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Education

- Ph.D. University of Minnesota, 2013
Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work
Dissertation: *From Investigating to Engaging Families: Examining the Impact and Implementation of Family Assessment Response on Racial Equity in Child Welfare*
Chair: Elizabeth Lightfoot
- M.S.W. School of Social Work, University of Minnesota, 2001
Human Services Management Concentration
- B.A. University of Notre Dame, 1993
English and Psychology; Concentration in Gender Studies
Magna Cum Laude

Academic Employment History

- 8/19 to present Associate Professor and PhD Program Director
School of Social Work
University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, NY
- 8/13 to 8/19 Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, NY
- 1/11 – 5/13 Community Faculty
School of Social Work
University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN
- 9/10 – 5/11 Adjunct Faculty
Clinical Research Thesis Seminar
School of Social Work
University of St. Thomas/St. Katherine University, St. Paul, MN

Social Work Practice Experience

- 6/01 to 9/07 **Family Strengths Facilitator**, The Family Project, Family & Children's Service, Minneapolis, MN
Co-developed a family-centered community organizing model, facilitated family groups and trained parent leaders and community members in model.
- 12/94 to 2/98 **Child Welfare Specialist**, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, Chicago, IL
Assisted children and families in a kinship foster care program.

Funded Research

2021 to 2023	Semanchin Jones, A. (PI) , Schelbe, L., Florida State University (Co-Investigator). “Follow the Love Pilot Project – Strengthening Relational Permanency for Foster Youth in Florida Child Welfare Systems.” Florida Institute for Child Welfare - \$237,881(Total Funding for 2 years).
2019 to 2024	Semanchin Jones, A. (PI) , Sage, T. (Co-Investigator), Sage, M. (Consultant). “Erie County Child Welfare Leadership Partners (ECCWL-Partners).” Children’s Bureau, National Child Welfare Workforce Institute - \$622,529 (Total Funding for 5 years).
2019 to 2020	Semanchin Jones, A. (PI) , & Sage, M. (Co-Investigator), “Examining how foster youth define social support and connections to caring.” Les Brun Pilot Funding, Buffalo Center for Social Research - \$3,778
2019 to 2020	Sage, M. (PI), & Semanchin Jones, A. (Co-Investigator), “Foster youth experiences with digital relationships and resilience.” Les Brun Pilot Funding, Buffalo Center for Social Research - \$3795
2018	Semanchin Jones, A. (Co-Investigator & Supervisor); & Deka, N. (Co-Investigator), “Erie County Safety Net Assistance Program.” Erie County Department of Social Services - \$16,000
2017 to 2018	Semanchin Jones, A. (Co-Investigator); Bowen, B. (Co-Investigator); & Ball, A. (Co-Investigator), “Examining Service Provider Perspectives on Collaboration to Improve Educational Outcomes for Cross-Systems Youth.” Les Brun Pilot Funding, Buffalo Center for Social Research - \$10,919
2016 - 2017	Ball, A. (Co-Investigator); Semanchin Jones, A. , (Co-Investigator); & Bowen, B. (Co-Investigator), “Improving Educational Outcomes for Homeless and Child Welfare-Involved Youth in Greater Buffalo through Cross-Systems Collaboration.” Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy Research Grant - \$3,000
2016 – 2018	Semanchin Jones, A. (PI) , “Family-Driven Planning Evaluation Study.” Peter & Elizabeth Tower Foundation – \$ 169,554 to UB School of Social Work for two-years of continued research and evaluation of this pilot project.
2015	Semanchin Jones, A. (PI) , “Family-Driven Planning Evaluation Study.” New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) Transformation Fund – \$448,629 total grant, of which \$100,265 to UB School of Social Work for research and evaluation.

2015	Semanchin Jones, A. (PI), “Adapting the Youth Connections Scale for Younger Children: Pilot Study” Les Brun Pilot Funding, Buffalo Center for Social Research - \$10,310
2014 - 2015	Semanchin Jones, A. (PI) and Logan-Greene, P. (Co-Investigator), “Children Experiencing Chronic Neglect” Erie County Department of Social Services (RFP #1405VF) - \$25,000
2014	Semanchin Jones, A. (Principal Investigator) and Rittner, B. (Co-Investigator). “Examining Adoptive Parent Factors of Adopted Youth Returning to Foster Care.” Match Project, Center for Health and Social Research - \$1,600
2013 – 2016	Semanchin Jones, A. (PI); Nochajski, T. (Co-Investigator); and Green, S. (Co-Investigator). “Implementation Science Learning Collaborative.” SAMSHA - \$9,000 per fiscal year (Total \$27,000).
2012 – 2013	LaLiberte, T. (PI) and Semanchin Jones, A. (Co-PI). School of Social Work, University of Minnesota. “Creating a Permanence Driven Organization.” Sponsored Project, Anu Family Services - \$21,740
2011 – 2013	Doctoral Dissertation at University of Minnesota - “From Investigating to Engaging Families: Examining the Impact and Implementation of Family Assessment Response on Racial Equity in Child Welfare.” National Quality Improvement Center on Differential Response in Child Protective Services Dissertation Award, Children’s Bureau, Washington, D.C. - \$25,000 per year (Total of \$50,000).
2010 – 2012	LaLiberte, T. (PI) and Semanchin Jones, A. (Co-PI). School of Social Work, University of Minnesota. “Youth Connections Scale: Establishing validity and reliability.” Sponsored Project, Anu Family Services - \$22,200
2009 – 2010	LaLiberte, T. (PI) and Semanchin Jones, A. (Co-PI). School of Social Work, University of Minnesota. “Retrospective study of permanency outcomes for youth discharged from foster care.” Sponsored Project, Path Wisconsin, Inc - \$21,900
2008 – 2009	Wells, S. (PI), LaLiberte, T. (Co-PI) and Semanchin Jones, A. (Co-PI). School of Social Work, University of Minnesota. “Qualitative case study of family search and engagement model implementation.” Sponsored Project, Path Wisconsin, Inc - \$22,580

Peer-reviewed Publications

* denotes doctoral student co-author

- Diebold, J.*, Baglieri, C., & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (2025). Organizing from Mutual Interest: White Antiracists Understanding Their Stake. *Journal of Community Practice*, 33(2), 110–129.
- Linjean, M.*, & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (2024). Exploring indigenous adult adoptees' stories of reconnection through the indigenous connectedness framework. *Qualitative Social Work*.
- Kim, J., Zhou, Q.*, & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (2024). Synergistic benefits of inclusive leadership to foster child welfare workers' job self-efficacy: race matters. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 1-22.
- Zhou, Q.*, Kim, J., & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (2024). Inclusive leadership to address discrimination and improve retention in child welfare: Examining multiple pathways. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 50(5), 744-757.
- Tripi, B.*, & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (2023). Engagement, retention, and treatment of young children in outpatient mental health services: Facilitators and barriers. *Child and Adolescent Social Work*, 1-14.
- Zhou, Q.*, & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (2023). Improving retention in child welfare: Comparing needed support for supervisors and caseworkers. *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership & Governance*, 1-15.
- Hall, S.F.*, **Semanchin Jones, A.**, & Maggiulli, L. (2022). Adapted Approach to Strengthening Connections for Youth with Intellectual and or Developmental Disabilities: Addressing Barriers to Implementation. *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership & Governance*, 1-16.
- Bowen, E., Ball, A., **Semanchin Jones, A.**, & Miller, B.* (2021). Toward many emerging adulthood: A theory-based Examination of the features of Emerging Adulthood for cross-systems youth. *Emerging Adulthood*, 9(3), 189-201.
- Sage, M., Hitchcock, L.I., Bakk, L., Young, J., Michaeli, D., **Semanchin Jones, A.** & Smyth, N.J. (2021). Professional collaboration networks as a social work research practice innovation: Preparing DSW students for knowledge dissemination roles in a digital society. *Research in Social Work Practice*, 31(1), 42-52.
- Ball, A., Bowen, E., & **Semanchin Jones, A.**, (2021). Integrating Trauma-informed Care and Collective Impact: Perspectives of service providers working with cross-systems youth. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, 12(1), 59-81.
- Bowen, E., Ball, A., **Semanchin Jones, A.**, & Irish, A.* (2020). Striving and dreaming: A grounded theory of the transition to adulthood for cross-systems youth. *Youth & Society*, 52(6), 1006-1032.

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- Hartinger-Saunders, R. M., **Semanchin Jones, A.**, & Rittner, B. (2019). Improving access to trauma-informed adoption services: Applying a developmental trauma framework. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma*, 12(1), 119-130.
- Semanchin Jones, A.**, Bowen, E., & Ball, A. (2018). "School definitely failed me, the system failed me": Identifying opportunities to impact educational outcomes for homeless and child welfare-involved youth. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 91, 66-76.
- Hall, S. F.*, & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (2018). Implementation of intensive permanence services: A trauma-informed approach to preparing foster youth for supportive relationships. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 35(6), 587-598.
- Semanchin Jones, A.**, Kim, J.R., Hill, K., Diebold, J.* (2018). Voluntary placements in child welfare: A comparative analysis of state statutes. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 88, 387-394.
- Logan-Greene, P., & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (2018). Predicting chronic neglect: Understanding risk and protective factors for CPS-involved families. *Child & Family Social Work*, 23(2), 264-272.
- Semanchin Jones, A.** (2017). Youth Connections Scale-Child Version pilot study: Adapted tool for children in out-of-home placement. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 79, 450-455.
- Semanchin Jones, A.**, & LaLiberte, T. (2017). Risk and protective factors of foster care reentry: An examination of the literature. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 11(4-5), 516-545.
- Strand, V. C., Popescu, M., Way, I., & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (2017). Building field agencies' capacity to prepare staff and social work students for evidence-based trauma treatments. *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services*, 98(1), 45-56.
- Semanchin Jones, A.**, & Logan-Greene, P. (2016). Understanding and responding to chronic neglect: A mixed methods case record examination. *Children & Youth Services Review*, 67, 212-219
- Semanchin Jones, A.**, Rittner, B., & Affronti, M. (2016). Foster parent strategies to support the functional adaptation of foster youth. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 10 (3), 255-273.
- Semanchin Jones, A.** (2015). Effective implementation strategies of differential response in child welfare: A comparative case analysis. *Journal of Public Child Welfare – Special Issue*, 9(5), 528-550.
- Semanchin Jones, A.**, Piescher, K., & LaLiberte, T. (2015). Defining and strengthening child well-being in child protection. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 54, 57-70.
- Logan-Greene, P., & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (2015). Chronic neglect and aggression/delinquency: A longitudinal examination. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 45, 9-20.

Affronti, M., Rittner, B., & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (2015). Functional adaption to foster care: Foster care alumni speak out. *Journal of Public Child Welfare*, 9(1), 1-21.

Semanchin Jones, A. (2015). Implementation of differential response: A racial equity analysis. *Child abuse & neglect*, 39, 73-85. (Invited.)

Semanchin Jones, A. & LaLiberte, T. (2013). Measuring relational permanence of youth in out-of-home care: The Youth Connections Scale. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 35(3), 509–517.

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

Kim, J., He, A., Zhou, Q.*, **Semanchin Jones, A.**, & Choi, M. (2025, January). *Beyond Caseload Characteristics: Moderating Roles of Job Demand, Control, and Support in Reducing Secondary Traumatic Stress Among Child Welfare Workers*. Poster Presentation at the 28th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, WA.

Zhou, Q.*, **Semanchin Jones, A.**, & Kim, J. (2023, January). *Inclusive Leadership to address discrimination and improve retention in child welfare: Examining multiple pathways*. Paper Presented at the 27th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Phoenix, AZ.

Zhou, Q.*, & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (2023, January). *Improving retention in child welfare: comparing factors for supervisors and caseworkers*. Paper Presented at the 27th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Phoenix, AZ.

Kim, J., **Semanchin Jones, A.**, & Zhou, Q*. (2023, January). *Synergistic benefits of inclusive leadership to foster child welfare workers' job self-efficacy: Race matters*. Poster Presented at the 27th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Phoenix, AZ.

Zhou, Q.*, & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (November, 2022). *Improving Retention in Child Welfare: Comparing Needed Support for Supervisors and Caseworkers* [oral Paper]. Council on Social Work and Research 68th Annual Program Meeting, Anaheim, CA.

Bakk, L., & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (November, 2022). *Building Pathways of Change: Using Implementation Science to Advance Social Work Practice* [oral Paper]. Council on Social Work and Research 68th Annual Program Meeting, Anaheim, CA.

Tripi, B.*, & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (November, 2022). *Engagement, retention, and treatment of young children in outpatient mental health: Facilitators and Barriers*. Council on Social Work and Research 68th Annual Program Meeting, Anaheim, CA.

Hitchcock, L. I., Sage, M., Bakk, L., Bowen, E., **Semanchin Jones, A.**, Janosick, S.*, Glennon, A.*, & Ortega, A.* (2022, April). *Expanding learning across borders through Professional Collaboration Networks*. Presentation at the virtual 1st Annual National Conference on DSW Education and Social Work.

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- Linn, B., Bellamy, J., Jin, S., Quinn-Lee, L., Polmanteer, R., & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (Discussant) (2021, October). *Strategies for training undergraduates to make substantive contributions to faculty research*. Panel presentation at the Council on Social Work Education 2021 Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, Florida.
- Lightfoot, E., **Semanchin Jones, A.**, Carlson, J., & Zheng, M.* (November, 2020). *The group advising model in doctoral education: harnessing peer and faculty strengths*. Presentation at the Council on Social Work Education 2020 Annual Program Meeting (held virtually due to COVID).
- Sage, M., **Semanchin Jones, A.**, & Hall, S.F.* (October, 2020). *Building digital resilience in foster youth as a strategy for supporting healthy relationships*. Presentation at Kempe Center International Virtual Conference, A Call to Action to Change Child Welfare. (held virtually due to COVID).
- Semanchin Jones, A.**, Diebold, J.*, Hales, T., & Nochajski, T. (January, 2020). *Becoming a trauma-informed organization: Facilitators and barriers in implementing change*. Paper to be presented at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 24th Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Linn, B., Bellamy, J., Jin, S., Quinn-Lee, L., Polmanteer, R., & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (Discussant) (2019, October). *Undergraduate involvement in faculty research: Challenges encountered and strategies to increase engagements*. Panel presentation at the Council on Social Work Education 2019 Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Semanchin Jones, A.**, Hall, S.*, Adler, D., & Belge, M. (April, 2019). *Family Finding with Youth with Developmental Disabilities: Transforming and Strengthening Connections*. Poster presented at the 21st National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect (NCCAN), Washington, D.C.
- Semanchin Jones, A.**, Linn, B., Hall, S.*, Adler, D., & Belge, M. (January, 2019). *Family Driven Planning: Pilot Study to Build, Transform, and Sustain Connections for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 23rd Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Semanchin Jones, A.**, Ball, A., Bowen, E. (January, 2019). *So Much Potential: Harnessing Collective Impact for Innovative Cross-Systems Collaborations Serving Vulnerable Youth*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) 23rd Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Bellamy, J., Linn, B., Hill, K., Jin, S., Quinn-Lee, L., Polmanteer, R., & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (Discussant) (2018, November). *Scholarly productivity in institutions with high teaching loads: Strategies for success*. Panel presentation at the Council on Social Work Education 2018 Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- Neri, A.L., & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (2018, June). *Eliminating disparities and achieving equity for children, youth, and families in the child welfare system: Highlights from a cross-system initiative through Erie County Family Court*. Roundtable presentation at the 2018

University, Community, and Government Partnerships for Race and Equality Conference, Niagara University, Lewiston, NY.

Adler, D., & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (2018, April). “*Connections – A Renewable Energy Source.*” Oral paper presented at the 2018 Annual Conference of New York Alliance for Inclusion & Innovation, Bolton Landing, NY.

Bowen, B., **Semanchin Jones, A.**, & Ball, A. (2018, January). “*I’m going to have that white house with the picket fence*”: Formerly homeless youth overcoming systemic disadvantage in the transition to adulthood. Symposium paper presentation at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Society of Social Work Research, Washington, DC.

Ball, A., **Semanchin Jones, A.**, Bowen, B. (2018, January). “*I used to have so much ambition*”: Experiences of cumulative adversity and school supports among cross-system youth. Oral paper presentation at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Society of Social Work Research, Washington, DC.

*Hall, A., & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (2018, January). *Intensive Permanence Services pilot study: Preparing foster youth for healthy, nurturing relationships.* Poster presentation at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the Society of Social Work Research, Washington, DC.

Semanchin Jones, A. & Logan-Greene, P. (2017, January). *Predicting chronic neglect: Understanding risk and protective factors for cps-involved families.* Poster presentation at the 2017 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

Semanchin Jones, A. (2017, January). *Adapted measure of supportive connections for children in out-of-home care: A pilot study.* Oral presentation at the 2017 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

Strand, V., **Semanchin Jones, A.**, Way, I., & Popescu, M. (2016, November). *Partnering with field agencies to build evidence-based trauma treatment capacity.* Panel presentation at the Council on Social Work Education 2016 Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Strand, V., **Semanchin Jones, A.**, Way, I., & Popescu, M. (2016, March). *Organizational readiness in the installation stage of implementing evidence-based trauma treatments,* part of a symposium, *Building Agency Capacity to Implement Evidence-based Trauma Treatments.* Paper presented at the 29th Annual Research and Policy Conference on Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, FL.

Semanchin Jones, A. (2016, January). *Differential response as a culturally responsive practice in child welfare.* Oral presentation at the 2016 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Semanchin Jones, A. & Logan-Greene, P. (2016, January). *Identifying early indicators and potential points of intervention in cases of chronic neglect.* Oral presentation at the 2016 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

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- Semanchin Jones, A.,** Nochajski, T.H., Popescu, M.L., Strand, V., & Abromovitz, R. (2015, December). *Organizational readiness to implement evidence-based trauma treatment for children: A case study*. Poster presentation at the 2015 NIH and AcademyHealth 8th Annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation in Washington, DC.
- Semanchin Jones, A.** (2015, January). *Implementation of differential response in child welfare: A comparative case analysis*. Oral presentation at the 2015 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA.
- Semanchin Jones, A.** (2014, May). *Examining the implementation of differential response in child welfare*. Poster presentation at the 19th National Conference of Child Abuse and Neglect in New Orleans, LA.
- Semanchin Jones, A.** (2014, January). *From investigating to engaging families: Working toward racial equity in child welfare*. Oral Paper presented at the 2014 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Antonio, TX.
- Semanchin Jones, A.** (2013, October). *Family Assessment Response: Working toward racial equity in child welfare*. Oral Paper presented at The Kempe Center's 8th Annual Conference on Differential Response in Child Welfare, Vail, CO.
- Semanchin Jones, A. & LaLiberte, T.** (2013, January). *Strengthening youth connections to caring adults: A newly developed tool*. Oral Paper presented at the 2013 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Diego, CA.
- Semanchin Jones, A. & LaLiberte, T.** (2012, November). *Measuring youth connections to caring adults: A newly developed tool*. Poster presented at the 2012 Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Semanchin Jones, A. & Edwards, R.** (2012, July). *Strengthening connections: Measuring informal networks of support for youth*. Presented at the Foster Family-based Treatment Association 26th Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Purvin, D.; Samuels, G.M.; **Semanchin Jones, A.**; Franck-Meyer, A., Kerman, B.; & Basler, R. (2012, July). *Trends in defining and measuring relational/emotional permanence*. Panel Presentation at the Foster Family-based Treatment Association 26th Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Semanchin Jones, A. & LaLiberte, T.** (2012, June). *Youth connections to caring adults: A newly developed tool*. Presented at 2012 National Pathways to Adulthood Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Jolley, J., **Semanchin Jones, A.**, & Kang, J. (2012, April). *Changing differential response systems: Future directions for evidence-based prevention services*. Presented at the 18th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Washington, D.C.

Semanchin Jones, A. & Edwards, R. (2012, March). *Connecting foster youth to supportive adults: A newly developed tool.* Presented at MSSA 119th Annual Training Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Semanchin Jones, A. & Edwards, R. (2011, July). *Youth connections to caring adults: A newly developed and validated tool.* Presented at the Family-based Treatment Association 25th Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.

Semanchin Jones, A. (2010, November). *Parent education for all: An examination of race, class, and gender in the Child Study Association of America in the 1920-30s.* Paper presented at the Social Service History Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Semanchin Jones, A. (2010, November). *Exploring the potential impact of differential response on racial equity: A conceptual framework.* Paper presented at American Humane's 5th Annual Conference on Differential Response in Child Welfare, Anaheim, CA.

LaLiberte, T., Lightfoot, E., & **Semanchin Jones, A. (2010, September).** *A new approach to partnering: Engaging child welfare to work with parents with ID/DD.* Presented at the Association for Successful Parenting 2010 A Chance to Parent International Conference, Denver, CO.

Carlson, J. & **Semanchin Jones, A. (2010, June).** *Family Centered Community Organizing: Parents building social capital.* Presented at NASW Minnesota Chapter 20th Annual State Conference, St. Paul, MN.

Semanchin Jones, A. & Wall, E. (2010, March). *Family Search and Engagement: Strengthening connections for youth in foster care.* Presented at Minnesota Social Service Association 117th Annual Training Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Semanchin Jones, A. & Wall, E. (2009, August). *Family Search and Engagement: Achieving permanence for youth.* Presented at the Foster Family-based Treatment Association 23rd Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Semanchin Jones, A. & Edwards, R. (2008, July). *Preventing placement disruptions in foster care: What does the research say?* Presented at the Foster Family-based Treatment Association 22nd Annual Conference, The Woodlands, TX.

Invited and Other Presentations

Semanchin Jones, A. & Bakk, L. (2025, April). *Generative AI in doctoral education.* Conference session at the Group for Advancement of Doctoral Education Annual Conference in Washington, DC.

Semanchin Jones, A. (March, 2024). *Follow the Love Pilot Project: Strengthening Youth Connections,* Webinar. Florida Institute for Child Welfare – GROW Webinar Series: Cultivating Belonging.

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- Semanchin Jones, A.** (November, 2023). *Measurement Tool for Youth Connections*. Permanency & Child Welfare: Challenging Our Thinking, Growing Our Knowledge: Fall Conference, Minneapolis, MN.
- Semanchin Jones, A.** (October, 2023). *Promoting Youth Connections and Relational Permanence in Child Welfare*. National Think Tank on Permanent Connections, Boulder, CO.
- Semanchin Jones, A.,** Nelson-Gardell, D. (March, 2023). *Pursuing the MSW and PhD Concurrently: An Open Discussion of Pros, Cons, and Program Strategies*. GADE Annual Conference, Arlington, TX.
- Greenfield, J., & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (March, 2023). *Revisiting Milestone Exams with an Equity Lens*. GADE Annual Conference, Arlington, TX.
- Thompson, V. *, Przybyl, J., **Semanchin Jones, A.**, Mills, A. *, Kapp, S., Kollar, S., & Williams-Hecksel, C. (May, 2022). *Learning, Leading, Changing – Engaging Emerging Leaders as a Retention Strategy*. National Child Welfare Workforce Institute (NCCWI) – [National Webinar Series](#).
- Dyer, J., & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (May, 2022). *Doctoral programs dialogue*. GADE Annual Conference, Virtual.
- Semanchin Jones, A.**, Zhou, Q. *, Sage, T., & Lynch, M. (2022, March). *University-Agency Collaboration: Workforce Retention and Development in Child welfare*. Buffalo Center for Social Research Grand Rounds, University at Buffalo School of Social Work.
- Semanchin Jones, A.**, Mack, A. (July, 2021). *Building a Resilient Workforce to Address Trauma and Enhance Well-Being – Supporting Self-care at the System Level*. National Child Welfare Workforce Institute (NCCWI) – [National Webinar Series](#).
- Bakk, L., & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (May, 2021). *Hot Topics Facilitated Discussion: Examining the use of the GRE requirement in admissions*. GADE Annual Conference, Virtual.
- Detlaff, A., **Semanchin Jones, A.** (Discussant). (April, 2021). *Racial Justice in Child Welfare and the UpEND Movement*. Global to Local Speaker Series. University at Buffalo School of Social Work.
- Semanchin Jones, A.**, Sage, M., & Hall, S.F (December, 2020). *Examining the Role of Technology in Healthy Connections for Youth in Foster Care*. Buffalo Center for Social Research Grand Rounds, University at Buffalo School of Social Work.
- Semanchin Jones, A.**, Saffayeh, D., & Madera, V. (2018, December). *Healing from Trauma & Forging a Path to Permanency*. New York State Permanency Summit, Albany, NY.
- Semanchin Jones, A.**, Bowen, E., & Ball, A. (2018, November). *Improving Outcomes for Cross-Systems Youth*. Presented to meeting of Erie County Community Coordinating Council on Children & Families, Buffalo, NY.

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- Semanchin Jones, A., Bowen, E., & Ball, A. (2018, July).** *So Much Potential: Sharing Youth and Provider Voices to Improve Cross-Systems Collaboration.* Buffalo Niagara Summer Institute, University at Buffalo Center for Tomorrow, Buffalo, NY.
- Semanchin Jones, A. (2017, April).** *Differential response as a culturally responsive practice.* Invited Featured Presentation. 2017 Children's Justice Conference. Children's Administration and the Children's Justice Task Force: Seattle, WA.
- Semanchin Jones, A. (2017, April).** *Identifying early indicators and potential points of intervention in cases of chronic neglect.* Invited Featured Presentation. 2017 Children's Justice Conference. Children's Administration and the Children's Justice Task Force: Seattle, WA.
- Semanchin Jones, A. (2017, March).** *Disability and Mental Health,* Plenary Session at the International Conference on Nurturing Global Mental Health – A Paradigm Shift. Amrita University, Coimbatore, India.
- Semanchin Jones, A. (2017, March).** *Foster Care and Mental Health,* Panel Session at the International Conference on Nurturing Global Mental Health – A Paradigm Shift. Amrita University, Coimbatore, India.
- Semanchin Jones, A., & Logan-Greene, P. (2015, December).** *Erie County Chronic Neglect Study Final Presentation.* Presentation to the Commissioner and staff of Erie County Department of Social Services: Buffalo, NY.
- Semanchin Jones, A. (2015, April).** *Differential Response: Culturally responsive practice.* Invited Keynote Presentation. 16th Annual Spring Child Welfare Conference: Culturally Responsive Child Welfare Practices. University of Minnesota: Minneapolis, MN.
- Semanchin Jones, A. (2015, February).** *Presentation to the Governor of Minnesota's Task Force on the Protection of Children.* Invited to speak on Differential Response as a culturally responsive practice. Via Teleconference with Task Force located in St. Paul, MN.
- Semanchin Jones, A. (2014, November).** *Permanent Connections for Youth.* Invited Expert Panel Presentation. Homeless Youth Prevention Planning Statewide Retreat. Illinois Collaboration on Youth: Bloomington, IL.
- Semanchin Jones, A., & Rittner, B. Adoptions Disruptions. (2014, October).** Poster Presentation. Institute for Community Health Promotion Collaborative Research Initiative Conference: Research in Support of the Center for Development of Human Services Child Welfare & Public Assistance Projects. SUNY Buffalo State, Buffalo, NY.
- Semanchin Jones, A., Jolley, J., & Kang, J. (2012, April).** *Differential Response: Summary of dissertation projects.* Invited Panel Presentation. Children's Bureau National QIC-DR National Advisory Committee and Cross-Site Meeting, Washington, DC.

Semanchin Jones, A. (2011, September). *Racial disproportionality in child welfare: Context and strategies*. Presentation to SW 8301, Advanced Practice in Child Welfare, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota, Dr. Ronald Rooney.

Semanchin Jones, A., Jolley, J., & Kang, J. (2011, May). *Differential Response: Summary of dissertation projects*. Invited Panel Presentation. Children's Bureau National QIC-DR National Advisory Committee and Cross-Site Meeting, Washington, DC.

Semanchin Jones, A. & Young, C. (2011, April). *Creating a Safety Net: How do know we succeeded?* Invited Presentation. Anu Family Services Spring Conference, Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Lightfoot, E. & **Semanchin Jones, A.** (2010, March). *Doctoral education in social work: Exploring the possibilities*. Invited Panel. 117th Minnesota Social Service Association Annual Training Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Semanchin Jones, A. (2010, October). *Family centered community organizing and strategy planning*. Presentation to SW 8505, Community Organizing and Advocacy, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota, Dr. Elizabeth Lightfoot.

Awards

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| 2017 | University at Buffalo School of Social Work and Buffalo Center for Social Research 2018 Excellence in Research Award, "Improving Educational Outcomes for Homeless and Child Welfare-Involved Youth in Greater Buffalo through Cross-Systems Collaboration" (with A. Ball & E. Bowen) |
| 2013-2014 | Civic Engagement Research Dissemination Fellowship, University at Buffalo \$3,227 |
| 2007-2008 | Child Welfare Title IV-E Doctoral Fellowship, University of Minnesota, \$14,000 |
| 2007-2008 | School of Social Work Block Grant Award, University of Minnesota
Awarded support: \$8,000 |
| 1999-2000 | Graduate School Fellowship, University of Minnesota |

Professional Associations

- Council on Social Work Education
- Society for Social Work and Research
- Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education in Social Work

Dissemination of Research and Reports

Semanchin Jones, A. (2014). Defining and measuring well-being. *CW 360: Attending to Well-being in Child Welfare*. St. Paul, MN: Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota. Available at <http://casew.umn.edu/portfolio-items/spring-2014-cw360/>.

Semanchin Jones, A. (2014). *Examining Family Assessment Response through a Racial Equity Lens*. Summary Report for Minnesota Department of Human Services.

Semanchin Jones, A. (2014). Examining the Impact of Family Assessment Response on Racial Equity Outcomes. *Policy Brief*. (Minn-LInK Brief No. 18). https://cascw.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/MLBrief_17_DifferentialResponse-Equity_2014_WEB.pdf.

Semanchin Jones, A. & LaLiberte, T. (2013). *Defining and Strengthening Child Well-Being in Child Welfare*. Anu Family Services Collaboration Report, July, 2013. St. Paul, MN: Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, University of Minnesota.

Semanchin Jones, A., LaLiberte, T., Franck Meyer, A., Pitt, M., Wall, E. & Peterson, C.S. (2013). *Creating a Permanence Driven Organization: A Guidebook for Change in Child Welfare*. St. Paul, MN: Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, University of Minnesota. Available at: <https://cascw.umn.edu/portfolio-items/creating-a-permanence-driven-organization/>.

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Semanchin Jones, A. (2011). Virtual visitation and child welfare. *CW 360: Child Welfare and Technology*. St. Paul, MN: Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota. Available at https://cascw.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/CW360_2011.pdf.

Semanchin Jones, A. (2011). *Promoting Placement Stability: A curriculum module*. St. Paul, MN: Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota.

Semanchin Jones, A. (2010). Promoting placement stability in foster care: A roadmap through the literature. *CW 360: Promoting Placement Stability*. St. Paul, MN: Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, University of Minnesota. Available at https://cascw.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/CW360_2010.pdf.

Semanchin Jones, A. & LaLiberte, T. (2010). *Brief literature review: Impact of changes to foster parent reimbursement rates*. St. Paul, MN: Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, University of Minnesota. Available at <https://cascw.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/LitRevFPReimbRate-Rev.pdf>.

Semanchin Jones, A. & LaLiberte, T. (2010). *Systems of care report: A comprehensive literature review, annotated bibliography, and evidence-based practice guide*. Hennepin University Partnership Report, July 2010. St. Paul, MN: Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, University of Minnesota. Available at: <https://cascw.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/SystemsOfCare.pdf>.

Semanchin Jones, A. & LaLiberte, T. (2010). *Adoption disruption and dissolution report: A comprehensive literature review, annotated bibliography, and evidence-based practice guide.* Hennepin University Partnership Report, May, 2010. Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN. Available at: <https://cascw.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/AdoptionDissolutionReport.pdf>.

Semanchin Jones, A. & LaLiberte, T. (2010). *Re-entry to foster care report: A comprehensive literature review, annotated bibliography, and evidence-based practice guide.* Hennepin University Partnership Report, February, 2010. St. Paul, MN: Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, University of Minnesota. Available at <https://cascw.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Re-entry-Report-FINAL-Update.pdf>.

Semanchin Jones, A. & Wells, S. J. (2008). *Final report: Preventing placement disruptions in foster care.* Gamble-Skogmo Child Welfare and Youth Policy School of Social Work, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN. Available at https://cascw.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Path_BremerReport.pdf.

Wattenberg, E., & **Semanchin Jones, A. (2001).** Contribution of ethnographic interviewing to culturally competent practice. *Practice Notes, 10*, Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN. Available at <https://cascw.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Practice-Notes-10.pdf>.

Wattenberg, E., & **Semanchin Jones, A. (2000).** Siblings in foster care: Maintaining the ties that bind. *Practice Notes, 9*, Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN. Available at <https://cascw.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Practice-Notes-09.pdf>.

Media Outreach

Ball, A., Bowen, E., & **Semanchin Jones, A (March 2019).** *Cross-Systems Collaboration: Examining the Perspectives and Experiences of Vulnerable Youth and Service Providers.* in Social Work Podcast, [Episode 259](#).

WBFO story on the Chronic Neglect Study. August 22, 2016. <http://news.wbfo.org/post/cps-needs-redefine-how-it-identifies-chronic-child-neglect-study-finds>

WBFO story on Foster Parent Study. May 31, 2016. <http://news.wbfo.org/post/national-foster-care-month-focusing-success>

National Center for Social Work Trauma Education and Workforce Development newsletter article. Winter 2016. <http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Quarterly-National-Center-Newsletter.html?soid=1121322547680&aid=IBYE9tIAhUM>

Channel 4 WIVB television news interview about the Chronic Neglect Study. July 11, 2014. <http://wivb.com/2014/07/11/erie-county-and-ub-team-up-to-study-child-neglect/>

Teaching and Advising

MSW Courses: University at Buffalo:

Core Concepts of Trauma Informed Child Welfare
Social Welfare History and Policy – both seated and online
Social Services to Children, Youth and Families – both seated and online

University of Minnesota: Adjunct 2012-2013

Social Policy and Delivery Systems for Child Welfare and Family Service
Advanced Social Work Evaluation

University of St. Thomas, Minnesota: Adjunct 2010-2012

Clinical Research Paper Seminar
Methods of Social Work Research Methods

PhD Courses: University at Buffalo

Social Work Processes Proseminar
Social Work Scholarship Proseminar

DSW Courses: University at Buffalo

DSW Capstone I: Identifying Evidence-Based Interventions for Translation
DSW Capstone II: Designing Implementation Strategies
Concepts in Implementation Science

International Education:

2017 SUNY Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) Course Module with International Partner at HAN University of Applied Sciences, Netherlands

2017 Member of Faculty Delegation to Amrita University Department of Social Work, Coimbatore, India, to foster on-going development of UB-Amrita Social Behavioral Sciences Research Institute (UBARI)

Enhanced Field Placement:

2019 to present NCWWI Child Welfare Seminars

2018-2019 Child Welfare Leadership Initiative

Field Educator Research-based Field Placement for MSW student, 2016-2017

MSW student in NCWWI Child Welfare Leadership program, 2021-2022

MSW student in NCWWI Child Welfare program, Spring & Summer 2023

Doctoral Dissertation Committees:

- Qi Zhou – **Co-Chair** (Graduated June 2025). *Exploring Trust and Accountability in a Contract-Based Cross-Sector Collaboration at the Street Level in Child Welfare*. University at Buffalo School of Social Work.

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- Beth Tripi - **Chair** (Graduated August 2024). *Understanding and Enhancing Collaboration Across Outpatient Children's Mental Health Care Service Delivery Models in a County-Level System of Care*. University at Buffalo School of Social Work.
 - Josal Diebold - **Chair** (Graduated May 2023). *Investigating mutual interest among white antiracist organizers*. University at Buffalo School of Social Work.
 - Andrew Irish – Committee member (Graduated May 2022). *Investigating U.S. State-Level Income Inequality as a Determinant of Population Health: Theory, Evidence, and Directions Forward*. University at Buffalo School of Social Work.
 - Umamaheswari.K – Committee member/external reviewer (Anticipated Dec 2020). *Life Skills and Academic Performance of Children under Institutional Care*. Amrita University Department of Social Work, Coimbatore, India.
 - Amelia Franck Meyer – Committee member (January 2018). *The Role of the Public Child Welfare Leaders in Reducing Undesired Employee Turnover and Promoting Wellbeing: A Gap Analysis*. University of Southern California, PhD Education.

Other Mentoring:

- 2020 to present UB Near Mentor
- 2019 to present Facilitate Job Club for PhD students on the job market
- 2020 to present Facilitate Comps Club – peer support meetings for PhD student in the comprehensive exam process

Service to the School and University

- 2023 to present VITAL Workgroup, Member
School of Social Work, University at Buffalo
- 2020 to present Racial Justice Coordinating Committee, Member
School of Social Work, University at Buffalo
- 2020 to present Graduate School Executive Committee, Member
Graduate School, University at Buffalo
- 2019 to present Doctoral Programs Committee, Co-chair
School of Social Work, University at Buffalo
- 2020 to present Research Advisory Committee, Buffalo Center for Social Research, Member
School of Social Work, University at Buffalo
- 2019 to present Academic Integrity Adjudication Committee
Graduate School, University at Buffalo

2018 to 2023	Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee School of Social Work, University at Buffalo
2019	Search Committee for IT Support Staff Position School of Social Work, University at Buffalo
2019	Admissions Committee for DSW Program School of Social Work, University at Buffalo
2017 to 2021	Child Advocacy Studies Ad Hoc Committee School of Social Work, University at Buffalo
2017 to 2022	Small Group Facilitator, UB Interprofessional Forum for students in the Health Sciences
2016 to 2020	Global Interest Group, Community Conversations Committee School of Social Work, University at Buffalo
2015 to 2019	Recruitment Committee School of Social Work, University at Buffalo
2014 to 2020	inSocialWork Podcast Interviewer School of Social Work, University at Buffalo
2014 to 2019	Faculty Advisor, Graduate Student Association at University at Buffalo School of Social Work
2013 to 2015	Personnel Committee School of Social Work, University at Buffalo

Service to the Community

2014 to 2023	Member of the Disproportionality Minority Representation Collaborative of the Erie County Family Court
2016 to 2024	Reviewer for Erie County Department of Social Services, Reviewing grants for RFPs for the following programs: Kinship Services, Preventive Services, Crisis Services, Parenting Programs, and Supervised Visitation Programs.
2017 to 2018	CPS Reform Committee, Erie County Department of Social Services

Service to the Profession

2021 to present	Member of Conference Planning Committee for GADE
2019 to present	Member of Editorial Review Board, <i>Journal of Public Child Welfare</i>
2018 to present	Reviewer for Journal, <i>Journal of Public Child Welfare</i>

2019 to present	Reviewer for Journal, <i>Family Relations</i>
2018 to present	Reviewer for Journal, <i>Psychological Reports</i>
2017 to present	Reviewer for Journal, <i>Child Abuse and Neglect</i>
2017	Reviewer for the Children's Bureau's 21 st National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect (NCCAN).
2016	Reviewer for the Children's Bureau's 20th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect (NCCAN).
2015 to present	Reviewer for Journal, <i>Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma</i>
2015 to present	Reviewer for Journal, <i>AFFILIA: Journal of Women and Social Work</i>
2015 to present	Reviewer for Journal, <i>Journal of Community Practice</i>
2014 to present	Reviewer for Journal, <i>Children and Youth Services Review</i>
2012 to 2017	Reviewer for Foster Family Treatment Association Annual Conference
2011 to present	Member of Foster Family Treatment Association Research Committee
2009-2011	Academic Search Committee for Gamble-Skogmo Land Grant Chair in Child Welfare and Youth Policy; School of Social Work, University of Minnesota
2009-2010	Title IV-E MSW Scholarship Review Committee, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota
2007-2009	Doctoral Committee, PhD Representative School of Social Work, University of Minnesota