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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (2005)	University of Kansas	Social Work (with Honors)
M.A. (1994)	University of Kansas	Philosophy (with Honors)
B.A. (1991)	Baker University	Sociology and Philosophy (<i>summa cum laude</i>)

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS/TRAINING

Trauma-Sensitive Yoga, 2017, Trauma Institute/Justice Resource Institute, Brookline, MA
Certificate in Ayurvedic Studies, 2014, Mandorla Yoga, Toronto, CA
Certificate in Yoga Philosophy, 2014, Oxford Center for Hindu Studies, Oxford, UK
500-hr Certified Yoga Teacher, 2014, Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health, Stockbridge, MA
200-hr Certified Yoga Teacher, 2011, Heartspace Yoga and Healing Arts, Albany, NY

DISSERTATION

“The Informal Economy and Intimate Partner Violence: A Capabilities Approach”
Chair: Margaret Severson

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2017-present	Professor. School of Social Welfare, University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY), Albany, NY
2011-2017	Associate Professor. School of Social Welfare, University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY
2008-2010	Assistant Professor. School of Social Welfare, University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY
2008-present	Faculty Affiliate. Department of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies, University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY
2005-2008	Assistant Professor. School of Social Work, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
2003-2005	Instructor/Graduate Teaching Assistant. School of Social Welfare, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
1992-1995	Instructor/Graduate Teaching Assistant. Departments of Philosophy and Western Civilization, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2008-2012 Director. Community and Public Service Program (CPSP), University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY
- 2005-2008 Faculty Research Affiliate. Center for Social Work Research, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
- 2003-2005 Project Coordinator. National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Research Project, "Violence and Victimization: Women's Histories of Survival." School of Social Welfare, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
- 2003-2005 Consultant. Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV), Topeka, KS
- 2002-2003 Research Assistant. Health through Faith and Community Curriculum Project, School of Social Welfare, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
- 2001-2002 Program Associate/Research Assistant. Micro-Entrepreneurial Training (MET) Program, School of Social Welfare, University of Kansas and Kansas Department of Human Resources, Kansas City, KS
- 1998-2001 Economic Justice Coordinator. Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV), Topeka, KS
- 1995-1998 Director of Fundraising and Community Affairs. Women's Transitional Care Services (WTCS), Lawrence, KS

PUBLICATIONS

A. Books

- Pyles, L. (2018). Healing Justice: Holistic Self-Care for Change Makers. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Svistova, J. and Pyles, L. (2018). Production of Disaster and Recovery in Haiti: Disaster Industrial Complex. Routledge Humanitarian Studies Series. Abingdon, UK: Routledge.
- Pyles, L. and Adam, G. (Eds.) (2016). Holistic Engagement: Transformative Social Work Education in the 21st Century. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Lawson, H., Caringi, J., Pyles, L., Jurkowski, J., and Bozlak, C. (Eds.) (2015). Participatory Action Research: Social Work Series on Research. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Pyles, L. (2013). Progressive Community Organizing: Reflective Practice in a Globalizing World, 2nd ed. New York: Routledge.
- Pyles, L. (2009). Progressive Community Organizing: A Critical Approach for a Globalizing World. New York: Routledge.

B. Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Pyles, L., Svistova, J., Ahn, S. and Birkland, T. (2017). Participation in Disaster Recovery Projects in Rural Communities: Comparison of the Haiti Earthquake and Hurricane Katrina. Disasters. doi:10.1111/disa.12260
- Pyles, L., Svistova, J. and Ahn, S. (2017). Securitization, Racial Cleansing, and Disaster Capitalism: Neoliberal Disaster Governance in the U.S. Gulf Coast and Haiti. Critical Social Policy, 37(4), 582-603.
- Pyles, L. (2017). Decolonising Disaster Social Work: Environmental Justice and Community Participation. British Journal of Social Work, 47(3), 630-647.
- Pyles, L. (2015). Participation and other Ethical Considerations in Participatory Action Research in Post-Earthquake Rural Haiti. International Social Work, 58(5), 628-645.
- Pyles, L. and Svistova, J. (2015). A Critical Discourse Analysis of Haiti Earthquake Recovery in *New York Times* articles: Implications for Social Work Disaster Policies, Practices and Education. Critical Social Work, 16(1). <http://www1.uwindsor.ca/criticalsocialwork/HaitiEarthquakeRecovery>
- Svistova, J., Pyles, L. and Andre, J. (2014). The Meaning and Possibilities of Participation in Research in Haiti: A Case of Counter-hegemonic Resistance. Social Development Issues, Special Issue: Latin America and the Caribbean, 36(3), 108-123.
- Martin, E. and Pyles, L. (2013). Social Work in the Engaged University. Journal of Social Work Education, 49(4), 635-645.
- Pyles, L. and Harding, S. (2012). Discourses of post-Katrina reconstruction: A frame analysis. Community Development Journal, 47(3), 335-352.
- Pyles, L., M., K., B., M. G., S., and DeChiro, J. (2012). Building Bridges to Safety and Justice: Stories of Survival and Resistance. Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work, 27(1), 81-91.
- Dybiczyk, P. and Pyles, L. (2011). The Dialectic Method: A Critical and Postmodern Alternative to the Scientific Method. Advances in Social Work, 12(2), 301-317.
- Van den Berk, C. and Pyles, L. (2011). Deconstructing neoliberal community development approaches and a case for the Solidarity Economy. Journal of Progressive Human Services, 23(1), 1-17.
- Alawiyah, T., Bell, H., Pyles, L. and Runnels, R. (2011). Spirituality and Faith-Based Interventions: Pathways to Disaster Resilience for African American Hurricane Katrina Survivors. Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Social Work, 30(3), 294-319.
- Pyles, L. (2011). Toward sustainable post-Katrina recovery: Lessons learned from African American neighborhoods. Families in Society, 92(3), 344-349.
- Pyles, L. (2011). Neoliberalism, INGO practices and sustainable disaster recovery: A post-Katrina case study. Community Development Journal, 46(2), 168-180.
- Pyles, L. and Banerjee, M.M. (2010). Work experiences of women survivors of violence: Insights from the Capabilities Approach. Affilia, 25(1), 43-55.

- Pyles, L. (2010). Global justice in the time of Obama: A call to organize [Commentary]. Social Work, 55(1), 90-92.
- Pyles, L. (2009). Where's the 'freedom' in free trade? Framing practices and global economic justice. Journal of Community Practice, 17(1/2), 73-87.
- Pyles, L. and Cross, T. (2008). Community revitalization in post-Katrina New Orleans: A critical analysis of social capital variables in an African American neighborhood. Journal of Community Practice, 16(4), 383-401.
- Pyles, L., Kulkarni, S. and Lein, L. (2008). Economic survival strategies and food insecurity: The case of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. Journal of Social Service Research, 34(3), 43-53.
- Pyles, L. (2008). The capabilities approach and violence against women: Implications for social development. International Social Work, 51(1), 25-36.
- Pyles, L. (2007). The complexities of the religious response to domestic violence: Implications for faith-based initiatives. Affilia, 22(3), 281-291.
- Pyles, L. (2007). Measuring the informal economy: A validation study of the Resource Generating Strategies Scale. Research on Social Work Practice, 17(4), 466-473.
- Pyles, L. (2007). Community organizing for post-disaster social development: Locating social work. International Social Work, 50(3), 321-333.
- Pyles, L. and Lewis, J. (2007). Women of the storm: Women organizing for change in post-Katrina New Orleans. Affilia, 22(4), 385-389.
- Pyles, L. (2006). Economic well-being and intimate partner violence: New findings about the informal economy. Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare, 33(3), 101-126.
- Pyles, L. (2006). Toward a post-Katrina framework: Social work as human rights and capabilities. Journal of Comparative Social Welfare, 22(1), 79-87.
- Pyles, L. and Kim, K.M. (2006). A multi-level approach to cultural competence: A study of the community response to underserved domestic violence victims. Families in Society, 87(2), 221-230.
- Pyles, L. (2006). Toward safety for low-income battered women: Promoting economic justice strategies. Families in Society, 87(1), 63-70.
- Banerjee, M. and Pyles, L. (2005) Children's schooling: Another barrier to work for women facing welfare reform. Journal of Poverty, 9(4), 99-124.
- Pyles, L. (2005). Understanding the Engaged Buddhist Movement: Implications for social development. Critical Social Work, 6(1). Available at: <http://www1.uwindsor.ca/criticalsocialwork/understanding-the-engaged-buddhist-movement-implications-for-social-development-practice>
- Pyles, L. and Postmus, J.L. (2004). Addressing the problem of domestic violence: How far have we come? Affilia, 19(4), 376-388.
- Banerjee, M. and Pyles, L. (2004). Spirituality: A source of resilience for women of color receiving welfare. Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work, 13(2), 45-70.

C. Book Chapters

- Pyles, L. (Forthcoming). "Healing Justice in the Social Work Classroom: Engaged Buddhism, Whole Self Awareness, and the Legacy of Joanna Macy" in Morley, C. Ablett, P. & Noble, C. (Eds.) The Routledge Handbook of Critical and Transformative Pedagogies for Social Work. London: Routledge/Taylor & Francis.
- Pyles, L. (Forthcoming). "Transformative Community Organising in the Neoliberal U.S. Context" in Banks, S. & Westoby, P. (Eds.) Ethics, Equity, and Community Development. Rethinking Community Development Series. Bristol, UK: Policy Press.
- Pyles, L. and Adam, G. (2016). "Educating Transformative Social Workers: The Case for Holistic Pedagogies," in Pyles, L. & Adam, G. (Eds.) Holistic Engagement: Transformative Education for Social Workers in the 21st Century, pp. 3-30. New York: Oxford University Press
- Adam, G. and Pyles, L. (2016). "A New Model for Holistic Engagement: A Foundation for Social Work Pedagogies," in Pyles, L. & Adam, G. (Eds.) Holistic Engagement: Transformative Education for Social Workers in the 21st Century, pp. 31-55. New York: Oxford University Press
- Pyles, L. and Adam, G. (2016). "Reconstructing Social Work Education: The Path Forward for Holistic Pedagogies," in Pyles, L. & Adam, G. (Eds.) Holistic Engagement: Transformative Education for Social Workers in the 21st Century, pp. 269-284. New York: Oxford University Press
- Pyles, L. and Svistova, J. (2015). "The Critical-Emancipatory Traditions of Participatory Action Research in Post-Disaster Recovery Settings in the Global South," in Lawson, H. et al. (Eds.) Participatory Action Research: Social Work Series on Research, pp. 119-148. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Lawson, H., Bozlak, C., Caringi, J., Pyles, L. and Jurkowski, J. (2015). "Summary Reflections and Lessons Learned," in Lawson, H. et al. (Eds.) Participatory Action Research: Social Work Series on Research. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Pyles, L. (2013). "Moving beyond the professional response to gender-based violence: Community organizing with women survivors" in Kottler, J. and Carlson, J. (Eds.) Helping Beyond the 50-Minute Hour: Therapists Involved in Meaningful Social Action, pp. 122-131. New York: Routledge.
- Pyles, L. (2012). "The capabilities approach and violence against women: Implications for social development" in Renzetti, C., Edleson, J. and Bergen, R. (Eds.) Companion Reader on Violence Against Women, pp. 31-38. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications. [Reprint of previously published article].
- Pyles, L. (2012). "Neoliberalism, INGO Practices and Sustainable Disaster Recovery: A Post-Katrina Case Study" in Legrand, T. and McConnell, A. (Eds.) Emergency Policy (Vol. 3): The Library of Essays on Emergency Ethics, Law and Policy. Surrey, UK: Ashgate Publishing. [Reprint of previously published article].
- Pyles, L. and Lewis, J. (2010). "Women, intersectionality, and resistance: The context of Hurricane Katrina," in Dasgupta, S., Siriner, I. and De, P.S. (Eds.). Women's Encounter with Disaster, pp. 77-86. London: FrontPage Publications.

Pyles, L. (2009). "Where's the 'freedom' in free trade? Framing practices and global economic justice," in Simmons, L. and Harding, S. (Eds). Economic Justice, Labor and Community Practice, pp. 73-87. London: Routledge. [Reprint of previously published article].

Pyles, L. (2009). "Beyond gender mainstreaming: The role of empowerment in fostering women's capabilities," in Homfeldt, H.G. and Reutlinger, C. (Eds.) Soziale Arbeit und Soziale Entwicklung (Social Work and Social Development), pp. 92-101. Baltmannsweiler: Schneider –Verlag.

D. Book Reviews

Pyles, L. (2014). Book Review: Interpersonal Social Work Skills for Community Practice by Donna Hardina. Journal of Teaching in Social Work, 34(1), 111-112.

Pyles, L. (2014). Book Review: Play, Creativity and Social Movements: If I Can't Dance, It's Not my Revolution by Ben Shepard. Journal of Progressive Human Services, 25(1), 72-74.

Pyles, L. (2010). Book Review: The People Shall Rule: ACORN, Community Organizing, and the Struggle for Economic Justice by Robert Fisher (Ed.). Social Service Review, 84(2), 332-334.

Pyles, L. (2008). Book Review: Changing Contours of Work: Jobs and Opportunities in the New Economy by Stephen Sweet and Peter Meiksins. Families in Society, 89(0). Available at: <http://www.familiesinsociety.org/Show.asp?docid=3798>.

Pyles, L. (2005). Book Review: Faith in Action by Richard Wood. Journal of Community Practice, 12(1/2), 171-173.

E. Research Reports

Pyles, L., Svistova, J. and André, J. (2015). Disaster Recovery in Post-Earthquake Rural Haiti: Research Findings and Recommendations for Participatory, Sustainable Recovery. Albany, NY: University at Albany. DOI: 10.13140/RG.2.1.2491.6320

Pyles, L. (2011). Equinox Domestic Violence Services: Focus Group Report. Albany, NY: University at Albany.

Stevens, S. and Pyles, L. (2009). Community and Public Service Program Partner Survey. Albany, NY: University at Albany.

Pyles, L. (2007). Research in Post-Katrina New Orleans: Recommendations from Community Organizations. New Orleans, LA: Tulane University.

Pyles, L. and Day, J. (2007). Neighborhood Revitalization Reports: Lower Ninth Ward, Holy Cross, and Central City. New Orleans, LA: Mercy Corps.

F. Miscellaneous Publications

Pyles, L. (2017, March 2). "Transformative Social Work Education: The Time is Now." [Blog post]. *OUPBlog: Oxford University Press's Academic Insights for the Thinking World*. <https://blog.oup.com/2017/03/transformative-social-work-education/>

Pyles, L. (2011). "Achieving Economic Justice for Battered Women" in Practice and Policy Focus: Women, Economic Well-being and Social Justice (3). Excerpted article in Families in Society Newsletter. <http://www.alliance1.org/ppf/achieving-economic-justice-battered-women>

Ketchell, A., Pyles, L. and Canda, E. (2004). World religious views of personal and social health [online]. Available at: <http://spiritualdiversity.ku.edu/resources/health/education-training>.

GRANTS/CONTRACTS

- Under Review National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) (RO1). *“Assessing Occupational Health after Natural Disasters and Developing Evidence-based, Innovative Intervention Strategies”* (\$1,000,000). PI: Lin, S & Chandler, T.; Co-PIs: Bell, E., Pyles, L., & Davidow, A. Re-Submitted: November, 2017.
- 2016 Faculty Research and Awards Program (FRAP) B. *“The Impact of Holistic Engagement Practice (HEP) Training on Social Workers.”* (\$4,000). PI: Pyles, L.
- 2011-2014 National Science Foundation, Disaster Resilience in Rural Communities, Decision, Risk and Management Sciences Program. *“Dynamics between Local and Foreign Actors: Influences on Capabilities in Post-Earthquake Rural Haiti and Hurricane Impacted Rural Gulf Coast.”* (\$399,650). PI: Pyles, L.; co-PI: Birkland, T.
- 2010 University at Albany, Initiatives for Women (IFW) Award. *“Transforming Rural Haiti through Sustainable Grassroots Development.”* (\$500). PI: Pyles, L.
- 2009 University at Albany, Institute for Teaching, Learning and Academic Leadership (ITLAL), Honors Service Learning Grants Initiative. (\$1,915). PI: Pyles, L.
- 2009 University at Albany, University Commission on Diversity and Affirmative Action Grant Program. *“Roundtable on Community Change”* (\$400). PI: Pyles, L.
- 2006-2007 Tulane University Research Enhancement Fund. *“Understanding Post-Disaster Community Development: A Study of Community Organizing Efforts in New Orleans”* (\$20,000). PI: Pyles, L.
- 2006-2007 Mercy Corps. *“Neighborhood Association Capacity Collaborative Index and Evaluation”* (\$27,768). PI: Pyles, L.
- 2006 Tulane University, Summer Research Fellowship. (\$4,000). PI: Pyles, L.
- 2005-2006 National Science Foundation (NSF), Small Grants for Exploratory Research (SGER). *“The Parallel Strengths and Weaknesses of the Civil Society and the State: The Example of Katrina Survivors”* (\$96,711). Co-PIs: Angel, R.J., Lein, L., Pomeroy, E., Pyles, L. and Streeter, C.

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

A. International

Svistova, J., Ahn, S., and Pyles, L. Securitization, Racial Cleansing, and Disaster Capitalism: Neoliberal Disaster Governance in the US Gulf Coast and Haiti. Symposium for International Consortium on Social Development. Zagreb, Croatia. (Author Only).

Pyles, L. (2014, June). Self-Care for Social Workers: A Yoga and Ayurvedic Approach [Workshop]. Spirituality and Social Work Conference. Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada.

- Pyles, L. and Adam, G. (2014, June). Holistic Engagement: A Framework for Transformative Social Work Pedagogy. Spirituality and Social Work Conference. Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada.
- Pyles, L. and Svistova, J. (2012, November). Social Constructions of Recovery Actors after the Haiti Earthquake: Replications of Post-Colonialist Development. Haitian Studies Association, Queens, New York.
- Svistova, J. and Pyles, L. (2012, July). U.S. Policy Discourse of Relief Actors in Post-Earthquake Haiti: Implications for Participatory and Sustainable Recovery. Social Work/Social Development: Action and Impact conference, Stockholm, Sweden. (Author only).
- Pyles, L., Rodrigue, C., and Andre, J. (2011, November). Resisting Supply-Driven Approaches to Disaster Recovery and Development through Participatory Action Research in Rural Haiti. Haitian Studies Association, Kingston, Jamaica.
- Van den Berk, C. and Pyles, L. (2010, July). Deconstructing Social Capital Discourse and a Case for the Solidarity Economy. International Society for Third Sector Research, Istanbul, Turkey. (Author only).
- Alawiyah, T., Runnels, R., Bell, H. and Pyles, L. (2010, June). Spirituality and Resiliency Among Hurricane Katrina Survivors. International Conference on Spirituality and Social Work, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. (Author only).
- Mehl, T. and Pyles, L. (2009, May). 'The World is a Spiritual Vessel': Social Action as Taoist Non-Action [Workshop]. International Conference on Ecology and Professional Helping: Building Bridges, Crossing Boundaries, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
- Pyles, L. (2009, May). The Impact of 'NGOisation' on Sustainability: Lessons Learned from Community-Based Research in Post-Katrina New Orleans. International Conference on Ecology and Professional Helping, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
- Pyles, L. (2006, August). Women's Work in the Formal and Informal Labor Sectors: An Exploration of Human Functioning Capabilities. International Congress of Schools of Social Work, Santiago, Chile.
- Pyles, L. (2006, August). The Capabilities Approach and Violence Against Women: Implications for Social Development. International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) World Conference, Munich, Germany.
- Pyles, L. (2003, December). Expanding the Notion of the Self: The Engaged Buddhist Movement and Social Development. Inter-University Consortium for International Social Development (IUCISD), Mumbai, India.

B. National

- Pyles, L. (2017, October). Healing Justice: Holistic Self-Care for Student Change Makers. Association of Contemplative Mind in Higher Education. Scotts Valley, CA.
- Pyles, L., Svistova, J., & Ahn, S. (2017, January). Participation in Disaster Recovery in Rural Communities: Comparison of the Haiti Earthquake and U.S. Hurricane Katrina [Poster]. Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA. (Author Only).

- Adam, G. and Pyles, L. (2016, November). Holistic Engagement: Transformative Education and Practice through Skillful Whole Self Integration. Council on Social Work Education Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Svistova, J. and Pyles, L. (2016, November). Building Environmental Justice Competencies through the Implicit and Explicit Social Work Curricula. Council on Social Work Education Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Pyles, L. (2016, March). Holistic Engagement and Social Change in Social Work Education. SUNY Mindfulness and Health Conference, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY
- Pyles, L. and Adam, G. (2015, November). Transforming Social Work Education and Practice through the Pedagogy of Holistic Engagement. Bridging the Micro-Macro Divide: #All Practice Matters, New York State Social Work Education Association (NYSSWEA), Saratoga Springs, NY.
- Pyles, L. and Adam, G. (2015, October). Holistic Engagement for Racial Justice: Inquire Within, Connect and Act. Building Just Communities, Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education (ACMHE) Conference, Howard University, Washington, DC.
- Homan, M., Reisch, M., Soska, T. and Pyles, L. (2013, November). The Status of Macro Practice Programs in Schools of Social Work. Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Dallas, TX.
- Weldon, P., Svistova, J. and Pyles, L. (2013, June). Constructions of Haitian Earthquake Survivors in the New Diaspora: Implications for Psycho-Social Recovery. Global Health and Well-Being: The Social Work Response, National Association of Deans and Directors (NADD), New York, NY. (Author Only).
- Shepard, B. and Pyles, L. (2013, April). Disaster Response from Katrina to Sandy: What is the Human Services Response? Mid-Atlantic Consortium for Human Services, Brooklyn, NY.
- Stevens, S., Martin, E. and Pyles, L. (2011, April). Commitments to Communities: Lessons Learned from the Campus Leaders Round Table. Campus Compact Continuums of Service Conference, San Diego, CA. (Author only).
- Martin, E. and Pyles, L. (2009, October). The Role of Social Work in the Engaged University Movement. Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU). Philadelphia, PA.
- Pyles, L. and Chaisson, R. (2009, January). Research with African Americans in Post-Katrina New Orleans: Opportunities and Challenges. Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA.
- Pyles, L. (2007, October). Civic Engagement and Racial Trust: Critical Social Capital Variables for Neighborhood Revitalization. Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), San Francisco, CA.
- Pyles, L., Kulkarni, S. and Lein, L. (2007, April). Food Security and Economic Survival Strategies: The Case of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. Society for Anthropology of North America (SANA), New Orleans, LA.
- Pyles, L. (2006, July). Economic Well-Being and Intimate Partner Violence: New Findings about the Informal Economy. National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV), Atlanta, GA.
- Pyles, L. (2006, February). Understanding a New Tool to Measure the Informal Economy: The Resource Generating Strategies (RGS) Scale. Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Chicago, IL.

- Pyles, L. (2005, February). The Informal Economy and Intimate Partner Violence: A Capabilities Approach. Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), New York, NY. [poster presentation]
- Pyles, L. (2004, June). Domestic Violence and the Faith Community: Complexities and Possibilities. Society for Spirituality and Social Work, SUNY Binghamton, Binghamton, NY.
- Pyles, L. & Banerjee, M. (2004, March). Children's Schooling: Another Barrier to Work for Women Facing Welfare Reform. Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), Anaheim, CA.
- Pyles, L. (2003, October). Standing in Solidarity: Transforming the Culture of Advocacy for Social and Economic Justice. Trapped by Poverty/Trapped by Abuse Conference, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.
- Pyles, L. and Morrison, S. (2001, October). Two Philosophies, One Program: Putting Advocates to Work in the TANF Office. Trapped by Poverty/Trapped by Abuse Conference, School of Social Work, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- Pyles, L. (1999, April). Safety and Advocacy for Battered Women Receiving Welfare: An Early Report on the OARS Project. Trapped by Poverty/Trapped by Abuse Conference, School of Social Work, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS and WORKSHOPS

A. International

- Pyles, L. (2013, November). Advancing Human Capabilities in a Neoliberal Climate: Solidarity Economics and Transformative Organizing. [Keynote Address]. Universitas Padjadjaran, Bandung, West Java, Indonesia.
- Pyles, L. (2013, November). Advancing Human Capabilities in a Neoliberal Climate: Solidarity Economics and Transformative Organizing. [Keynote Address]. International Seminar on Integrity, Interconnectedness and Collaboration for Islamic Studies Development, State Islamic Institute of Syekh Nurjati Cirebon, Cirebon, West Java, Indonesia.
- Pyles, L. (2013, November). Advancing Human Capabilities in a Neoliberal Climate: Solidarity Economics and Transformative Organizing. [Keynote Address]. 13th Annual International Conference on Islamic Studies, Mataram, Lombok, Indonesia.
- Pyles, L. (2013, June). Participatory Community Building: Reflective Practice for Social Change. [Week Long Workshop]. Mongolian University of Science and Technology, School of Social Technology, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- Pyles, L. (2012, February). Women and Social Exclusion: Implications for Economic Justice Organizing in the Global Movement to End Gender-Based Violence [Keynote Address]. Pre-Conference Institute on Economic Justice. World Conference of Women's Shelters. National Network to End Domestic Violence, Washington, DC.
- Pyles, L. (2010, August). Participatory Action Research in Rural Haiti. [Workshop]. The Permanent Secretariat of the National Peasants Congress (SEKONOPA). Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

B. National

- Pyles, L. (2015, November). Economics, the Environment, and the Body: Making the Connections for Transformative Social Work Practice [Keynote]. Conference on Social Work in the Global Environment, Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA.
- Pyles, L. (2015, March). An Inquiry into Participatory Action Research in Haiti: Critical and Holistic Engagement. University of Kansas School of Social Welfare, Lawrence, KS.
- Pyles, L. (2013, December). Post-Modern Theory and Community Organizing: A Holistic Approach to Issue Framing and Community Change. Zachs Lecture Series on the Role of Theory in Constructing Macro Social Work. University of Connecticut School of Social Work, West Hartford, CT.
- Pyles, L. (2013, September). Economic Justice: A Transformative Approach [Keynote]. Advancing the Economic Security of Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Massachusetts Rural Domestic and Sexual Violence Project and Massachusetts Department of Health, Smith College, Northampton, MA.
- Pyles, L. (2013, September). Creating Spaces for Economic Justice [Workshop]. Advancing the Economic Security of Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Massachusetts Rural Domestic and Sexual Violence Project and Massachusetts Department of Health, Smith College, Northampton, MA.
- Pyles, L. and Harding, S. (2013, June). Macro in a Micro World: What the 2012 'Rothman Report' Means for Social Change [Keynote]. Macro Social Work Student Network, Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College, New York, NY.
- Pyles, L. (2012, July). Making the Connections: Gender Justice, Economic Empowerment and Social Change [Keynote]. 2012 Financial Empowerment Symposium, National Network to End Domestic Violence and the Allstate Foundation, Chicago, IL.
- Pyles, L. (2012, June). In Search of Radical Spaces [Presentation]. Interdisciplinary Scholarship for Community Practice in the 21st Century, Community Organizing Learning Community, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- Pyles, L. (2008, October). Survivor-Centered Economic Advocacy in a Globalizing Economy [Keynote]. Survivor-Centered Economic Advocacy, National Network to End Domestic Violence, Detroit, MI.
- Pyles, L. (2007, December). Neighborhood Revitalization in Post-Katrina New Orleans: An Analysis of Social Capital Variables [Presentation]. Hurricane Katrina Research Seminar, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.
- Pyles, L. (2006, December). Food Security and Economic Survival Strategies: The Case of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans [Presentation]. Hurricane Katrina Research Seminar, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.
- Pyles, L. (2000, March). Programs Across America Working to End Violence Against Women: Transitional Housing [Presentation]. The National Task Force to End Domestic and Sexual Violence Against Women Congressional Staff Briefing, Washington, D.C.
- Pyles, L. (1999, October). Influencing Welfare Reform Implementation in the States: A Profile of the Family Violence Option in Kansas [Presentation]. Department of Political Science, Union College, Schenectady, NY.

Pyles, L. (1999, April). Methods for Grass Roots Monitoring of Welfare Reform [Presentation]. Trapped by Poverty/Trapped by Abuse Conference, School of Social Work, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

C. Regional/State/Local/Campus

Pyles, L. (2017, November). Mindfulness and its Implications for Practice. [Workshop]. School of Social Welfare Continuing Education Program, University at Albany, Albany, NY.

Pyles, L. & Raheim, S. (2017, October). Integrating the Whole Self into Social Justice Dialogues and Actions. Conversations for Change, University at Albany, Albany, NY.

Pyles, L. (2017, September). Healing Organizational Trauma. [Workshop]. New York State Justice Center, Individual and Family Support Unit. Delmar, NY.

Pyles, L., Trifoso, S. & Fortuin, A. (2017, January). How to Become a Holistic ACE Responder: Resilience Building Practices for Self, Agency, and Community. [Workshop]. University at Albany School of Social Welfare, Albany, NY.

Pyles, L. (2016, November). The Body, the Environment and Global Economic Justice: Making Connections for the New Community Organizing [Keynote]. Finding Solutions: Inequality Gaps, Biodiversity & Sustainability, Democracies. Globalization Conference, Siena College, Loudonville, NY.

Pyles, L. (2016, April). Self-Care 101 [Workshop]. West Side Campaign Against Hunger, New York, NY.

Pyles, L., Adam, G., Shepard, B., Raheim, S., Mizrahi, T., Martell, E., Christiansen, M., & Weingarten, A. (2016, April). Holistic Engagement and Transformative Teaching: A Workshop for Educators, Social Workers, and Human Service Professionals. City University of New York/City Tech, Brooklyn, NY.

Pyles, L. and Clarke, A. (2016, March). Creating Transformative Learning Environments: Using the Whole Self to Teach and Learn about Racial Justice [Workshop]. University at Albany, Albany, NY.

Pyles, L. (2015, November). Holistic Engagement: Using the Whole Self in Practice [Interactive Presentation]. New York State Technical Education and Assistance Center for Homeless Students (NYS-TEACHS), Albany, NY.

Pyles, L., Goldman, S. & Clarke, A. (2015, June). Conscious Youth Participatory Action Research [Staff Training]. Summer Youth Leadership Academy. Liberty Partnership Program, Albany, NY.

Pyles, L. and Fortuin, A. (2015, April). Avoiding Burnout through Self-Care [Interactive Presentation]. Taking Trauma-Sensitive Steps Toward School Success, New York State Technical Education and Assistance Center for Homeless Students (NYS-TEACHS), Albany, NY.

Pyles, L. (2015, April). Self-Care for Community Organizers [Interactive Presentation]. Troy Fellows Program, CommunityLAB, Troy, NY.

Pyles, L. (2014, December). Diving Deep: Winter Solstice Yoga and Meditation Retreat [Transformational Workshop]. Hilltown Yoga, Westerlo, NY.

- Goldman, S., Pyles, L. and Watkins, H. (2014, December). From One Hero to Many: A Leadership Training [Transformational Workshop]. CommunityLAB, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Albany, NY.
- Pyles, L. (2014, August). Self-Care 101: A Workshop for Incoming Social Work Students [Interactive Presentation]. UAlbany School of Social Welfare Orientation, Albany, NY.
- Pyles, L. (2014, May). Meditation Sampler: Choosing and Committing to a Regular Meditation Practice [Workshop]. Heartspace Yoga and Healing Arts, Albany, NY.
- Pyles, L. (2014, May). Faith Journey Program: Sharing the Spiritual Journey [Presentation]. Interfaith Center, University at Albany, Albany, NY.
- Pyles, L. and Svistova, J. (2014, May). International Research and Development in Haiti [Presentation]. Social Welfare Graduate Student Organization, University at Albany, Albany, NY.
- Pyles, L. (2014, April). Women, Yoga and the Body [Workshop]. Alfred Yoga Club, Women and Gender Studies Program, and Women's Leadership Center, Alfred University, Alfred, NY.
- Pyles, L. (2013, September). Women, Yoga and the Body [Workshop]. Heartspace Yoga and Healing Arts, Albany, NY.
- Pyles, L. (2013, March). "Half the Sky" Salon Screening [Panel Discussion]. Holding Our Own and the Center for Women in Government, University at Albany, Albany, NY.
- Pyles, L. (2013, March). Economic Issues Facing Women in Haiti [Presentation]. Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York, Albany, NY.
- Pyles, L. (2012, October). Creating Spaces for Economic Transformation [Presentation]. UNSPOKEN Human Rights Conference: Create Space for Gender Peace, Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees, Utica, NY.
- Pyles, L. (2011, October). Leadership During Transformative Times [Keynote]. Omicron Delta Kappa Induction Ceremony, University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY.
- Pyles, L. (2011, September). Community Engagement: How to do it in any Discipline. [Panelist]. Discussion Series for Pre-Tenure Faculty Members, University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY.
- Pyles, L. (2010, May). Feminism in Times of Crisis. [Keynote]. Women's Studies Departmental Graduation Ceremony, University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY.
- Pyles, L. (2010, March). Nurturing an Agent of Social Change. [Panel Discussion]. Spring Field Institute, School of Social Welfare, University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY.
- Pyles, L. (2010, March). Service Learning as a Means for Change and Development [Presentation]. Collaborative Partnership Conference with South Africa on Public Health and Child Welfare, School of Public Health, University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY.
- Pyles, L. (2009, July). Ethical Community Partnerships: Process, Power and Social Change. [Pre-Conference Workshop]. Campus-Community Consortium of the Capital Region (4CR), Siena College, Loudonville, NY.

- Pyles, L. (2009, April). Katrina, Housing and Discrimination: Making Local Connections. [Panel Moderator/Participant]. Diversity Committee Initiative, School of Social Welfare, University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY.
- Pyles, L. (2008, December). Race Matters to Feminism [Panel Discussion]. Women's Studies Student Conference, University at Albany, SUNY, Albany, NY.
- Pyles, L. (2008, November). Introduction to Community Organizing [Workshop]. Center for Law and Justice, Albany, NY.
- Pyles, L. (2007, October). Civic Engagement in Post-Katrina New Orleans [Presentation]. Visiting students from Xavier University of Cincinnati, OH. Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.
- Pyles, L. (2007, March). Social Capital in New Orleans Neighborhoods [Presentation]. Southern Institute for Education and Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Pyles, L. (2006, September). Lessons Learned from the Katrina Research Project on Equity (KRPE) [Presentation]. Southern Institute for Education and Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Pyles, L. (2006, March). The Economics of Battering: Battered Women and the Informal Economy [Presentation]. Domestic Violence Law Clinic Seminar Series, Tulane University School of Law, New Orleans, LA.
- Pyles, L. (2006, January). Methods of Community Organizing in Neighborhoods [Presentation]. Rebuilding Sustainable Neighborhoods Workshop: Tools of Recovery and Successful Development of a Sustainable New Orleans, New Orleans, LA.

COURSES TAUGHT

A. Undergraduate

Community Change in a Globalizing World (Honors Course, Service Learning Course) (Fall 2009, Fall 2010)
 Organizing for Change: Contemporary Activism in Post-Katrina New Orleans (Fall 2006)
 Civic Engagement and Leadership (Service Learning Course) (Fall 2006, Fall 2007)
 Community Organizing for Social Change: Theories and Methods (Spring 2006)
 Community and Organizational Dynamics and Human Behavior (Spring 2004)
 Human Behavior in the Social Environment (Fall 2003)
 Western Civilization I (Fall 1993, Fall 1994, Spring 1995, Summer 1995)
 Western Civilization II (Spring 1994)
 Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 1992, Spring 1993)

B. Master's

Macro Practice I (Fall 2015, Fall 2016)
 Community Building (Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017)
 Mindfulness, Yoga and Social Work Practice (Spring 2014, Summer 2016, Fall 2017)
 Women, Yoga and the Body (Summer 2013)
 Policy and Practice of International Development (Spring 2009, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring, 2014, Spring 2016, Spring 2017)
 Advanced Community Practice: Organizing and Advocacy (Spring 2007, Fall 2007)
 Social Welfare Policy and History (Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Fall 2007)

Spiritual Aspects of Social Work Practice (Summer 2005)

C. Doctoral

Social Welfare Policy Proseminar (Spring 2016, Spring 2017)

D. Dissertation and Thesis Committees

Chair

Nicole Menting, Ph.D. (Chair, in process – Social Welfare, UAlbany)
Richard Smith, Ph.D. (Chair, in process) – Social Welfare, UAlbany
Ron Bunce, Ph.D. (Chair, in process) – Social Welfare, UAlbany
Darren Cosgrove, Ph.D. (Chair, in process) – Social Welfare, UAlbany
Hlin Saethorsdottir, Ph.D. (Chair, in process) – Social Welfare, UAlbany
Meera Bhat, Ph.D. (Chair, in process) – Social Welfare, UAlbany
Lara Bowen, Ph.D. (Chair, in process) – Social Welfare, UAlbany
Rosita Tandos, Ph.D. (Chair, 2017) – Social Welfare, UAlbany
Juliana Svistova, Ph.D. (Chair, 2015) – Social Welfare, UAlbany
Yi-Yi Chen, Ph.D. (Chair, 2013) – Social Welfare, UAlbany
Elisa Martin, Ph.D. (Chair, 2012) – Social Welfare, UAlbany
Tonya Cross, Ph.D. (Chair, 2007) – Social Work, Tulane University

Member

Nurul Widyaningrum, Ph.D. (Member, in process) – Social Welfare, UAlbany
Jack Ditch, Ph.D. (Member, in process) – Social Welfare, UAlbany
Mette Christiansen, Ph.D. (Member, in process) – Social Welfare, UAlbany
Monica Ferrara, Ph.D. (Reader, in process) – Women’s Studies, UAlbany
Dirk DeJong, Ph.D. (Member, 2014) – Social Welfare, UAlbany
Patricia Weldon, Ph.D. (Member, 2013) – Social Welfare, UAlbany
Aaron Ambeau, Ph.D. (Member, 2013) – Social Work, Tulane University
Shawna Mackey, M.A. (Reader, 2013) – Women’s Studies, UAlbany
Victoria Melillo, M.A. (Reader, 2012) – Women’s Studies, UAlbany
Elise Newkirk, M.A. (Reader, 2012) – Women’s Studies, UAlbany
Rukshan Fernando, Ph.D. (Member, 2012) – Community Development, Southern New Hampshire University

AWARDS and HONORS

School of Social Welfare Graduation Recognition of Faculty, Voted by MSW Students, UAlbany School of Social Welfare, 2016, 2014, 2013

Interdisciplinary Scholarship for Community Practice in the 21st Century, University of Michigan, School of Social Work, 2012

Honorary Inductee, UAlbany’s Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, 2011

UAlbany President’s Award for Exemplary Community Engagement, Community and Public Service Program, 2011

Campus Compact’s Diving Deep Institute, California Campus Compact, 2010

SELECTED SERVICE WORK

A. Editorial/Reviewer Experience

Ongoing Editorial Work

Editorial Board Member, *International Social Work*, 2009-present

Consulting Editor, *Families in Society*, 2007-present

Ad-Hoc Editorial Work

Journal Article Reviewer – *Journal of Social Work*, 2017; *Journal of Community Practice*, 2017; *Social Movement Studies*, 2017; *Qualitative Sociology*, 2017; *The Arrow: A Journal of Wakeful Society, Culture, and Politics*, 2016; *Action Research Journal*, 2016; *Journal of Social Work*, 2016; *Disasters*, 2015; *Affilia*, 2015; *Sustainability: Science, Practice and Policy*, 2013; *Journal of Poverty*, 2012; *Community Development Journal*, 2013, 2012, 2010; *Social Service Review*, 2012; *Qualitative Social Work*, 2011; *Journal of Community Practice*, 2016, 2011, 2009; *Arête*, 2009; *Journal of Social Work*, 2009; *Critical Social Work*, 2008; *Cities: The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning*, 2008; *Traumatology: An International Journal*, 2007; *Journal of Comparative Social Welfare*, 2005

Book Manuscript Reviewer, *Oxford University Press*, 2017, 2013

Book Manuscript Reviewer, *Council on Social Work Education Press (CSWE) Press*, 2013

Guest Reviewer, *Journal of Health Psychology*, Special Issue: Re-imagining community health psychology: Pathways to health enabling social change, 2013

Proposal Reviewer, *National Science Foundation, Decision, Risk and Management Science Program*, 2012

Book Manuscript Reviewer, *Routledge (U.K.)*, 2012

Rapporteur, *Economic and Social Research Council (U.K.)*, 2011

Book Manuscript Reviewer, *Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Press*, 2009

Guest Reviewer, *Journal of Community Practice*, Special Issue: Service Learning: Integrating Teaching, Research, and Service Through Community Engagement and Partnership, 2009

Guest Reviewer, *Critical Social Work*, Special Issue: Interdisciplinary Dialogues on Person, Planet and Professional Helping, 2009

Guest Reviewer, *Families in Society*, Special Issue: The Working Poor, 2006-07

Conference Proposal Reviewer

Proposal Reviewer, *Communities and Neighborhoods*, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), 2016

Proposal Reviewer, *International Social Work and Global Issues*, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), 2016

Proposal Reviewer, Community Engagement and Advocacy, Macro Practice track, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), 2015

Proposal Reviewer, Spirituality track, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting (APM), 2013

Proposal Reviewer, Disasters/Traumatic Stress track, Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) APM, 2013

B. Other National Service to the Profession

Board Member, Northeast Regional Representative, Association for Community Organization and Social Administration (ACOSA), 2013-2015

Member, Special Commission on Macro Practice, ACOSA, 2013-present

Session Moderator, Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), New Orleans, LA, 2009

Session Moderator, Coalition for Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU), Philadelphia, PA, 2009

C. University Service

Secretary, United University Professions (UUP), Albany Chapter, 2017-2019

Pathways to Permanence Working Group, Office of the Provost, Member, 2016-present

Council on Promotion and Continuing Appointment (CPCA), Member, 2016-2017

Critical Conversations Series, Officer of Diversity and Inclusion, Facilitator, 2016- present

United University Professions (UUP), Albany Chapter, Executive Committee Member, 2013-2017

United University Professions (UUP), Albany Chapter, Departmental Representative, 2012-2015

Faculty Senate, University at Albany, 2012-2014, 2015-2017

Council on Research, University at Albany, 2012-2014, 2015-2016

Community and Public Service Program Advisory Committee, Chair, University at Albany, SUNY, 2008-2012; Member, 2012-2014

Campus Committee on University-Community Engagement (CCUCE), University at Albany, SUNY, 2010-2012

CCUCE Community-Engaged Learning Sub-Committee, University at Albany, SUNY, 2010-2012

Honors College Governing Board, Member, University at Albany, SUNY, 2008-present

Women's Studies Executive Committee, Member, Tulane University, 2007-2008

University Senate Committee on Educational Policy, Member, Tulane University, 2007-2008

Public Service Fellows Program, Faculty Affiliate, Tulane University, 2007-2008

Social Policy and Practice Interdisciplinary Curriculum Committee, Member, Tulane University, 2006-07
Partnership for the Transformation of Urban Communities, Advisory Committee Member, Tulane University, 2006

D. School Service

PhD Program Committee, Member, University at Albany School of Social Welfare, 2017-present

Social Justice Ad-Hoc Committee, Chair, University at Albany School of Social Welfare, 2016-present

PhD Policy Exam Group, Convener, University at Albany School of Social Welfare, 2016- present

Curriculum Working Group, Member, University at Albany School of Social Welfare, 2015-2016

MSW Admissions Review, University at Albany School of Social Welfare, 2012-2014, 2016-present

MSW/Curriculum Committee, Member, University at Albany School of Social Welfare, 2008-2014, 2015-2017

Undergraduate Committee, Member, University at Albany School of Social Welfare, 2008-2012

Human Diversity Committee, Member, University at Albany School of Social Welfare, 2008-2010

Doctoral Program Committee, Member, Tulane School of Social Work, 2007-2008

Social Welfare Policy and History, Sequence Coordinator, Tulane School of Social Work, 2006-2008

Educational Policy Committee, Member, Tulane School of Social Work, 2006-2008

Field Committee, Member, Tulane School of Social Work, 2005-2008

International Programs Committee, Member, Tulane School of Social Work, 2005-2008

E. Recent Community Service

CommunityLAB, Steering Committee Member and Trainer, Member, 2013-2016, Troy, NY

Pro-bono yoga teaching, 2011-present (e.g. nursing home, domestic violence shelter, School of Social Welfare, freshman students, independent living center)

Building Bridges, Co-Founding Member, Albany, NY, 2009-2014

Hilltown Food Co-op, Board of Directors, President, Rensselaerville, NY, 2009-2011

New Orleans Food and Farm Network, Board of Directors, President, New Orleans, LA, 2006-2008

Neighborhood Capacity Collaborative (NC2), Co-Founding Member, New Orleans, LA, 2006-2007

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education (ACMHE)

Association for Community Organization and Social Administration (ACOSA)

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

Yoga Alliance (YA)