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| Kara Byrne, MSW, PhD |
| Assistant Research Professor |
| University of Utah College of Social Work |
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| *Education* |
| PhD Social Work  | August 2016 |
| University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UtahDissertation Title: *Community Voices for Housing Equality (CVHE): Engaging Tenants with Refugee and Immigrant Background in Participatory Action Research* |
| Higher Education Teaching Specialist | May 2015 |
| Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, University of Utah, Salt Lake City |
| Master of Social WorkUniversity of Montana, Missoula, Montana | May 2009 |
| Bachelor of Arts in English(Minor: Anthropology)University of New Hampshire, Durham, New HampshireGraduated *cum laude* | May 2005 |
| *Research Interests* |
| Trauma-Informed CareImplementation and Program Evaluation | Foster Care & Psychotropic PrescribingCommunity-Based Research |
| *Research Experience* |  |
| Assistant Research ProfessorCOLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORKUniversity of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT | 2016- Present |
| * Co-Principal Investigator: Identifying and Describing Disproportionality and Disparities in Utah’s Child Welfare System to inform Title IV-E Prevention Services
* Co-Investigator: Center for Safe and Health Families Multi-Year CPM for Trauma in Pediatric Care Settings (National Child Traumatic Stress Network)
* Evaluation Lead: Utah Psychotropic Medication Oversight (Utah Department of Health)
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| Senior Research AnalystSOCIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE**University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT** | 2015- 2016 |
| * Lead Investigator: University Neighborhood Partners (UNP) evaluation
* Lead Investigator: Family Prosperity Initiative ($10,000)
* Sr. Researcher: Juvenile Justice Services (JJS) and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) multi-year program evaluation and improvement
* Technical assistance to UNP, JJS, and DCFS to support program improvement
* Qualitative and quantitative data analysis related to program outcomes
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| Graduate Research AssistantSOCIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTEUniversity of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT | 2014-2015 |
| * Wrote and edited literature reviews
* Data collection and analysis
* Facilitated trainings with DJJS and DCFS program staff
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| Graduate Assistant**HARTLAND PARTNERSHIP CENTER, UNP****University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT** | 2012- 2014 |
| * Collect, organize, and analyze Hartland data as it meets organizational strategic goals
* Conduct research on Community Based Participatory Action Research
* Collect and analyze data related to community participation in decision making
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| Graduate Research AssistantUniversity of Montana, Missoula, MT | 2008 - 2009 |
| * Created, funded, implemented door-to-door survey and interview study of the Westside neighborhood of Missoula, MT
* Presented on the panel for Gender Oppression and Globalization at the Council of Social Work Education
* Co-authored report with Dr. Janet Finn to be submitted to the peer reviewed journal *Social Work Education*
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| *Grants* |  |
| Keeshin, B. (2019-present). University of Utah Psychotropic Medication Oversight. Funding agency: Utah Department of Health. $1,935,230. Evaluator. Keeshin, B. (2016-Present). Pediatric Integrated Post-Trauma Services: an Evidence Based Care Process Model for Pediatric Traumatic Stress. Funding Agency: SAMSHA. $600,000. Research Coordinator.Byrne, K. (2017-2019). Analyzing evictions: Utilizing spatial analysis and in-depth interviews to understand pathways to eviction. Funding Agency: Vice President of Research Creative Grant. $6,000. Byrne, K (2017- 2018). A Capitol City Education: Developing a Framework for Evaluation. Funding Agency: Lumina Foundation. $15,000Byrne, K. (2015-2017). Family Prosperity Initiative: Financial Literacy for New Immigrants and Refugees. Funding Agency: American Library Association & FINRA Foundation. $10,000  |
| **Contracts** |
| Byrne, K. & Broadbent, M. (2020-2022). Identifying and Describing Disproportionality and Disparities in Utah’s Child Welfare System to inform Title IV-E Prevention Services. Funding agency: Utah Division of Child & Family Services. $326,918. Byrne, K. & Osteen, P. (2020-2021). Systematic Review of DCFS Practices and Programs for Inclusion in the Child Welfare Practices Clearinghouse. Funding agency: Utah Division of Child & Family Services. $327,869.Byrne, K. and Jaggers, J. (January 1 – December 31, 2019). Division of Child and Family Services Evaluation of the Plan of Safe Care from Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. $100,000.  |
| Byrne, K. (2015-Present). University Neighborhood Partners Program Evaluation and Improvement Project. $15,000.Davis, M.J. and Vanderloo, M.J., and Byrne, K. (2015-2018). Technical Assistance Project. Funding Agency: Utah Division of Juvenile Justice Services. $159,000.Davis, M.J., Tanana, M.J., Vanderloo, M.J., and Byrne, K. (2011-present) Division of Child and Family Services Implementation of Evidence Based Practices: Residential services. Funding agency: Part of the Title IV-E project funded through the Utah Division of Children and Family Services. $64,000 annually.Davis, M. J., Vanderloo, M.J., Tanana, M.J., and Byrne, K. (2012-present). Juvenile Justice Services Program Evaluation and Improvement Project. Funding agency: Utah Division of Juvenile Justice Services. $63,000 annually. |
| **Publications[[1]](#footnote-1)** |
| Keeshin, B., Byrne, K., Thorn, B., & Shepard, L. (2020). Screening for Trauma in Pediatric Primary Care. Current Psychiatry Reports, 22(11). doi: 10.1007/s11920-020-01183-yMedina, R., Byrne, K., Nicolosi, E., & Brewer, S. (2020). Housing inequalities: Eviction patterns in Salt Lake County, Utah. Cities, 104. Keeshin, B., Shepard, L.D., & Byrne, K. (2019). Trauma-informed care and treatment. In A. Sirotnak & T. Laskey (Eds), Child abuse: Medical diagnosis and management (4th ed.)Kuttner, P., Byrne, K., Schmit, K., & Munro, S. (2019). The art of convening: How community engagement professionals build place-based community-university partnerships for systemic change. Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement, 23(1). Byrne, K., Kuttner, P., Mohamed, A., Goldberg, E., & Magana, G. (2018). This is our home: Initiating participatory action housing research with refugee and immigrant communities in a time of unwelcome. Action Research Journal. DOI10.1177/1476750318790797Aster Tecle, Kara Byrne, Mary Beth Vogel-Ferguson, Kimberly Schmidt & Naima Mohamed (2018). Seeking Refuge: An Exploration of Unaccompanied Women, Minors from Somalia and Families from Pakistan Experiences of Services in Bangkok, Thailand. Advances in Social Work. Special Issue: Social Work with Immigrants and Refugees, 1005-1022. Mileski, K., Mohamed, A., & Hunter, R. (2014) Creating inclusive spaces for partnership: Responses from local leaders engaged in a community-university partnership center. Gateways: International Journal of Community Research and Engagement, 7(1). |
| Finn, J.L. & Mileski, K. (2013). Globalization and gender oppression: Reflections on teaching and learning. In Finn, J., Perry, T. & Karandikar, S. (Eds.), Gender Oppression and Globalization: Challenges for Social Work. (281- 305). Alexandria, VA: Council on Social Work Education.Hunter, R., & Mileski, K. (2013). Emerging leaders project: Connecting university resources to community-based organizations supporting refugee resettlement. Advances in Social Work, 14(2), 613-628 |
| **Submitted Manuscripts**Campbell, K., Byrne, K., Thorne, B., Shepard, L., Davis, R.N., Giles, L., & Keeshin, B. (2020) Screening for symptoms of childhood traumatic stress in the primary care pediatric clinic. Submitted to Academic Pediatrics |
| Byrne, K. (2020) Just Practice for housing equality. Just Practice. Submitted chapter.Kim, M., Yi, J., & Byrne, K. (2019) Marital conflicts as perceived by mothers of a child with cancer in South Korea. Submitted to Journal of Family Studies. |
| *Professional Presentations* |
| Jaggers, J., Byrne, K., & Osteen, P. (November, 2020). Systematic Review of Seeking Safety Intervention: Lessons for Child Welfare Service Delivery. Virtual. Byrne, K. (October, 2020). PIPS: Identifying, Responding, & Providing Treatment for Children At-Risk for Traumatic Stress and Suicide. Critical Issues Facing Children and Adolescents: Salt Lake City. Byrne, K. & Medina, R. (September, 2020). Housing Inequalities Eviction Patterns in Salt Lake County. 24th Annual Utah Housing Matters Conference: Salt Lake City.Byrne. K., Keeshin, B., & Shepard, L. (January, 2020). Connecting Care Across Systems: A Care Process Model for Child Traumatic Stress. San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment: San Diego, CA. Byrne, K. & Shepard, L. (June, 2019). Development and Implementation of a Brief Screening and Intervention Care Process Model for Child Traumatic Stress in Children’s Advocacy Centers. The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children: Salt Lake City, UT.  |
| Byrne, K. & Mohamed, A. (May, 2016). Community Voices for Housing Equality. Community-Campus Partnerships for Health 14th Annual International Conference: New Orleans.Byrne, K., Mohamed, A., & Magana, G.R. (October, 2015). Community Voices for Housing Equality. Utah Housing Matters Conference: Park City, UT.Shepard, L. & Byrne, K. (October, 2014). Global Web-Based Learning: Designing a Bachelors of Social Work Degree Program. Council on Social Work Education’s 60th Annual Program Meeting: Tampa, Florida.Byrne, K. & Mohamed, A. (June, 2013). Engaging Community Members in Developing Knowledge, Informing Growth, and Bridging the Cultural Gap. CU Expo 2013 Engaging Shared Worlds: Corner Brook, Newfoundland & Labrador, Canada.Finn, J. & Mileski, K. (May, 2011). Pedagogy of Gender Oppression and Globalization. Unsettling Feminism: University of Chicago, Chicago, ILMileski, K. (May, 2011). Is Fair Trade Fair? Unsettling Feminism: University of Chicago, Chicago, IL |
| Finn, J. & Mileski, K. (October, 2008) Pedagogy of Gender Oppression and Globalization: Council on Social Work Education’s 54th Annual Program Meeting: Philadelphia, PA. |
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| *Invited Presentations* |
| Byrne, K. & Thorn, B. (September 2019). Child Traumatic Stress Care Process Model. Children’s Justice Centers’ Summit. Lehi, UTByrne, K. & Shepard, L. (September 2018). Care Process Model and Suicide Prevention. Children’s Justice Centers’ Summit. Lehi, UT. Shepard, L. & Byrne, K. (September 2018). Trauma-Informed Care. Utah Victim Assistance Academy. Salt Lake City, UT.  |
| Byrne, K. & Medina, R. (October 2017). Analyzing Evictions. College of Social Work Grand Rounds. University of Utah. Salt Lake City, UT.Byrne, K. & Oxman, A. (Ongoing: 2017- Present). Trauma Informed Care. Ongoing presentation to various groups around the state.Byrne, K. & Vanderloo, M. (Ongoing: 2014-Present). Train the Trainer: Effective Group Facilitation. DCFS & DJJS Program Staff and Administration. Vanderloo, M. & Byrne, K. (Ongoing: 2014-Present). Effectively Teaching Skills. DCFS & DJJS Program Staff and Administration. Vanderloo, M. & Byrne, K. (Ongoing: 2014- Present). Components of Effective Practice with Juvenile Delinquents. DJJS Program Staff and Administration. Byrne, K., & Orme, T. (October, 2015). The Many Angles of Eviction Prevention. Utah Housing Matters Conference: Park City, UT |
| Byrne, K. (March, 2015). Effectively Teaching Skills. DJJS Basic Orientation Academy. Byrne, K., Diri, F., & Garska, B. (June, 2013). Teen Development and Parent Engagement. Jesuit Refugee Services: Ban Mai Nai Soi Refugee Camp, Thailand. Hunter, R., Byrne, K., Diri, F., & Garska, B. (June, 2013). Mental Health and Substance Abuse. International Rescue Committee: Tham Hin Refugee Camp, Thailand. |
| *Curricula Development & Teaching Experience* |
| MSW Adjunct FacultyUNIVERSITY OF UTAH, College of Social Work, Salt Lake City, UT |
| * SW 6030 (Masters), Human Behavior in the Social Environment, Fall 2017
* SW 6110 (Masters), Research, Spring 2018
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| BSW Adjunct Faculty**UNIVERSITY OF UTAH,** College of Social Work, Salt Lake City, UT |
| * SW 4444-009 (Bachelors), ONLINE Advanced Social Work Writing, Fall 2015
* SW 4440-002 (Bachelors), Practice IV: Community and Organization, Fall 2014
* SW 4444-001 (Bachelors), Advanced Social Work Writing, Fall 2013-Fall 2014
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| BSW Curricula Development**UNIVERSITY OF UTAH,** College of Social Work, Salt Lake City, UT |
| * SW 4440-ONLINE (Bachelors), Practice IV: Community and Organization, Spring 2015
* SW 4444-ONLINE (Bachelors), Advanced Social Work Writing, Spring 2015
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| **JC:HEM Curricula Development****JESUIT COMMONS: HIGHER EDUCATION ON THE MARGINS** |
| Community Service Learning Track (CSLT) Psychosocial Case Management Course, Fall 2013 & Fall 2014 |
| **Teaching Assistant****UNIVERSITY OF UTAH,** College of Social Work, Salt Lake City, UTAngelea Panos, PhD: SW 4302 (Bachelors), Social Work Practice III*,* Fall 2013 |
| **UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA,** College of Social Work, Missoula, MT* Danielle Wozniak, PhD: SW 360 (Bachelors), Social Work Intervention Methods II, Fall 2008
* Danielle Wozniak, PhD: SW 300 (Bachelors), Human Behavior in the Social Environment, Spring 2009
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| *Social Work Practice* |
| **Social Work Clinician****CHILD AND FAMILY EMPOWERMENT SERVICES*** Provide TF-CBT to children with trauma exposure and traumatic stress symptoms

**Social Work Supervisor, Graduate Assistant**UNP HARTLAND PARTNERSHIP CENTER**University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah** | *January 2019-present**May 2012-August 2014* |
| * Provide on-site supervision to Masters in Social Work practicum students
* Network with partners to develop new, relevant programs with the community
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| Client Partnerships Account ManagerPUBLIC OUTREACH FUNDRAISING**Seattle, Washington** | *February 2011- May 2012* |
| * Managed $2M contract with international non-profit organizations
* Monitored Public Outreach Fundraising’s utilization of budget throughout the fiscal year
* Generated and presented reports monitoring trends in our performance
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| Compliance Coach, Site CoordinatorMISSOULA EVOLUTION SERVICES Missoula, Montana  | *July 2009- February 2011* |
| * Provided counseling to children and families
* Utilized strengths-based approach to increase organizational, family behavioral, and parenting skills with families
* Created and implemented culturally competent policies and procedures related to our work with families
* Co-facilitated educational support groups for families living with substance abuse and addiction
* Supervised employees and clients to facilitate transportation, client intakes, and on-site logistics
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| Social Work PracticumMISSOULA COMMUNITY FOOD COOPERATIVE**Missoula, Montana** | *August 2008 - May 2009* |
| * Recruited and coordinated volunteers for the Westside neighborhood survey implementation
* Created and implemented a door-to-door survey, a qualitative and quantitative study of the Westside neighborhood of Missoula, MT
* Identified, applied for, and received funding for implementation of door-to-door survey
* Developed and facilitated quarterly membership participatory meetings
* Organized and hosted the first annual neighborhood block party
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| Social Work InternshipMISSOULA AIDS COUNCILMissoula, Montana | *August 2007- June 2008* |
| * Worked directly with clients and case manager to create and implement the Buddy Program, a program linking community volunteers with people living with HIV/AIDS
* Provided counseling, case management, and advocacy for people living with HIV/AIDS
* Conducted rapid HIV/AIDS testing, counseling, and referral across the state of Montana
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| ***Specialized Training*** |
| **Treatment Effects Analysis: Statistical Horizons**Virtual**Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Certification**Salt Lake City, UT. **Core Curriculum on Child Traumatic Stress Trainer**University of California, Berkley**Critical Participatory Action Research Workshop**Graduate Center, City University of New York**Crisis Counseling Certification: Utah Department of Human Services**Certified to provide short-term counseling in disaster and traumatic settings. |
| ***Academic Honors and Awards*** |
| PhD Promise Award, in support of research and practice contributions to the field of social work. University of Utah. Dr. Lou Ann Jorgenson Scholarship, for exhibiting an ability to fill a needed role in community-based research. University of Utah. | *April 2016**August 2012-May 2014* |
| CSW International Educational Opportunities Scholarship, in support of facilitation of a presentation on the Thai/Burma border. University of Utah. | *September 2012* |
| University of Utah Learning Abroad Scholarship, in support of facilitation of presentation on the Thai/Burma border. University of Utah. | *September 2012* |
| Jamal O’Jack Scholarship, for exhibiting an ability to fill a needed role in participatory-based research. University of Utah. | *August 2012* |
| Excellence Fund, travel stipend for Environmental and Social Justice Seminar in Guatemala. | *Spring 2008* |
| Sydney Davidson Maxwell Scholarship, for excellence in developing the Buddy Program for the Missoula AIDS Council. University of Montana. | *Spring 2008* |
| **Movers and Shakers Award,** for exhibiting leadership and coordination of services for refugee and immigrants in New Hampshire. University of New Hampshire. | *Spring 2005* |
| *Service* |  |
| National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN). Evaluation Community of Practice (EvCoP) Sub-Committee.Action Research Journal. Reviewer.Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement (JHEOE). Reviewer. Public Science Project, Network Member, City University of New York Graduate CenterCommunity-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) Member |

1. Last name changed from Mileski to Byrne in 2015. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)