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### **Academic and Professional Qualifications**

- 2012 **PhD**, Department of Social Work & Social Administration, HKU  
1993 **MSW**, San Diego State University, USA  
1998 Registered Social Worker (**RSW**) of the Social Workers Registration Board, HK  
1988 **BSocSc**, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (*Major: Social Work; Minor: Sociology*)

### **Present Academic Position**

- 2019-present **Associate Professor**, Department of Social Work and Social Administration, HKU  
  
2013-present **Associate Director**, The HKJC Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention,  
Faculty of Social Sciences, HKU

### **Previous academic positions held (with dates)**

- 2013-2018 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Social Work and Social Administration, HKU

### **Other Appointments**

- 2019 – present Program Director, MSocSc (Social Service Management) Program

### **Awards**

- 2019 Research Output Prize (Faculty of Social Sciences), HKU  
Peng, C.H., Yip, P.S.F., & **Law, Y. W.\*** (2018). Intergenerational earnings mobility and returns to education in Hong Kong: A developed society with high economic inequality. *Social Indicators Research*. doi: 10.1007/s11205-018-1968-2  
  
2017 Knowledge Exchange Excellence Award, HKU  
The HKJC Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention (PI: Paul S.F. Yip, **YW Law**, Q Cheng)  
<https://www.ke.hku.hk/research-impact/honours-and-awards/ke-excellence-award>

### **Previous Relevant Research Work**

#### **As principal investigator:**

1. 2019-2022: ‘Drug Free with Love’ A Jockey Club Pilot Project for Substance Abusers and their families – Commissioned by the *HKSHK Welfare Council* (0.48M)
2. 2019-2020: Gender-specific strategies for young people at risk of self-harm and addictive behaviors – *HKU Seed Fund for Basic Research*
3. 2018-2021: Formation of program evaluation guidelines towards evidence-based practice of drug treatment and rehabilitation for psychotropic drug abusers in Hong Kong – a mixed method study - By the *Beat Drug Fund*, HKSAR (1.4M)
4. 2017-2019: Effects of community-based caring contact on post-discharge young adults with self-harm – a multi-center randomized controlled trial (ECS Ref. 27612816) (0.4M)

5. 2015-2017: An evaluation study on Project Respect—Anti-bullying programs for primary school children in HK – commissioned by the *Boys and Girls Clubs Association* (0.4M)
6. 2014-2018 - Study on Determinants of Poverty and Potential Interventions to Alleviate Poverty in Hong Kong (Co-PI), Chief Executive Fund, HKSAR (14.62M)
7. 2013-2015: Exploring healthcare and psycho-social service needs among patients with deliberate self-harm behaviors. *Seed Funding for Basic Research, HKU* (0.18M).
8. 2013-2014 Evaluative study of three pilot cyber youth outreaching projects (PCYOP) - Commissioned by the Social Welfare *Department*, HKSAR (0.7M)
9. 2013-2015: A study on people with deliberate self-harm in AED of North District Hospital.
10. 2011-2012: A study on exploring barriers and solutions along the pathway to care among patients surviving near-lethal suicide attempts. Collaborators: Hong Kong Poison Information Centre, Department of Clinical Toxicology, *Hospital Authority*.

**As co-investigator:**

1. 2019-2020: The Evaluation and Knowledge Dissemination Subcommittee of the project “Jockey Club Online Youth Emotional Support”
2. 2013-2015: KidMatters, a web and school-based approach to mental health promotion and wellbeing of children in primary school – *Quality Education Fund*, HKSAR
3. 2011-2015: Pilot project on community-based intervention in suicide clusters in North District. Commissioned by *Social Welfare Department*
4. 2011-2013: Helping young people with emotional distress via the WWW. Funded by the *Azalea Fund*—HKU

**Selected Publication records**

- Deng Z, **Law YW\*** (2020) Rural-to-urban migration, discrimination experience, and health in China: Evidence from propensity score analysis. *PLoS ONE* 15(12): e0244441.  
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0244441>
- Paul, Y. I. P., CHAN, W. L., CHENG, Q., Shirley, C. H. O. W., HSU, S. M., **LAW, Y.W.**, ... & YEUNG, T. K. (2020). A 24-hour online youth emotional support: Opportunities and challenges. *The Lancet Regional Health—Western Pacific*, 4.
- Law YW.** (2020). Roads less taken: Pathways to care before near-lethal suicide attempts. *International Social Work*, 63(4):473-485. doi:10.1177/0020872818796135
- Peng, C., Yip, P. S. F., & **Law, Y. W.\*** (2020). What Factors Beyond Economic Poverty Lead People in High-income Societies to Feel Poor? Evidence from Hong Kong. *Social Indicators Research*. doi:10.1007/s11205-020-02419-3
- Paul, Y. I. P., CHAN, W. L., CHENG, Q., Shirley, C. H. O. W., HSU, S. M., **LAW, Y.W.**, ... & YEUNG, T. K. (2020). A 24-hour online youth emotional support: Opportunities and challenges. *The Lancet Regional Health—Western Pacific*, 4.
- Lai, C. C. S., **Law, Y. W.**, Shum, A. K. Y., Ip, F. W. L., & Yip, P. S. F. (2020). A community-based response to a suicide cluster: A Hong Kong experience. *Crisis: The Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention*, 41(3), 163-171. doi:10.1027/0227-5910/a000616
- Chau, P. H., Yip, P. S. F., Lau, E. H. Y., Ip, Y. T., **Law, F. Y. W.**, Ho, R. T. H., . . . Woo, J. (2020). Hot Weather and Suicide Deaths among Older Adults in Hong Kong, 1976–2014: A Retrospective Study. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 17(10), 3449. Retrieved from <https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/17/10/3449>

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- Sha, F., Li, B., **Law, Y. W.**, & Yip, P. S. F. (2019). Associations between commuting and well-being in the context of a compact city with a well-developed public transport system. *Journal of Transport & Health*, 13, 103-114.
- Law, Y.W.**, Yeung, T.L., Ip, F.W.L., & Yip, P.S.F. (2019). Evidence-based suicide prevention: Collective impact of engagement with community stakeholders. *Journal of Evidence-Informed Social Work*. doi: 10.1080/23761407.2019.1578318
- Law, Y.W.**, Chan, M., Zhang, H.P., Tai, L., Tsang, S., Chu, P., & Yip, P.\* (2019). Divorce in Hong Kong SAR, 1999–2011: A review of 1,208 family court cases. *Journal of Divorce & Remarriage*. doi: 10.1080/10502556.2018.1558855
- Peng, C.H.#, Yip, P.S.F., & **Law, Y. W.\*** (2018). Intergenerational earnings mobility and returns to education in Hong Kong: A developed society with high economic inequality. *Social Indicators Research*. doi: 10.1007/s11205-018-1968-2
- Chan, M., Li, T.M.H., **Law, Y.W.\***, Wong, P.W.C., Chau, M., Cheng, C., Fu, K.W., Bacon-Shone, J., & Yip, P.S.F. (2017). Engagement of vulnerable youths using internet platforms. *PLOS ONE*, 12(12): e0189023. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0189023
- Fu, Y., & **Law, Y.W.** (2017). Chinese adolescents' meaning-focused coping with prolonged parent-child separation. *Journal of Adolescent Research*. doi: 10.1177/0743558417700271
- Law, Y.W.\***, Yip, P. S. F., Lai, C. C. S., Kwok, C. L., Wong, P. W. C., Liu, K.S., Ng, P. W. L., Liao, C.W.M., & Wong, T.W. (2016). A pilot study on the efficacy of volunteer mentorship for young adults with self-harm behaviors using a quasi-experimental design. *Crisis*, 37(6), 415–426. doi: 10.1027/0227-5910/a000393
- Law, Y.W.\***, Wong, P.W.C., & Yip, P.S.F. (2015). Health and psychosocial service use among suicides without psychiatric illness. *Social Work*, 60, 65–74. doi: 10.1093/sw/swu054
- Law, Y.W.\***, Yip, P.S., Zhang, Y., & Caine, E.D. (2014). The chronic impact of work on suicides and under-utilization of psychiatric and psychosocial services. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 168, 254–261. doi: 10.1016/j.jad.2014.06.031
- Wong, P.W., Fu, K.W., Yau, R.S., Ma, H.H., **Law, Y.W.**, Chang, S.S., & Yip, P.S. (2013). Accessing suicide-related information on the internet: A retrospective observational study of search behavior. *Journal of Medical Internet Research*, 15(1), e3. doi: 10.2196/jmir.2181
- Yip, P.S., Hawton, K., Liu, K., Liu, K.S., Ng, P.W., Kam, P.M., **Law, Y.W.**, & Wong, T.W. (2011). A study of deliberate self-harm and its repetition among patients presenting to an emergency department. *Crisis*, 32, 217–224.
- Law, Y.W.**, Wong, P. W., & Yip, P. S. (2010). Suicide with psychiatric diagnosis and without utilization of psychiatric service. *BMC Public Health*, 10, 431. doi: 1471-2458-10-431.

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### **Teaching experiences**

1. SOWK6331 & SOWK6056 Online counselling and psychosocial interventions for digital generations
2. SOWK6289 Organizational analysis and strategic organizational management
3. SOWK4055 Management in Human Service Organizations
4. SOWK6243 Social Services Management
5. SOWK3129 Research method in social work and social administration I

6. SOWK2085 Social service research I: methodology

**Professional Membership & Community Services**

1. Editorial Board Member, Hong Kong Journal of Social Work (2021-2022)
2. Assessment Panel Member, Social Work Registration Board (2021-2024)
3. Member, Executive Committee of Boys and Girls Clubs Association (BGCA) (2017-2023).
4. Member, Management Committee of Boys and Girls Clubs Association (BGCA) (2019-2021).
5. Member, Advisory Board of the Satir Institute of the Pacific. <https://satirpacific.org/the-satir-therapy/the-board/> (2017–2021).
6. Member, Sub-committee on Treatment and Rehabilitation of Action Committee Against Narcotics, HKSAR (2015-2020).