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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Social policy, food and nutrition policy, social demography

EDUCATION

2002 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Michigan
1995 Master of Public Policy, Gerald Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
1992 Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Social Sciences, University of Michigan

POSITIONS

2024–present	National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Committee on National Statistics
2017–present	Professor, Public Administration and International Affairs, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University
2022–2024	Associate Dean of the Maxwell School and Chair of Public Administration and International Affairs Department
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2017–present	Research Affiliate, Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion and Population Health
2020–present	Research Affiliate, University of Wisconsin Institute for Policy Research
2018–present	Research Affiliate, University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research
2014–2023	Member of External Review Board, <i>Social Service Review</i>
2016–2017	Professor, Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs, University of Missouri
2014–2017	Founding Co-Director of Population, Education and Health Center
2014–2017	Founding Co-Director of the University of Missouri Research Data Center
2008–2017	Research Affiliate, Institute for Public Policy, University of Missouri
2013–2016	Member of the External Review Board, Southern Rural Development Center RIDGE Program, Purdue University
2010–2016	Associate Professor, Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs, University of Missouri
2007–2010	Assistant Professor, Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs, University of Missouri
2005–2014	Research Affiliate, National Poverty Center, University of Michigan
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2002–2007	Executive Board Member, University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research
1997–2002	Senior Research Associate, Michigan Poverty Research and Training Center, University of Michigan

BOOKS

Colleen M. Heflin and Madonna Harrington Meyer. 2025. *Food For Thought: Understanding Older Adult Food Insecurity*. Russell Sage Foundation.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- Principle Investigator. "Childcare Subsidy Policy Changes and Parental Employment and Earnings Outcomes." Institute for Research on Poverty Extramural Large Grant for Poverty and Economic Mobility Research. 7/1/2025-9/30/2026. (\$49,000).

Principle Investigator. “The Effects of COVID WIC Physical Presence Waivers on Program Participation Outcomes.” Syracuse University Maxwell School COVID-19 Policy Impacts Project. 6/1/2025-6/30/2027. (\$23,000.)

Principle Investigator. “Evaluating a Medically Tailored Grocery Delivery Program for Rural Veteran Population in New York State.” Rockefeller Foundation, New York Foundation for Health, and Instacart. 11/1/2024 - 2/28/2027 (\$700,000)

Principle Investigator. “Did physical presence waivers impact WIC participation during the COVID-19 pandemic?” Economic Research Service Cooperative Agreement, United States Department of Agriculture. 8/22/23-6/30/25 (\$30,000).

Principle Investigator. “Food Insecurity and SNAP Receipt after Military Separation.” Economic Research Service Cooperative Agreement, United States Department of Agriculture. 8/2/22-8/30/24 (\$30,000).

Principle Investigator. “Increasing access to SNAP for older adults through the Standard Medical Deduction”. National Institute of Aging through the Center the Aging and Policy Studies. (7/1/21-5/31/22) (\$34,000). Joint with Jun Li.

Principle Investigator. “Increasing WIC Participation by Linking with SNAP and other Social Programs”. Share our Strength. 3/1/2021-6/30/2022 (\$25,000).

Co-Investigator. “Food insecurity and chronic diseases in low-income older Americans: The role of SNAP receipt in medication underuse” University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research. 02/25/2020 – 02/24/2022 (\$249,888) with Irma Arteaga (Principle Investigator), Leslie Hodges (Co-Investigator) and Chinedum Ojinnaka (Co-Investigator).

Principle Investigator. “Changing Patterns of Eligibility and Take up in SNAP and the Roles of Out-of-Pocket Medical Expense” University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research. 02/25/2020 – 02/24/2021 (\$49,888) with Dongmei Zuo, Co-Investigator.

Principle Investigator. “Hunger SNAPS: Food Insecurity among Older Adults.” Russell Sage Foundation. 5/1/2020-12/31/22. (\$35,000).

Principle Investigator. “Advancing understanding of the conditions of parents' employment on access to and maintenance of child care and child-care subsidies.” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. 1/15/2020-1/14/22. (\$150,000). with Taryn Morrissey, Co-Investigator.

Principle Investigator. “SNAP Uptake and School Readiness in Virginia.” Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture. 8/14/18-9/14/20 (\$100,000) with Michah Rothbart, Co-Investigator.

Principle Investigator. “Creating Evidenced-Based Strategies to Address Administrative Churn in SNAP.” Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture. 8/1/2018-7/30/2020. (\$120,101) with Len Lopoo, Co-Investigator.

Principle Investigator. “Does Child Support Increase Self-Sufficiency?: Evidence from Virginia”. National Institute for Health through the Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP)’s Extramural Small Grants program for Research. 3/1/18-2/28/19. (\$24,847) with Len Lopoo, Co-Principal Investigator.

Principal Investigator. "SNAP and Child Health: Evidence from Missouri Administrative Data." Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture. 8/25/2016–8/1/2018 (\$99,997). With Peter Mueser and Irma Arteaga, Co-Investigators.

Co-Principal Investigator. "Understanding SNAP and Food Security among Low-Income Households." University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research; Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture. 4/30/2015–6/30/2018 (\$400,000). With James P. Ziliak, Co-Principal Investigator.

Principal Investigator. "Community Eligibility and Child Well-Being." Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics (RIDGE) Center for Targeted Studies at the Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University. 8/1/2015–12/31/2016 (\$34,987). With Daniel P. Miller, Co-Principal Investigator.

Co-Principal Investigator. "Design Flaws: The Effect of the Coverage Gap in Food Assistance Programs on Child's Well-Being." University of Wisconsin–Madison, Institute for Research on Poverty, RIDGE Center for National Food and Nutrition Assistance Research. 7/1/2015–12/31/2016 (\$39,962). With Irma Arteaga, Co-Principal Investigator.

Principal Investigator. "Family Self-Sufficiency and Stability and Material Hardship: The Role for Public Policy after the Great Recession." US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. 9/30/13–9/29/18 (\$500,000).

Co-Principal Investigator. "Census Research Data Center." National Science Foundation. 8/15/2014–7/31/2017 (\$0).

Principal Investigator. "The Mediating Effects of SNAP on Health Outcomes for Low-Income Households." Cooperative Research Agreement. Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture. 7/1/2014–6/30/2016 (\$100,000).

Principal Investigator. "Secondary Analyses of Strengthening Families Datasets: Economic Strain and Family Formation." US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. 9/30/14–8/1/16 (\$99,343).

Principal Investigator, "Understanding the Rates, Causes and Costs of Churning in SNAP." Urban Institute. 8/1/2013–7/15/2014 (\$32,561). With Peter Mueser, Co-Investigator.

Principal Investigator, "Participation in the National School Lunch Program and Food Security: A Regression Discontinuity Design Analysis of Transitions into Kindergarten." Southern Rural Development Center RIDGE Program. 7/1/2012–12/31/2013 (\$34,934). With Irma Arteaga, Co-Investigator.

Principal Investigator. "Joint Participation in SNAP and UI in Florida" USDA-FANRP Economic Research Service. 4/15/2010-5/14/2020 (\$242,830). With Peter Mueser, Co-Investigator.

Co-Investigator. "The Intersection of Veteran's Benefits Programs and Disability Insurance among Veterans: A Synthetic Cohort Approach Using the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)." Boston College/Social Security Administration. 10/1/2011–9/30/2012 (\$85,817). With Janet Wilmoth and Andrew London, Co-Investigators.

Principal Investigator. "Families with Hungry Children and the Transition from Preschool to Kindergarten." University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research; Economic Research

- Service, United States Department of Agriculture. 7/1/2011–9/30/2012 (\$45,000). With Irma Arteaga and Sara Gable, Co-Investigators.
- Co-Investigator. “A Food Systems Approach to Addressing Obesity Among Food Pantry Clients in Missouri.” USDA-AFRI Human Nutrition and Obesity Program. 1/01/2010–4/30/2013 (\$432,171).
- Principal Investigator. “Veteran Status, Disability, Poverty, and Material Hardship.” National Center for Poverty Research at the University of Michigan/US Census Bureau. 2010 (\$20,000).
- Principal Investigator. “Localizing Estimates of Hunger: Creating County-level Estimates of Food Insecurity.” Research Council Fellowship, University of Missouri. 2010 (\$7,000).
- Principal Investigator. “Assessing the Impact of On-Line Applications in Florida’s Food Stamp Caseload.” Regional Small Grant Program, University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research. 2008-2009 (\$20,000)
- Principal Investigator. “Assessing the Impact of On-Line Applications in Florida’s Food Stamp Caseload.” 2008 RIDGE Program sponsored by the Southern Rural Development Center in partnership with the Economic Research Service, U.S. Department Agriculture. 2008-2009 (\$35,000).
- Principal Investigator, “The Impact of Improving Access to Benefits for Low-Income Families on Caseload Characteristics and Dynamics.” Research Board Fellowship, University of Missouri. 2008-2009 (\$33,498).
- Principal Investigator, “Do Middle Class Members Take on Debt in Order to Help Their Poor Siblings Weather Shocks?” Summer Research Fellowship Competition, University of Missouri. 2008-2009 (\$7,000).
- Principal Investigator, “State-Level Variation in Material Hardship Among Households with Children.” West Coast Poverty Center. 2007–2008 (\$15,000).
- Principal Investigator, “Does the Size of the Check Matter? New Results on the Effects of Welfare Receipt on Early Childhood Cognitive Scores.” Spencer Foundation. 2006-2007 (\$39,840).
- Principal Investigator, “Social Capital and Race Inequality.” Research Support Grant, University of Kentucky. 2005–2006 (\$19,204).
- Principal Investigator, “Does Variation in Transfer Program Participation and Generosity at the State Level Explain Variation in Mental Health?” University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research. 2005 (\$19,124).
- Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, University of Kentucky. 2005 (\$6,000).
- Principal Investigator, “Determinants of Different Forms of Material Hardship in the Women’s Employment Survey.” Small Grant Program, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2004–2005 (\$34,913).
- Principal Investigator, “Does Food Stamp Receipt Mediate the Relationship Between Food Insecurity and Mental Health?” The National Poverty Center. 2003–2004 (\$19,783). With James Ziliak, Co-Investigator.

Principal Investigator, “Household Food Insecurity and the Physical and Mental Health of Low-Income Men and Women.” NSAF Small Research Grants Program, Association for Public Policy and Analysis and Management (funded by Annie E. Casey Foundation). 2003-2004 (\$20,000).

Principal Investigator, “An Individual-Level Analysis of Food Stamp Dynamics.” Small Grant Program, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2002—2003 (\$31,922).

Co-Principal Investigator, “Do Women’s Wages Depreciate While on Welfare?” U.S. Census Bureau/Joint Center for Research on Poverty. 2002–2003 (\$29,966). With Mary Noonan, Principal Investigator.

Co-Principal Investigator, “Barriers to Work Among Housing Assistance Recipients on Welfare.” United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. 1999–2001 (\$49,870). With Mary Corcoran, Principal Investigator.

Collaborator. “Causes and Consequences of Food Insufficiency and Material Hardships as Welfare Recipients Move from Welfare to Work.” Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture. 1999–2000 (\$200,354). With Kristine Siefert and Mary Corcoran, Principal Investigators.

Collaborator. “Food Insecurity and Welfare Reform.” Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison. 1999–2000 (\$49,704). With Mary Corcoran and Kristine Siefert, Principal Investigators.

CONTRACTS

Consultant. “Feeding America SNAP Program Evaluation Multi-Site Case Study.” Feeding America. June 2013–November 2014.

Consultant. “Evaluation of Missouri PREP Program.” Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. June 2011–May 2015.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Food for Thought: Understanding Older Adult Food Insecurity,” Oregon Hunger Task Force Meeting, November 18, 2025.

“Food for Thought: Understanding Older Adult Food Insecurity,” Healthy Food, Healthy Lives Conference Sponsored by the New York Health Foundation, New York City Bar Association, October 14, 2025.

“Understanding the State of Evidence Regarding the Causes and Consequences of Military Food Insecurity” Government Accountability Office. September 16, 2025.

“House Veteran Affairs Committee Briefing on Military and Veteran Food Security.” November 28, 2023.

“Food Security Summit Research Panel” White House VA Food Security Summit. September 12, 2023.

- “Using State Administrative Data to Study Health and Inequality Across the Life Course”
Committee on National Statistics Expert Meeting Guidance on Designed Data System
and Methods for NIA Studies. May 4, 2022.
- “How will you measure the success of your intervention?” Invited Speaker for SNAP and
Nutrition Support Monthly Cohort Meeting. Share Our Strength Advisory Committee.
August 18, 2021.
- “Building a Culture of Evidence: Opportunities and Challenges.” Invited Speaker for Data and
Evidence Community of Practice Learning Series on Data Visualization and Program
Evaluation for American Public Health Service Association. June 29, 2021. (online)
- “Examining the Hunger Crisis Among Veterans and Military Families.” Invited Congressional
Testimony before the Rules Committee, United States House of Representatives. May 27,
2021. (online)
- “Exploring Material Hardship and Administrative Burden.” Invited Speaker for TANF
Workforce Development Workgroup for American Public Human Service Association.
February 27, 2021. (online)
- “How Does the System Hurt or Help?: Exploring Material Hardship and Administrative Burden”
Invited Speaker at University of Minnesota Future Services Institute’s Redesign for
Whole Families Summit. October 13th, 2020.
- “Reflections on household food insecurity research from a US Perspective” Keynote Speaker at
2nd UK Conference on Food and Poverty: Evidence for Change. London, England. June
23rd, 2020.
- “The Value and Limits of Linking Administrative Data” Invited speaker at the National
Academy of Sciences Committee on National Statistics Panel on Improving USDA’s
Consumer Data for Food and Nutrition Policy Research. September 21, 2018.
Washington, DC.
- “Household Instability and Material Hardship.” Invited speaker at the 2016 MU Extension
Summit, University of Missouri. October 26, 2016. Columbia, MO.
- “The Mediating Effects of SNAP on Health Outcomes for Low Income Households.” Invited
speaker in Center for Research on Inequalities and the Life Course Seminar, Yale
University. April 27, 2016. New Haven, CT.
- “Community and Systematic Approaches to Hunger: Social Protections.” Invited speaker at the
Hunger Summit hosted by Universities Fighting World Hunger (partnership of the United
Nations World Food Program and Auburn University). February 26, 2016. Columbia,
MO.
- “Reflecting on 20 years of Measuring Household Food Security,” Invited speaker at the US
Department of Agriculture - Economic Research Service, October 21, 2015. Washington,
DC.
- “The Mediating Effects of SNAP on Health Outcomes for Low Income Households.” Invited
speaker in the West Virginia University Public Health Dialogues. October 2, 2015.
Morgantown, WV.

- “In Tandem: Pairing Public and Private Nonprofit Assistance to Make Ends Meet.” Invited speaker at The School of Public Affairs at American University and Feeding America, July, 2015. Washington, DC.
- “Hot Topics for Program Evaluation.” Invited speaker at Feeding America’s 2014 Agency Capacity, Programs and Nutrition Annual Conference. October 30, 2014. Chicago, IL.
- “Using Program Evaluation to Drive Decision-Making.” Invited speaker at Feeding America’s 2014 Agency Capacity, Programs and Nutrition Annual Conference. October 30, 2014. Chicago, IL.
- “The War on Poverty: 50 Years Later and the Battle Continues” Invited speaker at a congressional briefing hosted by the Population Association of America and the Association of Population Centers in conjunction with Congressman Mike Honda. June 9, 2014. Washington, D.C.
- “Household Instability and Material Hardship.” Invited speaker at Poverty, Policy and People: 25 Years of Research and Training at the University of Michigan. April 10, 2014. Ann Arbor, MI.
- “Material hardship and the case for measurement.” Invited speaker at the Presidential Plenary: Poverty Measurement and Implications for Policy. Southern Sociological Society. April 3, 2014. Charleston, NC.
- “Individual and Family Coping Responses to Hunger.” Invited speaker at the Workshop on Research Gaps and Opportunities in Child Hunger and Food Insecurity at the Committee on National Statistics. National Academy of Sciences, Food and Nutrition Board, Institute of Medicine. April, 2013.
- “Short-Term Dynamics of Food Insecurity and Obesity.” Invited speaker at Institute of Medicine Workshop on Understanding the Relationship Between Food Insecurity and Obesity. November 16-19, 2010. Washington, D.C.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- Clay Fannin and Colleen Heflin*, "Golden Years, Empty Plates," Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 2025 Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- Hyein Kang, Rose Geoghegan, Colleen M. Heflin*, and David Rothwell, " "First-Time Mothers' Work and Safety Net Participation Around Birth," Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 2025 Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- Colleen Heflin*, Michiko Ueda-Ballmer, and Hyeryung Jo. “Mental health and ending Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Emergency Allotments after COVID-19” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 2025 Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- Michiko Ueda* and Colleen Heflin, "Understanding Administrative Burdens and Experiences of Social Program Beneficiaries and Applicants Using Posts on Reddit," Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 2025 Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

- Clay Fannin*, Colleen Heflin, Len Lopoo. "The Effects of Waiving WIC Physical Presence requirements on Program Caseloads." Annual Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Atlanta, GA. November 2023.
- Colleen Heflin*, Taryn Morrissey, and Hyojeong Kim. "Do TANF and SNAP Function as Parental Leave for Low-Income Women?". Annual Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Atlanta, GA. November 2023.
- Colleen Heflin, Jun Li*, and Dongmei Zuo. "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program's standard medical deduction improves participation without increasing costs" Annual Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Washington, DC. November 2022.
- Colleen Heflin*, Clay Fannin and Taryn Morrissey. "Does Participation in the Child Care Subsidy Program Improve Economic Stability?" Annual Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Washington, DC. November 2022.
- Michah Rothbart, Xiaohan Sun, Colleen Heflin, Taryn Morrissey. "Low Income Children's Participation across Public Pre-K, Child Care Subsidies, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: Does Early Public Program Participation Matter for Elementary School Literacy Skills?" Annual Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Washington, DC. November 2022
- Chinedum Ojinnaka*, Irma Arteaga, Leslie Hodges, Lauryn Quick and Colleen Heflin. "SNAP Participation and Medication Adherence Among Older Medicaid-Insured Individuals Living with Hypertension" Academy Health 2022 Annual Research Meeting. June 5, 2022. Washington, DC.
- Colleen Heflin*, Leslie Hodges, Chinedum Ojinnaka, Irma Arteaga and Lauryn Quick. "Churn in the older adult SNAP Population." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Atlanta, GA. April 7, 2022.
- Colleen Heflin, Jun Li and Dongmei Zuo. "Increasing Access to the SNAP for Older Adults Through the Standard Medical Deduction." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Atlanta, GA. April 7, 2022.
- Michah Rothbart, Colleen Heflin, Taryn Morrissey, and Xioahan Sun. "Does Offering Public PreK Change Social Program Participation?" Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Atlanta, GA. April 7, 2022.
- Taryn Morrissey, Colleen Heflin and William Clay Fannin. "Room to Grow: Examining Participation and Stability in the Child Care Subsidies Using State Administrative Data." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Atlanta, GA. April 7, 2022.
- Colleen Heflin and Xioahan Sun. "Food Insecurity and the Opioid Crises." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Atlanta, GA. April 7, 2022.
- Clay Fannin, Colleen Heflin, and Leonard Lopoo. "Local Control, Discretion, and Administrative Burden: SNAP Interview Waivers and Caseloads during the COVID-19 Pandemic." Annual Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. March 28, 2022. (online)

- Colleen Heflin, Jun Li, and Dongmei Zuo. "Changing patterns of eligibility and take up in SNAP and the role of out-of-pocket medical expenses." *Understanding Food-Related Hardships Among Older Americans FNS Reporting Conference*. May 28, 2021. (online)
- Colleen Heflin and Hannah Patnaik. "Material Hardships and the Living Arrangements of Older Americans" Population Association of America. April 6, 2021. (online)
- Colleen M. Heflin, Michah W. Rothbart and Mattie Mackenzie-Liu. "Below the Tip of the Iceberg: Examining Early Childhood Participation in SNAP and TANF from Birth to Age Six." Fall Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. November 10, 2020.
- Leonard Lopoo, Heflin, Colleen, and Joe Boskovski. "Testing Behavioral Interventions Designed to Improve On-Time SNAP Recertification" Fall Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. November 11, 2020.
- Michah Rothbart and Colleen Heflin. "Achievement Gaps" from Day 1? Evidence on School Readiness by Economic Disadvantage and Race." Fall Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. November 12, 2020.
- Colleen Heflin and Dongmei Zuo. "Cognitive Impairment and SNAP Participation among Eligible Older Americans" Fall Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. November 12, 2020
- Heflin, Colleen, Leonard Lopoo, and Mattie Mackenzie-Liu, "When States Coordinate between Social Welfare Programs: Considering the Child Support Income Exclusion". Fall Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. November 7-9, 2019. Denver, CO.
- Bullinger, L.R., Heflin, C.M., & Raissian, K.M. "SNAP and Child Maltreatment" Fall Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. November 7-9, 2019. Denver, CO.
- Heflin, Colleen, Leonard Lopoo, and Mattie Mackenzie-Liu, "When States Coordinate between Social Welfare Programs: Considering the Child Support Income Exclusion" Increasing Family Income through Child Support: Lessons from Recent Research. Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison and Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, US. Dept. of Health and Human Services. September 18, 2019. Washington, DC.
- Heflin, Colleen. "Food and Nutrition Policy across the Life Course." American Sociological Association." August 13, 2019. New York, NY.
- Sharon Kukla-Acevedo and Colleen Heflin. "Adolescent Food Insecurity and the Transition to Adulthood." Research on Food Security Using the Panel Study of Income Dynamics, September 20, 2018. Washington, DC.
- Colleen Heflin, Rajeev Darolia, and Sharon Kukla-Acevedo. "Exposure to Food Insecurity during Adolescence and the Educational Consequences." Fall Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. November 1-4, 2017. Chicago, IL.

- Claire Altman, Chaeyung Jun and Colleen Heflin. "Hardships of Undocumented Immigrants in the United States: Evidence from the 1996-2008 SIPP." Fall Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. November 1-4, 2017. Chicago, IL.
- Colleen Heflin, Sharon Kukla-Acevedo, and Rajeev Darolia. "Risky Adolescent Behaviors and the Role of Food Insecurity." Fall Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. November 1-4, 2017. Chicago, IL.
- Altman, Claire, Colleen Heflin, and Chaegyung Jun. "The Many Hardships of Undocumented Immigrants in the United States: Evidence from SIPP 1996-2008." 2017 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 12-15, 2017. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Altman, Claire, Colleen Heflin, and Chaegyung Jun. "The Many Hardships of Undocumented Immigrants in the United States: Evidence from SIPP 1996-2008" (poster presentation). 2017 Population Association of America Annual Meeting. April 27-29, 2017. Chicago, IL.
- Arteaga, Irma, Heflin, Colleen, Leslie Hodges and Peter Mueser. "Does the Timing Matter for SNAP Benefits and Pregnancy-Related Emergency Room Visits?" Fall Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. November 3-5, 2016. Washington, DC.
- Heflin, Colleen. "Social Program Participation and Material Hardship." Fall Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. November 3-5, 2016. Washington, DC.
- Arteaga, Irma, Colleen Heflin and Sarah Parsons. "The Coverage Gap." Annual meeting of the Population Association of America. March 31, 2016. Washington, DC.
- Mueser, Peter, Colleen Heflin and Leslie Hodges. "The Mediating Effects of SNAP on Health Outcomes for Low-Income Households." Annual meeting of the Association of Public Policy & Management. November 12-14, 2015. Miami, FL.
- Huang, Ying, Stephanie Potochnik and Colleen Heflin. "Household Food Insecurity and Young Immigrant Children's Health and Development Outcomes." Annual meeting of the Association of Public Policy & Management. November 12-14, 2015. Miami, FL.
- Mueser, Peter and Colleen Heflin. "Aid to Jobless Workers in the Face of the Great Recession: The Interaction of Unemployment Insurance and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program." Annual meeting of the Association of Public Policy & Management. November 12-14, 2015. Miami, FL.
- Huang, Ying, Stephanie Potochnik and Colleen Heflin. "Household Food Insecurity and Young Immigrant Children's Health and Developmental Outcomes" (poster presentation). Annual meeting of the Population Association of America. April 30-May 2, 2015. San Diego, CA.
- Olson, Kate and Colleen Heflin. "The Changing Face of the United States and the Provision of Social Services." Annual meeting of the Association of Public Policy & Management. November 6-8, 2014. Albuquerque, NM.

- Hodges, Leslie Beasley, Colleen Heflin and Andrew London. "TAPped out: An Evaluation of the Department of Defense's Transition Assistance Program." Annual meeting of the Association of Public Policy & Management. November 6-8, 2014. Albuquerque, NM.
- Heflin, Colleen and Irma Arteaga. "Participation in the National School Lunch Program and Food Security: An Analysis of Transitions into Kindergarten." Annual meeting of the Association of Public Policy & Management. November 6-8, 2014. Albuquerque, NM.
- Heflin, Colleen and Irma Arteaga. "The Child and Adult Care Food Program and Food Insecurity." Annual meeting of the Population Association of America. May 1-3, 2014. Boston, MA.
- Mueser, Peter and Colleen Heflin. "Aid to Jobless Workers in Florida in the Face of the Great Recession: The Interaction of Unemployment Insurance and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program." Annual meeting of the Population Association of America. May 1-3, 2014. Boston, MA.
- Kukla-Acavado, Sharon and Colleen Heflin. "Participation in the Unemployment Insurance Program and Childhood Achievement." Annual meeting of the Population Association of America. May 1-3, 2014. Boston, MA.
- Heflin, Colleen, Irma Arteaga and Sara Gable. "Families with Hungry Children and the Transition from Preschool to Kindergarten." Research Program on Childhood Hunger, Food and Nutrition Service. March 13, 2014. Washington, D.C.
- Heflin, Colleen and Irma Arteaga. "Participation in the National School Lunch Program and Food Security: An Analysis of Transitions into Kindergarten." National RIDGE Small Grants Conference, December 17, 2013. Washington, D.C.
- Potochnick, Stephanie, Irma Arteaga and Colleen Heflin. "An Examination of Household Food Insecurity among Low-Income Immigrant Children." Annual meeting of the Association of Policy Analysis & Management. November 7-9th, 2013. Washington. D.C.
- Heflin, Colleen and Ashley Price. "Emergency Food Assistance and the Great Recession." Annual Conference of the Association of Policy Analysis & Management. November 7-9th, 2013. Washington. D.C.
- Heflin, Colleen and Irma Arteaga. "Participation in the National School Lunch Program and Food Security: An Analysis of Transitions into Kindergarten." Southern Rural Development Center RIDGE Small Grants Conference. August 22, 2013. Denver, CO.
- Heflin, Colleen and Peter Mueser. "Aid to Jobless Workers in Florida in the Face of the Great Recession: The Interaction of Unemployment Insurance and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program." Annual meeting of the National Association of Welfare Researchers and Statisticians. August 21, 2013. Chicago, IL.
- McKelvey, Bill, Jennifer Schnell, Nikki Raedeke, Sandy Rikoon, Matt Foulkes, Colleen Heflin, Joan Hermesen and Ashley Vancil. "A Food Systems Approach to Addressing Obesity Among Food Pantry Clients in Missouri" (poster presentation). Annual meeting of the Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior. August 11, 2013. Portland, OR. *The abstract was published in the *Supplement to Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior* 45:4S (July/August), p. S89.

- Heflin, Colleen. "Child Poverty" Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 10, 2013. New York, NY.
- Heflin, Colleen and Peter Mueser. "Aid to Jobless Workers in Florida in the Face of the Great Recession: The Interaction of Unemployment Insurance and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program." IZA/OECD/World Bank Conference on Safety Nets and Benefit Dependence: Evidence and Policy Implications. May 21-22, 2013. Paris, France.
- Heflin, Colleen, Jacob Cronin and Ashley Price. "Best Practices for Implementing and Evaluating Evidenced-Based Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs with Diverse Populations." Annual meeting of the Association of Policy Analysis & Management. November 4-6, 2012. Baltimore, MD.
- Kukla-Acevedo, Sharon and Colleen Heflin. "Unemployment Insurance Participation and Early Childhood Development." Annual meeting of the Association of Policy Analysis & Management. November 4-6, 2012. Baltimore, MD.
- Arteaga, Irma, Colleen Heflin and Sara Gable. "Hungry Children and the Transition from WIC." Annual Conference of the Association of Policy Analysis & Management. November 4-6, 2012, Baltimore, MD.
- McKelvey, Bill, Jennifer Schnell, Nikki Raedeke, Sandy Rikoon, Matt Foulkes, Colleen Heflin, and Joan Hermesen. "Food Systems Approach to Addressing Obesity among Food Client Households in Missouri" (poster presentation). 45th Annual Conference of the Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior. July 14-17. Washington, DC.
- Arteaga, Irma, Colleen Heflin, and Sara Gable. "Hungry Children and the Transition from WIC". Annual meeting of the Population Association of America. May 4, 2012. San Francisco, CA.
- Wilmoth, Janet M., Andrew S. London, and Colleen Heflin. "Economic Well-Being among Older Adult Households: Variation by Veteran and Disability Status." Annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. December 2011. Boston, MA.
- Heflin, Colleen, and Peter Mueser. "Aid to Jobless Workers in Florida in the Face of the Great Recession: The Interaction of Unemployment Insurance and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program." Annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy and Management. November 4-5, 2011. Washington, DC.
- London, Andrew S., Colleen Heflin and Janet M. Wilmoth. "Work-Related Disability, Veteran Status, and Poverty: Implications for Family Well-Being." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 2011. Las Vegas, NV.
- Heflin, Colleen, and Ngina Chiteji. "My Brother's Keeper? The Association between Having Siblings in Poor Health and Wealth Accumulation." Western Economic Association Annual Meetings. June 30, 2011. San Diego, CA.
- Heflin, Colleen, Andrew London and Janet Wilmoth. "Veteran Status, Disability, Poverty, and Material Hardship." Annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy and Management. November 4-5, 2010. Boston, MA.

- Heflin, Colleen, Andrew London and Janet Wilmoth. "Veteran Status, Disability, Poverty and Material Hardship." SIPP Analytics Research Conference. October 14-15, 2009. Washington, DC.
- Keiser, Lael and Colleen Heflin. "Impact of TANF on the Material Well-Being of Low Income Families." Reducing Poverty Conference hosted by The Institute for Advanced Policy Solutions. November 19-20, 2009. Atlanta, GA.
- Heflin, Colleen and Peter Mueser. "Assessing the Impact of Modernization on Florida's Food Stamp Caseload." Annual meeting of the Association of Public Policy and Management. November 5-7, 2009. Washington, D.C.
- Keiser, Lael and Colleen Heflin. "Impact of TANF on the Material Well-Being of Low Income Families." Annual meeting of the Association of Public Policy and Management. November 5-7, 2009. Washington, D.C.
- Heflin, Colleen and Peter Mueser. "Assessing the Impact of On-line Application on Florida's Food Stamp Caseload." RIDGE Conference at the US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service. October 15-16, 2009. Washington, DC.
- Heflin, Colleen, Andrew London and Ellen Scott. "Mitigating Material Hardship: The Strategies Low-income Mothers Employ to Reduce the Consequences of Poverty." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 8-11, 2009. San Francisco, CA.
- Heflin, Colleen and Peter Mueser. "Assessing the Impact of On-line Application on Florida's Food Stamp Caseload." Southern Rural Development Center Mid-Year Grantees Conference. August 5-6, 2009. Atlanta, GA.
- Keiser, Lael and Colleen Heflin. "Explaining the Consequences of TANF Policy Choices Across and Within U.S. States" State Politics and Policy Conference (Hosted by the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Duke University). May 22-23, 2009. Chapel Hill, NC.
- Heflin, Colleen and Peter Mueser. "Assessing the Impact of On-line Application on Florida's Food Stamp Caseload." University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research Small Grants Conference. May 19, 2009. Lexington, KY.
- Heflin, Colleen and Peter Mueser. "Assessing the Impact of On-line Application on Florida's Food Stamp Caseload." Annual meeting of the Population Association of America. April 30, 2009. Detroit, MI.
- Heflin, Colleen. "Macroeconomic Performance and Material Hardship across Time, Space and Race." West Coast Poverty Center Speaker Series. March 9, 2009. Seattle, WA.
- Heflin, Colleen and Ngina Chiteji. "Do Middle Class Members Take on Debt in Order to Help Their Poor Siblings Weather Shocks?" Annual meeting of the Association of Public Policy and Management, November 6, 2008. Los Angeles, CA.
- Heflin, Colleen. "State-Level Variation in Material Hardship Among Households with Children." Annual meeting of the Population Association of America. April 16, 2008. New Orleans, LA.
- Heflin, Colleen and Sharon Kukla-Acavedo. "Welfare and Children's Cognitive Test Scores." Annual meeting of the Population Association of America. April 16, 2008. New Orleans, LA.

- Heflin, Colleen and Sharon Kukla-Acavedo. "Does the Size of the Welfare Check Matter? New Results on the Effects of Welfare on Children's Cognitive Test Scores." Annual meeting of the Association of Public Policy and Management. November 4, 2006. Madison, WI.
- Heflin, Colleen and John Iceland. "Poverty, Material Hardship and Mental Health." Annual meeting of the Association of Public Policy and Management. November 3, 2006. Madison, WI.
- Heflin, Colleen and Jim Ziliak. "Food Insufficiency, Food Stamp Participation and Mental Health." Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Workshop. June 22, 2006. Madison, WI.
- Heflin, Colleen and John Iceland. "Poverty, Material Hardship and Mental Health." Annual meeting of the Population Association of America. April 1, 2006. Los Angeles, CA.
- Heflin, Colleen and Seok-Woo Kwon. "Social Capital and Racial Wage Inequality." Annual meeting of the Population Association of America. April 1, 2006. Los Angeles, CA.
- Heflin, Colleen. "Dynamics of Different Forms of Material Hardship." February 1, 2006. McGill University.
- Heflin, Colleen. "Dynamics of Different Forms of Material Hardship in the Women's Employment Survey." Annual meeting of the Association of Public Policy and Management. November 3, 2005. Washington, DC.
- Heflin, Colleen. "Dynamics of Different Forms of Material Hardship in the Women's Employment Survey." Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Small Grants Programs Conference, USDA Economic Research Service. October 2005.
- Heflin, Colleen. "Determinants of Different Forms of Material Hardship in the Women's Employment Survey." Institute for Research On Poverty's Small Grant Conference. May 20, 2005. Madison, WI.
- Siefert, Kristine, Colleen Heflin and David R. Williams, David R. "Household Food Insufficiency in African American and White Women." Annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research. January 18, 2004. New Orleans, LA.
- Siefert, Kristine, Colleen Heflin, Mary Corcoran and David R. Williams, David R., "Food Insufficiency and Physical and Mental Health in a Longitudinal Survey of African American and White Women." Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. November 17, 2003. San Francisco, CA.
- Heflin, Colleen. "Who Exits the Food Stamp Program after Welfare Reform?" Annual meeting of the Association of Public Policy and Management. November 7, 2003, Washington, DC.
- Swaroop, Sapna, Colleen Heflin and Reynolds Farely. "What About Arabs? White and Black American's Attitudes Toward Arab Americans in Detroit in 1992?" Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 17, 2003. Atlanta, GA.
- Noonan, Mary and Colleen Heflin. "Do Women's Wages Depreciate While on Welfare?" Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 19, 2003. Atlanta, GA.

- Swaroop, Sapna, Colleen Heflin and Reynolds Farely. "What About Arabs? White and Black American's Attitudes Toward Arab Americans in Detroit in 1992?" (poster presentation) Annual meeting of the Population Association of America. May 2, 2003. Minneapolis, MN.
- Siefert, Kristine, Colleen Heflin, and David R. Williams. "Household Food Insufficiency and Depression in African American and White Low-Income Women." Annual meeting of the American Journal of Public Health Association. November 9, 2002. Philadelphia, PA.
- Siefert, Kristine, Colleen Heflin, Mary Corcoran and David R. Williams. "Food Insecurity and Hunger: Implications of Recent Research for Maternal and Child Health Programs." 15th Annual U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Regions V and VII Maternal and Child Health Leadership Conference. April 22, 2002. Chicago, IL.
- Siefert, Kristine, Colleen Heflin, Mary Corcoran and David R. Williams. "Food Insufficiency and the Physical and Mental Health of Current and Former Welfare Recipients." Annual meeting of the Association of Public Policy and Management. Washington, DC.
- Heflin, Colleen and Mary Corcoran. "Barriers to Work among Housing Assistance Recipients." Annual meeting of the National Association of Welfare Researchers and Statisticians. Baltimore, MD.
- Heflin, Colleen, Sheldon Danziger and Nathaniel J. Anderson. "Poverty Dynamics after Welfare Reform." Annual meeting of the Association of Public Policy and Management.
- Siefert, Kristine, Colleen Heflin, Mary Corcoran and David R. Williams. "Food Insufficiency and Women's Health: Findings from a Longitudinal Survey of Welfare Recipients." Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Small Grants Programs Conference, USDA Economic Research Service. 2000.
- Heflin, Colleen, Sheldon Danziger and Nathaniel J. Anderson. "Income Dynamics after Welfare Reform ". Annual meeting of the *National Association of Welfare Researchers and Statisticians*, Scottsdale, AZ.
- Heflin, Colleen and Mary Pattillo-McCoy. "Kin Effects on Black-White Account and Home Ownership." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 2000. Washington, D.C.
- Danziger, Sheldon, Colleen Heflin and Mary Corcoran. "Does Work Pay for Single Mothers?" Annual meeting of the Population Association of America. 2000. Los Angeles, CA.
- Siefert, Kristine, Colleen Heflin, and Mary Corcoran. "Food Insecurity and the Physical and Mental Health of Low Income Single Mothers." Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, 1999. Chicago, IL.
- Pattillo McCoy, Mary and Colleen M. Heflin. "Poverty in the Family: Exploring the Kin Networks of the Black and White Middle Class." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. 1999. Chicago, IL.
- Corcoran, Mary E. and Colleen Heflin. "Changes in Women's Wages, 1979-1989 by Race and Ethnicity." Annual meeting of the Population Association of America. 1999. New York, NY.

Goldberg, Heidi, Colleen Heflin and Kristin Seefeldt. "Welfare-to-Work Programs and Barriers to Employment." Annual meeting of the National Association of Welfare Research and Statistics. 1999. Chicago, IL.

Corcoran, Mary and Colleen Heflin. "Race, Ethnic and Skill-Based Inequalities in Women's Employment and Wages." Presented at the Institute for Women's Policy Research Conference. 1998. Washington, D.C.

Hall, Richard L. and Colleen Heflin. "The Importance of Color in Congress: Minority Members and the Representation of Race and Ethnicity in the U.S. House." Midwest Conference of Political Science Association. 1998. Chicago, IL.

Hall, Richard L. and Colleen M. Heflin. "The Importance of Color in Congress: Minority Members and the Representation of Race and Ethnicity in the U.S. House." Presented at the Midwest Conference of Political Science Association. 1994. Chicago, IL.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Public Program Evaluation

Poverty and Social Policy (graduate and doctoral level)

Poverty Policy (undergraduate level)

Applied Regression (graduate level)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member, Data Advisory Team for the Boone Indicators Dashboard Project, a collaboration of the City of Columbia, County of Boone, and Heart of Missouri United Way, 2016–2017.

Member, Indicator Review Committee, Missouri Kids Count, Fall 2015.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Program Committee, Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy and Management, 2013 and 2015.

Invited speaker at Minnesota Department of Labor Conference, "Sustaining Employment in the New Millennium," February 2000.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Syracuse University (Fall 2017 to present)

University Service

Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2018 to 2019

Maxwell Faculty Committee, 2018 to 2019

Equipment Task Force Committee, 2018 to present

SU representative to NYFSRDC, 2017 to present

Policy Studies Program Advisory Committee, 2017 to present

Departmental Service

MPA Curriculum Committee, 2017- present (Chair, 2018 to present)
Executive Committee, 2018 to present
Health Care Policy & Management Search Chair, 2019
Economics of Aging Search Committee, 2018
APPAM Policy Camp Committee, 2018

University of Missouri Service (Fall 2007 to Spring 2017)

University Service

Tenure Committee, 2016 to 2017
Lecture Committee, 2012 to 2017
Population, Education and Health Seminar Organizer, 2013 to 2014
Population, Education and Health Center Founder and Co-Director, 2014 to 2017

Departmental Service

Truman School Ph.D. Program Coordinator, 2014 to 2017
Truman School Seminar Series Co-Organizer, 2014 to 2015
Truman School Doctoral Committee Member, Fall 2007 to 2009; 2013 to 2014
Truman School Personnel Committee, 2012 to 2017
Institute for Public Policy Advisory Committee, Spring 2008 to 2010
Truman School Policy Committee, Fall 2008 to 2009; 2013 to 2017
Chair, Policy Faculty Search 2012
Food Policy Faculty Search 2013

University of Kentucky Service (Fall 2002 to Summer 2007)

University Service

University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research Advisory Board, 2002-2007

Departmental Service

Martin School of Public Policy MPA Admissions Committee, Fall 2002 – Summer 2007
Martin School of Public Policy MPA Curriculum Committee, Fall 2002 – Summer 2007
Martin School Director's Search Committee, Fall 2002 and Fall 2003
Martin School Faculty Search Committee, Spring 2003
Martin School Internal Brownbag Seminar Organizer, 2005-2006
Revising the Capstone Committee, Fall 2005 to Spring 2006

MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association, Member
Association for Public Policy and Management, Member
Population Association of America, Member