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
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.*


**Other Peer-reviewed Articles**


**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)


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).


**Completed:**


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)


20. Co-investigator (2010). A study on understanding our young generation. Commissioned by the Central Policy Unit. (0.5M)


**Invited Presentations**


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.


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.


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


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


**Research Postgraduate Students**

Current:


Graduated:

Research Reports and Training Manuals

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
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


8. Member, SAGE Open Editorial Board (2015–present) [http://sgo.sagepub.com/editorial-board]

9. Appointed Member of Chinese Association for Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention, China (since 1996)

10. Scientific Committee Member of The International Conference on Discovery and Innovation in Social Work Practicum Education, Hong Kong (2015)

11. Member of the Reference Group of the 4th Asia Pacific Regional Conference of IASP (2010)

12. Board Member of the Agency for Volunteer Service (2004–2007)

13. Chair of Organizational Council and Co-opted Member of the IASP Executive Committee (2003–2005)

14. Committee Member, Planning and Service Committee, Board, the Agency for Volunteer Service (2002–2007)


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*The Word Cloud of Frances’ Research*