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Wen Han, is currently a Professor in the Silver School of Social Work at New York University in New York, USA, and an Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Social Welfare. Dr. Han has substantive knowledge and skills from multidisciplinary training in sociology, developmental psychology, economics, and public policy to build her broad background in the issues surrounding policies and services designed to enhance the welfare of children and their families. Her research interests are in the area of child care, parental work, child and adolescent well-being, immigrants, and public policies. Toward this end, Dr. Han has conducted numerous large-scale nationally based research with sophisticated research methodology. Dr. Han is known for her work on addressing issues surrounding policies and services designed to enhance the well-being of children and families by conducting cutting-edge and high-quality scholarly work. For example, she has examined issues such as 1) maternal employment and child cognitive and social and emotional well-being, 2) the extent to which parental work schedules (e.g., working evenings, nights, or rotating shifts) on child care arrangements and child well-being, 3) the associations between precarious employment and the well-being of children and family, 4) the effects of family leave policies on parents’ use of parental leave and how this might affect children’s later cognitive and socio-emotional outcomes, and 5) the developmental experiences of U.S. young children in immigrant families. She recently (May 2020) collected data on 1,000 parents with young children in the United States about their experience with COVID-19, paying attention to the links between precarious parental employment and parental mental health amid COVID-19. Her work has been published in highly regarded peer-reviewed journals in various disciplines including Demography, Developmental Psychology, Public Health, Public Policy, and Social Work. Dr. Han received her Ph.D. in Social Work (with an emphasis on Social Policy) in 1998 from the Columbia University School of Social Work and her M.S.W. in Social Welfare in 1993 from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).