



## Global conference connects social work, research and policy



CSD co-organizes international conference at gateway between East and West. Researchers, educators, practitioners, and policymakers came

together in late November for the International Conference on Social Work and Social Research: Financial Capability and Asset Building for All.



## Parents' views of universal asset-building policies for children



A new study captures parents' perspectives on the influence that Child Development Accounts can exert over children's educational attainment and parental saving for children's higher education.



## Evidence, vision for Children's Account policy at Singapore event



In a recent seminar, Center for Social Development (CSD) researchers discussed the SEED for Oklahoma Kids experiment, Singapore's leadership in asset-based social policy and a vision for global Children Development Accounts.



## Recent Publications

[The Role of Social Workers in Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in Azerbaijan](#)

Huseynli (in press). *The Routledge International Handbook of Social Development, Social Work, and the Sustainable Development Goals*



[Parental Views on Universal Asset-Building Policy for All Children](#)

Huang, Beverly, Clancy, & Sherraden. *Child & Family Social Work*

[Financial Capability and Asset Building: Innovations in Social Protection and Development](#)

Ansong, Okumu, Huang, Sun, Huseynli, Koomson, Chowa, Ssewamala, Sherraden, & Sherraden. *Edward Elgar Publishing*

[Social Work in Azerbaijan: Achievements and Challenges of the Profession](#)

Huseynli. *International Social Work*

[The Effectiveness of Financial Capability and Asset Building Interventions in Improving Youth's Educational Well-Being: A Systematic Review](#)

Ansong, Okumu, Nyong, Appiah Kubi, Amoako, Koomson, Conklin. *Advance online publication*

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## **CSD in the Media**

[Bakıda "Social Work & Social Research" beynəlxalq elmi konfransı keçirilir](#)

(Social Work & Social Research international scientific conference held in Baku) *The Report (Azerbaijan)*

[Investigadores de la Universidad George Washington visitaron la Universidad Estatal de Bakú](#)

(Researchers from Washington University visited Baku State University)  
*AZERTAC (Azerbaijan State News Agency)*

[Azərbaycan Universitetinin ev sahibliyində beynəlxalq konfrans keçirildi](#)  
(International conference held at the Azerbaijan University) *Qafqazinfo.az*

[“中国式社会治理现代化与金融社会工作高质量发展”分论坛成功举办](#)  
(The sub-forum on “Modernization of Chinese-style Social Governance and High-quality Development of Financial Social Work” was successfully held)  
*Sichuan News Network*

[What parents need to know about college savings plans](#)  
*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

[In 2011, San Francisco opened savings accounts for kindergartners — now they're going to be college freshmen](#)  
*CNBC*

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## CSD Notables

[Gena Gunn McClendon](#), director of community engagement and co-director of the Financial Capability and Asset Building initiative, passed away on October 21, 2023. She leaves behind an enduring legacy as a fierce advocate for equity, a champion for the disempowered and a passionate defender of voting rights. [More](#).

[Postdoctoral Fellow Aytakin Huseynli](#) will receive the 2024 Society for Social Work and Research Outstanding Social Work Doctoral Dissertation Honorable Mention Award for “Effect of Resource Curse on Child Well-being

in Resource-rich States, Specifically in Post-Soviet States.” The award will be presented at the society’s annual meeting on January 13.

[Huseynli](#) presented “The Role of Financial Capability and Asset-Building in Preventing and Reducing Domestic Violence,” an invited address, at the International Conference on Prevention of Domestic Violence: Possibilities and Perspectives on December 7 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

[Huseynli](#) also led a seminar entitled “Establishment Social Work as a Profession in the Case of Azerbaijan” at Baku Business University on November 17.

[Faculty Associate Yingying Zeng](#), assistant professor in the School of Social Work at the University of Georgia, received the 2023 Disability Manuscript Award Honorary Mention for “[A Scoping Review of Needs and Barriers to Achieving A Livable Life among Refugees with Disabilities: Implications for Future Research, Practice, and Policy,](#)” which was published in the Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work. Dr. Zeng and the study’s coauthors received [the award](#) from the Council on Social Work Education at the council’s annual program meeting on October 29.

[Director Michael Sherraden](#), [International Director Li Zou](#), and **Faculty Directors [Jin Huang](#) and [Suo Deng](#)** presented “Child Development Accounts: Social Innovation for Global Impact” during the Social Innovation session of the McDonnell International Scholars Academy’s 2023 Global Research Symposium on October 6. [See highlights and photos](#) from the event.

While in Baku, [Michael Sherraden](#), [Jin Huang](#), [Aytakin Huseynli](#), [Li Zou](#), and [Lissa Johnson](#) met with representatives from the Azerbaijan Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, the Azerbaijan State Committee on Women, Family and Children Issues, and the Azerbaijan Red Crescent Society, as well as with members of the parliaments of Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan. They discussed CSD research on financial capability and asset building, particularly proposals for Child Development Account policy and social work education.

In Uganda, the National Council for Higher Education approved Uganda Christian University’s request to require a course on financial capability and

asset building (FCAB) for every master's-level social work student. The FCAB Africa team, led by **Faculty Directors** [David Ansong](#), [Isaac Koomson](#) and [Moses Okumu](#), is working with the university to develop content for the course.

**Call for papers:** [Ethics & Social Welfare](#) invites submissions for “Climate and Environmental Justice,” a special issue to be guest edited by Nicole Mattocks, Nomagugu Ncube, [Faculty Director Lisa Reyes Mason](#), and Smitha Rao. Submit abstracts of 500 or fewer words by Feb. 1, 2024. [More](#).

**Call for papers:** The [International Academy of Financial Consumers](#) (IAFICO) invites abstract submissions for the 2024 Global Forum for Financial Consumers. The theme of the conference is financial inclusion and financial protection in a changing environment. Detailed abstracts or full papers are due by March 10, 2024, and the conference will be held at Cornell University on August 8 and 9. For more information, contact [iafico@iafico.org](mailto:iafico@iafico.org).



## Upcoming Events

February 1, 2024 | [The Sum of Us: Moving Beyond the Myth of Equity as a Zero-Sum Game](#) Heather McGhee, [Distinguished Visiting Scholar](#) | Grand Chapel, Washington University in St. Louis | 6:00-8:00 PM (CT)



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