

## Somalis Chy, EMJMD

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### EDUCATION

- 2019 – Ph.D., Human Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Concentration: Consumer Behavior and Family Economics  
Committee: Dr. Megan Doherty Bea (chair), Dr. J. Michael Collins,  
Dr. Kristin Litzelman, Dr. Corina Mommaerts.
- 2018 EMJMD, Economics of Globalization and European Integration, Europe  
Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree  
- Université Lille 1, Sciences et Technologies (FR)  
- Universiteit Antwerpen (BE)  
- Vysoká škola ekonomická v Praze (CZ)  
Dissertation: *Tourism and Income Distribution in Less Developed Countries*  
Advisor: Dr. Jean-Jacques Nowak, Université de Lille (France)
- 2016 B.A (Hons), Economics, Pannasastra University of Cambodia  
Thesis: *The Determination of Marginal Propensity to Consumer: The Case for Cambodia*  
Advisor: Dr. Siphath Lim, CamEd Business School (Cambodia)

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2023. **Chy, Somalis**. Emerging Adulthood: Impacts of Adult Care on Work, Education, and Well-Being. *Emerging Adulthood*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/21676968231166987>

2023. Robb, Cliff, & **Chy, Somalis**. Undergraduate financial knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors: The impact of financial life skills course on college students. *FINANCIAL PLANNING REVIEW*, e1155. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cfp2.1155>

### WORKING PAPERS

2022. Bea, Megan Doherty and **Chy, Somalis**. “Family Proximity in Retirement: Heterogeneity in Residential Changes Across Older Adults’ Care Contexts.” Center for Financial Security Working Paper No. WI22-03. [https://cfsrdrc.wisc.edu/files/working-papers/WI22-03\\_Bea\\_Chya\\_Paper\\_09.22.2022.pdf](https://cfsrdrc.wisc.edu/files/working-papers/WI22-03_Bea_Chya_Paper_09.22.2022.pdf)

### WORKS IN PROGRESS

Paid Family Leave: A Financial Safety Net for Unpaid Family Caregivers

Work Credit Accumulation & SSDI Eligibility Among Young Adults

### PRESENTATIONS

2024. Poster presentation. “Work Credit Accumulation & SSDI Eligibility Among Young Adults”. Population Association of America Annual Conference, *Accepted for Spring 2024*

*meeting.*

2023. Guest Lecture. “Economic and Financial Stress Among Young-Adult Caregivers”. Course: Stress and Resilience in Families across the Lifespan. Human Development and Family Studies Department. School of Human Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

2023. Oral presentation. “Paid Family Leave: A Financial Safety Net for Unpaid Family Caregivers?”. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Atlanta, GA. November 9-11, 2023.

2023. Oral presentation. “Work Credit Accumulation & SSDI Eligibility Among Young Adults”. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Atlanta, GA. November 9-11, 2023

2023. Poster presentation. “Paid Family Leave: A Financial Safety Net for Unpaid Family Caregivers”. American Council on Consumer Interests, Las Vegas, NV. May 19-21, 2023.

2023. Poster presentation. "Paid Family Leave: A Financial Safety Net for Unpaid Family Caregivers". Population Association of America Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA. April 12-15, 2023.

2023. Poster presentation. “Family Proximity in Retirement: Heterogeneity in Residential Changes Across Older Adults’ Care Contexts”. Population Association of America Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA. April 12-15, 2023.

2023. Dissertation proposal defense. “Family Caregivers: Profiles, Economic Challenges, and Access to Social Insurance”. Consumer Science Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2022. Poster presentation. “Young Adulthood: Impacts of Adult Care on Work and Well-Being”. Population Association of America Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. April 6-9, 2022.

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Spring 2024	Equity & Justice Network (E&J Net) Dissertation Completion Fellowship, School of Human Ecology, UW-Madison
Fall 2023	Travel Conference Award, School of Human Ecology, UW-Madison
Fall 2023	Junior Scholar Intensive Training (JSIT) Small Grant, Social Security Administration
Spring 2023	CFP© Board's ACCI Financial Planning Paper Award, American Council on Consumer Interests
Spring 2023	Student Research Grants Competition (SRGC) Award, Graduate School, UW-Madison
Spring 2023	Conference Support, Center for Demography and Ecology, UW-Madison
Spring 2023	Travel Conference Award, School of Human Ecology, UW-Madison
Fall 2022	Conference Support, Institute for Research on Poverty, UW-Madison
Spring 2022	Conference Support, Institute for Research on Poverty, UW-Madison
Spring 2022	Travel Conference Award, School of Human Ecology, UW-Madison
Summer 2021	Summer Time Academic Research (STAR) Award, School of Human Ecology, UW-Madison

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2022 – 2023 Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Courses: CNSR SCI 555: Consumer Design Strategy & Evaluation
- 2019 – 2021 Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Courses: CNSR SCI 273: Finances & Families, CNSR SCI 201: Consumer Research & Analysis, CNSR SCI 675: Family Financial Counseling, CNSR SCI 657: Consumer Behavior.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- January 2023- December 2023 Research Assistant, Co-Create, Center for Community and Nonprofit Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Collaborate and assist in literature research, qualitative data collections and evaluations.
- January 2022 – August 2022 Project Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Collaborated in write-up of literature review and manuscript, and data cleaning, coding, and analysis for a research paper on older adults' residential mobility and retirement benefit claiming.  
Dr. Megan Doherty Bea, Assistant Professor, School of Human Ecology
- 2021 – 2022 Research Assistant, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Data collection, cleaning, and coding for various papers related to child support reinforcement and child welfare policy.  
Dr. Alejandra Ros Pilarz, Assistant Professor, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work  
Dr. Laura Cuesta, Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Social Work
- 2020 – 2021 Project Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Collaborated in write-up of literature review and manuscript, and data cleaning, coding, and analysis for a research paper on Undergraduate Financial Knowledge, Attitudes, and Behaviors: The Impact of Financial Life Skills Course on College Students.  
Dr. Clifford Robb, Associate Professor, School of Human Ecology

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Junior Scholar Trainee Center for Financial Security (CFS), Retirement and Disability Research Consortium (RDRC)
- Member Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management (AP-PAM)
- Member International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE)

Member	Population Association of America (PAA)
Member	American Council on Consumer Interests (ACCI)
Graduate Research Fellow	Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP)
Student Trainee	Center for Demography and Ecology (CDE)

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2023. Health and Retirement Study (HRS) Data User Workshop, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program.

2023. Junior Scholar Intensive Training (JSIT), Center for Financial Security (CFS), Retirement and Disability Research Consortium (RDRC).

2021. Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) Data User Workshop, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program.

**RELEVANT SKILLS**

**Programming:** Stata – Intermediate User; R, LaTeX, and NVivo – Basic User.

**Languages:** Khmer and English.

**VOLUNTARY SERVICES**

2023 –	Co-Chair, School of Human Ecology Graduate Student Organization (SoHE-GSO), University of Wisconsin-Madison
2019 –	Member, School of Human Ecology Graduate Student Organization (SoHE-GSO), University of Wisconsin-Madison
2019 –	Member, Consumer Science Student Association (CSSA), University of Wisconsin-Madison
2020 –	Peer Mentor for incoming students, School of Human Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2020 – 2021	Vice President, Consumer Science Student Association (CSSA), University of Wisconsin-Madison
2021 – 2022	President, Consumer Science Student Association (CSSA), University of Wisconsin-Madison
2013 - 2017	Lead Organizer, Heroic Imagination Project, Institute of Leadership, Pannasastra University of Cambodia

**REFERENCES**

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Cliff A. ROBB	Supervisor	carobb@wisc.edu