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Summary

Frances Yik Wa Law (羅亦華), PhD, MSW, BSocSc, RSW, Assistant Professor of the Department of Social Work and Social Administration at The University of Hong Kong. She has been researching on suicide, mental health care service and issues in community. She joined the HKJC Centre for Suicide Research & Prevention at HKU as a Project Director in 2002, and has gained extensive experiences in piloting and managing a number of innovative research studies in the Centre. She has made significant contributions to integrating social work practice and evidence-based social work research. She has been conducting research studies about suicide prevention and self-harm behaviors. She has authored or co-authored over 30 academic peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. Frances was trained and had practiced as a social worker in Hong Kong and California, USA with a specific focus on children, youth, family and senior social service management. She has extensive experience in direct social work practices, training for trainers, service development, strategic organizational development, and fundraising for innovative projects. Her teaching specialties include social service management, social work research and groupwork practice in social work.

Research & Academic Achievements

Research Interests

Mental health and social service research, service use and pathway to care, suicide and follow-up care for self-harm patients, gender and suicide, crisis intervention, community-based mental health programs, mentorship programs, social work interventions for cyber youth, and social service evaluation.

Selected Publications

1. **Law, Y.W.**, Yip, P.S.F., Lai, C.C.S., Kwok, R.C.L., Wong, P.W.C., Ng, P.W.L., Kwong S.L., Liao, C., & 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, Jun 9*, 1–12. [Epub ahead of print] doi: 10.1027/0227-5910/a000393
2. **Law, Y.W.** (Accepted). Youth suicide and its prevention in Hong Kong: The emerging approaches for a long-standing issue. *Journal of Youth Studies*. Hong Kong: Hong Kong Federation of Youth Group.
3. Sha, F., Yip, P.S.F., & **Law, Y.W.** (2016). Decomposing change in China's suicide rate, 1990–2010: Aging and urbanisation. *Journal of Injury and Prevention* [Publish Online First] doi:10.1136/injuryprev-2016-042006

4. **Law, Y.W.** (2016, April). Suicide prevention in Hong Kong: Threats and opportunities. *International Association for Suicide Prevention News Bulletin*, 11. Retrieved from https://www.iasp.info/pdf/newsletters/2016_april.pdf
5. **Law, Y.W.**, Yip, P.S.F., Wong, P.W.C. & Chow, A.Y.M. (Accepted). Support for people bereaved by suicide in Hong Kong: Current practice and challenges. (Book Chapter).
6. Fu, K.-W., Wong, P.W.C., **Law, Y.W.**, & Yip, P.S.F. (2016). Building a typology of young people's conventional and online political participation: A randomized mobile phone survey in Hong Kong, China. *Journal of Information Technology and Politics*, 13, 126–141.
7. Zhang, Y., Yip, P.S.F., Chang, S.S. Wong, P.W.C., & **Law, F.Y.W.** (2015). Associations of change in risk factor statuses with the incidence of and recovery from suicidal ideation. *Crisis*, 36(6), 391–398.
8. **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
9. **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*, 168C, 254–261. doi: 10.1016/j.jad.2014.06.031
10. Zhang, H., **Law, F.Y.W.**, Hu, D., Fan, S., & Yip, P. (2014). Profiles of higher-earning wives in Hong Kong and the implications for marital satisfaction. *Journal of Sex & Marital Therapy*, 41, 457–466. doi: 10.1080/0092623X.2014.920446
11. Yip, P.S.F., **Law, Y.W.**, & Chan, M. (2013) Suicide prevention in Hong Kong — Opportunities and challenges. In J. Rogers & D. Lester (Eds.), *Preventing Suicide, Vol. 2* (pp. 219–247). Westport: Praeger.
12. **Law, Y.W.**, Yau, A., & Yip, P.S.F. (2012). Crisis helplines. In A. Shrivastava, M. Kimbrell, & D. Lester (Eds.), *Suicide from a Global Perspective: Public Health Approaches* (pp. 83–93). New York: Nova Science Publishers.
13. Yip, P.S.F., & **Law, Y.W.** (2012). Multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches to suicide prevention. In A. Shrivastava, M. Kimbrell, & D. Lester (Eds.), *Suicide from a Global Perspective: Public Health Approaches* (pp. 63–74). New York: Nova Science Publishers.
14. 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(4), 217–224.
15. **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.
16. Yip, P.S.F., & **Law, Y.W.** (2010). *Towards Evidence-based Suicide Prevention Programmes*. Manila: West Pacific Regional Office, World Health Organization.
17. Yip, P.S.F., Law, C.K., Fu, K.W., **Law, Y.W.**, Wong, P.W.C., & Xu, Y. (2010) Restricting the means of suicide by charcoal burning. *British Journal of Psychiatry*, 196(3), 241–242.
18. Yip, P.S.F., Cheung, Y.T., Chau, P.H., & **Law, Y.W.** (2010). The impact of epidemic outbreak. The case of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and suicide among older adults in Hong Kong. *Crisis: The Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention*, 31, 86–92.

19. Law, C.K., Yip, P.S.F., Chan, W.S.C., Fu, K.-W., Wong, P.W.C., & **Law, Y.W.** (2009). Evaluating the effectiveness of barrier installation for preventing railway suicides in Hong Kong. *Journal of Affective Disorders, 114*, 254–262.
20. Chen, E.Y.H., Chan, W.S.C., Wong, P.W.C., Chan, S.S.M., Chan, C.L.W., **Law, Y.W.**, Beh, P.S.L., Chan, K.K., Cheng, J.W.Y., Liu, K.Y., & Yip, P.S.F. (2006). Suicide in Hong Kong: A case-control psychological autopsy study. *Psychological Medicine, 36*(6), 815–825.
21. **Law, Y.W.** (1997). Elderly suicides in Hong Kong—The role of volunteer befrienders. *The Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention, 18*(2). doi: 10.1027/0227-5910.18.2.55

Other Peer-reviewed Articles

22. Lai, E. S. Y., Kwok, C.-L., Wong, P. W. C., Fu, K.-W., **Law, Y.-W.**, & Yip, P. S. F. (2016). The Effectiveness and sustainability of a universal school-based programme for preventing depression in Chinese adolescents: A follow-up study using quasi-experimental design. *PLoS ONE, 11*(2), e0149854. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0149854
23. Wong, P.W., Li, T.M., Chan, M., **Law, Y.W.**, Chau, M., Cheng, C., Fu, K., Bacon-Shone, J., & Yip, P.S. (2014). The prevalence and correlates of severe social withdrawal (hikikomori) in Hong Kong: A cross-sectional telephone-based survey study. *International Journal of Social Psychiatry, 61*, 330–342. doi: 10.1177/0020764014543711
24. 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
25. Wong, P.W., Fu, K.W., Chan, K.Y., Chan, W.S., Liu, P.M., **Law, Y.W.**, & Yip, P.S. (2012). Effectiveness of a universal school-based programme for preventing depression in Chinese adolescents: A quasi-experimental pilot study. *Journal of Affective Disorders, 142*(1–3), 106–114. doi: 10.1016/j.jad.2012.03.050
26. Chan, W., Law, C., Liu, K., Wong, P., **Law, Y.W.**, & Yip, P. (2009). Suicidality in Chinese adolescents in Hong Kong: the role of family and cultural influences. *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology, 44*, 278–284.
27. Wong, P.W., Liu, P.M., Chan, W.S., **Law, Y.W.**, Law, S.C., Fu, K.W., Li, H.S., Tso, M.K., Beautrais, A.L., & Yip, P.S. (2009). An integrative suicide prevention program for visitor charcoal burning suicide and suicide pact. *Suicide and Life Threatening Behavior, 39*, 82–90.
28. Wong, P.W.C., Chan, W.S.C., Chen, E.Y.H., Chan, S.S.M., **Law, Y.W.**, & Yip, P.S.F. (2008). Suicide among adults aged 30–49: A psychological autopsy study in Hong Kong. *BMC Public Health, 8*, 147.
29. Yip, P.S.F., Yang, K.C.T., Ip, B.Y.T., **Law, Y.W.**, & Watson, R. (2007). Financial debt and suicide in Hong Kong SAR. *Journal of Applied Social Psychology, 37*, 2788–2799.
30. Chen, E.Y., Chan, W.S., Chan, S.S., Liu, K.Y., Chan, C.L., Wong, P.W., **Law, Y.W.**, & Yip, P.S. (2007). A cluster analysis of the circumstances of death in suicides in Hong Kong. *Suicide and Life Threatening Behavior, 37*, 576–584.
31. Liu, K.Y., Chen, E.Y.H., Chan, C.L.W., Lee, D.T.S., **Law, Y.W.**, Conwell, Y., & Yip, P.S.F. (2006). Socio-economic and psychological correlates of suicidality among Hong Kong working-age adults: Results from a population-based survey. *Psychological Medicine, 36*, 1759–1767.

32. Yip, P.S.F. Liu, K.Y., C.K. Law, & **Law, Y.W.** (2005). Social and economic burden of suicide in Hong Kong SAR. *Crisis: The Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention*, 26, 156–159.
33. Yip, P.S.F., Yang, K.C.T., & **Law, Y.W.** (2005). Suicide in general hospitals in Hong Kong. *Hong Kong Medical Journal*, 11, 70–71.

Research Grants and Studies

Current:

1. **Principal investigator** (2017–2019). Effects of community-based caring contact on post-discharge young adults with self-harm – a multi-center randomized controlled trial; (RGC Early Career Scheme, 0.46M)
2. Co-principal investigator (2016–2019). Provision of Services for Conducting an Evaluative Study of the Youth Outreach Jockey Club: Youth Cultural Front Line for the Youth Outreach.
3. **Principal investigator** (2016–2018). A study on cyberbullying and primary school children. Seed Funding Program for Basic Research, The University of Hong Kong (45K).
4. **Principal investigator** (2015–2017). An evaluation study on Project Respect—Anti-bullying programs for primary school children in Hong Kong — Commissioned by Boys and Girls Club Association.
5. **Principal investigator** (2015–2017). A study on employment and social inclusion among youth in Hong Kong. Seed Funding Program for Basic Research, The University of Hong Kong (49K).
6. **Principal investigator** (2015–2017). Capacity building for social workers on working with cyber youth using group work approach. Department of Social Work and Social Administration (0.77M).
7. Co-principal investigator (2015–2017). Strengths-based school social work for children with specific learning difficulties. Department of Social Work and Social Administration (0.85M).

Completed:

8. **Principal investigator** (2015–2016) Capacity Building for Social Workers on Working with Cyber Youth – leading to evidence-based group work practice. Knowledge Exchange Impact Project Funding: KE-IP-2015/16-59 (40K).
9. **Principal investigator** (2013–2015). Exploring healthcare and psycho-social service needs among patients with deliberate self-harm behaviors. Seed Funding Program for Basic Research, The University of Hong Kong (0.18M).
10. Co-investigator (2014–2016). Study on determinants of poverty and potential interventions to alleviate poverty in Hong Kong. Chief Executive Fund, HKSAR government (14M).
11. Co-investigator (2013–2015). A study on people with deliberate self-harm in the accident & emergency department of North District Hospital.
12. Co-investigator (2011–2015). Evaluative study of pilot cyber youth outreach projects. Commissioned by the Social Welfare Department. (0.8M)
13. Co-investigator (2011–2015). Pilot project on community-based intervention in suicide clusters in North District. Commissioned by the Social Welfare Department. (5M)

14. Co-investigator (2007–2013). A randomized control trial study on helping young adults with deliberate self-harm behaviors using volunteer mentorship. Private donation (1.1M)
15. **Principal investigator** (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, UCH, and Accident and Emergency Department, QMH (0.1M).
16. Co-investigator (2012–2013). A study on the phenomenon of divorce in Hong Kong. Commissioned by the Central Policy Unit of Hong Kong. (0.9 M)
17. Co-investigator (2011–2013). Helping young people with emotional distress via the world wide web. Funded by the Azalea Fund – HKU. (2M)
18. Co-investigator (2010–2012). Web-based mental health enhancement program for adolescents. Funded by the Quality Education Fund. (2.9M)
19. Co-investigator (2009-2012). Community-based suicide prevention in Eastern District. Funded by the Health Care Promotion Fund. (0.3M)
20. Co-investigator (2010). A study on understanding our young generation. Commissioned by the Central Policy Unit. (0.5M)
21. Co-investigator (2007–2009). Evaluation on outreach services to elderly persons with suicide risk. Commissioned by Suicide Prevention Service (0.3M)
22. Co-investigator (2006–2009). Evaluation of services provided to suicide survivors at public mortuaries. In collaboration with Forensic Pathologists of the Department of Health. Private donation (3.5M)

Invited Presentations

1. (2016, July). Prevention of school bullying and student suicide. Presented at The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.
2. (2016, June). Seeking new approach for a long-standing problem — Community-based suicide prevention strategies in Hong Kong. Presented at Assembly of the Chinese Association for Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention; organized by the School of Medicine of Zhejiang University and Hangzhou Seventh People's Hospital, Hangzhou, China
3. (2015, December). *Introduction to Suicidal Assessment*. Presented at Department of Social Work, The School of Sociology and Population Studies, Renmin University of China, Beijing, China.
4. (2015, June). *Masculinity and self-harm — A Chinese cultural perspective*. Webinar for "Men's Depression and Suicide Network", co-lead by Professor John L. Oliffe, School of Nursing, The University of British Columbia, Canada.
Available: <http://www.youtube.com/user/MensDSNET/videos>
5. (2014, July). *Seeking to help suicidal people — From individual crisis intervention to community-based suicide prevention*. Presented at the Centre for Mental Health, University of Melbourne, Australia.
6. (2014, May). *Seeking to help suicidal people — Challenges of social work ethics in practice*. Presented at the Renmin University of China, Suzhou.
7. (2013, January). *A community-based suicide prevention program*. Presented by Annual Meeting, Guangzhou Psychiatric Hospital, Guangzhou, China

8. (2013, September). *Study of volunteer mentorship program for self-harm patients*. 2nd seminar for the Evidence-based Practice on Community Psychiatric Service at NTEC, Hospital Authority, Hong Kong.
9. (2012, November; with Yip, Paul S.F.). *Perceptions of pathway to care amongst patients who have survived near-lethal suicide attempts by self-poisoning*. The 11th Scientific Congress of the Asia Pacific Association of Medical Toxicology, Hong Kong, China.

Other Presentations

1. **Law, Y.W.F.**, Lai, C.S.C., & Yip, S.F.P. (2016, May). *The impact of strategic multidisciplinary collaboration for a community-based suicide prevention project: A case in Hong Kong*. Paper presented at the 7th Asia Pacific regional conference of the International Association for Suicide Prevention, Tokyo, Japan.
2. **Law, F.Y.W.**, & Fu, Y. (2016, May). *Prolonged parental absence and suicidal behaviours among adolescents of migrant workers in Western China*. Paper presented at the 7th Asia Pacific regional conference of the International Association for Suicide Prevention, Tokyo, Japan.
3. Fu, Y., & **Law, F.Y.W.** (2016, May). *Chinese adolescent's mental health and suicidal behaviour in the context of labour migration: Impacts of different caregiving arrangement*. Paper presented at the 7th Asia Pacific regional conference of the International Association for Suicide Prevention, Tokyo, Japan, 2016.
4. Fu, Y., & **Law, Y.W.** (2016, January). *Living with prolonged parent-child separation by migration: A phenomenological study about left-behind life from adolescent's perception*. Paper presented at the SSWR 21st annual conference: Ensure healthy development for all youth, New Orleans, LA, USA.
5. **Law, Y.W.** (2015, June). *Service demands for social work intervention among youth-at-risk in cyber world. "East Meets West: Using Innovative Strategies to Implement Social Work and Violence Prevention based on Research, Practice and Policy"*. Paper presented at the International Social Work and Violence Prevention Conference. Asian Alliance for Health. San Francisco, USA.
6. **Law, Y.W.** (2015, June). *Care Pathway of Patients Surviving Self-Harm Episodes in Hong Kong*. Symposium: Suicide Prevention in Different Cultural Settings. Paper presented at the XXVIII World Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention, Montréal, Canada.
7. **Law, Y.W.**, Lai, C.C.S., & Yip, P.S.F. (2015, June). *How do people with self-harm behaviors and suicide survivors engaged in the social services in the North District?*. Poster presented at XXVIII World Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention, Montréal, Canada.
8. Wong, P.W.C., Lai, C.C.S., **Law, Y.W.**, & Yip, Paul S.F. (2015, June). *A multidisciplinary programme to care people with suicide and attempted suicide in the Eastern District*. Paper presented at the XXVIII World Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention, Montréal, Canada.
9. Lai, S.Y., Shum, A.K.Y., **Law, Y.W.**, Yip, P.S.F. (2015, June). *A pilot study of a problem-solving skills training and mentorship programme for adolescents in Hong Kong*. Paper

presented at the XXVIII World Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention, Montréal, Canada.

10. **Law, Y.W.**, Yip, P.S.F., Lai, C.C.S., & Kwok, R.C.L. (2014, July). *The efficacy of community-based interventions for suicide prevention*. Paper presented at the Social Work, Education and Social Development Conference. Melbourne, Australia.
11. **Law, Y.W.**, Yip, Paul S.F., Lai, C.C.S., Kwok, R., & Wong, P.W.C. (2013, September). *The effectiveness of volunteer mentorship programs for young adults with deliberate self-harm behaviors*. Paper presented at the XXVII World Congress of IASP, Oslo Norway.
12. **Law, Y.W.**, Yip, P.S.F., Lai, C.C.S., Chow, S.L., Kwok, R.C.L., Wong, P.W.C., & Chang, S.S. (2013, September). *The efficacy of community-based interventions for suicide prevention — A pilot project in Hong Kong (2011-2014)*. Paper presented at the XXVII World Congress of IASP, Oslo Norway.
13. Lai, C., **Law, Y.W.**, Wong, P.W.C., & Yip, P.S.F. (2013, September). *Self-efficacy of volunteer mentors helping patients with deliberate self-harm behaviors*. Paper presented at the XXVII World Congress of IASP, Oslo Norway.
14. Chan, M.K.Y., **Law, Y.W.**, Yip, P.S.F., Wong, P.W.C., Fu, K.W., Li, M.H.T., Chak, G.S., & So, W.K.S. (2013, September). *Evaluation of a pilot online outreach and engagement of at-risk youths project in Hong Kong*. Paper presented at the XXVII World Congress of IASP, Oslo Norway.
15. Lai, S.Y., Chan, M.K.Y., So, W.K.S., Wong, P.W.C., **Law, Y.W.**, & Yip, P.S.F. (2013, September). *An evaluation study of a universal, internet-based mental health enhancement program for adolescents with parental involvement in Hong Kong*. Paper presented at the XXVII World Congress of IASP, Oslo Norway.
16. **Law, Y.W.** (2011, September). *Pathway to care of patients surviving near-lethal suicide attempts*. Paper presented at the 26th World Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention, Beijing, China.
17. **Law, Y.W.**, & Wong, P.W.C. (2010, November). *Suicide without psychiatric diagnosis*. Paper presented at the the 4th Asia Pacific Regional Conference of International Association for Suicide Prevention: IASP. Brisbane, Australia.
18. **Law, Y.W.**, & Wong, P.W.C. (2010, November). *Research participation experiences of informants of suicide and control cases from a case-control psychological autopsy study of people who died by suicide*. Paper presented at the 4th Asia Pacific Regional Conference of International Association for Suicide Prevention: IASP. Brisbane, Australia.
19. Wong, T.W., Liu, S.K.S., Morgan, P.R., Wong P.W.C., **Law, Y.W.**, Choy-Wong, L.C., & Yip, P.S.F. (2010, May). *Helping families in the face of deliberate self-harm*. Paper presented at the HKEC Symposium on Community Engagement V: Hong Kong East Cluster, Hospital Authority. Hong Kong, China.

Research Postgraduate Students

Current:

1. Fu, Yao. PhD Candidate (Year of graduation: 2017). Meaning-focused Coping, Social Support, and Psychological Adaptation among Left-Behind Children in Rural China. PhD candidature confirmed.

2. Sha, Feng. PhD Candidate (Year of graduation: 2018). Research proposal: Developing an Absolute Poverty Line in Hong Kong.
3. Peng, Chenhong. PhD Student (Year of graduation: 2019). Research topic: Housing policy for elderly.
4. Deng, Zihong. MPhil Student (Year of graduation, 2018). Labour Migration and Social Protection.

Graduated:

5. Xiao, Yunyu Kathy, MPhil (Year of graduation: 2015). A Study on Poverty and Subjective Well-being of Households with Children.

Research Reports and Training Manuals

1. (2016, April). *Volunteer support training manual*. Retrieved from <http://documents.csrp.hku.hk:5000/fbsharing/6uvxfQHc>
2. (2015, May). *Evaluation study of pilot cyber youth outreach projects* (Commissioned by the Social Welfare Department, HKSAR).
3. (2015, June). *Community-based response to suicide clusters in the North District* (Commissioned by the Social Welfare Department, HKSAR).
4. (2010, November). *A study on understanding our young generation — Final report*. Department of Social Work and Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong (Commissioned by the Central Policy Unit, HKSAR Government: HK\$500,000).

Selected Teaching Experience

Teaching Duties in the Past 5 Years

Postgraduate

- Social Work Research
- Social Service Management
- Communication Skills and Helping Process

Undergraduate

- Organizational Analysis and Strategic Organizational Management
- Foundation of Social Work Practice I
- Management in Human Service Organizations
- Research Method in Social Work and Social Administration

Professional Membership & Community Services

1. Consultant, Evaluation Study of the Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund (2016–2019)
2. Professional Member, Quality Education Fund Thematic Network (QTN) (2016-2017)
3. Associate Director, Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention, HKU (2014–2016) <http://csrp.hku.hk/csrpstaff/frances-law/>
4. Chair, Selection Committee for The Farberow Award (2015), International Association for Suicide Prevention <https://www.iasp.info/awards.php>

