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## EDUCATION

- 2017                    **Ph.D., Social Welfare** University of California, Los Angeles  
Dissertation: [\*Doing Better for Single-Parent Families. Poverty and Policy in 45 Countries.\*](#)  
Committee: Todd Franke (chair), Jody Heymann, Aurora Jackson, and Ailee Moon
- 2002                    **M.S.W.**, University of California, Los Angeles
- 1998                    **B.A.**, Liberal Studies, Saint Mary's College of California

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2019- current            Molloy University, Rockville Centre, New York  
Assistant Professor of Social Work
- 2018-2019                Medgar Evers College, City University of New York  
Assistant Professor of Social Work

## AREAS OF INTEREST

- Policy:**                Women and Children, Gender Equality, International
- Research:**            Single-Parent Families, Poverty and Inequality, Policy Analysis, Cross-National Data
- Teaching:**            Social Welfare Policy, Health Policy, Advocacy, Community Organizations, Policy to Practice with Families and Children, Human Behavior and the Social Environment, Research Methods and Statistics, and Global Policy.

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Books:**

- 2018    Nieuwenhuis, Rense, and Laurie C. Maldonado (eds). [The triple bind of single-parent families: resources, employment, and policies to improve wellbeing.](#) Bristol: Policy Press.

### **Edited journal issues:**

- 2022    Gornick, Janet, Laurie C. Maldonado, and Amanda Sheely, Guest Editors. *(forthcoming)*. "Single-parent families and public policy: Evidence from high-income countries." *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*.

### **Articles, peer-reviewed journals:**

- 2022 Gornick, Janet, Laurie C. Maldonado, and Amanda Sheely. *(forthcoming)*. "Introduction: Public Policy and the Socio-Economic Status of Single-Parent Families: The United States in Cross-National Perspective. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*.
- 2022 Gornick, Janet, Laurie C. Maldonado, and Amanda Sheely. *(forthcoming)*. "Conclusion: Public Policy and the Socio-Economic Status of Single-Parent Families: The United States in Cross-National Perspective. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*.
- 2019 Maldonado, Laurie C., and Rense Nieuwenhuis. "[Single Parents in Context](#)." In Oxford Bibliographies in Sociology. Ed. Lynette Spillman. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2015 Maldonado, Laurie C., and Rense Nieuwenhuis. "Family Policies and Single Parent Poverty in 18 OECD Countries, 1978-2008." *Community Work & Family* 18(4):395–415.
- 2015 Nieuwenhuis, Rense, and Laurie C. Maldonado. "Prepare versus Repair? Combining parental leave and family allowances for social investment against single-parent poverty." *Belgisch Tijdschrift voor Sociale Zekerheid (Belgian Review of Social Security)* 57(1), 115–123.

### **Book chapters:**

- 2020 Maldonado, Laurie C., and Rense Nieuwenhuis. "Dual-earner family policies at work for single-parent families". In Rense Nieuwenhuis and Wim Van Lancker (eds), [Handbook of Family Policy](#). Palgrave.
- 2018 Nieuwenhuis, Rense, and Laurie C. Maldonado. "[Single-Parent Families and In-Work Poverty](#)." In Henning Lohmann and Ive Marx (eds), *Handbook of Research on In-Work Poverty*. Edward Elgar Press.

### **Policy briefs:**

- 2020 Sheely, Amanda, and Laurie C. Maldonado. [What US policymakers can learn from how the EU tackles poverty among single-parent families](#). The LSE US Centre's daily blog on American Politics and Policy. December 10.
- 2018 Nieuwenhuis, Rense, and Laurie C. Maldonado. [Single Parents in a Gendered Triple Bind](#). **Social Europe**. March 8.
- 2018 Maldonado, Laurie C. [Doing Better for Single-Parent Families, the US Compared to 45 Countries](#). **Inequality Matters LIS Newsletter**, Issue 5. March.
- 2018 Nieuwenhuis, Rense, and Laurie C. Maldonado. [Triple Bind of Single-Parent Families](#). **Inequality Matters LIS Newsletter**, Issue 5. March.
- 2015 Maldonado, Laurie C., and Rense Nieuwenhuis. [Single-Parent Family Poverty in 24 OECD Countries: A focus on market and redistribution strategies](#). New York City: **LIS Center Research Brief Series**.

- 2012 Casey, Timothy, and Laurie Maldonado. [Worst Off- Single-Parent Families in the United States: A Cross-National Comparison of Single-Parenthood in the U.S. and Sixteen Other High-Income Countries](#). New York City: **Legal Momentum**.

**Other publications -- e.g., blog, media:**

- 2019 [Endless Summer: For Working Parents, The Long Break Comes At A High Cost](#). Stone Center at the Graduate Center, City University of New York.
- 2018 [Supporting All Family Models Equally is Not a Complex Policy Task](#). Population Europe Policy Brief.
- 2018 [Why Single-Parent Families are in a Triple Bind?](#) SUM, City University of New York.
- 2018 Radio appearance, “Single Parents in a Triple Bind”, [Off-Kilter](#), Rebecca Vallas. August 15.
- 2018 Maldonado, Laurie C. [Spotlight on Young Researcher](#). Luxembourg National Research Fund. May 8, 2018.
- 2016 Maldonado, Laurie C., and Rense Nieuwenhuis. [External Diffusion Blog](#). January 20, 2016.
- 2015 Maldonado, Laurie C., and Rense Nieuwenhuis. [Social Policy Context of Single-Parent Families. Policy and Politics Journal Blog](#). February 26.
- 2013 Television appearance, [“American Single Mother’s Burden,” Al Jazeera International English, Inside Story with Kimberly Halkett, May 11](#).
- 2013 Interviewed by UCLA School of Public Affairs. [Ph.D. Student Aids in Groundbreaking Study. January 9](#).
- 2012 Radio appearance, “U.S. Single Parents Worst-Off,” WBAI, Esther Armah, 7am Wake Up Call. December 24.

[Worst-Off Single-Parent Families in the United States](#) featured in:

[Newspaper, CNN, Susan Faludi](#)

[Newspaper, The Nation, Greg Kauffman](#)

[Newspaper, The New York Times, Nancy Folbre](#)

[Newspaper, The New York Times, KJ Dell’Antonia](#)

[Television, Bill Moyers](#)

[Magazine, Forbes, Bryce Covert](#)

**RESEARCH GRANT**

Awarded Molloy Graduate Research Assistant, provided for graduate student to assist with research from 2022 to 2023.

Awarded Molloy Faculty Research Stipend of \$1,000, provided for student to assist with research from 2021 to 2022.

Research grant awarded by the London School of Economics (LSE) US Centre

Project: “Single parent diversity”

Purpose: Conference and network support

Principal Investigators: Amanda Sheely and Laurie C. Maldonado

Amount of Grant: €15,000

Research grant awarded by the *Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR)*

Project: “The Welfare State, Single-Parent Families, and Poverty: A Cross-National Study”

Purpose: PhD Support

Award Period: September 15, 2013 to September 14, 2017.

Principal Investigators: Laurie C. Maldonado and Janet C. Gornick.

Amount of Grant: €164,000 (approximately \$184,000)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2017 –2018      **Researcher**, [The Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality](#) at the Graduate, City University of New York

### Responsibilities

The Stone Center has some of the most prominent scholars – economists, sociologists, and political scientists –tackling income inequality. The Center supported my research on single-parent families and poverty and inequality using the LIS data. I served as Associate Director of the “Inequality by the Numbers” which hosts 100 PhD students for a week-long workshop to the study of socio-economic inequalities within New York City, across the U.S. states, across countries, and globally.

2010 – 2017      **Pre-Doctoral Scholar**, [The Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality](#) at the Graduate, City University of New York

Responsibilities Assisted with editing of chapters for volume titled *Income Inequality: Economic Disparities and the Middle Class in Affluent Countries*. Co-founder of the LIS Data Student Group at the Graduate Center that hosted graduate seminars with leading scholars and informal presentations where students presented their research. Provided oversight, management and hands-on coordination of the Center’s financial and personnel functions, worked closely with the Director and Development Director to ensure the integrity of accounts and reporting requirements. Assisted with special events, conferences, and public programs on poverty and inequality. Assisted with fundraising, conference proposal bids, report and grant writing, outreach, and website development.  
Director: Janet Gornick, Ph.D.

Sept.- Dec. 2013 **Pre-Doctoral Scholar**, [Luxembourg Income Study](#), Luxembourg

Responsibilities: Worked closely with the data team to understand the process to harmonize country household survey data into a common template for cross-national

research. Completed an inventory of non-income variables contained in datasets in-house at LIS to identify new variables that may eventually be added to the LIS Database.

Director: Thierry Kruten

2007 – 2010

**Graduate Student Researcher**, UCLA School of Law School

Responsibilities: Reviewed literature, edited manuscripts for publishing, and contributed to book section on comparative welfare.

Supervisor: Joel Handler, Professor of Law, J.D.

**Graduate Student Researcher**, UCLA Department of Social Welfare Responsibilities:

Coordinated interview participation for qualitative research.

Principal Investigator: Lené Levy-Storms, Ph.D.

**Graduate Student Instructor**, UCLA Department of Social Welfare

Responsibilities: Assisted with research reports and policy briefs for the aging policy research agenda.

Principal Investigator: Fernando Torres Gil, Ph.D.

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2022: Maldonado, Laurie C. “Single-Parent Families and Policy in the United States: Evidence Across High-Income Countries”. Presentation at Molloy University Research Day. March 30.
- 2021: Morgan Remhild, Danielle O’Shea, and Laurie Maldonado. New York State Education Association (NYSEA) Conference. Nov 12.
- 2021: Maldonado, Laurie C. “Where are all the Welfare Queens. Diversity and European Evidence on Single-Parent Families”. Presentation on zoom at London School of Economics Public Lecture series. May 20. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZljFqB-NR4k>
- 2020: Maldonado, Laurie C. “State of Family Poverty in the U.S. What can we learn from other countries?”. Presentation at Molloy University Research Day. Jan. 29.
- 2020: Maldonado, Laurie C. and Ive Marx. “Poverty Reduction Policies for Single-Parent Families:” Presentation at SSWR (Society of Social Work Research) Conference. Washington D.C. Jan. 16.
- 2019: Maldonado, Laurie C., and Amanda Sheely. “Diversity among Single-Parent Families”. Symposium at ESPAnet (European Network for Social Policy Analysis) Conference. Stockholm, Sweden. September 3-5.
- 2019: Maldonado, Laurie C. and Ive Marx. LIS Data Workshop. “Poverty Reduction Policies for Single-Parent Families: On Optimal Targeting”. Presentation at ASA (American Sociological Association) Conference. New York. Aug. 11.
- 2019: Maldonado, Laurie C. “The Optimal Balance Between Redistribution and Work-Family Policies”. Presentation at SASE (Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics) Conference. The New School, NY. June 27.
- 2019: Maldonado, Laurie C. “America’s Single-Parent Families Caught in a Triple Bind”. Invited Speaker on Social Mobility Series. Jain Family Institute. New York. Jan. 18.

- 2018: Maldonado, Laurie C., and Rense Nieuwenhuis. "Triple Bind of Single-Parent Families" Author meets critic book session (Janet Gornick, Heather Boushey, Phillip Cohen). Work Family Research Network Conference. Washington, D.C. June 20-24.
- 2018: Maldonado, Laurie C. "Doing Better for Single-Parent Families and Work-Family Policies." Work Family Research Network Conference. Washington, D.C. June 20-24.
- 2018: Maldonado, Laurie C. "Doing Better for Single-Parent Families: LIS and WORLD data". LIS/LWS Users Conference 2018: The legacy of Tony Atkinson in inequality analysis. Luxembourg. May 3-4.
- 2017: Maldonado, Laurie C. "Cash vs Care for Single-Parent Families". European Network for Social Policy Analysis (ESPAnet), Lisbon, Portugal. September 14-16.
- Maldonado, Laurie C. "Going Global for Single-Parent Families. Poverty and Policy in 45 Countries." Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), New York, July 18.
- Maldonado, Laurie C. "Going Global: Single-Parent Families Poverty and Policy." LIS Inequality by the Numbers Workshop. The Graduate Center, City University of New York, June 6.
- 2016: Maldonado, Laurie C., and Rense Nieuwenhuis. "The Triple Bind of Single-Parent Families and In-Work Poverty." Presentation at SASE (Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics) Conference. University of Berkeley, CA. June 25.
- Maldonado, Laurie C., and Rense Nieuwenhuis. "Single-Parent Families and In-Work Poverty." LIS Inequality by the Numbers Workshop. The Graduate Center, City University of New York, June 10.
- Maldonado, Laurie C. "The Independent Mothers of Iceland." Invited Lecture at University of Iceland. Reykjavik, Iceland, March 10.
- 2015: Maldonado, Laurie C., and Rense Nieuwenhuis. "The Social Political Context of Single-Parent Families". Symposium at Policy and Politics Conference. Bristol, UK. September 15-17.
- Maldonado, Laurie C., and Rense Nieuwenhuis. "The Social Policy Context of Single-Parent Families". Symposium at ESPAnet (European Network for Social Policy Analysis) Conference. Odense, Denmark. September 3-5.
- Maldonado, Laurie C. "Family Policies and Single Parent Poverty in 18 OECD Countries, 1978-2008". Conference Presentation at SEMILUX/ University of Luxembourg. Luxembourg, March 18.
- Maldonado, Laurie C. "Single-Parent Families and Poverty". Conference Presentation at Eastern Sociological Society Conference, New York. February 28.
- 2014: Maldonado, Laurie C., and Rense Nieuwenhuis. "Do single-parent families benefit more from universal welfare state policies, or from policies targeted on specific needs of such families?" Panel Presentation at Work Family Research Network Conference, New York. June 21.

Maldonado, Laurie C., and Rense Nieuwenhuis. "Family Policies and Single Parent Poverty in 18 OECD Countries, 1978-2008". Conference Presentation at Work Family Research Network, New York. June 19.

Maldonado, Laurie C. "Worst Off- Single-Parent Families in the United States: A Cross-National Comparison of Single-Parenthood in the U.S. and Sixteen Other High-Income Countries." University of Twente, Netherlands. January 10.

2013: Maldonado, Laurie C., and Rense Nieuwenhuis. "Family Policies and Single Parent Poverty". Presentation at LIS Luxembourg, December 9.

2012: Maldonado, Laurie C. "A Cross-National Study on Single-Parent Families and Poverty Reduction: Transfers, Child Allowances, and Child Leave. Conference presentation at Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA, March 22.

2011: Maldonado, Laurie C. "Economic Wellbeing of Single-Parent Families: A Cross-National Study." Presented at the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA, February 27.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022 International trip Belgium Experience, Molloy University

Responsibilities: Designed a course and experience for college students to travel to Belgium with the International Office of Education. This international trip is designed to better understand the European Union. It takes critical look at Belgium's history and experience in World War I and II. It explores Belgium's unique social welfare state which has a very developed school and health care system. It includes visits to outstanding museums and galleries including Michelangelo's world-famous Madonna and Child in Bruges, Van Eyck's masterpiece Lamb of God in Ghent, and Rubens' beautiful paintings in Cathedral of our Lady in Antwerp. Students enjoy a vibrant cultural scene and taste Belgian cuisine. A highlight, students engage in a social policy project with college students at the University of Antwerp.

2016 – present **Lecturer**, Columbia University School of Social Work

Responsibilities: Teach an advanced course on Families and Children Services, Advocacy, and Health Policy to MSW students. Teach residential and online courses. Facilitate weekly live sessions conducted in Zoom and Adobe Connect, a web conferencing tool to engage interactive student learning.

2017 – 2020 **Lecturer**, Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service

Responsibilities: Taught online 8-week policy and research courses to MSW students. Facilitate weekly assignments and discussions conducted in 2U and Brightspace, course tools where student engage in curriculum and complete assignments at their own pace.

2010 – 2013 **Lecturer**, Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College, City University of New York

Responsibilities: Taught a two-course series on Social Welfare Policy (Introduction to Social Policy, Women and Social Policy) during the academic year to approximately 25 students pursuing their masters in social work, for a total of 10 courses. Prepared each weekly session, communicate with students, grade assignments, and utilize technology in the classroom to foster learning.

Chair: Mimi Abramovitz, Ph.D.

2009 **Graduate Student Instructor**, UCLA Department of Social Welfare

Responsibilities: Co-taught course on Dynamics of Human Behavior. Prepared one lecture to class of 100 students. Facilitated two weekly discussion sections of 25 students. Facilitated final examinations.

Supervisor: Jorja Leap, Ph.D.

## PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

2006 – 2007 **Social Worker Supervisor**, Workforce 1 Career Center, City of New York

Responsibilities: Coordinated program that provided access to benefits to help individuals maintain, retain, and advance in their employment. Co-facilitated non-custodial parents to secure employment, regularly pay child support, and strengthen their relationship with their children. Supervised 13 staff members and 2 students pursuing their social work master degrees.

2003 – 2006 **Social Worker Supervisor**, Highbridge Community Life Center, Bronx, NY

Responsibilities: Directed a program that served over 50 single-parent families in poverty. Supervised staff members and master-level students to collaborate with families, schools, legal representation, service agencies, and the larger community to prevent child abuse. Assisted with fundraising, grant and report writing, website development, and analysis of administrative data. Sole grant writer for Bank of America Neighborhood Excellence, awarded to agency for \$200,000 over 2 years.

2001 – 2003 **Social Worker**, Department of Children and Family Services, Los Angeles

Responsibilities: Provided case management to ensure child safety and strengthen families in child protection services. Provided intensive programming to prepare young people for emancipation from the foster care system through UCLA specialized internship, "EASE-IN". Collaborated in partnership to develop a mentoring program that connects foster youth to community role models.

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

2018 Selected for the Work and Family Researchers Network Early Career Fellowship Program  
2016 Nominated for the Rosabeth Moss Kanter Award for Excellence in Work-Family Research  
2014 Runner-up to Best Junior Scholar Paper Award, Work Family Researcher's Network Conference  
2011 – 2012 UCLA Luskin Fellowship  
UCLA David and Marianna Fisher Fellowship  
UCLA Community Partners Fellowship  
2007 – 2012 UCLA University Fellowship (Regents Stipend)



2007 – 2010 UCLA University Fellowship (Registration Fee Award)

## **SERVICE**

2019 – present Peer Reviewer, Community, Work, Family Journal  
2019 – present Peer Reviewer, Advances in Life Course Research  
2017 – present Peer Reviewer, Journal of European Social Policy (JESP)  
2017 – present Peer Reviewer, Community, Work, Family Journal

## **TRAINING**

2020 Advanced Teach Learn Course (TLC) Design Online, Molloy University  
2020 Teach Learn Course (TLC) Design Online, Molloy University  
2019 New Faculty Orientation, Molloy University  
2019 Communicating Across Curriculum, Molloy University  
2019 Innovative Technology and Teaching, Fordham University  
2019 Syllabus and Curriculum Development, Fordham University  
2018 Inclusive Teaching, Center for Teaching and Learning, Columbia University  
2015-18 Inequality by the Numbers Workshop, New York  
2016 Euromod Workshop, University of Antwerp, Belgium  
2009 Luxembourg Income Study Data Workshop, Luxembourg  
2008 Teaching Training Program, Office of Instructional Development, UCLA  
2006 Advanced Seminar in Field Instruction (SIFI), Columbia University  
2005 New York State Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW)  
2004 Seminar in Field Instruction (SIFI), Fordham University

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

**Member**, European Network for Social Policy Analysis (ESPAnet)  
**Member**, National Association of Social Workers (NASW)  
**Member**, Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)  
**Member**, Work and Family Researcher's Network (WFRN)  
**Member**, Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ)  
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