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Ting Guan's research focuses on developing and evaluating family-based psychosocial interventions to improve patient and caregiver quality of life through collaborative and interdisciplinary social work practice in healthcare settings. Her dissertation studies the reciprocal influences of cancer patients' and their caregivers' illness uncertainty on each other's quality of life, using the cancer patient-caregiver dyad. The dissertation is funded by the UNC Graduate School Royster Dissertation Completion Fellowship. Throughout her doctoral program, she has worked with faculty in UNC School of Social Work and UNC School of Nursing on federally funded work related to integrated behavioral health and cancer care. Ting has taught undergraduate and graduate social work courses including health social work, human development and the social environment, and evidence-based practice and program evaluation. She received her master degree from Peking University and has eight years of clinical service working with patients and families in a teaching hospital.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- ▶ Cancer survivorship
- ▶ Family caregiving
- ▶ Evidence-based interventions
- ▶ Health disparities
- ▶ Social work practice in healthcare settings



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Jonathan Phillips is a Ph.D. candidate at UNC School of Social Work. His research centers around healthcare access and utilization among individuals with mental illness (MI). He is particularly interested in understanding how interactions between individuals and their environments impact health, wellbeing, engagement with systems of care, and treatment outcomes. For his dissertation, Jonathan is using a nationally-representative health survey, linked with a comprehensive set of geographic variables, to examine how the social and economic aspects of a community impact access to and utilization of healthcare among individuals with MI. Jonathan is also experienced in working with administrative and insurance claims data as well as intervention evaluation. Jonathan's research interests and approach have been informed by his experience as a practitioner in the areas of child welfare, adolescent mental health, juvenile justice, and homelessness. He received his MSW from the University of Minnesota Duluth in 2010.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- ▶ Mental health and illness
- ▶ Healthcare access and utilization
- ▶ Criminal justice and mental health
- ▶ Intervention research
- ▶ Administrative and complex survey data



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Anjalee is a Ph.D. candidate at UNC School of Social Work. She studies substance use and treatment initiation and continuation among those involved in carceral systems. She also studies treatment access and structural and systemic issues to equity within healthcare and substance use treatment. Anjalee has worked on federally funded studies evaluating novel interventions aimed at linking study participants to treatment for opioid use disorder in Baltimore, MD. In North Carolina, she has worked on several projects exploring mental health evaluation in carceral settings, understanding demands on healthcare teams for office-based opioid treatment, and substance use prevention program implementation in select North Carolina Middle Schools. Anjalee would like to continue community-based research at the intersection of substance use, carceral involvement, and treatment initiation in order to facilitate sustainable change with the people who are directly impacted by policy and individual level interventions.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- ▶ Substance use
- ▶ Continuity of care
- ▶ Criminal justice
- ▶ Racial equity
- ▶ Healthcare equity



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