child abuse and cumulative stress: A lifecourse perspective on adversity and depression. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*. doi: [10.1037/ort0000283](https://doi.org/10.1037/ort0000283)
- Sousa, C. & Marshall, D.J. (2017).** Political violence and mental health: Effects of neoliberalism and the role of international social work practice. *International Social Work*, 60(4), 787-799 [originally published online 2015] DOI: [10.1177/0020872815574128](https://doi.org/10.1177/0020872815574128)
- Haj-Yahia, M., Sousa, C., Alnabilsy, R., Elias, H. (2015).** The influence of Palestinian physicians' patriarchal ideology and exposure to family violence on their beliefs about wife beating. *Journal of Family Violence*. DOI [10.1007/s10896-015-9671-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-015-9671-4)
- Sousa, C., Kemp, S., el-Zuhairi, M. (2014).** *Dwelling* within political violence: Palestinian women's narratives of home, mental health, and resilience. *Health and Place*. DOI: [10.1016/j.healthplace.2014.09.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.healthplace.2014.09.005)
- Sousa, C. (2013).** Political violence, collective functioning, and health: A review of the literature. *Medicine, Conflict, and Survival*, 29(3), 169-197. DOI: [10.1080/13623699.2013.813109](https://doi.org/10.1080/13623699.2013.813109)
- Sousa, C., Haj-Yahia, M.M., Feldman, G. \*, & Lee, J. \* (2013).** Individual and collective dimensions of resilience within political violence. *Trauma, Violence and Abuse*, 14(3), 235-254. DOI: [10.1177/1524838013493520](https://doi.org/10.1177/1524838013493520)
- Sousa, C. (2013).** Political violence, health, and coping among women in the West Bank. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 83(4), 505-519. (special acknowledgement to the Palestinian Medical Relief Society) DOI: [10.1111/ajop.12048](https://doi.org/10.1111/ajop.12048)

**Sousa, C., Hagopian, A. (2011).** Conflict, health and professional perseverance: Effects of military occupation on healthcare delivery in the West Bank. *Global Public Health* 6(5), 520-533. DOI: [10.1080/17441692.2011.574146](https://doi.org/10.1080/17441692.2011.574146)

**Sousa, C., Herrenkohl, T.I., Moylan, C.A., Tajima, E.A., Herrenkohl, R. C., Russo, M.J., Klika, J.B. (2011).** Longitudinal study on the effects of child abuse and children's exposure to domestic violence, parent-child attachments, and antisocial behavior in adolescence. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 26(1), 111-136. DOI: [10.1177/0886260510362883](https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260510362883)

Moylan, C.A., Herrenkohl, T.I., **Sousa, C.**, Tajima, E., Herrenkohl, R., Russo, M. J. (2010). The effects of child abuse and witnessing domestic violence on adolescent internalizing and externalizing behavior problems. *Journal of Family Violence*, 25(1), 53-63. DOI: [10.1007/s10896-009-9269-9](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-009-9269-9)

Herrenkohl, T., **Sousa, C.**, Tajima, E., Herrenkohl, R. and Moylan, C. (2008). Intersection of child abuse and children's exposure to domestic violence. *Trauma, Violence and Abuse*, 9(2), 84-99. DOI: [10.1177/1524838008314797](https://doi.org/10.1177/1524838008314797)

Maas, C., Herrenkohl, T. and **Sousa, C.** (2008). Review of research on child maltreatment and violence in youth. *Trauma, Violence and Abuse*, 9(1), 56-67. DOI: [10.1177/1524838007311105](https://doi.org/10.1177/1524838007311105)

#### **Peer Reviewed Journal Articles: Under review**

**Sousa, C., Ghosh, M.\*, Chen, N.\*, el-Zuhairi, M.** (revising for resubmission). Translation within cross-language qualitative research.

Ratliff, G. A., **Sousa, C.**, Graaf, G., Akesson, B., Kemp, S. (under review). Considering the role of place in how service, safety, and resources have been impacted by COVID-19 in North America: A socio-ecological perspective. *Socio-Ecological Practice Research*

Veronese, G., Cavazzoni, F., Fiorini, A., Shoman, H., & **Sousa, C.** (under review). Human (in)security and psychological well-being in Palestinian children living amidst military violence: a qualitative participatory research using interactive maps.

**Sousa, C., Stein, A. \*, Shapiro, J., Shanfeld, G., Cristaudo, K., Siddiqi, M. \*, Haffield, M. \*, & Reddy, H. \*** (under review). Stress and coping among refugee parents: Perspectives from service providers.

#### **Peer Reviewed Journal Articles: In preparation**

**Sousa, C., Siddiqi, M.\*, & Slates, S.\*** Suffering and strategizing: A review of literature about parenting within community violence.

**Sousa, C., Akesson, B., Siddiqi, M.\*** But where are the parents?: Lessons from 30 years of research about parenting within political violence.

**Sousa, C., Stoller, N., & Hagopian, A.** (in progress). Procedural, political, and rhetorical barriers to passing a resolution in support of health in Palestine: A case study

## **Book chapters, book reviews, and published professional correspondence**

**Sousa, C.** and Bressi, S. (in press). "They don't see anything but this kind of treatment:" Loss and reclamation of Palestinian childhood through the eyes of mothers. In Morrison, H. (Ed.), *Children, youth, and war series*. Athens, GA: The University of Georgia Press.

Moss, T. and **Sousa, C.** (under review). Community practice in international settings. In *Encyclopedia of Social Work*. Oxford University Press.

**Sousa, C.** and Moss, T. (in press). Community resilience. In *Encyclopedia of Social Work*. Oxford University Press.

**Sousa, C.** (2018). Geopolitics, political violence, and global health: Ethical obligations for professionals acting within wars and conflict settings. In Garcia, J. and Parker, R.G. (Eds.), *Routledge handbook on the politics of global health*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Knoshnood, K., **Sousa, C.**, Clark, K. (2017). Ethics of research in conflict settings. In Silverman, H. and Arawi, T. (Eds.), *Ethical issues in conducting research in conflict settings: Case Studies from the Middle East*. Springer.

**Sousa, C.** (2016). Research for health efforts in the West Bank, Palestine. In McCoyd, J. and Kerson, T. (Eds.) *Social work in health settings: Practice in context*. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. Haworth Press.

**Sousa, C.**, Klika, J.B., Herrenkohl, T.I., and Packard, W.B. (2016). Child Maltreatment. In Cuevas, C. (Ed.), *The Wiley handbook on the psychology of violence*. Wiley.

Marshall, D.J. & **Sousa, C.** (2016). Decolonizing Trauma: Liberation Psychology, Postcolonial Theory, and Childhood Trauma in Palestine. In Harker, C. and Horschelmann, K. (eds) *Conflict, Violence, and Peace*, Vol. 11 of Skelton, T. (editor-in-chief) *Geographies of children and young people*. Springer.

**Sousa, C.**, Hagopian, A., Stoller, N., and 17 signatories. (2014). Correspondence: Israel-Gaza conflict. *The Lancet*. 384(9943), 578-579. DOI: [10.1016/S0140-6736\(14\)61304-0](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(14)61304-0)

**Sousa C.** (2013). Book review: Shattering Culture: American Medicine Responds to Cultural Diversity. *Social Work in Health Care*, 52(7), 684-687.

**Sousa C.** and Smith, R. (2008). Army of None: Militarism, Positionality and Film. In Sutton, Novkov and Morgen, (Eds.), *Security disarmed: Critical perspectives on gender, race, and militarization*. Rutgers University Press.

**Sousa, C.** (2000). Essay in Guilloud, S. (Ed.) *Voices from the WTO: an anthology of writings from the people who shut down the World Trade Organization*. Olympia, WA: Evergreen State College Bookstore.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Families under fire: A global study of family practices, rights, and well-being in war-affected settings

Role: Collaborator (Bree Akesson, PI)

- Mixed methods project, including GIS, exploring the psychosocial implications of the refugee experience among Syrian refugees
- Aim is to inform practice and policy interventions about family needs within the Syrian refugee crisis
- Grant proposal submitted to Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Oct. 2020 (Bree Akesson, PI)

Promoting family well-being amidst adversity: Stress and coping practices of refugee parents

Role: Principle Investigator (Janet Shapiro, co-PI; community based research partnership with Nationalities Service Center in Philadelphia, PA); 2014-present

- Qualitative project interviewing service workers and parents to explore how parents navigate the stress of pre-flight, flight, and resettlement with specific attention to the strategies parents utilize to protect their children and promote both individual and collective resilience
- Bryn Mawr College Faculty Research Fund awarded in 2017 (\$4700) to continue preparations for the second phase of the project, including hiring RAs and an editor to assist with grant applications
- Letter of Inquiry submitted to William T. Grant Foundation: January, 2017 (requested amount: \$150,000, not funded)
- Grant proposal submitted to the Silberman Foundation: April, 2014 (requested amount: \$40,000, not funded)
- Follow up grant proposals being drafted

Relationship of political violence to mental health among women in Palestine

Role: Principal Investigator, Collaborative Researcher; 2007-2020

- Principal Investigator in a research partnership for a study examining communities' exposure to political violence and potentially related mental health conditions (including potential moderators/mediators).
- Aid in writing of funding proposals and reports.
- Developed needs assessment and program evaluation tools for mental health program in West Bank, Palestine.

Longitudinal Study of Exposure to Family Violence (PI: Todd Herrenkohl)

Role: Research team member/NIMH Prevention Trainee; 2006-Present

- Ongoing analyses of longitudinal data investigating the long-term outcomes of exposure to family violence and adversities among children and families.

Harborview Injury Prevention Research Center

Role: National Institute of Mental Health Prevention Trainee; 2009-2010

- Contribute to data analysis and writing projects for a population-based longitudinal study that looks at the effects of arrest, prosecution and incarceration on subsequent perpetration of intimate partner violence.

Public Health Seattle King County HIV Program

Role: Research Intern; 2006-2007

- Aided in HIV/AIDS Planning Council Comprehensive Care Needs Assessment.
- Planned qualitative data collection to ascertain information on the work related issues of people living with HIV/AIDS.
- Conducted focus groups, analyzed data, created report and presented findings to Planning Council.

TSTSCA Solidarity Organization, Olympia, WA & Santo Tomás, Nicaragua

Researcher and member of solidarity organization 1999-2000

- Conducted qualitative research project on women and community development in rural Nicaragua; methods included collecting and analyzing oral histories and conducting participant observation over sixteen weeks in health, nutrition & community development projects.

## **ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION AND LEADERSHIP**

### **Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research (GSSWSR), Bryn Mawr College**

2020- present

Program Director, GSSWSR Doctoral Program

2017- 2021

Chair, GSSWSR Curriculum Committee

2016- present

Co-Director, Center for Child and Family Well-being

2012-2020

Convener, Community Practice, Policy and Advocacy Concentration

2012-2020

Co-Faculty Lead, Dual MSS-MPH Program (with Jefferson University)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Faculty convener, Community Practice, Policy, and Advocacy Concentration, Bryn Mawr College  
Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research

Areas of teaching focus: Global health; policy; advocacy; community development; program development, implementation, & evaluation; qualitative research; community-based research

## **COURSES TAUGHT AT BRYN MAWR COLLEGE**

- Social Theory (for doctoral students)
  - ♦ Spring 2020; Fall 2021
- Qualitative Inquiry: Analysis (for doctoral students)
  - ♦ Spring 2017; Spring 2019; Spring 2021
- Foundations of Social Policy

- ♦ Fall 2020; Fall 2021
- Global Public Health: Critical Perspectives on Trauma and Resilience
  - ♦ Spring 2018
- Global Public Health
  - ♦ Fall 2016
- Community Strategies and Assessment: Advocacy and Action
  - ♦ Spring 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Community Practice, Policy, and Advocacy I and II
  - ♦ Fall 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017 & Spring 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021
- Perspectives on Social Welfare: Local to Global
  - ♦ Fall 2012, 2013, 2014 (in 2014 I worked with colleagues in History and Health Studies to house this course within an interdisciplinary three course cluster titled Global Health Equity)
- Foundation Practice I and II
  - ♦ Fall 2012 & Spring 2013; Spring 2014

#### OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Radical Traditions and Transformative Practice: Public Health and Social Work (The Evergreen State College, undergraduate) (taught summer 2020)
- Feminist Theory for Social Work (Rutgers DSW program, taught 2020, 2021)
- The Welfare State: A Comparative Policy Perspective (The Evergreen State College, MPA Program) (taught summers 2016, 2017, 2018)
- Globalization Policy and Services: Critical Analysis of the Processes, Policies, and Outcomes of Globalization (University of Washington MSW program) (teaching practicum with Dr. Sue Sohng, Fall 2009)
- Public Health Practice: Community Development for Health (University of Washington MPH program) (teaching practicum with Peter House, Winter 2010)

TEACHING AND LEARNING INITIATIVE (TLI) PARTICIPATION at Bryn Mawr College  
TLI Faculty Seminar on Pedagogy with student consultant Fall 2012

#### DOCTORAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Director of Work [Chair] for Jeannine L. Lisitski; area of focus: Exploring the perceived importance of and barriers around integration of Trauma Informed Care into services for homeless women and children (graduated 2019)

Director of Work [Chair] for Megan McCoy; area of focus: The construction of social norms within community-based aging services organizations (senior community centers) that have historically marginalized LGBT older adults (graduated 2021)

Director of Work [Chair] for Amy Stein; area of focus: Community gardening as an effective mental health intervention for refugee communities.

Director of Work [Chair] for Maisy Hughes; area of focus: Power and the dynamics of whiteness in community mental health settings.

Dissertation committee member for Sarah Slates; area of focus: Family leave programs



Dissertation committee member for Lori Sitler; area of focus: Child welfare

Dissertation committee member for Lauren Dennelly; area of focus: Integrated healthcare

Dissertation committee member for Rebecca Laster; area of focus: Elder abuse risk assessment strategies (graduated 2018)

Dissertation committee member for Guy Feldman; dissertation title: *Saving the poor: A discourse analysis of asset-building as an anti-poverty strategy* (graduated 2016)

Dissertation committee member for Barb Toews; dissertation title: *Being in jail: The patterns and purposes of privacy in a women's jail* (graduated 2014)

## PRESENTATIONS

### Peer Reviewed Presentations

\*indicates current or former student co-author

2021 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference Virtual  
**Sousa, C.**, Veronese, G., & Cavazzoni, F. Using participatory mapping to understand the implications of political violence for children: Contributions to the science of international social work. (oral presentation)

**Sousa, C.**, Bragin, M., & Akesson, B. Conceptualizing and researching “trauma” within social work science: Critical interrogations of research theories, modalities, and constructs across cultures. (roundtable)

Ratliff, G.A.; Akesson, B., Graaf, G., Kemp, S. & **Sousa, C.** Engaging place in a changing world: Opportunities and challenges for social welfare research, practice, and policy. (roundtable)

2020 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting. Virtual  
**Sousa, C.** “They don’t see anything but this kind of treatment”: Mothers Speak about the Loss and Reclamation of Palestinian Childhood with Settler Colonialism. Invited oral presentation within panel: Unchilding in the Middle East and North Africa.

2020 American Public Health Association Annual Conference Virtual  
**Sousa, C.** Structural violence, settler colonialism, health, and resistance: The case of Palestine. Organizer, along with Yara Asi and Osama Tanous

Cavazzoni, F., **Sousa, C.**, Fiorini, A., & Veronese, G. The role of agency in promoting the well-being of children living amongst political violence: A place-based participatory approach in Palestine.

**Sousa, C.** Refining the concept of political violence to understand its effects on health outcomes. (oral presentation)

**Sousa, C.**, Cavazzoni, F., & Veronese, G. Conceptualizing the violence of war using participatory mapping. (oral presentation)

2020 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference Washington, DC  
Stein, A. \*, **Sousa, C.**, Shapiro, J., Shanfeld, G., Siddiqi, M. \* “We have a way to go”: Refugee service providers’ perspectives on barriers and strategies for improving educational outcomes for refugee youth.

Akesson, B., **Sousa, C.**, Badawi, D. \* How context contributes to mental health and psychosocial wellbeing among Syrian families in Lebanon.

**Sousa, C.**, Siddiqi, M. \*, and Bogue, B. \* Maternal well-being, coping, and parenting practices within intimate partner violence: What do we know after two decades of research? (oral presentation)

**Sousa, C.**, Akesson, B., Badawi, D. \* “How will I take her to be vaccinated?”: Threats to healthcare access among Syrian refugees in Lebanon. (oral presentation)

2019 American Public Health Association Annual Conference Philadelphia, PA  
**Sousa, C.**, Akesson, B., Badawi, D. \* “We ran from charity to charity and not one helped us, not even the United Nations”: Syrian refugees in Lebanon describe their challenges in accessing health care. (oral presentation)

Stein, A. \*, **Sousa, C.**, Shapiro, J., Shanfeld, G., Siddiqi, M. \*, Improving educational outcomes for refugee youth: Findings from a qualitative study of refugee service providers in Philadelphia. (poster presentation)

Akesson, B., **Sousa, C.**, Badawi, D. \* Context as a root cause of mental health challenges among Syrian refugee families in Lebanon. (oral presentation)

**Sousa, C.**, Veronese, G., “Take your children and run away from home”: Violence, trauma, and resilience within the context of active warfare (poster presentation)

2019 National Institute of Mental Health Global Mental Health Conference Washington, DC  
Akesson, B. and **Sousa, C.** How context contributes to the root causes of mental illness among Syrian refugee families in Lebanon (oral presentation)

2019 Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance (LPHA) Conference Amman, Jordan  
**Sousa, C.**, Veronese, G., “No safe place”: The lived realities and mental health consequences of the 2014 assaults on Gaza (poster presentation)

2019 International Society for Critical Health Psychology Conference Bratislava, Slovakia  
Cavazzoni, F., Veronese, G., & **Sousa, C.** Narratives of survival and resilience in a group of Palestinian women resisting ongoing political violence and structural oppression: a qualitative study through live events calendars. (oral presentation)

2019 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference San Francisco, CA  
**Sousa, C.**, Siddiqi, M. \* & Slates, S. \* The vulnerabilities and strengths of parents within the context of community violence: Results of a systematic literature review. (oral presentation)

**Sousa, C.** Translation within international qualitative inquiry: Power, positionality, and creation of meaning. Roundtable with Byers, D., Moss, T., Gonzalez-Benson, O., and Husain, A.

Akesson, B. & **Sousa, C.** We laugh with the children so we forget and overcome our problems: Parental suffering and resilience among recently displaced Syrian families in Lebanon. (oral presentation)

2018 Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance (LPHA) Conference Beirut, Lebanon  
**Sousa, C.**, Stoller, N., & Hagopian, A. Addressing the social determinants of health through public health policy (oral presentation)

2018 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference Washington, DC  
**Sousa, C.**, Shapiro, J., Shanfeld, G., Cristaudo, K., Siddiqi, M. \*, Haffield, M. \*, Stein, A. \*, & Reddy, H. \* "Stress and Coping Among Refugee Parents: Perspectives from Service Providers" (poster presentation)

2017 American Public Health Association Annual Conference Atlanta, GA  
**Sousa, C.** and Siddiqi, M. \* "Parenting, violence, and resilience from a global perspective: A review of the literature" (poster presentation)

**Sousa, C.**, Shapiro, J., Shanfeld, G., Cristaudo, K., Siddiqi, M. \*, Haffield, M. \*, Reddy, H. \* "Stress and coping among refugee parents: Perspectives from service providers" (poster presentation)

2017 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference New Orleans, LA  
**Sousa, C.** "Parenting Under Adversity: A Critical Analysis and a Future Agenda for Social Work Research and Practice Spanning Domestic and Global Contexts" (oral presentation in roundtable)

2016 American Public Health Association Annual Conference Denver, CO  
**Sousa, C.** "From Ferguson to Palestine: The merging of pro-peace social movements across continents and the role of health professionals in that effort" (oral presentation)

2016 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference Washington, DC  
**Sousa, C.** & el-Zuhairi, M. "I Have Been Strong All the Time, to the Utmost Strength I Can Bear": Strategies and Psychological Costs of Mothering within Political Violence (oral presentation)

2016 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference Washington, DC  
**Sousa, C.**, Yutzy, L. \*, Campbell, M. \* & Cook, C. \* "Because the Real Work Is Challenging": Priorities for Training for Macro Social Work Practice As Expressed By Those in the Field (oral presentation)

2016 American Association of Geographers Annual Conference San Francisco, CA  
**Sousa, C.**, Akesson, B., Marshall, D.J., & Smith, R. Parenting and political violence: Struggles and strategies

2015 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference New Orleans, LA  
**Sousa, C.**, Mason, W.A., & Herrenkohl, T. A Lifecourse Perspective on Cumulative Stress and Its Effects on Depression in Adulthood (oral presentation)

2014 American Public Health Association Annual Conference New Orleans, LA  
**Sousa, C.** & Mona el-Zuhairi “I cry when I’m alone but I don’t cry in front of them”: Mental health and resilience among Palestinian mothers confronting political violence (oral presentation)

**Sousa, C.**, Herrenkohl, T.I., Mason, W.A., & Prince, D. Effects of child abuse and stress on later depression: A lifecourse perspective on chronic adversity and mental health (oral presentation)

**Sousa, C.**, Hagopian, A., Stoller, N. Issues of Evidence, Ethics, Social Justice, and Action in APHA Policy ([oral presentation](#))

2014 Lancet Palestinian Health Alliance (LPHA) Conference Amman, Jordan  
**Sousa, C.**, Mona el-Zuhairi, & The Palestinian Medical Relief Society. Mothering within the context of political violence: An exploratory study of mental health risks and resilience (oral presentation)

2014 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference San Antonio, TX  
**Sousa, C.** and Kemp, S. Dwelling Within Political Violence: Palestinian Women's Narratives of Home, Violence, and Well-Being (oral presentation)

**Sousa, C.** Understanding Overlapping Forms of Violence Within International Social Work: Unique Effects of Political and Domestic Violence Among Women in Palestine (oral presentation)

**Sousa, C.** A Roundtable Discussion of Resilience and Violence: Definitions, Measurement, and Data Analytic Strategies of Child Maltreatment, Community Violence Exposure, and Political Violence Research (roundtable discussion)

2013 American Public Health Association Annual Conference Boston, MA  
**Sousa, C.** Political violence and health among Palestinian women: The protective effects of internal and external coping strategies (oral presentation)

2012 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference Washington D.C.  
**Sousa, C.** Mental health sequelae resulting from political violence: Using structural equation modeling to examine unique and overlapping experiences (oral presentation)

2011 American Public Health Association Annual Conference Washington D.C.  
**Sousa, C.** Conflict, health care and professional perseverance: A study in the West Bank (oral presentation)

2011 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference Tampa, FL  
**Sousa, C.**, Dana Prince, Seunghye Hong, Todd I. Herrenkohl  
Abuse and stress in childhood and adolescence: Direct and indirect effects of chronicity on later depression (oral presentation)

2011 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference Tampa, FL  
**Sousa, C.** & Lindhorst, T.  
Words, meanings & knowledge in cross-language qualitative research: Analysis of a translation process. (oral presentation)

2010 Western Regional International Health Conference: War and Global Health Seattle, WA  
**Sousa, C.** Mental health in conflict zones: Categories of stress and differential relationship to distress (oral presentation)

2010 Society for Research on Adolescence Philadelphia, PA  
**Sousa, C.**, Herrenkohl, T., Tajima, E.A., Klika, J.B., Hong, S. Child Abuse and Children's Exposure to Domestic Violence: Longitudinal Prediction of Adolescent Problem Behaviors (oral presentation)

2009 American Public Health Association Annual Conference Philadelphia, PA  
**Sousa, C.**, Dr. Mustafa Barghouti, MD, MSc; Mona el-Zuhairi, Marah Hriesh, and Bahia Amra  
Effects of war and occupation on access to health care: A study of women in the West Bank, Palestine  
Trauma, mental health, and resilience: Women in the West Bank, Palestine (oral presentation)

2009 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference New Orleans, LA  
**Sousa, C.**, Herrenkohl, T., Moylan, C. Domestic violence exposure and abuse in childhood: relationship to parent-child attachment and the impact of these risks on youth violence perpetration (oral presentation)

2008 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference Washington, DC  
**Sousa, C.**, Herrenkohl, T., Moylan, C. Impact of multiple forms of child maltreatment and family stressors on later psychosocial functioning of youth (oral presentation)

## **HONORS, AWARDS & GRANTS**

2019 Bryn Mawr College Faculty Research Fund, funding for Comparative view of global refugee policy

2017 Bryn Mawr College Faculty Research Fund, funding for Well-being among refugee families

2012-2015 Alexandra Grange Hawkins Lectureship in Social Work, Bryn Mawr College

2009-2012 National Institute of Mental Health Prevention Traineeship Award (Grant T32 MH20010)

2008 University of Washington Graduate School Fund for Excellence and Innovation Travel Grant

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Leadership within the field:**

Action Board, Public Health Social Work Section, American Public Health Association (APHA) 2020-2023

Cluster Co-Chair, International Social Work and Global Issues cluster, Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) 2020-2023

Section Councilor, International Health Section, American Public Health Association  
Elected for two-year term 2015-2017

Co-Chair, Palestine Health Working Group, American Public Health Association (2016-present)

**Reviewer:**

Social Science and Medicine  
BMJ Open  
Journal of Child and Family Studies  
Child and Family Social Work  
Journal of Interpersonal Violence  
Child Abuse and Neglect  
Journal of Research on Adolescence  
International Journal of Social Work  
Peace and Conflict: The Journal of Peace Psychology  
Medical Anthropology Quarterly

**Selected Service, Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research (GSSWSR):**

2020- present Director, Doctoral Program in Social Work

2012-present Faculty convener, Community Practice, Policy, and Advocacy Concentration (tasks include leading our concentration through CSWE re-accreditation)

2017-present Chair, MSS Curriculum Committee

2012-present Faculty co-lead, dual degree MSS/MPH program with Jefferson University

2017-2020 Member, Doctoral admission committee

2016-2017 Departmental reviewer, Institutional Review Board

2013-2015 Member, special working group on exams and curriculum for GSSWSR Doctoral Program

2013 Member, Hiring Committee for Director of Field Education

2012-present Initiated, developed, and oversaw collaborative community assessment projects undertaken with/for People's Emergency Center (PEC) (2013); Health Promotion Council (2014); La Puerta Abierta (2017); Nationalities Service Center (2018); Black and Brown Worker's Cooperative (2019) for course Community Strategies and Assessment: Advocacy and Action: Coordinated, trained, and provided supervision for students as they collected quantitative and qualitative research for agencies; each group assessed the challenges and needs regarding community issues. Resulted in oral presentations and reports for agency and community.

2013-2014 Developed and launched a mixed methods research (in-depth interviews and survey data collection) from local community organizers, program managers, and agency executives to gather

input for a revision of the curricular goals and content for the Community Practice, Policy, and Advocacy Concentration at the GSSWSR.

### **Selected Service, Bryn Mawr College**

2020- Graduate Council

2016-2018 Member, Subcommittee on International Curricular Initiatives (ICI), part of the International Action Plan for Bryn Mawr

2016-2017 Member, Search committee for Assistant Professor for Growth and Structure of Cities Department

2013-2016 Member, Committee on Libraries, Information services, and Computing (CLIC).

2014 Invited Speaker, Inauguration of ninth President of the College: KIM (Knowledge, Innovation, Momentum) Talk: *Health Studies in a Liberal Arts Environment*

2014 Invited Panelist, Bryn Mawr Faculty Panel: *Structural Violence: Global and Local*

2012-2013 Member of planning group and facilitator of small group meetings with the invited guest consultants for Women in Public Service Institute, for topic: The role of the justice system in post-conflict resolution.

### **Student committee membership**

Reader, Honor's Thesis for Elizabeth Vandenberg: The Successes and Failures of Implementation of Midwifery as a Maternal and Newborn Health Strategy in Cambodia, Ghana, and Morocco

2017 Independent study advisor for Rob Segal (community organizing around gentrification in Philadelphia); Jessica Smith (maternal and child health); and Rashni Stanford (addressing collective violence through arts-based interventions, including Afro-Futurism)

2014 Reader, Master's Thesis for Quanisha Smith (title: Testimony of self: Black women, bipolar, and the battle to exist)

## **SOCIAL WORK & PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

### **Community Education Coordinator/Youth Development Specialist**

Aug. 2003-Sept. 2005

Planned Parenthood of the Columbia-Willamette, Portland & Salem, OR

- Coordinated with community-based organizations, schools and government agencies.
- Provided leadership in the launch of new Peer Education Program across three counties: developed recruitment plan, created curriculum and program materials, aided in grant applications and evaluation planning, ensured grant compliance, facilitated model group.
- Developed and implemented needs assessments; designed and provided health education/youth development programs for families, youth and communities, especially Latino immigrant, LGBTQ, and rural populations.

- Developed and provided health education and youth development trainings for health care & social service professionals.

### **Health Education Coordinator**

Aug. 2000-Aug. 2003

Huckleberry Youth Programs, San Rafael, CA

- Worked with partner agencies and school administrators to provide community based services in a collaborative model
- Hired, trained and supervised staff, interns, and volunteers.
- Led & provided supervision for health education programs, including peer education programs for youth from vulnerable communities; street outreach programs & educational support groups
- Ensured grant compliance through appropriate data collection; provided program reports
- Provided and supervised the provision of individual, bilingual Spanish health education counseling for youth at Teen Clinic

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **Guest speaker: Mental health, trauma & resilience among immigrant and refugee families**

January 2020    Sanctuary Project at First United Methodist Church of Germantown

### **Member, Board of Directors**

January 2017-present    La Puerta Abierta, Philadelphia, PA

**Member, Board of Directors** (chair and volunteer coordinator 2009-11; board secretary 2007-9)

### **Hotline Counselor**

Aug. 2005-2012    Seattle Draft and Military Counseling Center, Seattle, WA

### **Volunteer Educator and Advocate**

Oct. 2005-June 2007    Speaker's Bureau, Safe Schools Coalition, Seattle, WA

### **Mental Health Intern**

Sept. 2004-June 2005

Northwest Human Services' Homeless Outreach and Advocacy Program, Salem, OR

### **Volunteer Crisis Counselor and Hospital Advocate**

April 2001-Aug. 2003    Bay Area Women Against Rape, Oakland, CA

### **Special Needs Program Leader**

Spring & Fall 1997, Spring 2000

Multnomah Education Service District: Outdoor School Program, Portland, OR

### **Teaching Assistant for adult migrant farm worker ESL program**

Summer 2000

Hillsboro School District's Migrant Summer School Program, Hillsboro, OR

### **Program Coordinator**

Sept. 1994-Nov. 1996

The Evergreen State College: Women's Resource Center, Olympia, WA



**Volunteer and Community Delegation Coordinator**

Oct. 1999-June 2000 TSTSCA Solidarity Organization, Olympia, WA & Santo Tomás, Nicaragua

**Volunteer Health Educator**

1992-1994 Cascade AIDS Project, Planned Parenthood, PSI, Portland, OR