

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

Year	Institution	Degree
2019	Portland State University	Ph.D., Social Work & Social Research
2006	University of Montana	M.S.W.
2002	Prescott College	B.A.

Professional Experience

Academic Appointments

- 2024-Present *Associate Professor*, Division of Social Work, University of Wyoming
- 2024-Present *Interim MSW Program Director*, Division of Social Work, University of Wyoming
- 2019-2024 *Assistant Professor*, Division of Social Work, University of Wyoming
- 2017-2019 *Senior Research Assistant II*, Regional Research Institute, Portland State University
- 2013-2019 *Instructor*, School of Social Work, Portland State University
- 2014-2017 *Senior Research Assistant*, Regional Research Institute, Portland State University
- 2016-2017 *Adjunct Instructor*, Social Work Department, Pacific University
- 2010-2014 *Graduate Research Assistant*, Regional Research Institute, Portland State University

Practice Experience

- 2010 Therapist and Clinical Case Manager, Chrysalis School, Eureka, MT
- 2008-2010 Case Manager, Community Alternatives Program, Families Together, Asheville, NC
- 2006-2008 Family Service Coordinator, Families Together, Asheville, NC
- 2005-2006 Youth Development Trainer, National Coalition Building Institute, Missoula, MT

Awards and Honors

2024	College of Health Sciences, Division of Social Work Research Award
2023	Feminist Manuscript Award, Council on Social Work Education
2023	Presidential Scholarly Award for Early Career Faculty, University of Wyoming
2022	New Investigator Award, College of Health Sciences, University of Wyoming
2021	Frank R. Breul Memorial Prize, University of Chicago, best article published in <i>Social Service Review</i> in 2020
2020	Faculty as Significant Mentor Award, Division of Social Work, University of Wyoming
2018	John F. Longres Dissertation Research Fellowship
2015	Sheng/Wadsworth Ph.D. Scholarship
2013	Quantitative Analysis Series Scholarship Award
2011	Academic Dean's Award, Portland State University

Research and Scholarship

Grants and Funding

Research, Equality State Research Network, Pilot Award for Community Based Research, Wyoming Institute for Disabilities, *The Wyoming Disability Project: Investigating Guardianship Policies and Practices*. CO-PI: Sandra Leotti. \$15,000, 7/1/23– 6/30/24 **(Funded)**.

Education, Alt-Textbook Grant, Open Educational Resource Initiative, University of Wyoming, *Enhancing Rural Social Work Education: Development of Open Educational Resources for Advanced Groupwork Practice*, PI: Sandra Leotti. \$3,000, 6/1/23 – 12/31/23 **(Funded)**.

Research, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, *Shaping the Future of Social Work in the United States: What International Movements for Health Equity Can Teach Us*. Co-PI: Sandra Leotti (PI: Sophia Sarantakos, University of Denver). \$400,000, 3-year project. **(Not-Funded)**.

Education, Alt-Textbook Grant, Open Educational Resource Initiative, University of Wyoming, *Adoption of OER Materials for SOWK 5210*, PI: Sandra Leotti. \$2,000, 1/17/23 - 5/15/23 **(Funded)**.

Education, Alt-Textbook Grant, Open Educational Resource Initiative, University of Wyoming, *Adaption of OER Materials for SOWK 5200*, PI: Sandra Leotti. \$3,000, 8/16/22-12/5/22 **(Funded)**.

Research, Equality State Research Network, Partnership Development Award, Wyoming Institute for Disabilities, *The Wyoming Disability Project: Using Photo-Voice to Explore Community Inclusion in the Rural West*. PI: Sandra Leotti. \$10,723.32, 6/1/22– 5/30/23 **(Funded)**.

Research, Faculty Grant-In-Aid Program, University of Wyoming, *Women and Rural Re-Entry*, \$7,359, 7/1/2022-6/30/2023, PI: Sandra Leotti. **(Not funded)**.

Research, QSR International, Research Grant for Early Career Researchers, *Narrating Reentry: Utilizing Narrative Inquiry to Explore the Post-Prison Experiences of Women in Rural Communities*, \$25,000, PI: Sandra Leotti. **(Not funded)**.

Research, Equality State Research Network, Partnership Development Award, Wyoming Institute for Disabilities, *The Wyoming Disability History Project: Archiving De/institutionalization*, Co-PI: Sandra Leotti (PI: Erin Bush, University of Wyoming) \$10,000, 5/1/21– 4/30/22 **(Funded)**.

Education, Alt-Textbook Grant, Open Educational Resource Initiative, University of Wyoming, *Development of Rural Case Studies for Advanced Social Work Practice*, PI: Sandra Leotti. \$3,000 5/1/21-1/1/22 **(Funded)**.

Research Travel Grant, University of Wyoming, *College of Health Sciences Travel Grant*. \$650, 6/1/20-5/31/2021 **(Funded)**.

Education, Alt-Textbook Grant, Open Educational Resource Initiative, University of Wyoming, *Adaptation of OER Materials for HBSE I*, PI: Sandra Leotti. \$3,000, 11/1/19 – 5/1/20 **(Funded)**.

Research, Sharon S. Humenick Award, Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing, University of Wyoming, *An Institutional Ethnographic Analysis of Online Open Support Groups for Women with Polycystic Ovary Syndrome*, Co-Investigator: Sandra Leotti (PI: Rebecca Caron, University of Wyoming). \$5,000, 6/1/2019-5/31/2021 **(Funded)**.

Research, John F. Longres Dissertation Research Fellowship, *Interrogating the Construction and Representations of Criminalized Women in the Academic Social Work Literature: A Critical Discourse Analysis*, PI: Sandra Leotti. \$2,000, 9/24/2018 - 6/15/19 **(Funded)**.

Research Travel Grant, Portland State University, *Marie Brown Travel Award*. \$500. 2019 **(Funded)**.

Research Travel Grant, Portland State University, *School of Social Work Travel Award*. \$300. 2019 **(Funded)**.

Research, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, *RISE Support: Treatment for Young Adults Experiencing Homelessness -Program Evaluation*, Project Manager (until Aug 2019): Sandra Leotti (PI: Karen Cellarius, Portland State University). Funding for evaluation portion: \$145,000, 9/30/2018-9/29/2023 **(Funded)**.

Research Travel Grant, Portland State University, *School of Social Work Travel Award*, \$250. 2018 **(Funded)**.

Research, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, *Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Expansion Project for Jackson County - Program Evaluation*, Project Manager: Sandra Leotti (PI: Karen Cellarius, Portland State University). Funding for evaluation portion: \$350,000, 9/30/2018-9/29/2020 **(Funded)**.

Research Travel Grant, Portland State University, *Student Educational Travel Award*, \$500. 2017 **(Funded)**.

Research Travel Grant, Portland State University, *School of Social Work Travel Award*, \$300. 2017 **(Funded)**.

Research, National Institutes of Health, *EXITO: Investigating the Social and Health Services Utilization by Migratory Homeless Youth*, Project Manager: Sandra Leotti (PI: Roberto Orellana, Portland State University). \$50,000, 5/15/2016-6/30/2017 **(Funded)**.

Research, Centers for Disease Control, *Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention in Oregon – Program Evaluation*, Senior Research Assistant II: Sandra Leotti (PI: Roberto Orellana, Portland State University). Funding for evaluation portion: \$760,000, 9/1/2015-8/31/2019 **(Funded)**.

Research, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, *Linn County Project AWARE (Youth Mental Health First Aide) - Program Evaluation*, Project Manager: Sandra Leotti (PI: Karen Cellarius, Portland State University). Funding for evaluation portion: \$37,500, 9/30/2015-9/29/2018 **(Funded)**.

Research, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, *RISE 2.0 Supportive Housing for Homeless Youth - Program Evaluation*, Project Manager: Sandra Leotti (PI: Karen Cellarius, Portland State University). Funding for evaluation portion: \$75,000, 9/30/2015-9/29/2018 **(Funded)**.

Research, Portland State University Faculty Enhancement Grant, *Travelers: Social and Health Service Utilization by Migratory Homeless Youth in Portland*, Senior Research Assistant: Sandra Leotti (PI: Roberto Orellana, Portland State University). \$15,000, 2015-2016 **(Funded)**.

Research, Oregon Department of Health and Human Services, *My Future My Choice Sexuality Education Program Evaluation*, Senior Research Assistant: Sandra Leotti (PI: Karen Cellarius, Portland State University). Funding for evaluation portion: \$25,000, 2014-2016 **(Funded)**.

Research, Oregon Department of Health and Human Services, *Oregon General Assistance Study*, Senior Research Assistant: Sandra Leotti (PI: Karen Cellarius, Portland State University). \$112,000, 2014-2015 (**Funded**).

Research, Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services, *Help U Bloom (HUB) Project Evaluation*, Qualitative Research Partner: Sandra Leotti (PI: Mary Oswald, Portland State University). Funding for evaluation portion: \$25,000, 2014-2016 (**Funded**).

Research Travel Grant, Portland State University, *Student Educational Travel Award*, \$500, 2014 (**Funded**).

Research Travel Grant, Portland State University, *School of Social Work Travel Award*, \$300, 2014 (**Funded**).

Research, Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services, *Bridge to Care, Working Together for Better Health Project Evaluation*, Qualitative Research Partner: Sandra Leotti (PI: Mary Oswald, Portland State University). Funding for evaluation portion: \$25,000, 2013-2015 (**Funded**).

Research, Center for Disease Control / Association of University Centers on Disabilities, *Partnering with People with Disabilities to Address Violence*, Graduate Research Assistant: Sandra Leotti (PI: Rosemary Hughes, University of Montana). \$1,050,000, 2010-2013 (**Funded**).

Research, National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, *Women with Disabilities Safer Stronger Full RTC Study*, Graduate Research Assistant: Sandra Leotti (PI: Mary Oswald, Portland State University). \$600,000, 2010-2013 (**Funded**).

Other Scholarship Activities (non-grant based)

Research, *Understanding “Insight” within Child Protection and County Court Decisions: A Critical Discourse Analysis*, Co-PI: Sandra Leotti. 2022–Present.

Research, *Analysis of Trauma Informed Care Discourse in Social Work*, Co-PI: Sandra Leotti. 2022–Present.

Research, *Scoping Review of Resistance to Neoliberalism: Identifying Directions for Dissenting Social Work*, Co-PI: Sandra Leotti. 2022–2023.

Research, *Survey on Social Work Curricula and Abolition Content*, Co-Investigator: Sandra Leotti (PI: Sophia Sarantakos, University of Denver). 2021.

Research, *Historical Analysis of the Relationship Between Social Work and Law Enforcement*, Co-Investigator: Sandra Leotti (PI: Leah Jacobs. University of Pittsburgh). 2021–2024.

Research, *Decisions About Pregnancy for Women with Disabilities Pilot Project*, Co-Investigator: Sandra Leotti (PI: Mary Oswald, Portland State University). 2013–2014

Publications (Peer Reviewed Journal Articles)

**indicates student author*

- Leotti, S.** & Wahab, S. (In Press). Mapping the Landscape of Trauma-Informed Care in Social Work: A Critical Scoping Review. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*.
- Cherry, K. & **Leotti, S.** (2024). The Nexus of Resistance and Neoliberalism in Social Work and Social Welfare: A Scoping Review. *Affilia: Feminist Inquiry and Social Work*. 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/08861099241279849>
- Murray B., Erwin J., **Leotti S.**, Allen E., Bakko M., Jacobs L.A., Hostetter C.R., Tomczak S.M., Fixler A. (2024). ‘Compassionate’ Control: Social Work and the Rise of Carceral Feminism in Progressive Era Police Reform. *Social Sciences*. 13(9):454. <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci13090454>
- Leotti, S.**, Sugrue, E., & Itzkowitz, M., & Williams, K.* (2023). Child Welfare and Social Work Education: From a Pedagogy of Oppression to a Pedagogy of Resistance. *Advances in Social Work*. 23(1), 1-25.
- Leotti, S.**, Muthanna, J., & Anderson-Nathe, B. (2023). Failed Mothers and Risky Children: Carceral Protectionism and the Social Work Gaze. *Social Service Review*. 97(1), 130-168. **Winner of the 2023 CSWE Feminist Manuscript Award.*
- Cherry, K., **Leotti, S.**, Panichelli, M., Wahab, S. (2023). Pandemic Possibilities: Confronting Neoliberalism in Social Work Education. *Social Work Education: The International Journal* 42(6), 831-846.
- Leotti, S.** & Slayter, E. (2022). Criminal Legal Systems and the Disability Community: An Overview. *Social Sciences*. 11(6), 255-268.
- Leotti, S.** (2022). The Keepers and the Kept: Social Work and Criminalized Women, An Historical Review. *Journal of Progressive Human Services*. 33(2), 151 175.
- Leotti, S.**, Sugrue, E., Wings-Yanez, N. (2022). Unpacking the Worlds in our Words: Critical Discourse Analysis and Social Work Inquiry. *Qualitative Social Work*, 21(2), 260-276.
- Lund, E., Hughes, R., McDonald, K. **Leotti, S.** Katz, M., Beers, L. Nicoladis, C. (2022). Creating Research-Community Partnerships to Jointly Enhance Advocacy and Research on Violence and Disability: Two Case Examples. *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy* 14(6), 956–963.
- Leotti, S.** (2021). Social Work with Criminalized Women: Governance or Resistance in the Carceral State?. *Affilia: Feminist Inquiry and Social Work*, 36(3), 302-318.

Leotti, S. (2021). The Imaginative Failure of Normal: Considerations for a Post-Pandemic Future. *Qualitative Social Work*, 20(1-2), 200-206.

Leotti, S. (2020). The Discursive Construction of Risk: Social Work Knowledge Production and Criminalized Women. *Social Service Review*, 94(3), 445-487. *Winner of the Frank R. Bruel Memorial Prize for best article of 2020.

Nicolaidis, C., Raymaker, D., McDonald, K, Lund, E., **Leotti, S.**, Knapp, S., Katz, M., Beers, L., Kripke, C., Maslak, J., Hunter, M., Zhen, K. (2020). Creating Accessible Survey Instruments for Use with Autistic Adults and People with Intellectual Disability: Lessons Learned and Recommendations. *Autism in Adulthood*, 2(1), 1-16.

Platt, L., Powers, L., **Leotti, S.**, Hughes, R., Robinson-Whelen, S., Osburn, S., Ashkenazy, E., Beers, L., Nicolaidis, C. (2017). The Role of Gender in Violence Experienced by Adults with Developmental Disabilities. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 32(1), 101-129.

Nicolaidis, C., Raymaker, D., Katz, M., Oschwald, M., Goe, R., **Leotti, S.**, Grantham, L., Plourde, E., Salomon, J. Hughes, R., Powers, L.E. (2015). Community-Based Participatory Research to Adapt Health Measures for Use by People With Developmental Disabilities. *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action*, 9(2) 157-170.

Oschwald, M., **Leotti, S.**, Raymaker, D. Katz, M., Goe, R., Wallington, A., Howard, L. Beers, L., Powers, L., Robinson-Whelen, S., Hughes, R., Nicolaidis, C. (2014). Development of an Audio-Computer Assisted Self-Interview to Investigate Violence and Health in the Lives of People with Developmental Disabilities. *Journal of Disability and Health*, 7(3), 292-301.

Under Review

Jacobs, L., Jackson, A. & **Leotti, S.** (Under Review). Social Work and Policing. *Encyclopedia of Social Work*.

Publications (Non-Peer Reviewed Journal Articles)

Leotti, S. (2023). Book Review: Torn Apart: How the Child Welfare System Destroys Black Families and how Abolition can Build a Safer World. *Affilia: Feminist Inquiry and Social Work*, 38(3), 528-529.

Leotti, S. (2022). Book Review: A Prison by Any Other Name. *Affilia: Feminist Inquiry and Social Work*, 37(2), 354-355.

Leotti, S., (2013). Book Review: Sex, Race, and Class: The Perspective of Winning. A Selection of Writings, 1952-2011 by Selma James. *Affilia: Feminist Inquiry and Social Work*, 28(4), 473-474.

Publications (Book and Monograph Chapters)

Jacobs, L. Jackson, A. & **Leotti, S.** (forthcoming – in preparation). Social Work and Policing: A Critique. *Encyclopedia of Social Work*. Oxford University Press. (Invited).

Leotti, S. & Slayter, E. (2022) Disability and Criminal Legal Systems. In E. Slayter and L. Johnson (Eds.), *Social work practice and the disability community: An intersectional anti-oppressive approach*. Open Social Work Education. (Invited).

Leotti, S. & Slayter, E. (2022) Criminal Legal Systems and the Disability Community. Encyclopedia MDPI. Available online: <https://encyclopedia.pub/entry/25367>

Leotti, S. & Muthanna, J. (2014). Troubling the Binary: A Critical Look at the Dualistic Construction of Quantitative/Qualitative Methods in Feminist Social Work Research. In S. Wahab, B. Anderson-Nathe, & C. Gringeri (Eds.), *Feminisms in Social Work Research: Promises and Possibilities for Justice Based Knowledge*. (pp. 170-186). New York, NY: Routledge.

Publications (Technical Reports)

Leotti, S. & Cellarius, K. (2019). Evidence Based Practice Fidelity Assessment (DBT & IDDT). Report prepared for OutsideIn RISE Support Program.

Leotti, S. (2018). Linn County AWARE-C Final Evaluation Report. Report prepared for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Leotti, S., Cellarius, K., Hunter, K. (2018). Findings from a Process Evaluation of the CDC Funded Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Grant in Oregon, Years 1 and 2. Report prepared for Oregon Health Authority and the Centers for Disease Control.

Leotti, S. & Cellarius, K. (2018). Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment (IDDT) Fidelity Assessment Report. Prepared for OutsideIn StreetRise Program.

Leotti, S. & Cellarius, K. (2017). Exploring the Service Needs of Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Homeless Youth. Report prepared for StreetRise Program.

Leotti, S. (2017). Dually Diagnosed Homeless Youth in Supported Housing. Report on Service User Characteristics and Program Satisfaction. Report prepared for OutsideIn StreetRise Program.

Cellarius, K. & **Leotti, S.** (2017). The Six Building Blocks of Pain Management and Safe Opioid Therapy in Primary Care Baseline Assessment Report. Report prepared for the Pain Management Improvement Team.

Leotti, S. & Cellarius, K. (2016). StreetRise Supported Housing - Program Involvement and Client Feedback Report. Report prepared for OutsideIn StreetRise Program and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Cellarius, K., Oswald, M., **Leotti, S.** (2015). 2014 General Assistance Study. Technical Report prepared for Oregon Department of Human Services Offices of Aging and People with Disabilities.

Leotti, S. & Oswald, M. (2015). HUB Pilot Project. Final Report: Qualitative Evaluation. Report prepared for Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services.

Cellarius, K. & **Leotti, S.** (2015). Final Report of a Program Evaluation for My Future My Choice Sexuality Education Program. Report prepared for Oregon Department of Health and Human Services.

Leotti, S. & Oswald, M. (2015). Bridge to Care Project: Empowering, Connecting, Working Together for Better Health. Summary Report: Qualitative Evaluation. Report prepared for Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services.

Presentations (Refereed National and International Abstracts)

Leotti, S. & Sugrue, E. (Accepted - 2024). Decoding Dominance: Discourse Analysis as a Tool for Advancing Critical Social Work Education. *Council on Social Work Education 70th Annual Program Meeting*. Kansas City, MO, Oct 24-27. Oral Presentation.

Bush, E. **Leotti, S.** Jarman, M. (Accepted – 2024). Exploring In(ter)dependence in the Rural West: A Photovoice Project with Disabled Adults. *Photovoice Conference*. Virtual, Oct 19-20. Poster Presentation.

Sugrue, E., **Leotti, S.**, & Itzkowitz, M. (2024). Regulating the Mind: Constructing, Performing, & Mandating “Insight” in Child Protection Cases. *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*. Washington, D.C. Jan 10-14. Poster Presentation.

Cherry, K. & **Leotti, S.** (2024). Mapping Resistance to Neoliberalism in Social Work and Human Services: A Scoping Review. *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*. Washington, D.C. Jan 10-14. Poster Presentation.

Holland, M., Jarman, M., **Leotti, S.** (2023). Wyoming Disability Project: Using PhotoVoice to Explore Independence in the Rural West. *Association on University Centers on Disabilities Annual Conference*. Washington, D.C. Nov 5- 8. Oral Presentation.

Jacobs, L., Bakko, M., **Leotti, S.** Murray, B., Erwin, J., Fixler, A., Hostetter, C.R., Tomzcak, S., Panichelli, M. (2023). Cooperation and Conflict: The Paradoxical Relationship between Social Work and Law Enforcement, *Society for Social Work and Research*. Phoenix, AZ. Jan. 11-15. Oral Presentation.

- Leotti, S. & Muthanna, J. (2022).** Unfit Mothers and Risky Children: Carceral Protectionism and the Social Work Gaze. *Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting*. Anaheim, CA. Nov. 11-13. Oral Presentation.
- Sugrue, E., **Leotti, S.**, & Itzkowitz, M. (2022). Child Welfare and Social Work Education: Pedagogies of Oppression and Resistance. *Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting*. Anaheim, CA. Nov. 11-13. Oral Presentation.
- Muthanna, J. & **Leotti, S.** (2022). Are you my “REAL” Family: Disrupting the Dominant Adoption Discourse. *Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting*. Anaheim, CA. Nov. 11-13. Oral Presentation.
- Leotti, S.** (2022). Failed Mothers and Risky Children: Social Work and Carceral Control of Criminalized Women, *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*. Washington, D.C. Jan. 12-16. Oral Presentation.
- Sugrue, E., **Leotti, S.**, & Itzkowitz, M. (2022). Child Welfare and Social Work Education: From a Pedagogy of Oppression to a Pedagogy of Resistance, *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*. Washington, D.C. Jan. 12-16. Oral Presentation.
- Leotti, S.** & Cherry, K. (2021). Social Work and Neoliberalism: Moving from Critique to Subversion. *Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting*. Orlando, FL. Nov. 4th – 7th. Oral Presentation.
- Leotti, S.** & Lazzari, S. (2021). Anti-oppressive practice behind bars?: Rethinking social work with criminalized populations. *National Organization of Forensic Social Work Conference*. Virtual, June 16-20. Oral Presentation.
- Leotti, S.** (2021). Exploring the Service Needs of Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Homeless Youth. *17th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry*. Virtual, May 19-22. Oral Presentation.
- Leotti, S.** (2020) Social Work with Criminalized Women: Governance or Resistance in the Carceral State? *Council on Social Work Education 66th Annual Program Meeting*. Virtual, Nov. 16-20. Oral Presentation.
- Leotti, S.** (2020). Beyond the Bars: Rethinking Social Work with Criminalized Women. *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*. Washington, D.C. Jan 15-19. Poster Presentation.
- Leotti, S.**, Sugrue, E., Wings-Yanez, N. (2020). Unpacking the Worlds in Our Words: Critical Discourse Analysis in Social Work Inquiry. *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*. Washington, D.C. Jan 15-19. Oral Presentation.

- Leotti, S.** (2019). Interrogating the Construction of Criminalized Women in the Social Work Literature: A Critical Discourse Analysis. *15th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry*. Champaign-Urbana, IL, May 15-19. Oral Presentation.
- Leotti, S., Orleanno, R., Cellarius, K.** (2018). Provider Perspectives on Engaging High Risk Migratory Homeless Youth in Social and Health Services. *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*. Washington, D.C., Jan10-14. Oral Presentation.
- Orleanno, R., Cellarius, K., **Leotti, S.** (2018). Multilevel Intervention to Reduce Opioid Overprescribing and Opioid Overdose in Oregon. *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*. Washington, D.C., Jan10-14. Oral Presentation.
- Orleanno, R., **Leotti, S.,** Cellarius, K., (2017). HIV and Drug Use Prevention Needs Among Migratory Homeless Youth in the United States. *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*. New Orleans, LA, Jan11-15. Oral Presentation.
- Leotti, S. & Muthanna, J.** (2014). Troubling the Binary. *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*. San Antonio, TX, Jan 15-19. Paper presented as part of a symposium on Feminisms in Social Work Research. Oral Presentation.

Presentations (Refereed Local and Regional Abstracts)

- Jarman, M., Holland, M., **Leotti, S.** (2023). The Wyoming Disability Project: Using Photo-Voice to Explore Community Inclusion in the Rural West. *Power of Rural Conference*. Laramie, WY, April 17 – 19. Oral Presentation.
- Sugrue, E., Itzkowitz, M., **Leotti, S.** (2023). Child Welfare in Social Work Education: An Abolitionist Perspective. *Minnesota Social Service Association Annual Training Conference and Expo*. Minneapolis, MN, Mar 15-17. Oral Presentation.
- Lazarri, S., **Leotti, S.,** Crain, C. (2019). The Role of Incarcerated Mothers as Primary Caregivers & the Challenges Faced by Families and Communities. *Coalition for Children of the Incarcerated Conference*. Tacoma, WA, March 27th. Oral Presentation.
- Cherry, K. & **Leotti, S.** (2014). Dialoguing about Social Work Ethics in a Complex World: Considering Modernism, Postmodernism, and an Exploration of Recent Ethics Literature. *Voices on the Ground: Resistance & Resilience Annual Conference*. Portland, OR, June 7th. Oral Presentation.
- Muthanna, J. & **Leotti, S.** (2012). Moving from Discussion to Praxis: Strategies, Techniques, and Activities that Enact Feminist Pedagogies in Anti-Racist Education. *Northwest Women's Studies Association Conference*. Portland, OR, April 21st. Oral Presentation.

Presentations (Invited)

Leotti, S. (2022). Carceral Protectionism and the Construction of the Unfit Mother. *University of Chicago, Crown School of Social Work Doctoral Colloquium*. Chicago, IL. Nov 14. Oral Presentation – Invited.

Leotti, S. (2022). Critical Discourse Analysis as A Tool for Advancing Social Work Research: Special Session on Research Priorities and Capacity Building. *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*. Washington, D.C. Jan. 12-16. Oral Presentation – Invited.

Cellarius, K. & **Leotti, S.** (2015). General Assistance in Oregon: Policy Research and Advocacy. *Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities*, Salem, OR, Feb 11. Oral Presentation – Invited.

Anderson-Nathe, B., **Leotti, S.**, Mehrotra, G., Self, J., Wahab, S. (2014). What Makes it Feminist?: Feminisms in Social Work Research. *University of Washington, School of Social Work*, Seattle, WA, Nov 13. Panel Discussion – Invited.

Leotti, S. (2013). Integrating Feminist Epistemologies into Social Work Research. *University of Fraser Valley, School of Social Work and Human Services*, Abbotsford, British Columbia, May 14. Oral Presentation – Invited.

Presentations (Other)

Leotti, S., Sarantakos, S., Sonsteng-Person, M., Suslovic, B., Toraif, N. (2024). Special Interest Group: Abolitionist Social Work. *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*. Washington, D.C. Jan. 10-14. Special Interest Group Convener.

Leotti, S., Harrell, S. & Sarantakos, S. (2022). Special Interest Group: Abolitionist Social Work. *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*. Washington, D.C. Jan. 12-16. Special Interest Group Convener.

Harrell, S., **Leotti, S.** & Sarantakos, S. (2021). Special Interest Group: Abolitionist Social Work. *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*. Virtual Conference. Jan. 19-22. Special Interest Group Convener.

Community Engagements

What Does Independence Mean to You?: A PhotoVoice Exhibit on Community Inclusion and Disability Experiences in Laramie, WY, The Cooper Center for the Creative Arts, Laramie, WY, May, 2023.

Work in Progress

Publications

Leotti, S. A Spectrum of Captivity: Unpacking the Carceral Lexicon. (Conceptual). **Manuscript in Preparation.**

Leotti, S., Jarman, M., Holland, M., & Bush, E. Exploring In(ter)dependence in the Rural West: A Photovoice Project with Disabled Adults. **Manuscript in Preparation.**

Holland, M., **Leotti, S.,** Jarman, M. Adapting PhotoVoice Methodology for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities in Community Based Research: Lessons Learned. **Manuscript in Preparation.**

Jacobs, L., Bakko, M.,, Fixler, A., Tomzcak, S., **Leotti, S.** Murray, B., Erwin, J. Hostetter, C.R. Cooperation and Conflict: The Paradoxical Relationship between Social Work and Law Enforcement. **Manuscript in Preparation.**

Leotti, S. & Sugrue, E. Discourse Analysis as a Tool to Advance Critical Social Wok Education. **Manuscript in preparation.**

Presentations

Wahab, S, **Leotti, S.,** Anderson-Nathe, B., Park, Y., Chatterjee, A., & Musto, J. (Under Review). Discourses of Trauma and Trauma Informed Care in Social Work: Unsettling Assumptions and Examining its Coercive Effects, *Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference*. Seattle, WW. Jan. 15-19. Oral Presentation.

Graduate Student Research Supervision

Committee Chair (University of Wyoming)

Kelley Webb (2025 – Expected). MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Mary Baylie (2025 – Expected). MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Kathryn Burrows (2025 – Expected). MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Dylan Croft (2025 – Expected). MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Sadie Forney (2025 – Expected). MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Jack Glasbrenner (2025 – Expected). MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Em Griffiths (2025 – Expected). MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Morgan Pfister (2025 – Expected). MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Dakota Metzger (2025 – Expected). MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Heather Rubis (2025 – Expected). MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Anne Dey (2025 – Expected). MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Avery MacAskill (2025 – Expected). MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Anita Curtis (2025 – Expected). MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Jaycee Myrtle (2025 – Expected). MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Isabella Guilbeau (2025 – Expected). MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Kaleb Hansen (2024). *Disrupting Binaries and Existing within the Tension*. MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Rickie Lee Ryan (2024). Untitled MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Juliet Unfried (2024). *A Reflection of Holding the Light and Dark Together*. MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Sarah Franczak (2024). Untitled MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Matthew Shlim. (2024). *What is the Best Thing that Could Happen: The Embrace of Risk in Social Work*. MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Maia Marces (2023). *Wyoming Parent Perspectives on Children’s Mental and Emotional Well-Being: Seeking Support and Resources in Rural Areas*. Master’s Thesis, Division of Social Work. *Winner of the Graduate Social Work Student Research Special Recognition Award

Mckenzie Myers (2023). *Social Justice through the Lens of a River*. MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Emily Sloan (2023). *A Love like that Lights the Whole Sky*. MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Frances Wachs (2023). *Artist and Social Worker: Critic, Creator, Outsider, Dreamer*. MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Blair Crumpler (2023). *A Dance thought Difficult Times*. MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Charleigh Cole (2023). Untitled MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Ariel Bernath (2022). *In Search of New Worlds: Social Work, Liberation, and the Apocalypse*. MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Shaelee Stone (2022). Untitled MSW Portfolio, Division of Social Work

Jason Lovell (2022). *A Social Work Journey: Is it all Greek?* MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Jessie Petty (2022). *Two Years and the Reformulation of Everything I Thought I Knew*. MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Micah Sneed (2022). *In a World Where You Can Choose to be Anything, Choose to be Kind: The Culmination of my Growth in the Field of Social Work*. MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Josh Wells (2022). Untitled MSW Portfolio, Division of Social Work

Jill Moeller. (2021). *Home Health Experiences During COVID-19: A Phenomenological Inquiry with Community Choices Service Users*. Master's Thesis, Division of Social Work.
*Social Justice Research Center Funded Scholar

Carrie Mowrey. (2021). *Effectiveness of Dialectical Behavioral Therapy in Reducing Symptoms of Anxiety*. Practice Evaluation, Division of Social Work

Laura Blaney. (2021). *Implementation of a Mutual Aid Group to Reduce Social Isolation*. Practice Evaluation, Division of Social Work

Shane Sims. (2021). *Developing a Digital Communications Strategy with a Non-Profit*. Practice Evaluation, Division of Social Work

Inside Committee Member (University of Wyoming)

Leah Albros (Excepted- 2025). MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Claire Boughton. (Excepted- 2025). MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Alexis Bacca (2024). Untitled MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Kenneth Metcalf (2024). *This is the Beginning of My Quest*. MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Sara Glenn (2024). Untitled MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Rachael Ritter (2024). *Chiaroscuro*. MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Heidi Weaver (2024). *A Journey of a Thousand Miles Begins with a Single Step*. MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Hana Jo Lerwick (2024). *A Good/Bad Reading*. MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Emma Luskey. (2023). *Untitled MSW Portfolio Project*, Division of Social Work

Conor Mullen. (2023). *Psychosocial support through skateboarding: Photo novella with displaced youth in Greece*. Master's Thesis, Division of Social Work

Anastasiia Corley (2022). *My Journey to Social Justice*. MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Ellie Finnegan (2022). *The Garden of Social Work*. MSW Portfolio Project, Division of Social Work

Ada Mushati. (2021). *Finding Where I Fit: An Autoethnography of a Daughter of Mexican Immigrants Living in White Spaces*. Master's Thesis, Division of Social Work

Hannah Lane. (2021). *Is a Mindfulness-Based Technique an Effective Intervention for High School Students Experiencing Stress?* Practice Evaluation, Division of Social Work

Samantha Lara. (2021). *Cultural Humility and Multiculturalism in the Education System*. Practice Evaluation, Division of Social Work

Jennifer Morris. (2021). *Utilizing Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Anger Management with Elementary Age Students*. Practice Evaluation, Division of Social Work

Tiernan McIlwaine. (2021). *In-Service Mental Health Consultation and the Pyramid Model*. Practice Evaluation, Division of Social Work

Kelly Williams. (2021). *Examining the Effectiveness of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT) in Decreasing Depression Among Patients with End-Stage Renal Disease*. Practice Evaluation, Division of Social Work

Outside Committee Member (University of Wyoming)

Raena Bush. (2020). *An Exploration of Feminism, Race, and Rebellion in BioShock Infinite*. Published Master's Thesis, Department of Communication and Journalism

Outside Committee Member (Other Universities)

Sheila Shankar, (2025 – expected). *Untitled Doctoral Dissertation*, Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice, University of Chicago.

Teaching

University of Wyoming

Semester & Year	Course Number	Course Title	Enrollment	Credits	On-Campus/ Distance
Fall 2024	SOWK 5600	Advanced Generalist Practice	21	3	On-Campus
Fall 2024	SOWK 5200	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	7	3	Distance
Fall 2024	SOWK 5755	MSW Professional Portfolio	8	1	On-Campus
Fall 2024	SOWK 5755	MSW Professional Portfolio	7	1	On-Campus
Spring 2024	SOWK 5210	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	10	3	Distance
Spring 2024	SOWK5755	MSW Professional Portfolio	5	1	On-Campus
Fall 2023	SOWK 5200	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	12	3	Distance
Fall 2023	SOWK 5600	Advanced Generalist Practice	21	3	On-Campus
Fall 2023	SOWK 5755	MSW Professional Portfolio	5	2	On-Campus
Spring 2023	SOWK 5755	MSW Professional Portfolio	5	1	On-Campus
Spring 2023	SOWK 5960	Thesis Research	1	2	On-Campus
Spring 2023	SOWK 5705	Generalist Practice III: Group Work Practice	12	3	Hybrid
Spring 2023	SOWK 5210	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	8	3	Distance
Fall 2022	SOWK 5200	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	8	3	Hy-flex
Fall 2022	SOWK 5600	Advanced Generalist Practice	19	3	On Campus
Fall 2022	SOWK 5755	Practice Evaluation	4	1	On-Campus
Spring 2022	SOWK 5210	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	10	3	Hybrid
Spring 2022	SOWK 5755	Practice Evaluation	6	1	On-Campus

Fall 2021	SOWK 5200	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	12	3	Distance
Fall 2021	SOWK 5600	Advanced Generalist Practice	25	3	On-Campus
Fall 2021	SOWK 5755	Practice Evaluation	5	1	On-Campus
Spring 2021	SOWK 5210	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	13	3	Hybrid
Spring 2021	SOWK 5960	Thesis Research	1	2	Video Conference
Spring 2021	SOWK 5755	Practice Evaluation	3	1	Video Conference
Fall 2020	SOWK 5960	Thesis Research	1	2	Video Conference
Fall 2020	SOWK 5755	Practice Evaluation	3	1	Video Conference
Fall 2020	SOWK 5200	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	14	3	Video Conference
Fall 2020	SOWK 5600	Advanced Generalist Practice	25	3	Hybrid
Spring 2020	SOWK 5210	Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	14	3	Hy-flex
Fall 2019	SOWK 5200	Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	14	3	Hy-flex
Fall 2019	SOWK 5600	Advanced Generalist Practice	20	3	On-Campus

Portland State University

Semester & Year	Course Number	Course Title	Enrollment	Credits	On-Campus/ Distance
Spring 2019	SW 551	Social Work Research and Evaluation II	18	3	On-Campus
Spring 2019	SW 540	Human Development Across the Lifespan	26	3	Distance
Fall 2018	SW 539	Social Justice in Social Work	28	3	On-Campus
Spring 2018	SW 532	Advocacy and Empowerment	18	3	Distance

Fall 2017	SW 540	Human Development Across the Lifespan	28	3	Distance
Spring 2017	SW 532	Advocacy and Empowerment	25	3	Distance
Fall 2016	SW 540	Human Development Across the Lifespan	29	3	Distance
Fall 2015	SW 540	Human Behavior and the Social Environment: Micro	28	3	Distance
Spring 2015	SW 532	Advocacy and Empowerment	27	3	On-Campus
Spring 2015	SW 532	Advocacy and Empowerment	21	3	On-Campus
Spring 2015	SW 591	Child and Adolescent Behavior and Development and the Social Environment - Advanced Theory and Practice	30	3	On-Campus
Winter 2015	SW 451	Social Work Research and Evaluation II	30	3	On-Campus
Fall 2014	SW 591	Child & Adol Behav and Dev - Advanced Theory and Practice	29	3	On-Campus
Spring 2014	SW 591	Child and Adolescent Behavior and Development and the Social Environment - Advanced Theory and Practice	18	3	On-Campus
Winter 2014	SW 451	Social Work Research and Evaluation II	22	3	On-Campus
Winter 2014	SW 451	Social Work Research and Evaluation II	28	3	On-Campus
Fall 2013	SW 540	Human Behavior and the Social Environment: Micro	27	3	Distance
Winter 2013	SW 541	Human Behavior and the Social Environment: Macro	28	3	Distance

Pacific University

Semester & Year	Course Number	Course Title	Enrollment	Credits	On-Campus/ Distance
Spring 2016	SOCWK 320	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	24	3	On-Campus

Field Liaison

Spring 2024 Graduate MSW (1) student
Spring 2022 Graduate MSW (3) students
Fall 2021 Graduate MSW (3) students
Spring 2021 Graduate MSW (5) students
Fall 2020 Graduate MSW (5) students

Advising

Year	Number of Undergraduate Advisees	Number of Graduate Advisees
2024-2025	8	22
2023-2024	11	15
2022-2023	8	6
2021-2022	9	6
2020-2021	5	4

Guest Lectures

Panel Discussion on Abolition in Social Work. Creating New Anchors: An Introduction to Prison Industrial Complex (PIC) Abolition, The University of Chicago, Nov 2022.

General Assistance in Oregon: Policy Research and Advocacy. Social Welfare History and Policy, Portland State University, Jan 2016.

Feminist Theories and Social Work Practice. Human Development Across the Lifespan, Portland State University, Feb, 2016.

Feminist Theories and Social Work Practice. Human Behavior and the Social Environment: Macro Theory, Portland State University, May, 2013.

Feminisms and Social Work in the U.S.: An Historical Perspective. History and Philosophy of Social Welfare and Social Work, Portland State University, Oct, 2012.

Partnering with People with Disabilities to Address Violence. Social Justice in Social Work, Portland State University, April, 2012.

Service

University Service

University Service, University of Wyoming

Senator, Faculty Senate	2022 – Present
Member, Restorative Justice Work Group, Dean of Students Office	2021 – 2023
Faculty Mentor, Academic Writing Fellows Program	2021 – 2022
Restorative Justice Facilitator, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion	2019 – 2021

College of Health Sciences, University of Wyoming

Member, Curriculum & Instruction Committee	2021 – 2022; 2023- Present
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Department Service, Division of Social Work, University of Wyoming

Chair, MSW Program Committee	2024 – Present
Member, Field Committee	2024 – Present
Member, BSW Program Committee	2024 – Present
Chair, Search Committee for MSW Director	Fall 2024
Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor	Fall 2024
Chair, Search Committee for MSW Director	Spring 2024
Chair, Search Committee for Associate Professor	Fall 2023
Member, Search Committee for Assistant Lecturer	Fall 2023
Member, MSW Program Committee	2019 – Present
Member, Search Committee for Division of Social Work Director	Spring 2023
Member, Search Committee for Part-time MSW Program Coordinator	Spring 2023
Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor	Fall 2021
Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor	Summer 2021
Member, Scholarship Review Committee	Spring 2021
Member, Search Committee for Assistant Field Director	Summer 2020
Member, Search Committee for Senior Office Associate	Fall 2019

University Service, Portland State University

Member, Diversity Council Faculty Recruitment & Retention Committee	2018 - 2019
Reviewer, University Undergraduate Scholarship Committee	2016 - 2017

Department Service, School of Social Work, Portland State University

Member, Promotion Committee for Research Associates/Assistants	2016 – 2019
Member, Social Justice Committee	2013 – 2014
Member, Ph.D. Program Committee	2010 – 2012

Professional Service

Professional Leadership and Service

Co-Convener, The Abolitionist Social Change Collective	2021 – Present
Member, Disability Justice Consulting Consortium	2022 – Present

Editorial Roles

- Editorial Board, *Affilia: Feminist Inquiry & Social Work* 2024 – Present
- Consulting Editor, *Abolitionist Perspectives in Social Work* 2023 – Present
- Consulting Editor, *Affilia: Feminist Inquiry & Social Work* 2020 – 2023
- Guest Editor, *Social Sciences*, Special Edition: Between Criminalization and Care: Reimagining Social Work's Role in the Carceral State. 2023

Grant Review Panels

External Reviewer, *Research Grants Council of Hong Kong* 2020 – Present

Conference Abstract Review

Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting 2021 – 2022

Ad Hoc Manuscript Review

Advances in Social Work
Bloomsbury Publishing
British Journal of Social Work
Children & Youth Services Review
Humanity & Society
Journal of Interpersonal Violence
Journal of Progressive Human Services
Oxford Bibliographies
Qualitative Research in Health
Rutgers, Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books
Social Work in Mental Health
Social Service Review

Community Service

Secretary, BoD, Sentencing Advocacy and Justice Project 2024 – Present

Volunteer, Equality State Policy Center 2021

Coach, Girls on the Run 2017 – 2019

MSW Field Instructor, Regional Research Institute 2011 – 2012

Domestic Violence Advocate, Helpmate 2009 – 2010

Sexual Violence Prevention Mentor, Our Voice 2009 – 2010

Students in Service Volunteer, AmeriCorps 2005 – 2006

Rape Crisis Advocate, Whatcom County Sexual Assault Services 2003 – 2004

Professional Memberships

Council on Social Work Education 2019 – Present

Society for Social Work and Research 2013 – Present

Social Welfare Action Alliance 2020 – Present

Professional Development

Online Course Design Cycle	Fall 2024
Developing Activities to Promote Students' Critical & Creative Thinking	Fall 2023
Pedagogical Retreat: Building Community through Transformative Pedagogy	Summer 2023
Faculty Learning Community: Un-Grading	2022-2023
Oral History Theory and Practice Symposium	Summer 2022
Faculty Learning Community: The Future of Teaching	2021-2022
Workshop: Teaching & Learning Qualitative Research Through Popular Film	Summer 2021
Workshop: Doing Situational Analysis	Summer 2021
Faculty Learning Community: America's Critical Thinking Crisis	Spring 2021
Faculty Learning Community: Radical Hope: A Teaching Manifesto	Spring 2021
Academic Writing Fellows Program, University of Wyoming	2020-2021
Transdisciplinary Research Discussion Group	Spring 2021
ECTL Digital Teaching and Learning Workshop	Summer 2020
University of Wyoming Grant Writing Seminar	Summer 2020
Green Dot Bystander Intervention Training	Summer 2020
Faculty Learning Community: Reading, Research, and References	Spring 2020
University of Wyoming Library's Open Education Symposium	Fall 2019
University of Michigan Restorative Justice Facilitator Training	Fall 2019