

Courses Taught: Seminar in Social Policy Practice, Legal Foundations for Social Workers, Qualitative Research Methods (Doctoral) , Advocacy in Social Work, Social Welfare Policy, Social Welfare Organization, Community Social Work, Aging and the Law, Social Work in Health Care, Cultural Diversity, Child and Family Welfare, Rights of the Poor, Law and Society, Values and Ethics.

BOOK and BOOK CHAPTERS

Lens, V. (2015). *Poor Justice: How the Poor Fare in the Courts*. Oxford University Press.

Lens, V. (2015). Welfare Law in *Wiley Handbook of Law & Society*. Eds. A. Sarat and P. Ewick. Hoboken, N.J.: Wiley.

Lens, V. (2014). The Judiciary and Social Policy in *Social Policy and Social Justice*. Ed. M. Reisch. Thousand Oaks: Sage.

Lens, V. (2013) Redress and Accountability in U.S. Welfare Agencies in *Work and the Welfare State: The Making of Workfare and Active Labor Market Reforms from Public Policy to Street-Level Practice*. Eds. Evelyn Brodtkin and Gregory Marston. Washington, D C: Georgetown University Press.

Lens, V. (2013). Welfare Queen in *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Nationalism*. Wiley-Blackwell.

Lens, V. and Garfinkel, I. (2012). Inequality, Social Welfare Policy, and Social Work, in *Social Work Matters: The Power of Linking Policy and Practice* . Eds. E. F. Hoffer and E. J. Clark. Washington D.C.: NASW Press.

Lens, V. (2012). Welfare Reform in *Oxford Encyclopedia of American Business, Labor, and Economic History*. Eds. M. Dubofsky, J. McCartin and G. Friedman. Oxford University Press.

Lens, V. (2012). Advocacy in *Columbia Guide to Writing in 21st Century Social Work*. Eds. Barbara Simon and Warren Green. New York: Columbia University Press.

Lens, V. (2007). Phillips v. Martin Marietta Corp. 400 U.S. 542 (1971). *Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the U.S.* Farmington Hills, MI. Macmillan.

Lens, V. (2002). Overview of end-of-life decisions; Advance Directives; Living Wills; Natural Death Acts in *Encyclopedia of Death and Dying*. New York: Gale Publishing.

JOURNALS

- Augsberger, A, **Lens, V.**, and Hughes, A. (in press) "I didn't know you were fighting so hard for me:" Attorneys' perceptions of youth participation in child dependency proceedings. *Family Court Review*.
- Lens, V. (in press). Engaging parents in Family Court: Lessons from an observational study of child protection cases. *Journal of Social Work*.
- Lens, V. (2015). Against the grain: Therapeutic judging in a traditional Family Court. *Law & Social Inquiry* 41 (3), 701-718.
- Lens, V. (2013) Revisiting the promise of Kelly v. Goldberg in the era of welfare reform. *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy* 21 (1), 43-89.
- Lens, V. Augsberger, A., Hughes, H., Wu, T. (2013) Choreographing Justice: Administrative Law Judges and the management of welfare disputes. *Journal of Law and Society* 40 (2), 199-227.
- Lens, V. (2012). Judge or Bureaucrat? Examining how Administrative Law Judges exercise their discretion in public welfare bureaucracies. *Social Service Review* 86(2), 269-293.
- Lens, V. (2011). Contesting the bureaucracy: Examining administrative appeals. *Social & Legal Studies* 20 (4), 421-439.
- Lens, V. & Cary, C. (2010). Negotiating the discourse of race within the United States welfare system. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 33 (6), 1032-1048.
- Lens, V. (2010). R-E-S-P-E-C-T: The missing policy tool in welfare reform. *Social Work* 55 (3), 281-282.
- Lens, V. (2009). Confronting government after welfare reform: Moralists, reformers, and narratives of (ir)responsibility at administrative Fair Hearings. *Law & Society Review* 43 (3), 563-592.
- Lens, V. (2009). Seeking Justice: Citizens use of Fair Hearings to correct errors in public welfare bureaucracies. *Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory* 19, 817-837.
- Lens, V. (2009) Implementing full and partial work sanctions: The case of Texas. *American Review of Public Administration*. 39 (3), 286-303.
- Lens, V. (2008). Welfare and work sanctions: Examining discretion on the front lines. *Social Service Review* 82, 197-222.
- Lens, V. (2007). Administrative justice in public welfare bureaucracies:

- When citizens (don't) complain. *Administration & Society* 39 (3), 382-408.
- Lens, V. (2007). In the fair hearing room: Resistance and confrontation in the welfare bureaucracy. *Law & Social Inquiry* 32 (2), 309-332.
- Lens, V. (2006) Examining the administration of work sanctions on the front lines of the welfare system. *Social Science Quarterly* 87, 573-590.
- Lens, V. (2006) Work sanctions under TANF: Are they helping women achieve self-sufficiency? *Duke Journal of Gender Law and Policy* 13, 255-284.
- Lens, V. (2005). Bureaucratic disenfranchisement: Are fair hearings the cure? *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy* 12, 13-54.
- Lens, V. and Vorsanger, S. (2005). Complaining after claiming: Fair hearings after welfare reform. *Social Service Review* 79, 430-453.
- Lens, V. (2005). Advocacy and argumentation in the public arena: A guide for social workers. *Social Work* 50, 231-238.
- Lens, V. (2004). Supreme Court narratives on equality and gender discrimination in employment: 1971-2002. *Cardozo Women's Law Journal* 10, 501-576. (Excerpt reprinted in *Issues on Trial: Affirmative Action*, 2007. Greenhaven Press)
- Lens, V. (2004). Principled Negotiation: A new tool for case advocacy. *Social Work* 49, 506-513.
- Lens V. (2004). Social Work and the Supreme Court: A clash of values; a time for action. *Social Work* 49, 327-330.
- Lens, V. (2003). The Supreme Court and women's rights: A new challenge. *Affilia* 18, 120-132.
- Lens, V. (2003). Examining the role of expert in policy debates: An analysis of the expert opinion on welfare reform in the New York Times. *Chicago Policy Review* 7, 61-76.
- Grube, B., & Lens, V. (2003). Student to student harassment: Impact of Davis v. Monroe. *Social Work in Education* 25, 173-185.
- Lens, V. (2003). Reading between the lines: Analyzing the Supreme Court's views on gender discrimination in employment, 1971-1982. *Social Service Review* 77, 25-50.

- Lens, V. (2002). TANF: What went wrong and what to do next. *Social Work* 47, 279-290.
- Lens, V. and Gibelman, M. (2002). School choice: How will children with disabilities fare? *Social Policy Journal* 1, 37-50.
- Lens, V. (2002). Welfare reform and the media: Using personal narratives to transform the public image of recipients. *Journal of Poverty* 6, 1-20.
- Lens, V. (2002). Sound bites, spin and social change: Analyzing the news media in the classroom. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work* 22, 39-53.
- Gibelman, M., & Lens, V. (2002). Entering the debate about school vouchers: A social work perspective. *Children in Schools* 24, 207-221.
- Lens, V. (2002). Public voices and public policy: Changing the societal discourse on "welfare" *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare* 24, 135-152.
- Lens, V. (2002). Managed care and the judicial system: Another avenue for reform? *Health and Social Work* 27, 27-36.
- Lens, V. (2001). The Supreme Court, federalism, and social policy: The new judicial activism. *Social Service Review* 75, 318-336.
- Lens, V. (2001). When the personal and political collide. *Journal of Social Work* 11, 361-363.
- Lens, V. (2001). Welfare reform and the media: Why AFDC was eliminated. *Journal of Applied Social Sciences* 24, 79-89.
- Lens, V. (2000). Protecting the confidentiality of the therapeutic relationship: The Supreme Court decision in *Jaffee v. Redmond*. *Social Work* 45, 273-276.
- Lens V., & Pollack, D. (2000). Advance directives: Legal remedies and psychosocial interventions. *Death Studies* 24, 377-399.
- Lens, V., & Gibelman, M. (2000) Advocacy be not forsaken: Retrospective lessons from welfare reform. *Families in Society* 81, 611-620.
- Lens, V. & Pollack, D. (1999) Welfare reform: Back to the future. *Administration in Social Work* 23, 61-78.
- Lens, V. (1998). Welfare reform and the family cap: Rhetoric vs. reality. *Journal of Children and Poverty* 4, 19-37.

Lens, V. (1997). Consumer fraud and the elderly. *Journal of Law and Social Work* 7, 159-175.

Lens V. (1997-1998). Welfare mothers and work: Myth versus reality. *Jewish Social Work Forum* 33, 15-22.

Pollack, D. Steinmetz, C. & Lens, V. (1997). Anderson versus St. Frances- St. George Hospital: Wrongful death actions from an American and Jewish legal perspective. *Cleveland State Law Review* 45 (4), 621-637.

BOOK REVIEWS

Lens V. (2007). "At the front lines of the welfare system: A perspective on the decline in welfare caseloads" by Irene Lurie. *Social Service Review* 81 (4), 716-718.

Lens, V. (2001). "So You Think I Drive a Cadillac?" Welfare recipients' perspectives on the system and its reform by Karen Seccombe. *Affilia* 16, 121-123.

SPONSORED RESEARCH

Principal Investigator. Examining non-use of the EITC and SNAP among low-income New Yorkers. *Robin Hood Foundation* (2016-2017). \$42,000.

Principal Investigator. Why don't some New Yorkers seek help? An in-depth examination of service non-use in New York City. *Robin Hood Foundation* (2015-2016). \$75,000.

Principal Investigator. Administrative justice in public welfare bureaucracies. Sponsor: *National Science Foundation* (2009-2011). \$127,000.

Co Investigator: The adolescent representation project. Sponsor: *Ira DeCamp Foundation*. Principal Investigator, Jane Spinak, Columbia University Law School (2008 -2009). \$50,000

Principal Investigator: Administrative justice in public welfare bureaucracies: Correcting government's mistakes. Sponsor: *Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation*. The New York Community Trust. (2007). \$15,000

Principal Investigator: Bureaucratic disenfranchisement after welfare reform: Are fair hearings the cure? Sponsor: *The Lois and Samuel Silberman Fund*, The New York Community Trust (2004-2005). \$15,000

Principal Investigator: A study of work sanctions in Texas. Young Investigator Development Grant. Sponsor: *University of Kentucky, Center for Poverty Research and the US Department of Health and Human Services* (2005).\$5,000.

Grant Applications Pending:

Principal Investigator. Adjudicating child maltreatment cases: Linking judicial behavior with outcomes. *National Science Foundation*. Co-PI Colleen Katz, Silberman School of Social Work. Resubmission Encouraged (\$256,781).

Principal Investigator. IPV Survivors and Economic Advocacy Services. *Silvian Foundation*. (\$50,000).

SELECTED ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Law and Society Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, La. June 3, 2016. *Child Welfare Workers in Family Court: A Therapeutic Jurisprudence Analysis*.

Center on Poverty and Social Policy, Columbia University. Second Annual Conference. May 19th, 2016. Invited Presenter. *Asking for Help: A Qualitative Study of Barriers to Help-Seeking in the Private or Public Sector*.

Society for Social Work Research. Annual Conference. Washington, D.C. January 15, 2016. *Why Don't Some New Yorkers Seek Help? An In-depth Examination of Service Non-use in New York City*.

West Coast Poverty Center. University of Washington, Seattle. Invited Speaker. May 9th, 2016. *Tales out of Court: Street-level Justice within the Welfare Bureaucracy and the Child Welfare System*.

Criminal Justice Roundtable. University of Washington, Seattle. Invited Speaker. May 10th, 2016. *Civil Justice through a Gendered Lens*.

New York City Family Court Conference on Disproportionate Minority Representation. April 12, 2016. Facilitator.

New York City Family Court Strategic Planning Conference, Dec. 4, 2015. Invited Presenter: *Family Court Dynamics*

Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington, May 2015. *What has Welfare Reform Wrought? A Comparative Analysis of Welfare Reform in the US and UK*. with Anne Daguerra.

Middlesex University, London, England. March 20, 2015. *Assessing 20 Years of Welfare Reform: US/UK in Comparative Perspective*. Invited Presenter.

New York State Judicial Institute. Sep. 12, 2013. Family Court Matters: The Role of the Court Referee. Invited Presenter: *Changing Courtroom Dynamics*.

Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Boston, Mass. May 2013. *Rough Justice: Exploring the interactions between court actors and litigants in Family Court*.

New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Administrative Law Judge Conference, New York, New York. June, 2012. Invited Presenter. *Fair Hearings in New York City*

Law and Society Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, California. May 2011. *Exploring the language of power(lessness) in disputes: A conversation analysis of administrative hearings*

Columbia Population Research Center. Research to Policy Training Workshop. May 24, 2011. Invited Panelist. *How do issues get on the public agenda?*

UCLA School of Law. *Poverty and the Bureaucratic State: A Symposium in Honor of Joel Handler*. March 11, 2011. Invited Panelist.

School of Social Welfare, S.U.N.Y. at Stony Brook, *Key Note Speaker, Advocacy Day*. March 4, 2011.

New York State Bar Association. 2010 Legal Assistance Partnership Conference. Albany, New York, June 2010. Invited Presenter. *Durational Sanctions in New York*.

New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Annual Administrative Law Judge Conference, Saratoga Springs, New York. April 19, 2010. Invited Presenter. *Fair Hearings in New York State*.

United States House of Representatives. Legislative briefing on the PRWORA and work sanctions sponsored by Legal Momentum, The Women's Legal Defense and Education Fund. Invited Panelist. October 30, 2010

Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois. May 2010. *Administrative Justice in Welfare Bureaucracies in Work and the Welfare State*.

New York City Council, General Welfare Committee. Submitted testimony on the administration of work sanctions. April 29, 2009

Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado. May 2009. *Contesting the Bureaucracy: Examining Administrative Appeals*

Law and Society Association and the Canadian Law and Society Association, Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada. May 2008. *Administrative Justice in Public Welfare Programs*.

Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, New York, New York, Welfare Reform Network, Policy and Advocacy Committee. Invited Presenter. Welfare-to-work sanction research. Nov. 2008.

Employment Assessment Subcommittee, Welfare to Work Commission, Suffolk County, New York. Invited Presenter. Welfare-to-work sanction research in Suffolk County. January, 18, 2008.

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Annual Conference, Washington, DC. Nov. 2007. *Agency Error in Implementing Work Sanctions under TANF: A Study Using Administrative Fair Hearing Data*.

School of Social Welfare, S.U.N.Y. at Stony Brook, Key Note Speaker, Annual Field Symposium Conference. April 25, 2007. *Passion with Impact: Advocacy Revisited*.

Yeshiva University, Wurzweiler School of Social Work, 50th Anniversary Conference. May 6, 2007. *Are Fair Hearings Fair? Examining Administrative Mechanisms to Correct Errors of Stringency in Public Welfare Bureaucracies*.

Association for Legal and Social Philosophy, Annual Conference, Social Justice in Practice, Dublin, Ireland. June 2006. Invited Presenter. *In the Fair Hearing Room: Resistance and Confrontation in the Welfare Bureaucracy*.

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Annual Conference, Washington, DC. Nov. 2006. *Are Fair Hearings Fair? Examining Administrative Mechanisms to Correct Errors of Stringency in Public Welfare Bureaucracies*.

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Annual Conference, Madison, Wisconsin. Nov. 2005. *Administrative Justice in Public Welfare Bureaucracies: When Clients (Don't) Complain*.

University of Kentucky, Center for Poverty Research. April 15, 2005. Presented proposal on *A Study of Work Sanctions in Texas*.

National Association of Social Workers, New York City Chapter. February 24, 2005. Key Note Speaker for School of Social Work Student Night

Benjamin Cardoza School of Law, Yeshiva University, Bet Tzedek Legal Services. Key note speaker (with Ann Moynihan of Fordham University). March, 2001. *Different Roles, Shared Goals, Social Workers and Attorneys Working Collaboratively*.

U.S. House of Representatives. Public hearings on anti-abortion organizations posing as abortion clinics. Helped draft testimony, and accompanied New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams to hearings. 1991

Suffolk County Legislature. Appeared on behalf of New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams to testify on the problems confronting mobile home residents. 1989

New York State Legislature. Appeared on behalf of New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams to testify on housing discrimination on Long Island. 1987

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Kathleen O'Hara (in progress). *Mental Health Social Movement Involvement among Individuals with Psychiatric Diagnoses: Impacts and Motivations*. School of Social Work, Columbia University.

Kat Brewer (in progress). *The Role of Future-Oriented Identity Beliefs in Promoting Successful Outcomes for Adolescents on Probation*. School of Social Work, Columbia University.

Karen Brown. 2015. *Organizational Climate and Personal Characteristics: Perceptions of Role Conflict among Welfare Hearing Officers*. School of Social Work, University of Connecticut.

Laura Cordisco Tsai. 2014. *Economic Survival Strategies of Filipina Women who were formally trafficked in to Sex Work*. School of Social Work, Columbia University. (Sponsor)

Sara Schoener. 2014. *Reducing Intimate Partner Violence through Government-Funded Programs: A Case Study of a Community-Based IPV Service Organization*. Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University.

Astraea Augsberger. 2013. *Youth Participation in Child Welfare Decision Making: A Focused Ethnography*. School of Social Work, Columbia University. (Sponsor)

Yamile M. Martí. 2013. *What is the Experience of a Foster Care Mother?* School of Social Work. Columbia University

Kevin-Barnes-Ceeney. 2013. *Negotiating Labyrinths of Risk: The Impact and Implementation of a Structured Violence Risk Assessment Instrument in Juvenile Parole*. City University of New York, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Jennifer Stillman. 2011. *Gentrification and Schools: The Process of Integration when Whites Reverse Flight*. Teacher's College.

Stephanie Matsumura. 2010. *Justice for All? How Race Influences the Intake Process in Juvenile Court*. School of Social Work, Columbia University. (Sponsor).

Joy Greenberg. 2007. *The Effect of Welfare Reform on the Child Care Arrangements of Low Income Families*. School of Social Work, Columbia University.

Susan Vorsanger .2005. *Parents' Perspectives on Child Care Subsidies*. School of Social Work, Columbia University. (Sponsor).

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation. Advisory Board (2012-present).

Families in Society, Consulting Editor (2011-2014).

Journal of Poverty, Editorial Board (2003 - 2010).

Columbia University Press, Publications Committee (2005-2008).

Affilia, Editorial Board (Sep. 2005-2006)

Acting Editor, Administrators Roundtable, Yeshiva University (1999-2000).

Ad Hoc reviewer for Social Service Review, Social Problems, Social Science Quarterly, Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, Law & Society Review, Law & Social Inquiry, Journal of Poverty, Families-in- Society, Child and Youth Services Review, Sociological Inquiry, Qualitative Sociology, Qualitative Sociological Review, Sociological Forum, National Science Foundation, Israel Science Foundation

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Huntington, N.Y.

Director of Career Planning and Counseling, 1998-1999

Counseled students. Planned and conducted workshops and programs. Supervised staff and office operations. Coordinated and participated in Judicial Clerkship Screening Committee.

Suffolk County Executive's Office of Consumer Affairs

Director, Investigations and Complaints, 1996-1997

Supervised investigative and intake staff of consumer division. Handled major investigations. Implemented enforcement of local codes and regulations. Freedom of Information Act Officer.

Hon. Robert Abrams, Attorney General, State of New York

Assistant Attorney General, Public Advocacy Unit, Suffolk County, 1985-1995

Created Suffolk County public advocacy unit. Civil prosecution of businesses engaged in deceptive and illegal practices. Supervised consumer mediation unit. Assisted in the drafting of various state consumer protection laws. Lead prosecuting attorney in *State of New York versus Mother and Unborn Baby Care a/k/a/ AAA Pregnancy Options*, civil enforcement action against anti-abortion group falsely advertising free pregnancy testing and abortion related services.

Nassau Suffolk Law Services Committee, Hempstead, New York
Staff Attorney, 1984-1985, 1980-1983

Provided legal services to low-income persons in the areas of housing, domestic relations, Social Security disability benefits, SSI, Medicaid and public assistance benefits. Lead attorney in *Koster v. Webb*, a federal court class action on behalf of homeless families in Nassau County resulting in landmark decision interpreting the federal Emergency Assistance to Families program as requiring the provision of housing to homeless families.

Legal Aid Society, NYC, New York

Staff Attorney, 1983-1984

Specialist in Social Security disability benefits, SSI, Medicaid and public assistance benefits. Lead attorney in *Fulton v. Krauskopf*, a state court class action on behalf of homeless families in New York City resulting in a favorable court decision requiring transportation allowances for children housed in emergency shelter to allow them to remain in their original schools.

New York State Assemblyman Edward C. Sullivan, NYC, New York

Aide, 1978-1980

Community outreach and advocacy. Advocated for constituents before city agencies. Organized and conducted tenants' housing clinic.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Columbia School of Social Work

Ethics Board, Chair, 2008-2009

Curriculum Committee, Chair, 2010-2011, 2014-2015

Budget Advisory Group, member, 2007-2008

Capstone Project, Chair, 2009

Qualitative Research Working Group, Convener, 2007-2009

Outcomes Assessment Committee, member, 2006-2007, 2010-2011

School Coordinating Committee, member, 2005-2006

Ad Hoc Grievance Committee, Chair, 2005

Admissions, member, 2002-2005

Governance and Workload Committee, member, 2004-2005; 2013-2015

Field Education Policy, member, 2004-2005

Professional Seminar Working Group, member 2004-2005

Columbia University

Columbia University Press, Publications Committee, member 2005-2008

Columbia University Judicial Committee on Sexual Misconduct, member 2003-2005

Selected Community Activities

Legal Aid Society, New York, New York. Consulted on *Lovely H. v. Eggleston*, class action lawsuit on behalf of disabled welfare recipients in NYC. 2007. Expert witness, 2013-2015

Judicial Council of California. Shriver Civil Counsel Act Implementation Committee, National Advisory Group, member 2010-2011

Research, Education & Advocacy to Combat Homelessness (REACH), New York University Law School. Member of Advisory Board. 2011

Community Voices Heard, New York, New York. Research Advisory Team. Provide technical advice and assistance to CVH on research project examining New York City Human Resource Administration's Back to Work Program. 2008

The Economic Justice and Social Welfare Network, Policy and Advocacy Committee, organized by the Federation of Welfare Protestant Agencies, New York, New York. Member, Sanctions Working Group. 2009-present

Mobile Home Task Force for Suffolk County. Created and chaired on behalf of the New York State Attorney General Robert Abrams. Drafted local legislation protecting mobile home residents from eviction. 1987-1994

Community Housing Resource Board. (Fair Housing Group). Long Island, New York. Government liaison on behalf of Attorney General Robert Abrams. 1986-1989

Senior Umbrella Network. Coalition of public and private agencies, Long Island, New York. Government liaison on behalf of Attorney General Robert Abrams. 1985-1988

Coalition for Abused Women, Nassau County. Board Member. 1984

Coalition for the Homeless, Long Island Coordinator. 1982-1983.

MEMBERSHIP IN COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Society for Social Work and Research

Law & Society Association

The Economic Justice and Social Welfare Network, Policy and Advocacy Committee,
Federation of Welfare Protestant Agencies, New York, New York