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EDUCATION

- 2024 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.
Dissertation: Family Caregivers: Profiles, Economic Challenges, and Access to Social Insurance
- 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_Chychy_Paper_09.22.2022.pdf

2024. **Chy, Somalis**. “Work Credit Accumulation & SSDI Eligibility Among Young Adults” University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Retirement and Disability Research Center (RDRC) Working Paper No. JSIT23-03. <https://rdrc.wisc.edu/publications/working-paper/jsit23-03>

2024. **Chy, Somalis**. “Paid Family Leave: A Financial Safety Net for Unpaid Family Caregivers?”

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Chy, Somalis; Zheng, Haotian; Roll, Stephen; and Despard, Mat
“Buy-Now Pay-Later and Alternative Financial Services Usage among Low-Wage Workers”

PRESENTATIONS

2024. Oral presentation. “Young Adults’ Labor Force Engagement and SSDI Work Credit Eligibility”, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, National Harbor, MD, November 21-23, 2024.

2024. Poster presentation. “Work Credit Accumulation & SSDI Eligibility Among Young Adults”. [26th Annual Retirement and Disability Research Consortium Meeting](#), Washington D.C, August 7-9, 2024.

2024. Oral presentation. “Work Credit Accumulation & SSDI Eligibility Among Young Adults”. American Council on Consumer Interests, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 21-23, 2024.

2024. Poster presentation. “Work Credit Accumulation & SSDI Eligibility Among Young Adults”. Population Association of America Annual Conference, Columbus, Ohio, April 17-20, 2023

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.

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	Excellence in Graduate Student Peer Mentorship Award, School of Human Ecology, UW-Madison
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

Sep 2022 – Dec 2023	Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison; 16 – 20 hrs/week. Courses: CNSR SCI 555: Consumer Design Strategy & Evaluation.
Sep 2019 – May 2020	Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison; 13 – 20 hrs/week. 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

Feb 2025 –	Data Analyst III, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL). Collaborate on projects related to Choice Neighborhoods Initiatives and Workforce Economic Inclusion and Mobility (WEIM) Project; manage and lead program evaluation for 63106 Promise Neighborhoods Initiative. Dr. Jason Jabbari, Assistant Professor, Brown School, WUSTL. Dr. Yung Chun, Research Assistant Professor, Brown School, WUSTL. Dr. Stephen Roll, Assistant Professor, Brown School, WUSTL.
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June 2024 – Feb 2025	Postdoctoral Research Associate, Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL).
Jan 2023 – Dec 2023	Research Assistant, Co-Create, Center for Community and Nonprofit Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison; 4 – 10 hrs/week. Collaborated and assisted in literature research, qualitative data collections and evaluations.
Jan 2022 – Aug 2022	Project Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison; 20hrs/week. 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
Jun 2021 – Dec 2021	Research Assistant, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison; hours worked varied by PIs demand. 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
Jun 2020 – May 2021	Project Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison; 20 hrs/week. 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)

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 – 2024	Co-Chair, School of Human Ecology Graduate Student Organization (SoHE-GSO), University of Wisconsin-Madison
2019 – 2024	Member, School of Human Ecology Graduate Student Organization (SoHE-GSO), University of Wisconsin-Madison
2019 – 2024	Member, Consumer Science Student Association (CSSA), University of Wisconsin-Madison
2020 – 2024	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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Megan Doherty BEA	Advisor/Mentor	mbea@wisc.edu
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