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Academic Appointments and Professional Experience

2025-present Associate Professor: School of Social Work, University of Missouri-St. Louis
2019-2025 Assistant Professor: School of Social Work, University of Missouri-St. Louis
2019-present Faculty Affiliate: Gender Studies Program, University of Missouri-St. Louis
2016-2019 Research Associate: College of Nursing, University of Missouri-St. Louis
2009-2010 Program Coordinator: El Nahual Community Center, Quetzaltenango, Guatemala
2008-2009 Client Services Manager: Community Mental Health Center of Washtenaw County
2007 Senior Case Manager: Brooklyn Child Advocacy Center, Brooklyn, NY.
2006-2007 Senior Client Advocate: Lang House, New York, NY.
2001-2005 Women's Advocate: Harmony House, Springfield, MO.

Education

2015-2016 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Washington University Department of Psychiatry
▪ Funding: NIDA T32 TranSTAR (Training in Addictions Research)
2010-2015 Ph.D., Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis
▪ Dissertation: *Rural primary healthcare providers' response to intimate partner violence and survivors' perceptions of helpfulness* © 2015
2007-2008 MSW, School of Social Work, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
▪ Concentration: Interpersonal practice and mental health
2001-2004 BA, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO.
▪ Major: English, Creative Writing concentration

Current Funding

- 2022-2026 *Understanding personal, social network, and neighborhood environmental contributors to firearm access and violence among young adults experiencing homelessness*, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention R01CE003456 (PI: Hsu, Hsun-Ta; Co-Investigators **Bender, Annah**; Fulginiti, Anthony & Rice, Eric)
- The aims of this project are to describe the personal, social network, and neighborhood environmental characteristics of firearm access, carrying, and violence exposure among youth and young adults experiencing homelessness (\$1,305,175)

Prior Funding

- 2021-2023 *Improving SNAP access through EITC free tax service for low-income working families with young children*, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 78982 (PI: Guo, Baorong; Co-PI: **Bender, Annah**)
- This project tests a policy innovation aimed at increasing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participation among low-income working families with children ages 0-8 (\$199,160).
- 2021-2022 *Estimating the prevalence of human trafficking in Cape Town, South Africa*, U.S. Agency for International Development F9002550402091 (PI: Koegler, Erica; Co-I: **Bender, Annah**)
- The aims of this project are to estimate the prevalence and scope of human trafficking in Cape Town, South Africa, and to create a statistical definition for identifying potential trafficking-in-persons in South Africa and elsewhere (\$154,565).
- 2014-2015 *Rural primary healthcare providers' response to intimate partner violence and survivors' perceptions of helpfulness*, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality R36HS022818 (PI: Bender, Annah)
- The aims of this project were to identify rural healthcare providers' screening and management practices regarding intimate partner violence and describe survivors' own perceptions of the healthcare encounter (\$41,144).
- 2009-2010 *Community Education Coordinator at El Nahual Community Center in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala*, Christiansen Grant, Inter-Exchange Foundation (Awardee: Bender, Annah)
- This program funds international social service projects designed and implemented by young people age 18-28. My project involved English language instruction, volunteer coordination, and community gardening at a community education center in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala (\$3,000).

Internal Funding Received

- 2024 University of Missouri-St. Louis Gender Studies Program Faculty Grant (\$500)
 - Competitive internal award to support research and scholarship by Gender Studies Program Affiliates.
- 2023 University of Missouri-St. Louis Junior Faculty Travel Award (\$1,500)
 - Competitive internal award to support conference travel.
- 2022 *Toward a theory of justice for survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault*, University of Missouri-St. Louis Research Award (PI: Bender, Anna)
 - This competitive, internally funded research award aims to understand perspectives on restorative justice and carceral approaches to addressing intimate partner violence and sexual assault among survivors of those offenses (\$10,300).
- 2021 University of Missouri-St. Louis Supplemental COVID Relief Award (\$1,500)
 - Competitive institutional award to support faculty research efforts during COVID-19.
- 2019 University of Missouri-St. Louis Junior Faculty Travel Award (\$500)
 - Competitive internal award to support conference travel.
- 2013-2014 Center for Violence and Injury Prevention Dissertation Award (\$30,000)
 - This one-year fellowship provided a scholarship, stipend, and other training experiences to students pursuing a doctoral student focused on interpersonal violence and public health.
- 2014 Brown School Dissertation Award (\$3,000)
 - Competitive departmental award for funds related to dissertation data collection.

Publications

Submitted and Under Review

Delston, J.B. & Bender, A.K. (Revise & resubmit). Restorative justice: Intimate partner violence and a theory of justice (pp. 1-20). Submitted to *Social Theory and Practice*, 25 November 2024.

Guo, B., **Bender, A.K.**, Johnson, S.D., Miller, P. & Jones, E. (Under review). Improving tax benefits access for low-income families through VITA (pp. 1-21). Submitted to *Nonprofit Policy Forum*, 16 July 2025.

Peer-reviewed journals

- 32. Wang, X.; Zhang, Sheldon X.; **Bender, A.K.**; Koegler, E.L.; Rich, E.G. & Price, R.K. (2025). How the Covid-19 pandemic worsened intimate partner violence: Findings from a

- South Africa high-risk community study. *Global Transitions*, 1-30.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.glt.2025.07.004>
31. Bender, A.K. (2025). What does justice look like for survivors of intimate partner violence? A qualitative study of women who did and did not pursue legal action against their abusers (in press). *Violence and Victims*.
 30. Bender, A.K.; Koegler, E.; Rich, E.; Roman, N. & Price, R.K. (2025). Re-conceptualizing trafficking-in-persons using latent class analysis: Results from a community study in Cape Town, South Africa. *Social Sciences & Humanities Open*, 11, 1-10.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssaho.2025.101336>
 29. Vandermause, R.K.; Fish, A.F.; **Bender, A.K.**; Kuensting, L.; Murphy, N.L. & Lavin, R.P. (2024). Teaching health disparities on the road: An experiential educational intervention. *Nurse Education in Practice*, 81, 1-19. DOI: [10.1016/j.nepr.2024.104168](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nepr.2024.104168)
 28. Koegler, E., Vickerman, S.A., **Bender, A.K.** & Rich, E.G. (2023). Migration, exploitation, and human trafficking among high-risk transgender and gender non-conforming individuals in Cape Town: A case study. *Journal of Human Trafficking*, 1-16. DOI: [10.1080/23322705.2023.2265805](https://doi.org/10.1080/23322705.2023.2265805)
 27. Gearhart, M., Berg, K., Barnhart, S., **Bender, A.K.** & Jones, C. (2023). Police behaviors and procedural justice: Testing indicators of police-initiated post-traumatic stress symptoms. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 144, 106740. DOI: [10.1016/j.childyouth.2022.106740](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2022.106740)
 26. Price, R.K.; **Bender, A.K.**, Milazzo, F.H., Rich, E.D., Roman, N.V., Zhang, S.X., & Koegler, E.K. (2022). Prevalence estimates of trafficking in persons using statistical definitions: A cross-sectional high-risk community survey in Cape Town, South Africa, *BMJ Open*, 12(2), 063617. DOI: [10.1136/bmjopen-2022-063617](https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2022-063617)
 25. Bender, A.K., Pickard, J.G., & Webster, M. (2022). Exploring the impact of Covid-19 on older adults in recovery. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, 23(3), 199-215. DOI: [10.1080/1533256X.2022.2047561](https://doi.org/10.1080/1533256X.2022.2047561)
 24. Gearhart, M., **Bender, A.K.**, Barnhart, S. & Berg, K. (2021). Exploring police-initiated posttraumatic stress symptomatology, depression, and anxiety using factor analysis. *Journal of Evidence-Informed Social Work*, 19(2), 147-160. doi: [10.1080/26408066.2021.2001402](https://doi.org/10.1080/26408066.2021.2001402)
 23. Gearhart, M., **Bender, A.K.**, Barnhart, S., Berg, K. & Jones, C. (2021). Youth profiles of police-initiated posttraumatic stress symptomatology. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 39, 525-537. doi: [10.1007/s10560-021-00741-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-021-00741-4)
 22. Bender, A.K., Koegler, E., & Rich, E.G. (2021). Mental health and substance use concerns among transgender individuals living on the margins in Cape Town, South Africa: Preliminary selected findings from the Western Cape Stop Exploitation (RESET) study. *HPHR Journal*, 43. DOI:[10.54111/0001/QQ4](https://doi.org/10.54111/0001/QQ4)

21. Bender, A. K., & Lauritsen, J. L. (2021). Violent victimization among lesbian, gay, and bisexual populations in the United States: Findings from the National Crime Victimization Survey, 2017-2018. *American Journal of Public Health, 111*(2), 318-326. doi: [10.2105/AJPH.2020.306017](https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2020.306017)
20. Vandermause, R., Fish, A. F., **Bender, A.K**, Kuensting, L., Murphy, N., & Lavin, R. (2021). The “seeing place”: Teaching nurse practitioners about cultural difference through dramatization. *Nurse Education Today, 97*, 104689. doi: [10.1016/j.nedt.2020.104689](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nedt.2020.104689)
19. Bender, A.K., Meyers, J.L., Subbie-Saenz di Viteri, S., Schuckit, M., Chan, G., Acion, L., Kamarajan, C., Kramer, J.K., Anohkin, A., Kinreich, S., Pandey, A., Hesselbrock, V., Hesselbrock, M., Bucholz, K.K. & McCutcheon, V.V. (2021). A latent class analysis of alcohol and posttraumatic stress symptoms among offspring of parents with and without alcohol use disorder. *Addictive Behaviors, 112*, 1-8. doi: [10.1016/j.addbeh.2020.106640](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.addbeh.2020.106640)
18. Bender, A.K., Koegler, E., Johnson, S.D., Murugan, V. & Wamser-Nanney, R. (2020). Guns and intimate partner violence among adolescents: A scoping review. *Journal of Family Violence, 36*, 605-617. doi: [10.1007/s10896-020-00193-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-020-00193-x)
17. Subbie-Saenz di Viteri, S., Pandey, A., Pandey, G., Kamarajan, C., Smith, R., Anohkin, A., Bauer, L., **Bender, A.K.**, Chan, G., Dick, D., Edenberg, H.J., Kinreich, S., Kramer, J.K., Schuckit, M., Zang, Y., McCutcheon, V.V., Bucholz, K.K., Porjesz, B. & Meyers, J. (in press). Pathways to post-traumatic stress disorder and alcohol dependence: Trauma, executive functioning, and family history of alcoholism in adolescents and young adults. *Brain & Behavior, 10*(11), e01789. doi: [10.1002/brb3.1789](https://doi.org/10.1002/brb3.1789)
16. Bender, A.K., Bucholz, K.K., Edenberg, H.J., Kramer, J.R., Anokhin, A.P., Meyers, J.L., Kuperman, S., Hesselbrock, V., Hesselbrock, M. & McCutcheon, V.V. (2020). Trauma exposure and post-traumatic stress disorder among youth in a high-risk family study: Associations with maternal and paternal alcohol use disorder. *Journal of Family Trauma, Child Custody & Child Development, 17*(2), 116-134. doi: [10.1080/26904586.2020.1751016](https://doi.org/10.1080/26904586.2020.1751016)
15. Edmond, T.E., Voth Schrag, R. & **Bender, A.K.** (2020). Opening the black box: Identifying common practice approaches in urban and rural rape crisis centers. *Violence Against Women, 26*(3-4), 312-333. doi: [10.1177/107780129832903](https://doi.org/10.1177/107780129832903)
14. Charney, R.L., Lavin, R.P., **Bender, A.K.**, Langan, J.C. & Zimmerman, R.S. (2019). Ready to respond: A survey of interdisciplinary health-care students and administrators on disaster management competencies. *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness, 1*-8. doi: [10.1017/dmp.2019.96](https://doi.org/10.1017/dmp.2019.96)
13. Lavin, R.P., Veenema, T.G., Langan, J., Charney, R.L., Zimmerman, R.S. & **Bender, A.K.** (2019). Zika and Flint water public health emergencies: Disaster training tool kits relevant to pregnant women and children. *Journal of Perinatal and Neonatal Nursing, 33*(3), 229-237. doi: [10.1097/JPN.0000000000000418](https://doi.org/10.1097/JPN.0000000000000418)
12. Metzger, M.W., **Bender, A.K.**, Ravindranath, D., Murugan, V. & Flowers, A. (2019). Step by step: Tenant accounts of securing and maintaining quality housing with a Housing

- Choice Voucher. *Journal of Community Practice*, 27(1), 31-44. doi: [10.1080/10705422.2019.1580653](https://doi.org/10.1080/10705422.2019.1580653)
11. Veenema, T., Lavin, R.P., **Bender, A.K.**, Thornton, C.P. & Schneider-Firestone, S. (2019). A systematic review of the literature about national nurse readiness for radiation emergencies and nuclear events. *Nursing Outlook* 67(1), 54-88. doi: [0.1016/j.outlook.2018.10.005](https://doi.org/0.1016/j.outlook.2018.10.005)
 10. Meyers, J., McCutcheon, V.V., Pandey, A.K., Kamarajan, C., Subbie, S., Chorlian, D., Salvatore, J., Almasy, L., Anokhin, A., Bauer, L., **Bender, A.K.**, Dick, D.M., Edenberg, H.J., Hesselbrock, V., Kramer, J., Kuperman, S., Agrawal, A., Bucholz, K.K., & Porjesz, B. (2018). Early sexual trauma exposure and neural response inhibition in adolescence and young adults: Trajectories of frontal theta oscillations during a Go/NoGo task. *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*, 58(2), 242-255. doi: [10.1016/j.jaac.2018.07.905](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaac.2018.07.905)
 9. Bender, A. K., Bucholz, K. K., Heath, A. C., & McCutcheon, V. V. (2018). Comparison of Characteristics of Female Drivers with Single and Multiple DUI Convictions. *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, 42(3), 646-653. doi: [10.1111/acer.13590](https://doi.org/10.1111/acer.13590)
 8. Merritt, L., Brauch, A.N., **Bender, A.K.**, & Kockuk, D. (2018). Using a Web-based e-Visit simulation to educate nurse practitioner students. *Journal of Nursing Education*, 57 (5), 304-307. doi: [10.3928/01484834-20180420-10](https://doi.org/10.3928/01484834-20180420-10)
 7. McCutcheon, V. V., Schuckit, M. A., Kramer, J. R., Chan, G., Edenberg, H. J., Smith, T. L., **Bender, A.K.**, Hesselbrock, V., Hesselbrock, M. & Bucholz, K. K. (2017). Familial association of abstinent remission from alcohol use disorder in first-degree relatives of alcohol-dependent treatment-seeking probands. *Addiction*, 112(11), 1909-1917. doi: [10.1111/add.13890](https://doi.org/10.1111/add.13890)
 6. Veenema, T.G., Thornton, C.P., Lavin, R.P., **Bender, A.K.**, Seal, S. & A. Corley (2017). Climate change-related water disasters' impact upon population health. *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*, 49(6), 625-634. doi: [10.1111/jnu.12328](https://doi.org/10.1111/jnu.12328)
 5. Bender, A.K. (2017). Ethics, methods, and measures in intimate partner violence research: The current state of knowledge. *Violence Against Women*, 23 (11), 1382-1413. doi:[10.1177/1077801216658977](https://doi.org/10.1177/1077801216658977).
 4. Bender, A.K. (2016). Using the Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research (CFIR) to increase intimate partner violence screening in rural health clinics. *Women's Health Issues*, 26 (4): 384-392. doi:[10.1016/j.whi.2016.05.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.whi.2016.05.005)
 3. Bender, A.K. (2016). Healthcare experiences of rural women experiencing intimate partner violence and substance abuse. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, 16(1-2), 202-221. doi: [10.1080/1533256X.2015.1124783](https://doi.org/10.1080/1533256X.2015.1124783).

2. Bender, A.K., Metzger, M., Murugan, V., & Ravindranath, D. (2016). Housing choices as school choices: Subsidized renters' agency in an uncertain policy context. *City and Community*, 15(4), 444-467. [doi: 10.1111/cico.12204](https://doi.org/10.1111/cico.12204)
1. Bender, A.K. & Chalise, N. (2015). Differentiating perceptions of intimate partner violence in Nepal. *International Social Work*, 61(1), 79-92. [doi: 10.1177/0020872815603787](https://doi.org/10.1177/0020872815603787).

Books

Bender, A.K. & Delston, J.B. (Proposal under review). *Restoration and accountability: Survivors of intimate partner violence on justice and punishment*. Bloomsbury.

Edited Volumes

Murugan, V., **Bender, A.K.** & Berg-Weger, M. (2025). *Social work and social welfare: An invitation (New directions in social work)* [7th Ed.]. Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group.

Book Chapters

Murugan, V., **Bender, A.K.**, Trombetta, E. & Dilts, C. (2020). "The prevalence and dynamics of teen dating violence." In Vaughn, M., Salas-Wright, C., & Jackson, D. (Eds.), *Routledge International Handbook of Delinquency and Health* [1st Ed.]. Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, pp. 197-208.

Juried and Peer-Reviewed Conference Presentations

- Delston, J.B. & Bender, A.K. (2025). "Divorce dilemma: How the Missouri policy barring divorce while pregnant harms survivors of intimate partner violence." Oral presentation at the Central Division of the American Philosophy Association Annual Meeting (virtual), February 20, 2025.
- Delston, J.B. & **Bender, A.K.** (2025). "Restorative justice: Intimate partner violence and a theory of justice." Colloquium at the Workshop for Politics, Ethics, and Society, Washington University in St. Louis, February 14, 2025.
- Guo, B., **Bender, A.K.**, Miller, P. & Jones, E. (2025). "Integrated social services: A case study of EITC, VITA, and SNAP among low-income families with young children." Poster presentation at the 29th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, WA., January 15-19, 2025.
- Delston, J.B. & **Bender, A.K.** (2025). "Restorative justice: Intimate partner violence and a theory of justice." Oral presentation at the Eastern Division of the American Philosophy Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY., January 9, 2025.
- Hsu, H.; **Bender, A.K.**; Fulginiti, A. (2024). "Personal and social network correlates of firearm carry among young adults experiencing homelessness." Oral presentation at the National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms, December 9, 2024.
- Bender, A.K. (2024). "What does 'justice' look like for survivors of intimate partner and sexual violence? A qualitative study of survivors who did and did not pursue legal action against

- their abusers.” Oral presentation, Society for Social Work & Research annual conference, Washington, D.C., January 14, 2024.
- Bender, A.K., Guo, B., Miller, P. & Jones, E. (2024). “Eating enough and healthy? Perspectives on SNAP and SNAP access among low-income families with young children.” Poster presentation, Society for Social Work & Research annual conference, Washington, D.C., January 10-15, 2024.
- Guo, B., **Bender, A.K.**; Miller, P. & Jones, E. (2023). “Is integrated social service possible? A case study of two community-based organizations.” Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) annual conference. Orlando, FL, November 16-18.
- Guo, B., **Bender, A.K.**, Miller, P. & Jones, E. (2023). Improving Low-income Families’ SNAP Access through VITA. VITA U 2023 Conference. Mayagüez, Puerto Rico, May 23-25.
- Bender, A.K. & Hsu, H. (2022, November). “Double jeopardy: Intimate partner and firearm violence among young adults experiencing homelessness.” Oral presentation at the 2022 National Research Conference on Firearm Injury Prevention, Washington, D.C.
- Koegler, E., **Bender, A.K.**, Rich, E. & Price, R.K. (2022, November). “Impact of COVID-19 on high-risk persons in South Africa: Mixed methods.” Poster presentation at the 2022 Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Anaheim, CA.
- Bender, A.K., Koegler, E., Rich, E. & Price, R.K. (2022, October). “Associations of childhood adversities and partner violence with trafficking-in-persons in Cape Town.” Poster presentation at the 2022 Institute for Public Health Annual Conference, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, October 31, 2022.
- Price, R.K., Koegler, E., **Bender, A.K.** & Balogun, T. (2022, September). “Trafficking-in-persons (TIP) high-risk community research during the Covid-19 pandemic in Cape Town, South Africa.” Panel presentation at the 2022 International Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference [virtual].
- Koegler, E., **Bender, A.K.** & Williams, S. (2021, November). “Bystander intervention training effectiveness: Climate survey reports of sexual assault.” Oral presentation at the 2021 Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- Koegler, E., Price, R.K., Rich, E., Roman, N., **Bender, A.K.**, Dudoit, C. (2021, November). “Impact of COVID-19 on diverse high-risk persons in South Africa.” Poster presentation at the 2021 Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.
- Gearhart, M. C., **Bender, A.K.**, Berg, K. A., Barnhart, S., Jones, C. (2021, January). “Exploring the Factor Structure of Police-Initiated Post-Traumatic Stress Symptomatology.” Poster presentation at the 2021 annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Gearhart, M. C., Barnhart, S., **Bender, A.K.**, Berg, K. A., Jones, C. (2021, January). “Convergent and Discriminant Validity of Police-initiated Post-Traumatic Stress

Symptomatology.” Poster presentation at the 2021 annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, SSWR, San Francisco, CA.

Bender, A.K., Meyers, J.L., Chan, G., Acion, L., Kamarajan, C., Hesselbrock, V., Hesselbrock, M., Kuperman, S., Kramer, J., Anohkin, A., Kinreich, S., Pandey, A., Bucholz, K.K. & McCutcheon, V.V. (2020, January). “A latent class analysis of posttraumatic stress disorder and alcohol use symptoms based on type of trauma experienced among youth and young adults in a high-risk family study.” Oral presentation at the 2020 annual conference of the Society for Social Work & Research, Washington, D.C.

Vandermause, R.K., Kuensting, L., **Bender, A.K.**, Sanner-Stiehr, E.J., Manies, S.M., Yeung, N., Klump, M., & Lavin, R. (2019, March). “Can we educate nurses to be culturally competent?” Oral presentation at the 2019 annual conference of the Midwest Nursing Research Society, Kansas City, MO.

Klump, M.P., **Bender, A.K.**, Kuensting, L., Murphy, N. & Lavin, R.P. (2018, October). “Encountering St. Louis on a bus: Nursing students learn about social determinants of health.” Poster presentation at the 2018 Institute for Public Health annual conference, Washington University in St. Louis, MO.

Metzger, M., **Bender, A.K.**, Murugan, V., Ravindranath, D. & A. Flowers (2017, January). “Housing Processes and Preferences: Subsidized Renters' Experience in an Uncertain Policy Context.” Oral presentation at the 2017 Annual Program Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

Bender, A.K. (2016, June). “Trauma Exposure and PTSD among Young Adult Offspring of Parents with Alcohol Problems.” Poster presentation at the 2016 Research Society on Alcoholism Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Bender, A.K. (2015, November). “Rural Primary Healthcare Providers’ Responses to Intimate Partner Violence.” Poster presentation at the 2015 Washington University Institute of Public Health Annual Symposium, St. Louis, MO.

Bender, A.K. (2015, November). “Rural Primary Healthcare Providers’ Practices and Perspectives toward Intimate Partner Violence.” Oral presentation at the 2015 Global Scientific Summit of the Academy on Violence and Abuse, Jacksonville, FL.

Bender, A.K. & Chalise, N. (2013, January). “Differentiating Perceptions of Intimate Partner Violence in Nepal.” Oral presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work & Research, San Diego, CA.

Invited Presentations

Guo, B. & **Bender, A.K.** (2024, June). “Improving SNAP access through free EITC tax service for low-income working families with young children.” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Improving Access to Federal Nutrition Support Programs [Webinar], June 11, 2024.

- Delston, J. & **Bender, A.K.** (2024, April). “No divorce while pregnant in Missouri? A dangerous double bind for survivors of intimate partner violence.” Poster presentation at the University of Missouri-St. Louis Research and Innovation Fair, St. Louis, MO.
- Bender, A.K. & Delston, J. (2024, February). “What does ‘justice’ look like for survivors of intimate partner violence? An exploratory qualitative study of survivors who did and did not pursue legal action against their abusers.” School of Social Work Coffee and Conversations, University of Missouri-St. Louis, February 5, 2024.
- Bender, A.K. (2021, October). “Interpersonal Violence and the LGBTQ+ Community.” Early Career Research Network Annual Symposium, University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.
- Bender, A.K. & Werner, K.B. (2020, May). “Incidence of Domestic Violence during COVID-19: Challenges and Research Directions.” COVID Conversations Speaker Series, Office of Research Administration, University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.

Reviews

- Bender, A.K. (2016). Book Review: *Latino Heartland: Of Borders and Belonging in the Midwest*. *Contemporary Rural Social Work*, 8(1), 91-92.
- Bender, A.K. (2016). “High intensity exercise is associated with fewer symptoms of hyperarousal.” Research Review, Academy of Violence and Abuse Research News. Available at:
http://www.avahealth.org/resources/ava_research/ava_research_reviews.html

Editorials

- Guo, B.; **Bender, A.K.**; Miller, P. & Jones, E. (2024). From policy to practice: Integrated social service for health re: The next government must put health at the heart of all policies (*British Medical Journal*, 384, q96). *British Medical Journal*, 384, q96.
<https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.q96>

Media Appearances

- Bender, A.K. “The Intersection of Gun Violence and Intimate Partner Violence.” Red, Blue, and Brady [Podcast]. Brady United, February 26, 2022.

Courses Taught

School of Social Work, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Undergraduate (B.S.W.)

- 2020-ongoing Social Work Practice with Individuals (in person, hybrid)
2019-ongoing Human Behavior in the Social Environment (in person, hybrid)

Graduate (M.S.W.)

- 2024-ongoing Perspectives on Trauma and Crisis for Social Work Practice (in person)
2021-ongoing Human Behavior in the Social Environment (in person, hybrid)

Updated September 2025

2021 Trauma-Informed Social Work Practice (online)

College of Nursing, University of Missouri-St. Louis (as Teaching Assistant)

Doctoral

2017-2019 Data management and analysis workshop (in person)

2016 N7211 Biostatistics I (hybrid)

Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis (as Teaching Assistant; in person)

Doctoral

2014 Introduction to Advanced Research

Graduate (M.S.W.)

2014 Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, and Groups

2013 Intervention Approaches with Women

2012 Promoting Recovery for Persons with Mental Illness

2011 Substance and Alcohol Abuse

2011 Social and Economic Development

Campus Service

2024 Invited Panelist, “Co-creating knowledge with community and industry partners,” Office of Research and Economic and Community Development, University of Missouri-St. Louis

2024 Invited Panelist, “The importance of grant funding to build a successful research career,” Certificate in University Teaching, University of Missouri-St. Louis

2022-ongoing Tritons United Against Gender-Based Violence Committee Member

2022-ongoing Faculty Senate, Curriculum and Instruction Committee

2022 Gender Studies Program Women’s History Month Event Coordinator and Panel Moderator

2021-ongoing Faculty Affiliate, Gender Studies Program

2021-ongoing B.S.W. Admissions Committee, University of Missouri-St. Louis

2020-ongoing Faculty Affiliate, Center for Interpersonal Violence in Context, University of Missouri

2019-ongoing M.S.W. Faculty Advisor

2020-ongoing Institutional Review Board (IRB) Committee, University of Missouri-St. Louis

2020-2021 M.S.W. Admissions Committee, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Dissertation Committees

2023 Julia Sager, *The role of self-compassion and relationship factors in posttraumatic stress disorder and posttraumatic growth* (Ph.D., Clinical Psychology)

2020 Jody Spiess, *Community health nurse educators and disaster nursing education* (Ph.D., Nursing)

Honors / Awards

2024	Research Innovation Award, National Research Society on the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms 2024 Annual Conference
2023	University of Missouri-St. Louis Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship, or Creative Works (Nominated)
2022	University of Missouri-St. Louis Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research, Scholarship, or Creative Works (Nominated)
2007-2008	University of Michigan School of Social Work Merit Scholarship
2007-2008	University of Michigan School of Social Work Opportunity Grant
2007-2008	National Honors Society
2002-2003	Missouri State University Dean's List

Memberships / Affiliations

2024-present	American Philosophical Association
2023-present	National Research Society for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms
2011-present	Society for Social Work and Research
2011-present	Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
2012-present	National Association of Social Workers
2014-present	Council on Social Work Education
2014-2020	Academy on Violence and Abuse
2015-2021	Research Society on Alcoholism
2016-2017	International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies
2016-2017	College on Problems of Drug Dependence

Professional Development

2024	Online Teaching Recertification Seminar, University of Missouri-St. Louis
2023	<i>ASIST: Suicide First Aid Training</i> , Provident Behavioral Health
2021	<i>Writing Winning NIH Proposals</i> , Grant Writers Seminars and Workshops
2021	<i>Designing Effective Online Surveys</i> , Statistical Horizons
2020	<i>Resilient Course Design</i> , University of Missouri-St. Louis
2016	<i>Introduction to STATA</i> , Summer Institute, Brown School of Social Work
2016	<i>Survival Analysis</i> , Summer Institute, Brown School of Social Work

Service to Profession

2025	Abstract reviewer, Society for Social Work & Research Annual Conference 2026
2024-ongoing	Grand Challenges: Firearm Violence and Injury Prevention Working Group, American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare
2024	Abstract reviewer, Society for Social Work & Research Annual Conference 2025

Ad hoc Reviewing

Alcohol
International Social Work
Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, & Trauma
Journal of Family Violence
Journal of Homosexuality
Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency
Journal of Sexual Aggression
Journal of Qualitative Social Work
Trauma, Violence & Abuse
Violence Against Women
Violence and Victims
Women's Health Issues

Volunteering and Service to Community

2019-2023	Crisis Line Advocate, Safe Connections, St. Louis, MO.
2018-2020	Secretary/Treasurer, Parent-Teacher Organization, Mullanphy Investigative Learning Center Elementary School, St. Louis, MO.
2011-2016	Associate Board Member, Abortion Action Missouri (formerly NARAL), St. Louis, MO.
2011-2018	Volunteer Reviewer, KDHX Community Radio, St. Louis, MO.
2007-2009	Emergency Responder, Washtenaw County Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights, Ann Arbor, MI.
2009	Support Group Facilitator, Carrot Way Community Center, Ann Arbor, MI.