

Biography

Tazuko Shibusawa is Associate Professor at the New York University Silver School of Social Work and previously served as the Associate Dean and Director of the MSW Program at Silver and Co-Director of the Global MSW Program in Shanghai & New York.

Dr. Shibusawa's research, which has been funded by the National Institute of Drug Abuse and the John A. Hartford Foundation Geriatric Social Work Faculty Scholars Program, focuses on aging among vulnerable populations that include a range of health related areas including mental illness and the psychological well-being of Asian American elders, physical health of Asian American elders, violence among older couples, and life experiences of people with co-occurring substance use.

Dr. Shibusawa received her MSW and PhD from the University of California, Los Angeles and completed post-graduate training in family therapy, psychoanalytically-oriented psychotherapy, and trauma studies. She also completed her training in Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) at the University of Massachusetts Medical School Center for Mindfulness in Medicine, Health Care, and Society (CFM).

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