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EDUCATION

Ph.D.

University of California, Berkeley, School of Social Welfare, May 2017
Dissertation Title: The Wind Before the Storm: Aging, Automation, and the Disability Crisis
Dissertation Committee: Neil Gilbert (Chair); Michael Austin; Jane Mauldon

M.S.W.

University of California, Berkeley, School of Social Welfare, May 2014
Concentration: Management and Planning

M.Phil.

University of Oxford, Green Templeton College, August 2012
Department of Social Policy and Intervention
Comparative Social Policy

B.Phil.

University of Pittsburgh Honors College, May 2009
Majors: Politics and Philosophy; Urban Studies
Summa cum laude

AWARDS, HONORS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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| James and Khadija Midgley Award for best doctoral dissertation | 2017 |
| Bleddyn Davies Prize for best early career paper in <i>Policy & Politics</i> | 2017 |
| Berkeley Social Welfare Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award | 2016 |
| Dissertation Fellowship in Disability Policy Research, Social Security Administration | 2016 |
| Kirk Underhill Graduate Prize for best paper in British Studies | 2016 |
| Disability Determination Process Small Grant Award, Social Security Administration | 2015 |
| Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Pre-Dissertation Award | 2015 |
| Mathematica Policy Research Summer Fellow in Disability Policy Research | 2014 |
| Disability Determination Process Small Grant Award, Social Security Administration | 2013 |
| Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study | 2012 |
| Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship for study at University of Oxford | 2011 |

CORO Fellow in Public Affairs in Pittsburgh 2010
 David L. Lawrence Memorial Award for research in Mongolia 2007

PUBLICATIONS

- Morris, Z.** (2016). Constructing the need for retrenchment: Disability benefits in the United States and Great Britain. *Policy & Politics*, 44(4): 609-26.
- Morris, Z.** (2015). Disability benefit reform in Great Britain from the perspective of the United States. *International Social Security Review*. 68(1): 47-67.
- Morris, Z.** (2014). Book Review, “The Sympathetic State: Disaster Relief and the Origins of the American Welfare State” by Michelle Landis Dauber. *International Journal of Social Welfare*. 24: 103-104.
- Morris, Z.** and Austin, M. (2014). Leadership development in the Jewish nonprofit sector: A case study of the New York Muehlstein Institute for Jewish Professional Leadership. *Journal of Jewish Communal Service*, 89(1):125-140 .
- Morris, Z.** (Forthcoming). Book Review, “How Politics Makes Us Sick: Neoliberal Epidemics” by Schrecker, T. and Bambra, C. *People, Place and Policy*.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

- Morris, Z.** (In preparation). Reforming the disabled state: A comparative policy analysis.
 *Currently nominated and under consideration for the Best Comparative Policy Paper Award by the Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis
- Morris, Z.** (In preparation). Getting on (and off) disability: How relevant are government integration policies?
- Morris, Z.** and Rennane, S. (In preparation). Higher-functioning Social Security Disability beneficiaries: Characteristics, employment activities, and barriers to work.
- Zaidi, A., Burchardt, T., and **Morris, Z.** (In preparation for book chapter). The extra costs of living for older adults with disabilities in the US and Europe: Implications for poverty measurement.

PRESENTATIONS

- Morris, Z.** (January, 2017) *Using Administrative and Secondary Data to Advance Policy and Practice: Lessons from Disability Research*. Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C. (Panel presenter).

- Morris, Z.** (January, 2017) *Reforming the Disabled State*. Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA. (Accepted: Poster presentation).
- Morris, Z.** (November, 2016) *Reforming the disabled state: A comparative policy analysis*. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Conference, Washington D.C. (Accepted: Oral presentation)
- Morris, Z.** (May, 2016) *Reforming the disabled state: A comparative policy analysis*. Conference for Junior Researchers at the Stanford University Law School. (Accepted: Oral presentation)
- Morris, Z.** and Renane, S. (January, 2016) *Higher-functioning Social Security Disability beneficiaries: Characteristics, employment activities, and barriers to work*. Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C. (Accepted: Oral presentation).
- Morris, Z.** (January, 2016) *The work-capacity approach to disability determination*. Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C. (Accepted: Poster presentation).
- Morris, Z.** and Renane, S. (November, 2015) *High-functioning Social Security Disability beneficiaries: Characteristics, employment activities, and barriers to work*. Presenter and organizer of panel on “Disability Benefit Reform: Building an Evidence-Base.” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Conference, Miami, Florida.
- Morris, Z.** (July, 2015) *The work-capacity approach to disability determination*. Invited to present paper at the Vienna University of Economics and Business, Institute for Social Policy, Vienna, Austria.
- Morris, Z.** (June, 2015) *The work-capacity approach to disability determination*. Annual conference of European Society for Disability Research, Paris, France.
- Morris, Z.** (February, 2015) *Early intervention disability demonstration projects – Concepts for action*. Invited to present research on British disability benefit reform to policy makers at the Russell Senate Office Building at the United States Senate, Washington D.C.
- Morris, Z.** (November, 2014) *Constructing the need for retrenchment: Disability benefits in the United States and Great Britain*. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Morris, Z.** (September, 2014) *Disability benefit reform in Great Britain with lessons for reform in the United States*. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management International Conference, Segovia, Spain.
- Morris, Z.** (July, 2014) *What can you do? International lessons on assessing work-capacity*

for the United States. Paper presented at Mathematica Policy Research Center for Studying Disability Policy, Washington, D.C.

Morris, Z. (March, 2014) *The social model of disability and the practice of medicine*. Invited lecturer for “Caring for the Underserved” course at the University of California-San Francisco Medical School, San Francisco, California.

Morris, Z. (September, 2013) *Disability policy reform in the United States and Great Britain*. Paper presented at conference for *Policy & Politics* journal, Bristol, United Kingdom.

MEDIA PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLISHED INTERVIEWS

Morris, Z. The Welfare State on the Chopping Block. *Policy & Politics Blog*, May 24, 2017.

Morris, Z. Interview with Devon Haynie. Worldwide people with disabilities struggle to find jobs. *US News and World Report*. September 16, 2016

Morris, Z. Should we update our Disability Insurance program? *The Pacific Standard*, November 4, 2015.

Morris, Z. Setting the stage for another reform? Changing narratives around disability benefit recipients in the UK. *Policy & Politics Blog*, November 4, 2015.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Co-Instructor

Undergraduate Program, School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley
SW 110: *Social Work as a Profession*
Fall 2015

Teaching Assistant

Undergraduate Program, School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley
SW 112: *Introduction to Social Welfare Policy*
Fall 2014

SERVICE

Reviewer for the *American Political Science Review*, *Policy & Politics*, and the *International Journal of Social Welfare*

Editorial Advisory Board Member for *Policy & Politics* 2016-present

Doctoral Curriculum Committee, UC-Berkeley, School of Social Welfare 2015

Diversity Committee, UC-Berkeley, School of Social Welfare 2015

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| Secretary of Human Welfare Conference, University of Oxford | 2011 |
| Chair of Student Government Diversity Committee, University of Pittsburgh | 2008 |
| Co-Founder of Keep It Real Refugee Tutoring Program, University of Pittsburgh | 2006 |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Social Work and Research, 2014 - Present

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, 2013 - Present