

# ELISE BLASINGAME

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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D.**                    **UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA, SCHOOL OF PUBLIC & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**  
*Doctorate, Political Science & International Affairs*                    *Expected 2024*

**M.S.W.**                    **UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO (SUNY), SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**  
*Master's of Social Work*                    *2013*  
Thesis Title: *Housestaff Impressions: Resident physician reactions to potential unionization*

**B.S.**                    **CORNELL UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF INDUSTRIAL & LABOR RELATIONS**  
*Bachelor's of Science, Industrial & Labor Relations*                    *2010*

## AWARDS & HONORS

**WOMEN OF DISTINCTION (2018)**  
*March of Dimes*

**30 UNDER 30 - GEORGIA NONPROFIT LEADERS (2016)**  
*Georgia Center for Non-Profits*

**SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE (2013)**  
*University at Buffalo (SUNY)*

**TERESE EUSANIO MEMORIAL AWARD (2013)**  
*University at Buffalo (SUNY)*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **HEALTHY MOTHERS, HEALTHY BABIES COALITION OF GEORGIA**

*Executive Director | April 2016 - August 2020*

- Grew organizational revenue by 57% in four years.
- Increased active foundation partnerships from two to 14.
- Developed a management team of three to support a statewide team of 22.
- Formed strong operational and strategic partnerships with key organizations.
- Advanced our profile as a trusted convener and resource partner in the region.

**HIGHLIGHT:** *Restructured advocacy and research programs and provided training for staff and stakeholders to intentionally utilize racial justice & health equity lens.*

**PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE  
(CONTINUED)**

**GEORGIA WATCH (ATLANTA, GA)**

*Director of Community Education & Financial Protection |  
August 2014 - April 2016*

- Secured first foundation funding for financial protection programs on behalf of the organization.
- Designed, implemented and managed educational programming.
- Implemented organizational policy and legislative agenda at the Georgia General Assembly.

***HIGHLIGHT:** Led a project with the Attorney General's Office to conduct focus groups at Georgia military installations and to publish a Georgia Military Consumer Protection Guide.*

**THE CARTER CENTER (ATLANTA, GA)**

*Program Associate | September 2013 - August 2014*

- Coordinated the implementation of transparency and accountability projects relating to the advancement of women's access to government-held information in multiple developing countries (Global Access to Information Program).

*Research Assistant | May - August 2013*

- Created content and secured buy-in for culturally appropriate Crisis Intervention Training program in collaboration with Liberia National Police (Mental Health Program).

***HIGHLIGHT:** Convened ministry officials and key stakeholders in Liberia to implement recommendations and provide gender sensitivity training to agency staff.*

**LIFE CYCLES CENTER (BUFFALO, NY)**

*Program Coordinator | July 2011 - December 2012*

- Maintained consistent educational programming around natural birth, family planning, as well as support groups.
- Managed doula certification program and related workshops for refugee women.

**BUFFALO MIDWIFERY SERVICES (BUFFALO, NY)**

*Policy Coordinator | July 2011 - July 2012*

- Promoted access to midwifery model care through outreach and education.
- Provided strategic recommendations for civic engagement of practicing midwives in affecting policy changes toward improving healthy birth outcomes.

**PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE  
(CONTINUED)**

**COMMITTEE OF INTERNS AND RESIDENTS (NEW YORK, NY)**

*Organizer | July 2010 - July 2011*

- Alleviated work-life tensions for resident physicians and improved patient care through collective bargaining.
- Collaborated with community organizations and leaders to promote policy change.
- Planned major events and internal training on organizing and labor education.

**INTERNSHIPS &  
OTHER EXPERIENCE**

**THE CARTER CENTER (ATLANTA, GA)**

*Graduate Research Assistant | January - May 2013*

- Supported multiple research and programmatic efforts for the Liberia Mental Health Program, the Georgia Mental Health Policy Program & the Rosalyn Carter Mental Health in Journalism Fellowship.

**PRIDE CENTER OF WESTERN NEW YORK (BUFFALO, NY)**

*Graduate Intern | 2011-2012*

- Evaluated agency programs including external LGBTQ cultural competency training, support groups, and substance-abuse prevention.

**OFFICE OF LABOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (ITHACA, NY)**

*Research Assistant | July 2009 - May 2010*

- Conducted surveys with present and former union organizers regarding their campaign experiences between 1999 - 2003. Data was used in a comprehensive report on the current state of the Labor Movement at the request of the United State's Congress and Union Nationals.
- Digitized relevant documents to create a database of unfair labor practice charges for public research.

**INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION (NEW DELHI, INDIA)**

*Research Assistant | February - June 2009*

- First Cornell student to work as an intern for the ILO Sub-Regional field office in New Delhi.
- Prepared reports on the status of the girl child, government initiatives and ILO field-work pertaining to child labor.
- Updated statistics relevant to the progress of the UN Millennium Development Goals for the Southeast Asia region.

**PUBLICATIONS**  
(FIRST AUTHOR)

Blasingame, E., Whitfield, M., Mack, A., & DiGirolamo, S. (2019, October), *What's Missing: An Evidence Informed Toolkit for Comprehensive Prenatal Education*, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia. Retrieved from <http://hmhbga.org/wp-content/uploads/FINAL-TOOLKIT.pdf>

Blasingame, E. (2016), *Errors, Fraud & Arbitrary Fees: A Secret Shopper Study of Paid Tax Preparation Services In Southwest Atlanta*, Georgia Watch. Retrieved from <https://www.georgiawatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Errors-Fraud-Arbitrary-Fees-Final-Formatted-Report.pdf>

Blasingame, E. & Neuman L. (2014, October 17), *Women and the Right of Access to Information in Liberia*, The Carter Center. Retrieved from <https://www.cartercenter.org/resources/pdfs/peace/ati/women-and-ati-10172014.pdf>

**PUBLICATIONS**  
(SECOND AUTHOR)

Kohrt, B.A., Blasingame, E., Compton, M.T, Dakana, S.F., Dossen, B., Lang, F., Strode, P., and Cooper, J., (2015), *Adapting the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Model of Police-Mental Health Collaboration in a Low-Income, Post-Conflict Country: Curriculum Development in Liberia, West Africa*, American Journal of Public Health, 105, e73\_e80, <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH/2014.302394>

Whitfield, M. & Blasingame, E., (2019, January), *An Evaluation of Current Prenatal Education Availability and Receptivity to Online Education in the State of Georgia*, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia. Retrieved from <http://hmhbga.org/wp-content/uploads/Master-Report.pdf>

**PUBLICATIONS**  
(OTHER)

Hernandez, N.D., Dorsey, J., Glass, D.M., Pope, E., Worthy, N., Blasingame, E., Gooding, J., Braxton, P., Whitfield, M., Dotson, Y. (2019, November), *Community-Engaged Approaches to Address the Ethical Concerns of Maternal Mental Health Disparities Research*. Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved 30(5), 12-20. doi:10.1353/hpu.2019.0110.

*State of the State of Maternal and Infant Health in Georgia* (2016, September 27), Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia.

## SELECTED GRANTS

United Health Foundation, Operational Funding, \$750,000 (2020)

Dobbs Foundation, Program and Research Funding, *Building Capacity of Prenatal Educators & Providers in Georgia*, \$75,000 (2019-2020)

Georgia Health Foundation, Research Funding, *Data to Action Project*, \$15,000 (2020)

Jesse Parker Williams Foundation, Research & Advocacy Funding, *Data to Impact Project*, \$30,000 (2019-2020)

United Way of Greater Atlanta, Program & Advocacy Funding, *Building Perinatal Support Professionals Project*, \$112,000 (2018-2019) & \$102,000 (2019-2020)

Fulton DeKalb Hospital Authority, Program Funding, *Maternal & Infant Health Summits*, \$40,600 (2019-2020)

Georgia Health Foundation, Research Funding, *An Evaluation of Current Prenatal Education Availability and Receptivity to Online Education in the State of Georgia*, \$10,000 (2017-2018)

Anthem Foundation, Program Funding, *Prenatal Education Access*, \$20,000 (2016-2017) & \$26,000 (2018-2019)

Healthcare Georgia Foundation, Program Funding, *Improving Access & Quality of Prenatal Education in Georgia*, \$50,000 (2016)

Annie E. Casey Foundation, Research Funding, *Errors, Fraud & Arbitrary Fees: A Secret Shopper Study of Paid Tax Preparation Services In Southwest Atlanta* \$25,000 (2016)

## MEDIA (RADIO)

Scott R. (2020, January 6), *A Closer Look*, WABE News, Retrieved from <https://www.wabe.org/episode/closer-look-4/> (Radio)

Whitehead, S. (2019, March 7), *Who's On Medicaid In Georgia? It Might Not Be Who You Think*, WABE News. Retrieved from <https://www.wabe.org/whos-on-medicaid-in-georgia-it-might-not-be-who-you-think/> (Radio)

Burress, J. & Scott R. (2016, April 11), *A Closer Look*, WABE News, Retrieved from <https://www.wabe.org/episode/closer-look-temple-grandin-recruiting-teachers-and-more/> (Radio)

Chen, L. & Headlee C. (2016, April 15), *Widespread Lack Of Regulation In Atlanta's Paid Tax Prep Services*, *On Second Thought*, GPB News, Retrieved from <https://www.gpbnews.org/post/widespread-lack-regulation-atlantas-paid-tax-prep-services> (Radio)

Miller, A. (2020, June 27), [Considerable action on health bills puts cap on interrupted session](#), Georgia Health News. Retrived from [www.georgiahealthnews.com](http://www.georgiahealthnews.com)

Miller, A. (2020, June 22), [Worrisome budget cuts ahead for the state's health programs](#), Georgia Health News. Retrived from [www.georgiahealthnews.com](http://www.georgiahealthnews.com)

Bunch, R. (2020, March 11), [House OKs Medicaid extension for new moms](#), Valdosta Daily Times. Retrived from [www.valdostadailytimes.com/](http://www.valdostadailytimes.com/)

Hallerman, T. (2020, March 5), [Georgia GOP leaders embrace plan to reduce maternal deaths](#), *Atlanta Journal Constitution*. Retrived from [www.ajc.com](http://www.ajc.com)

Whitehead, S. (2020, January 8), [Ga. Lawmakers Release Recommendations To Reduce State's High Maternal Mortality Rate](#), WABE. Retrived from [www.wabe.org](http://www.wabe.org)

Nolin, J. (2020, January 7), [Lawmakers propose extended health care for new moms to stem deaths](#), *Georgia Recorder*. Retrived from [georgiarecorder.com](http://georgiarecorder.com)

Miller, A. (2019, November 14), [Georgia gets an 'F' grade in preventing preterm births](#), *Georgia Health News*. Retrived from [www.georgiahealthnews.com](http://www.georgiahealthnews.com)

Nolin, J. (2019, September 17), [State budget cuts won't deter Morehouse maternal mortality study](#), *Georgia Recorder*. Retrieved from [georgiarecorder.com](http://georgiarecorder.com)

Miller, A. (2019, May 22), [Study: Medicaid Expansion Can Save Lives Of Infants, Moms](#), *Georgia Health News*. Retrieved from [www.georgiahealthnews.com](http://www.georgiahealthnews.com)

Mitchell, K. (2019, March 7). [Survey points to education as key to healthier babies and mothers](#), *The Champion*. Retrieved from [thechampionnewspaper.com](http://thechampionnewspaper.com)

Miller, A. (2018, August 31), [New tax break urged to help health of working poor in Georgia](#), *Georgia Health News*. Retrived from [www.georgiahealthnews.com](http://www.georgiahealthnews.com)

Miller, A. (2018, March 6), [Legislation would help guide patients on birthing hospitals](#), *Georgia Health News*. Retrived from [www.georgiahealthnews.com](http://www.georgiahealthnews.com)

Miller, A. (2017, December 1), [Possible bright spot in Georgia's grim infant mortality picture](#), *Georgia Health News*, Retrived from [www.georgiahealthnews.com](http://www.georgiahealthnews.com)

**MEDIA**  
(PRINT & ONLINE)

Miller, A. (2017, October 16), [An alarming trend: Premature births go up in Georgia](#), *Georgia Health News*. Retrieved from [www.georgiahealthnews.com](http://www.georgiahealthnews.com)

Miller, A. (2016, October 19), [State fares poorly again in infant, maternal health](#), *Georgia Health News*. retrieved from [www.georgiahealthnews.com](http://www.georgiahealthnews.com)

Goldthrite, S. (2013), [A Commitment to Strength](#), *Mosaics, News from the University at Buffalo School of Social Work*. Retrieved from [socialwork.buffalo.edu](http://socialwork.buffalo.edu)

**SELECTED  
PRESENTATIONS**

***Women Powered Prosperity***

Georgia Budget & Policy Institute (Panelist)  
Atlanta, GA - September, 2019

***2019 Georgia Legislative Session Recap***

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia  
Webinar - March, 2019

***The State Of Women: Annual Advocacy Breakfast***

Junior League of Atlanta (Panelist)  
Atlanta, GA - February, 2019

***Leadership and Management in Social Work***

Guest Lecture - SW8300, Georgia State University  
Atlanta, GA - November, 2018

***Unpacking the Affordable Care Act and its Impact in Georgia***

State of the Public's Health Conference  
University of Georgia  
Athens, GA - October, 2015

***Tax Implications and the Affordable Care Act***

National Association of Social Workers GA Chapter Conference  
Atlanta, GA - October, 2015

***State Policy & Legislative Update - Consumer Financial Products***

Georgia Consortium for Personal Finance Literacy Day at the  
Capitol & Proclamation Ceremony  
Atlanta, GA - January, 2015 & 2016

**LEADERSHIP  
TRAINING**

Zell Miller Leadership Institute (2020)

LEAD Atlanta (2019)

Annie E. Casey Foundation, Child Health Policy Fellow (2018 - 2019)

New Leaders Council - Atlanta Chapter (2016)

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICE**

**CITY OF ATLANTA COMMISSION ON WOMEN  
ATLANTA, GA**

*Post 3 at Large Appointee, Treasurer, 2017 - Current*

**POSTPARTUM SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL -  
GEORGIA CHAPTER**

*Board of Directors, 2017 - Current*

**ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION COMMUNITY ADVISORY  
COUNCIL  
ATLANTA, GA**

*Board of Directors, 2015*

**ADAIR PARK TODAY  
ATLANTA, GA**

*Communications Chair (2015), Events Chair (2016) &  
Volunteer (2015 - Current)*

**CHARIS CIRCLE  
ATLANTA, GA**

*Board of Directors (2015)*

**WATERMARGIN COOPERATIVE  
ITHACA, NY**

*Board of Directors (2011-2013)*

**CORNELL WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER  
ITHACA, NY**

*Board of Directors (2007 - 2010)*

**PROFESSIONAL  
ADVISORY  
ROLES**

**GEORGIA MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE  
ACTION COMMITTEE (GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH)**

*2018 - 2019*

**GEORGIA ORAL HEALTH COALITION BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
2018 - 2020**

**GEORGIA PERINATAL QUALITY COLLABORATIVE (GEORGIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH)**

*2017- 2020*