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EDUCATION

- 2023 - Present **PhD, Social Work**, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, US
- 2017 – 2019 **MSW, Social Welfare**, University of Seoul, Seoul, South Korea
- Thesis: “Social Network and Depression among the Older Men and Women: The Mediating Effects of Physical Health”
Advisor: Jun-young Lee
- 2013 – 2017 **BSW, Social Welfare**, Hansei University, Gyeonggi, South Korea

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research centers on the health and well-being of **family caregivers for dementia patients, healthy aging and aging in place**, and **health disparities** among older adults and family caregivers. I focus on how socioeconomic inequalities affect the health outcomes of caregivers and the elderly, exploring ways to support equitable and effective caregiving.

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

- 2023 - Present **Graduate Research Assistant**
College of Social Work, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, US
- 2020 - 2023 **Researcher**
Policy Research Department, Seoul Welfare Foundation, Seoul, South Korea
- 2019 **Research Assistant**
Health, Welfare, Family and Gender Equality Team, National Assembly Research Service, Seoul, South Korea
- 2017 - 2019 **Graduate Research Assistant**
Department of Social Welfare, University of Seoul, Seoul, South Korea

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journals

3. Yang, D. Y., **Heo, Y. J.**, and Lee, J. M. (under review). “The Impact of Food Insecurity on Loneliness among Low-Income Single-Person Young Adult Households: A Comparative Analysis by Income Level” *Korean Association of Social Welfare Policy*.
2. **Heo, Y. J.**, Lee, J. M., Kwon, H. J., and Yoon, Y. Y. (2022). “The Association between Subjective Health and Depression Symptoms among Poor and Non-poor Elderly in Seoul: The Moderating Effect of an Age-friendly Walking Environment” *Korean Journal of Gerontological Social Welfare*, 77(4), 303-330.
1. Ryu, D., and **Heo, Y. J.** (2022). “The Effect of Satisfaction with Community Physical Environment on Life Satisfaction among the Elderly: A focus on the Double Mediating Effects of Subjective Neighborhood Relationships and Social Participation” *The Korean Gerontological Society*, 42(1), 17-35.

Books and Reports

6. Ahn, G. D., **Heo, Y. J.**, and Yang, J. Y. (2022). "A Study on the Development of Community-based Social Welfare Center Performance indicators" - Seoul: Seoul Welfare Foundation, ISBN: 978-89-6298-792-8
5. Ahn, G. D., Kwon, H. J., Choi, S. B., and **Heo, Y. J.** (2022). "An Analysis of the Utilization and Issues of Robots for the Elderly Caregiving" - Seoul: Seoul Welfare Foundation, ISBN: 978-89-6298-793-5
4. Hyun, M., and **Heo, Y.** (2021). "A Study on the Management of Elderly Support Housing" - Seoul: Seoul Welfare Foundation, ISBN: 978-89-6298-727-0
3. Hyun, M. Y., Kim, S. L., **Heo, Y. J.**, and Han, J. S. (2021). "A Study on Ways to Improve the Food Service Support Project for the Low-income elderly in Seoul" - Seoul: Seoul Welfare Foundation, ISBN: 978-89-6298-730-0
2. Lee, S. S., Ma, J. Y., Yang, J. S., and **Heo, Y.** (2020). "A Basic Study on the Care System for the Elderly in Seoul" - Seoul: Seoul Welfare Foundation, ISBN: 978-89-6298-684-6
1. Lee, S. S., and **Heo, Y. J.** (2020). "Survey of the Elderly in Seoul" - Seoul: Seoul Welfare Foundation, ISBN: 978-89-6298-683-9

PRESENTATIONS

8. Zottarelli, L. K., Stassen, R., **Heo, Y. J.**, Navarrete, M., Khan, S., Sunil, T., & Shields, A. (Accepted). *Pregnant People's Weather Information and Heat-Health Practices in San Antonio, Texas*. Poster to be presented at the 105th AMS Annual Meeting (16th Conference on Environment and Health); New Orleans, LA.
7. Wang, F., **Heo, Y. J.**, & Kim, S. M. (Accepted). *Role overload and sleep outcomes among caregivers of older adults with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias: Examining the mediating role of secondary stressor*. Presentation to be presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 29th Annual Conference; Seattle, WA.
6. **Heo, Y. J.** (2024). *A Conceptual Framework for Understanding Social Isolation in Caregiving*. Poster to be presented at the 70th Council on Social Work Education; Kansas City, MO.
5. **Heo, Y. J.** (2024). *Ethical Issues That May Arise in Elderly Care Using AI Robots*. Poster to be presented at the AI Graduate Student Poster Contest. Knoxville, TN.
4. **Heo, Y. J.**, Lee, J. M., & Yang, D. Y. (2024). *Management of Chronic Diseases and Depression in the Elderly through the Health Belief Model*. Poster to be presented at the 2024 Spring Conference of the Korean Gerontological Society; Suwon, South Korea
3. Yang, D. Y., **Heo, Y. J.**, and Lee, J. M. (2024). *The impact of food insecurity on loneliness in low-income young single person households: the mediating effect of social support*. Presentation to be presented at the 2024 Spring Conference of the Korean Association of Social Policy. Seoul, South Korea.
2. Wang, F., & **Heo, Y. J.** (2024). *Racial Disparities in Sleep Outcomes Among Caregivers of Older Adults with ADRD*. Poster to be presented at the 5th Annual Symposium on Alzheimer's and Dementia; Knoxville, TN.
1. Zottarelli, L. K., & **Heo, Y. J.** (2024). *Is Seeing Believing? A Comparison of Political Party Affiliation, Subjective Experiences of Extreme Weather Events, and Perceptions of Climate Change*. Presentation to be presented at the Southwest Social Science Association Annual Meeting; New Orleans, LA.

CERTIFICATE

04/11/2024 CIRTLL Associate Level of Certificate, Center for the Integration of Research Teaching and Learning (CIRTLL), University of Tennessee, Knoxville

SKILLS

Statistical Package SPSS, STATA, R, AMOS

Data Visualization Power BI