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Professional Summary: Experienced researcher leading projects to promote social science-based tools and best practices to address the disaster needs of those facing homelessness and housing precarity.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Health Scientist

1/2011-Present

Veterans Emergency Management Evaluation Center (VEMEC)

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

North Hills, CA

Supervisor: Dr. Aram Dobalian (818) 481-0517; (310) 569-5120 aram.dobalian@va.gov

Research Health Scientist/Principal Investigator- Advanced evidence-based decision-making around veteran homelessness and disasters by leading evaluation and research to improve the quality and continuity of care for veterans and underserved populations after disasters.

Duties and Accomplishments:

- Led studies focusing on assessing and improving health care delivery to veterans experiencing homelessness during emergencies, publishing 25 peer-reviewed articles.
- Supervised and mentored research project staff to ensure project completion.
- Collaborate with VA, federal agencies, and universities to address veteran homelessness and disaster preparedness through research, policy, and practice.

Projects:

P.I. - Disaster Planning Toolkit and Training Curriculum for VA GPD Homeless Providers

- Led the development of disaster preparedness toolkit and training curriculum for VA Grant and Per Diem (GPD) homeless housing providers, integrating regulatory standards (e.g., CARF).
- Conducted focus groups/interviews with 30 providers and VA staff to collect end-user feedback.
- Developed and delivered 3 training sessions to pilot and evaluate preparedness curriculum.
- Collaborated with VA Homeless Programs Office to launch guidance website (July 2024), and with federal partners and City of Newark Mayor's Office to deliver training curriculum.

P.I. - COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake among Veterans Experiencing Homelessness

- Conducted qualitative study to inform VA efforts to distribute vaccines to veterans experiencing homelessness and improve pandemic homeless healthcare services
- Conducted interviews with 40 veteran patients and 13 providers across 9 VA Medical Centers, covering 7 VA GPD providers and 2 Homeless Patient Aligned Care Team (HPACT) clinics.
- Performed all aspects of study design, data collection, data analysis, and dissemination of findings, including publishing 7 peer-reviewed articles and 6 presentations to VA programs.

Co-Lead- Lessons Learned from the 2017 Hurricane and Wildfire Season: Homeless Services

- Evaluated VA Homeless Programs' response to the 2017 Atlantic hurricanes and wildfires, providing insights to enhance disaster preparedness and response.
- Conducted interviews with leaders and staff at 9 VA Medical Centers & 4 VA leadership offices on VA GPD providers' experiences and lessons learned.
- Executed all aspects of study design, including data collection, data analysis, and dissemination.

- Coordinated permissions for qualitative data collection from 16 VA sites for additional studies on VA emergency managers' and VA social workers' response to disasters.

Co-Lead – Toolkit: Incorporating Homeless Populations in Disaster Preparedness, Planning and Response

- Coordinated federal interagency task force to develop toolkit for homeless populations during disasters, disseminating guidance to multiple agencies and organizations including placement on 11 web pages, 2 peer reviewed articles, and 5 conference presentations.
- Conducted interviews with 18 subject matter experts to collect guidance to improve disaster communication and coordination for homeless populations.
- Led workgroup of 13 subject matter experts to develop policy, research, and practice guidance for providing technical assistance on preparedness planning to non-profit homeless service providers.

Co-Lead - Disaster Preparedness among Non-Profit Homeless Housing Service Providers

- Led qualitative study evaluating emergency preparedness and continuity of operations planning in 6 non-profit organizations in Los Angeles County.
- Led all aspects of project design, data collection, data analysis, and dissemination, including peer-reviewed journal articles, conference presentations and reporting results to VA Central Office

Co-Organizer- Workshop on Incorporating Homeless Populations in Disaster Preparedness, Planning, and Response

- Partnered with the HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) to organize a research and policy workshop focused on addressing homeless populations' disaster needs.
- Developed workshop agenda and coordinated with subject matter experts to serve on panels.
- Produced a Workshop Primer document to guide discussion among attendees.

Secondary Data Analysis

- Led quantitative analysis of General Social Survey data to identify factors in U.S. household preparedness in response to risk of terrorism after 9/11.
- Led quantitative analysis of participant data from VA Office of Emergency Management training exercise examining decision-making in hypothetical New Madrid Earthquake scenario.

Member, Executive Team, Board of Directors

5/2017-Present

San Francisco Community Agencies Responding to Disaster (SF CARD)
San Francisco, CA.

Serving as Board Secretary since October 2023. Contribute to governance, budget oversight, subject matter expertise, and strategic direction for organization providing disaster preparedness planning education to community-based non-profit organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area region.

Director of Community Outreach and Research

10/2007- 9/2010

Bay Area Preparedness Initiative (BayPrep), Fritz Institute,
San Francisco, CA.

Supervisor: Paul Jacks, (916) 801-2907; paul.jacks@sbcglobal.net

Provided technical assistance and training to non-profit organizations serving homeless populations, advancing community preparedness through the Disaster Resilience Organizations (DRO) program.

Duties and Accomplishments

- Provided technical assistance in preparedness planning to cohort of 12 non-profit organizations, including weekly site visits, all-staff trainings, and evaluation.
- Expanded DRO pilot program to encompass capacity-building in 30 high-caseload organizations serving disadvantaged communities throughout the greater San Francisco Bay Area.
- Conducted baseline assessment of cohort organizations through interviews with senior leaders, tracked their progress during an intervention, and evaluated their completion of milestones.
- Coordinated with partner organizations to develop a framework for preparedness standards and training for organizational capacity-building.
- Grant funding- \$300,000 from Walter and Elise Haas Fund: Initiated and wrote proposal to transition the DRO non-profit technical assistance and training project to SF CARD.
- Oversaw research study on preparedness capabilities of 93 non-profit organizations conducted by Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado, Boulder.

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

Political Editor

Capitol Weekly Newspaper
Sacramento, CA.

Supervisor: Kenneth Mandler; kenmandler@gmail.com

9/1995-8/1997

Writing and News Development

- Developed five articles weekly covering news in the California State Legislature.
- Interviewed state elected officials, legislative staff, and policy experts for articles.
- Provided regular expert coverage of campaign finance reform, legislation, and regulatory activity.

Editorial Management

- Generated new story ideas and helped determine editorial direction/content.
- Trained 2 new staff writers, mentoring to encourage each writer's individual creativity.

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, School of Natural Resources and Environment, Ann Arbor, MI

Ph.D. Major: Resource Policy and Behavior; Minor: Environmental Sociology

Areas of Specialization: Community Health, Qualitative Research Methods, Environmental Justice, Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Claremont Graduate University, Division of Politics and Economics, Claremont, CA

M.A. Public Policy

Areas of Specialization: Urban Policy, Quantitative Research Methods, Public Policy Research Methods, Econometrics, Policy Evaluation

University of California- Davis, Department of Environmental Science and Policy, Davis, CA

B.S. Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning.

Relevant Coursework: Statistics, Social Statistics, Quantitative Methods, Research Methods, Agency Decision-Making, Environmental Law, Environmental Policy Evaluatio

PUBLICATIONS- PEER-REVIEWED

1. Wyte-Lake T, **Gin J**, Holmes CE, Broussard VM, Esteban JT, Hubert TL, Alexander T, Dobalian A, Brewster P. (Accepted) “Building a National Standard for Outreach and Assistance to Vulnerable At-Risk Patients During Large-Scale Disasters.” *Journal of the American Medical Directors Association*.
2. **Gin JL**, Balut MD, Dobalian A. (2024) “COVID-19 Vaccination Uptake and Receptivity among Veterans Enrolled in Homelessness-Tailored Primary Health Care Clinics: Provider Trust vs. Misinformation”. *BMC Primary Care*. 25(24) January 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12875-023-02251-x>
3. **Gin JL**, Balut MD, Dobalian A. (2022) “COVID-19 Vaccine Attitudes and Behaviors among Homeless Veterans in Transitional Housing”. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 19(23):15863. November 2022 <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph192315863>
4. **Gin JL**, Kranke DA, Weiss EL, Dobalian A. (2022) “Military Culture, Identity, and Cultural Competence in Public Health: U.S. Veterans and SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine Uptake”. *Journal of Humanistic Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00221678221135283>
5. **Gin JL**, Balut MD, Dobalian A. (2022) “Vaccines, Military Culture, and Cynicism: Exploring COVID-19 Vaccination Attitudes among Veterans in Homeless Transitional Housing”. *Military Behavioral Health*. September 2022. DOI: [10.1080/21635781.2022.2123415](https://doi.org/10.1080/21635781.2022.2123415)
6. **Gin JL**, Balut MD, Alenkin, N, Dobalian A. (2022) “Responding to COVID-19 while Serving Veterans Experiencing Homelessness: The Pandemic Experiences of Healthcare and Housing Providers”. *Journal of Primary Care and Community Health*. July 2022 doi:[10.1177/21501319221112585](https://doi.org/10.1177/21501319221112585)
7. Balut MD, **Gin JL**, Alenkin, N, Dobalian A. (2022) “Vaccinating Veterans Experiencing Homelessness for COVID-19: Healthcare and Housing Service Providers’ Perspectives”. *Journal of Community Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10900-022-01097-1>
8. **Gin JL**, Levine CA, Canavan D, Dobalian A. (2022) “Including Homeless Populations in Disaster Preparedness, Planning, and Response: A Toolkit for Practitioners” *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*. 28(1): E62-E72(11). January/February. DOI: 10.1097/PHH.000000000000123
9. Balut MD, Chu K, **Gin JL**, Dobalian A, Der-Martirosian, C. (2021) Predictors of COVID-19 Vaccination among Veterans Experiencing Homelessness. *Vaccines*. 9, 1268. <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines9111268>
10. **Gin JL**, Balut MD, Der-Martirosian C, Dobalian A. (2021). Managing the Unexpected: The Role of Homeless Service Providers during the 2017–2018 California Wildfires. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 49(7), 2532-2547. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jcop.22653>
11. Kranke D, Mudoh Y, Weiss EL, Hovsepien S, **Gin J**, Dobalian A, Der-Martirosian C. (2021). ‘Emotional Preparedness’: A Nuanced Approach to Disaster Readiness Among Social Workers. *Social Work Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02615479.2021.1900099>
12. Kranke D, Hovsepien S, Mudoh Y, Der-Martirosian C, Weiss EL, **Gin J**, Dobalian A. (2020). Social Workers Being Effective in Disaster Settings. *Social Work in Public Health*. 35(8), 664-668. September.

13. Kranke D, **Gin J**, Der-Martirosian C, Weiss EL, Dobalian A. (2020). VA Social Work Leadership and Compassion Fatigue During the 2017 Hurricane Season. *Social Work in Mental Health*. 18(2), 188-199.
14. **Gin JL**, Der-Martirosian C, Stanik C, Dobalian A. (2019). "Roadblocks to Housing after Disaster: Homeless Veterans' Experiences after Hurricane Sandy." *Natural Hazards Review*. 20(3) August.
15. **Gin JL**, Casey RJ, Quarles JL, Dobalian A. (2019). "Ensuring Continuity of Transitional Housing for Homeless Veterans: Promoting Disaster Resilience among the Veterans Health Administration's Grant and Per Diem Providers." *Journal of Primary Care and Community Health*. v10. July.
16. **Gin JL**, Eisner RK, Der-Martirosian C, Kranke D, Dobalian A. (2018). "Preparedness is a Marathon, not a Sprint: A Tiered Maturity Model for Assessing Preparedness in Homeless Residential Organizations in Los Angeles." *Natural Hazards Review*. 19(1) February.
17. Kranke D, DeShone H, **Gin J**. (2018). "Society and support of U.S. veterans. In C. Castro & E. Weiss (Eds.) *American Military Life in the 21st Century: Social, Cultural and Economic Issues and Trends*. (November 1, 2018). ABC-CLIO, Santa Barbara, CA.
18. Kranke D, Saia R, **Gin J**, Schmitz S, Weiss EL, Dobalian A. (2017). "Destigmatizing Experience among Combat Veterans Engaged in Civilian Disaster Relief Efforts: Implications for community transition." *Advances in Social Work*. 17 (2). December.
19. Kranke D, Weiss EL, **Gin J**, Der-Martirosian C, Brown J, Saia R, Dobalian A. (2017). "A 'Culture of Compassionate Bad-Asses': A Qualitative Study of Combat Veterans Engaging in Peer-led Disaster Relief and Utilizing Thought Restructuring to Mitigate Mental Health Stigma." *Best Practices in Mental Health*. 13(1), 20-33. January.
20. **Gin JL**, Kranke D, Saia R, Dobalian A. (2016) "Disaster Preparedness in Homeless Residential Organizations in Los Angeles County: Identifying Needs, Assessing Gaps." *Natural Hazards Review*, 17(1) February.
21. Kranke D, **Gin J**, Saia R, Heslin K, Dobalian A. (2015) "A Qualitative Investigation that Applies an Ecological Strengths-Based Perspective to Veterans' Experience of Reintegration into Civilian Life." *Military Behavioral Health*. November.
22. **Gin JL**, Stein JA, Heslin KC, Dobalian A. (2014) "Responding to Risk: Awareness and Action after the September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks." *Safety Science*. 65: 86-92.
23. **Gin JL**, Chan EW, Brewster P, Mitchell MN, Ricci KA, Afable MK, Dobalian A. (2013) "Using Exercises to Identify Veterans Health Administration Priorities for Disaster Response: Findings from the New Madrid Earthquake Training Exercise." *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*, March.
24. Schafran A, Lopez OS, **Gin JL**. (2013) "Politics and Possibility on the Metropolitan Edge: The Scale of Social Movement Space in Exurbia." *Environment and Planning A*, volume 45:12, pp 2833-2851.

25. Heslin KC, **Gin JL**, Afable MK, Ricci KA, Dobalian A. (2013) “Personal Medication Preparedness among Veteran and Non-Veteran Men and Women in the California Population.” *Prehospital and Disaster Medicine*, August.
26. Heslin KC, Riopelle D, **Gin JL**, Ordunez J, Naranjo D, Dobalian A. (2012) “Confidence in the Fairness of Local Public Health Systems’ Response to Disasters: The U.S. Veterans Perspective.” *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness*, November.
27. **Gin J**, Taylor DE. (2010) “Movements, Neighborhood Change and the Media: Newspaper Coverage of Opposition to Gentrification in the San Francisco Bay Area: 1995-2005.” *Research in Social Problems and Public Policy*, volume 18.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

1. Quoted in: Sonner Kehrt. November 10, 2022. “Climate Change Makes Things Harder for Unhoused Veterans.” *The War Horse*.

NON-PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. **Gin JL**. (July 2023 reprint; originally published January 31, 2018). “Preparing the Whole Community” Including Homelessness in Disaster Planning.” *Research Counts* series, Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado.
2. **Gin JL**. (March 7, 2018). “Disaster Preparedness to Promote Community Resilience: Including People Experiencing Homelessness in Disaster Resilience.” *PreventionWeb*, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) blog series, United Nations Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction.
3. **Gin JL**, Levine CA, Canavan D, Gable A, Schmitz S, Atia M, Dobalian A. (July 2017). *Disaster Preparedness to Promote Community Resilience: Information and Tools for Homeless Service Providers and Disaster Professionals*. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). July.
4. **Gin JL**. (November 2015) “Skid Row Realizations: Planning for Homeless Individuals during Disasters.” *Natural Hazards Observer*, volume XL, number 2. pp. 14-18.
5. Fulton W, Glickfeld M, McMurrin G, **Gin J**. (July 1998) *A Landscape Portrait of Southern California’s Structure of Government and Growth*. Report prepared for John Randolph and Dora Haynes Foundation grant, Claremont Graduate University.

RELATED TRAINING

University of Michigan Institute for Social Research—Summer Institute in Social Research Methods, 2002

- Questionnaire Design
- Semi-structured Interviewing
- Focus Groups
- Combining Qualitative and Quantitative Methods
- Computer Programs for Qualitative Data Analysis (NVIVO, ATLAS ti)

MEMERSHIPS & VOLUNTARY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Member , American Public Health Association	2020-Present
Mentor , William Averette Anderson Fund (Program to increase number of underrepresented professionals in doctoral-level research programs)	2018-2019
Member Multiagency Shelter Transition Working Group, American Red Cross	2016
Member Underserved Populations Working Group, Preparedness Division, FEMA	2016
Advisory Board Member Community Health Resilience Initiative, Department of Homeland Security (DHS)	2013
Advisory Board Member Center for Public Health and Disasters, University of California, Los Angeles, CA.	2010-2011
Reviewer <i>The Cost of Adapting to Sea Level Rise along the California Coast and in the San Francisco Bay</i> The Pacific Institute and the California Climate Change Center, Oakland, CA.	2009
Field Faculty Supervisor Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs, San Francisco, CA.	2009
Member , American Sociological Association	2004-2014