

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

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

Fort Myers, FL, US

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

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## **Biography**

Dr. Thomas Felke is the bachelor's of social work program director and an associate professor of social work at Florida Gulf Coast University. Felke conducts research on a variety of social issues including, but not limited to, affordable housing, food insecurity, homelessness, poverty, and social isolation of older adults. He has conducted needs assessments for a variety of organizations including Charlotte County Parks & Recreation, Collier Senior Resources, Jewish Family & Community Services of Southwest Florida, 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.

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## **Areas of Expertise**

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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **Education**

**The University of Connecticut**

Ph.D. Social Work

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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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