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**EDUCATION**

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PhD	University of Minnesota, Humphrey School of Public Affairs Public Policy Advisors: Ed Goetz and Joe Soss	Started Fall 2022
MA	University of Chicago Social Policy Poverty and Inequality & Policy Analysis Advisors: Nicole Marwell, William Sites, and Yanilda Gonzalez	2017
BA	Grinnell College Anthropology Advisor: Brigittine French	2012

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

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**Research Assistant**

Center for Regional and Urban Affairs (CURA) Project: Evaluation of Financial Empowerment Shelter Program in Hennepin County	2022 – 2023
University of Chicago, Chicago Institute for Policy Studies Project: Policing Practices in Chicago	Spring 2017
United States Commission on Civil Rights (USCCR) Project: Policing Practices in Minnesota	2017
University of Chicago, Chapin Hall Project: Voices of Youth Count	2016

**Teaching Assistant**

<i>University of Minnesota, Humphrey School of Public Affairs</i> <i>PA 5012: The Politics of Public Affairs</i>	<i>Spring 2024</i>
Grinnell College Sociology of Health and Illness: Challenging the Western Biomedical Model of Childbirth	Spring 2012

**Conference Presentations**

1. **Wilks, O.,** Thomas, K. & Davis, S. (2023). Installing a Community Pathway to Family First Prevention Services: Initial Implementation Strategies. Child Welfare League of America (CWLA), April 2023.
2. **Wilks, O.,** & Thomas K. (2023). Leveraging FFPSA for a Community Pathway to Prevention Services in Connecticut. Society for Prevention Research (SPR), June 2023. *“Hot Topic Abstract”*; joint submission with two other papers at Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago

3. Cusick, G., **Wilks, O.**, Anderson, C. & Monahan, E. (2023). Include Economic and Concrete Supports on the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse. 2023 Kempe Center International Virtual Conference A Call to Action to Change Child Welfare, October 2023.

### Invited Presentations

1. Thomas, K. & **Wilks, O.** (2021). Framing Community Pathways in Title IV-E Prevention Plans. Capacity Building Center for States, Virtual Convening, January 2023.
2. Thomas, K. & **Wilks, O.** (2021). Family First Community of Practice Convening. Capacity Building Center for States, Virtual Convening, Quarterly 2021.
3. Anderson, C., **Wilks, O.**, & Halbert, C. (2021). State Discussions Around Family First Implementation, National Governor's Association, Convening of Human Services Policy Advisors, November 2021. (*Presenter and Facilitator*)

### Article Under Review

1. Cannata, E., Duryea, E., Guerrier, J., Vanderploeg, J., & **Wilks, O.** (2022) Selecting EBP's for Connecticut's Family First Prevention Plan, Drawing from Implementation Science and Building Upon System Strengths. *Global Implementation Research and Applications*.

### Other Publications

1. Lewis, B., **Wilks, O.**, Morris, M., Zhang, Y., Pattathil Sasikumar & Riddick, S. (2023) 'Families for Finance,' A Financial Empowerment Program for Shelter Guests - Program Evaluation. Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA), University of Minnesota.  
<https://www.cura.umn.edu/research/families-finance-financial-empowerment-program-shelter-guests-evaluation-program-design/full-report>
2. O'Brien, J., Broxton, A., Brunsink, A. M., Morsch, M. S., & **Wilks, O.** (2022). Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services Programmatic Audit 2022. Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago.
3. Gore, K., Brennen, J. Blatt, A., Steinmetz, S., Halbert, C., **Wilks, O.** (2021) Family First Evidence-Based Practice Exploration and Cost Tool. Chicago, IL: Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago.  
<https://www.chapinhall.org/ebp-cost-tool/>
4. **Wilks, O.**, Blatt, A., Thomas, K., Lynch, M., & Rothkuo, J. (2021) Title IV-E Prevention Toolkit. Capacity Building Center for States. (Available upon request)
5. **Wilks, O.**, Blatt, A., & Thomas, K. (2021) October 1, 2021, Implications on Family First Prevention Services Act Provisions. Capacity Building Center for States. (Available upon request)
6. **Wilks, O.**, Guerrier, J., Thomas, K., and Fenton-LeShore, K. (2021) Connecticut Title IV-E Prevention Plan. Hartford, CT: Connecticut Department of Children and Families  
<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DCF/CTFamilyFirst/pdf/Family-First-Plan.pdf>
7. **Wilks, O.**, Lynch, M., & Thomas, K. (2021) Change and Implementation Readiness Assessment Tool: Family First Prevention Adaptation. Capacity Building Center for States (Available upon request)
8. Minnesota Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, (2018) Civil Rights and Policing Practices in Minnesota. Chicago, IL: United States Commission on Civil Rights.  
<https://www.usccr.gov/files/pubs/2018/03-22-MN-Civil-Rights.pdf>

**Memberships**

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Member 2023

**Funding and Fellowships**

New Leaders Council Fellow 2020

Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University,  
Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities Certificate Program Fellow 2019

AmeriCorps, Segal Education Award (\$11,100) 2015-2016

**PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

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**Professional Employment**

Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago 2020-2023  
Senior Policy Analyst

Illinois Collaboration on Youth (ICOY) 2017-2020  
Director of Juvenile Justice and Violence Prevention Initiatives

Treehouse 2014-2015  
Education Specialist

AmeriCorps Schuler Scholar Program 2012-2013  
Scholar Coach