

Thomas Felke, Ph.D., M.S.W.

Expert in social issues and social justice at Florida Gulf Coast University

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Thomas Felke researches social issues such as food insecurity and affordable housing.

Biography

Dr. Thomas Felke is a Professor of social work and Executive Director of the Shady Rest Institute on Positive Aging at Florida Gulf Coast University. Felke conducts research on a variety of social issues including, but not limited to, affordable housing, food insecurity, homelessness, and issues facing older adults. He has conducted needs assessments for a variety of organizations including Baker Senior Center Naples, Bonita Senior Center, Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF), Lee County Human & Veteran Services, St. Matthew's House, and the Village of Estero. The use of GIS technologies to illustrate and pinpoint areas of need throughout Southwest Florida makes his research a unique contribution to community assessment.

Areas of Expertise

Affordable Housing, Needs of Older Adults, Food Insecurity, Poverty, Community Assessment, Homelessness, Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Affiliations

National Association of Social Workers : Member, Council on Social Work Education : Member, Society for Social Work and Research : Member, Baccalaureate Program Directors : Member, International Social Work : Reviewer, Advances in Social Work : Reviewer, British Journal of Social Work : Reviewer

Selected Event Appearances

The invisibility of social issues in Southwest Florida

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples

Food insecurity in Southwest Florida and beyond

James Beard Foundation Chef Impact Program

The expansion of social issues among seniors in Southwest Florida

16th Annual Southwest Florida Conference on Aging

Education

The University of Connecticut

Ph.D. Social Work

The University of Connecticut

Certification in International Issues

The University of Connecticut

M.S.W. Social Work Policy and Administration

Providence College

B.A. Elementary & Special Education

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