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BIO: Susan L. Parish, PhD, MSW

Susan L. Parish, PhD, MSW is Dean of the Bouvé College of Health Sciences and Professor of Health Sciences at Northeastern University. Prior to joining Northeastern, she was the inaugural Nancy Lurie Marks Endowed Professor of Disability Policy and Director of the Lurie Institute for Disability Policy at Brandeis University's Heller School for Social Policy and Management. Prior to Brandeis, she was a faculty member in the School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill.

Her research examines the health and financial well-being of children and adults with disabilities, and their caregiving families. Her work, supported by more than \$12 million of external funding over the past decade, has resulted in more than 130 articles, book chapters, policy briefs and monographs, including more than 100 scholarly articles in peer-reviewed journals. Current funders include the National Institute on Child and Human Development (NIH), and the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research. She is currently co-principal investigator on the National Center on Parenting with Disabilities (funded by NIDILRR) and co-principal investigator of a five-year, NIH-funded R01 that is examining pregnancy outcomes of women with intellectual disabilities.

She has won numerous national awards including the Padgett Early Career Achievement Award from the Society for Social Work and Research and the Research Matters! award from the Arc of the United States. She is a Fellow of the American Association of Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities and a Fellow of the Society for Social Work Research. She is a member of the National Academy on Social Insurance. A committed educator, Dr. Parish won numerous awards for her teaching and mentorship at both the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and at Brandeis University.

Dr. Parish's disability and poverty policy expertise is widely sought. She has testified in state and federal lawsuits, and she has been quoted by PBS NewsHour, the *Washington Post*, National Public Radio and the *Huffington Post*, among others.

Dr. Parish earned her PhD in public health at the University of Illinois at Chicago, her MSW at Rutgers, and her BA in English literature at Rutgers. She completed a two-year, NIH-funded postdoctoral research fellowship at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Waisman Center.