Education

**Michigan State University**,East Lansing, MI

*PhD*, Social Work, expected May 2024

**Grand Valley State University***,* Grand Rapids, MI

*Master of Social Work*, 2014

Phi Alpha Honors Society

**Michigan State University**, East Lansing, MI

*Bachelor of Arts*, 2009

Major: Family and Community Services

Minor: Child and Youth Development

Professional Appointments

**Assistant Professor of Social Work**, Dept of Sociology & Social Work (2022 – present)

Hope College, Holland, MI

**Adjunct Instructor** (2021 – 2022)

Grand Valley State University, School of Social Work

* SW 319: Social Welfare Policy and Services
* SW 322: Responding to Chronic Illness

Professional Licensure

**Licensed Master Social Worker**, State of Michigan, Clinical, #6801096681

Research Interests

Child Maltreatment Prevention • Child Welfare • Family Resilience and Wellbeing • Reproductive Justice • Maternal and Child Health • Maternal Mental Health

Honors & Awards

**NDACAN Summer Research Institute** (2022)

Cornell University

**Leadership Institute Coordinator Fellowship** (2021 – 2022)

Michigan State University, Graduate School

**Emerging Engagement Scholarship Workshop** (2021)

Engagement Scholarship Consortium

**Fragile Families Summer Data Workshop** (2021)

Columbia University, Columbia Population Research Center

**Undergraduate Research Mentor of the Year Nominee** (2021)

Michigan State University, Undergraduate Research

**Hiram E. Fitzgerald Engaged Scholar Fellowship**(2020)

Michigan State University, Graduate School

**Maternal and Child Health Fellowship**(2014)

Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI

**Dr. Joel J. Orosz Fellowship in Philanthropy** (2012 – 2014)

Johnson Center for Philanthropy, Grand Rapids, MI

Research

**Graduate Research Assistant**

Michigan State University**,** School of Social Work

* Dr. Joanne Smith-Darden (2021 – 2022)
* Dr. Joanne Riebschleger (2019 – 2021)

**SPARK Research for Social Change Lab, Co-Director**

Michigan State University, School of Social Work

Grant Awards

**Tanis, J. M.** and Riebschleger, J. (2020-2021). *Effectiveness of a Mental Health Literacy Website for Children of Parents with a Mental Illness.* Provost’s Undergraduate Research Initiative, Michigan State University. Includes SSW undergraduates E. Kramer, C. Johnson, and C. Biederman ($4,000).

**Tanis, J. M.** and Kattari, L. (2020). *Resilience and Self-Determination: The Impact of COVID-19 on CSWE Social Work Education in Michigan.* Small COVID-19 Grant Award, College of Social Science, Michigan State University ($3,000).

Publications, Peer-Reviewed

**Tanis, J. M.** & Kattari, L. (in press). “The room where it happens”: Doctoral students journey to community-engaged research. *Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping.*

Kattari, L. & **Tanis, J. M.** (under review). “Choosing between my safety and my education”: Social work education amid the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Social Work Education.*

Cavanaugh, D. L., Riebschleger, J. and **Tanis, J. M.** (2021). Mental health literacy websites for children of parents with a mental illness. *Clinical Child Psychology and Psychiatry.* [*https://doi.org/10.1177/13591045211005514*](https://doi.org/10.1177/13591045211005514)

Mentoring

**Co-Coordinator**, Leadership Development Fellowship

The Graduate School, Michigan State University

2021-2022 Chelsie Boodoo Biosystems & Agricultural Engineering

2021-2022 Sarah Galvin Educational Psychology & Education Technology

2021-2022 Amit Sharma Curriculum, Instruction, and Teacher Education

2021-2022 Elizabeth Stebbins Department of Fisheries & Wildlife

2021-2022 Brian Taylor Wind Conducting

**MSW Research Mentor**

2021-2022 Oscar CortezSchool of Social Work, Michigan State University

**Undergraduate Research Mentor** (2019-2022)

2019-2021 Erin Kramer School of Social Work, Michigan State University

2020-2022 Carson Biederman School of Social Work, Michigan State University

Media Appearances

Riebschleger, J. & **Tanis, J.** (2020, December). Kids want to learn more about mental illness and how to cope with parents who live with it. *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/kids-want-to-learn-more-about-mental-illness-and-how-to-cope-with-parents-who-live-with-it-150435>

**Tanis, J.** (2017, December). What to Expect When You Aren’t Expecting. *Women’s Lifestyle Magazine,* 16.

**Tanis, J.** (2017, August). 10 Tips for Mindful Living. *Women’s Lifestyle Magazine,* 56-57*.*

Selected Presentations: Invited

**Tanis, J.** & Klein, S. (2022, June). *Protecting America’s children: Paid family leave’s effect on infant abuse and neglect.* National Research Conference on Early Childhood; Virtual.

**Tanis, J.** & Klein, S. (2022, June). *Protecting America’s children: Paid family leave’s effect on infant abuse and neglect.* American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children Annual Colloquium; New Orleans, LA.

Riebschleger, J. & **Tanis, J.** (2021, November). *A nested mentoring research team involving BSW, MSW, and Doctoral Students.* Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting; Orlando, FL.

**Tanis, J.** & Kattari, L.(2021, February). *“I feel as if I’m having to choose between my safety and my education”: Social work education in Michigan amid the new COVID-19 pandemic.* MSU School of Social Work Lunch and Learn Series, East Lansing, MI.

Sutherby, C., Nelson, A., & **Tanis, J.** (2020, October). *What I wish I had known about doctoral education that I know now – An open discussion*. MSU School of Social Work Lunch and Learn Series, East Lansing, MI.

**Tanis, J.**, DeDecker, L., Hop, A., Johnson, D., Kurinsky, J., & Schoenek, C. (2017, June). *Ask the Experts Panel: Managing Stress*. Panel discussion presented at Grand Rapids Natural Health; Grand Rapids, MI.

**Tanis, J.**, Morrow, R., Mutch, G., Reisterer, B., & Revere, K. (2017, October). *Be Here Now - What Does Self-Care in the Present Moment Look Like?* Panel discussion for Inspired Life GR; Grand Rapids, MI.

Special Projects

Mental Health Info for Teens (2020). <http://www.mhiteens.org> (**Tanis, J.**)

Our State of Generosity (2017). [www.ourstateofgenerosity.org](http://www.ourstateofgenerosity.org) (**Tanis, J.**)

Specialized Certifications

**Trauma-Informed Yoga Training***,* Street Yoga, 2017

**200 Hour Yoga Teacher,** Yoga Alliance, 2017

**Mandated Reporter Training Facilitator**, State of Michigan, 2014

**Forensic Interview of Children Training**, Child Abuse Training Services Program, 2014

**Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Training**, Medical University of South

Carolina, 2014

**Child Death Scene Investigation Training**, Michigan Public Health Institute*,* 2013

Service

**Service to the University**

*Michigan State University*

Member, School of Social Work Child Welfare Research Associate Search Committee (2021 – 2022)

Member, School of Social Work PhD Program Committee (2021 – Present)

**Service to the Profession**

*Reviewer, Peer Review Journal* (2020 – Present)

Perspectives on Social Work

**Service to the Community**

*Healthy Girls, Women & Mothers/Mental, Emotional & Behavioral Well-Being Action Committee* (2021 – Present)

Perinatal and Infant Health Section, MI Department of Health and Human Services

*Diversity Development Team*, (2016 – 2019)

Bethany Christian Services, Grand Rapids, MI

*Hand2Hand Coordinator* (2017 – 2018)

Cornerstone Church, Grand Rapids, MI

*Pressley Ridge Treatment Parent Curriculum* *Trainer* (2016 – 2019)

Bethany Christian Services; Grand Rapids, MI

*Advancement Committee Member* (2016 – 2017)

HQ-GR , Grand Rapids, MI

*Mandated Reporter Trainer* (2014 – 2019)

Family Futures; Grand Rapids, MI

*Vice President* (2014 – 2016)

MI Professional Society on the Abuse of Children

*Board* Member (2012 – 2015)

Kappa Delta Sorority – Alpha Alpha Chapter, Michigan State University

Social Work Practice Experience

**Adoption Specialist***, Bethany Christian Services; Grand Rapids, MI (2015 – 2019)*

Seek to find permanency for children in the state of Michigan foster care system through adoption. Conduct quality child and family assessments, case management services, and adoptive placement supervision. Act in compliance with agency guidelines and state licensing regulations and/or grant requirements. Advocate for the best interest of the child in effort to reach permanency through home visits, written reports, and court testimony.

**Triage Coordinator***, Center for Child Protection; Grand Rapids, MI (2013 - 2015)*

Participate on an interdisciplinary team of physicians, nurses, and social workers to provide medical evaluations for children at-risk of abuse and/or neglect. Conducted medical history interviews and assessments with patients ages 3-17. Triaged referral phone calls from child protective services, law enforcement, and medical providers from 62 counties. Gather, synthesize, and present case information to the physicians for medical case reviews.

**Dr. Joel J. Orosz Fellow***, Johnson Center for Philanthropy; Grand Rapids, MI (2012 – 2014)*

Member of a research team for a comprehensive project, *Our State of Generosity*, responsible for capturing, preserving, and disseminating the stories, achievements, and lessons of Michigan’s philanthropic history. Facilitated project collaboration between the Johnson Center for Philanthropy, the Council of Michigan Foundations, the Michigan Nonprofit Association, and the Michigan Community Service Commission. Key project elements included preserving and organizing data, chronicling oral histories, researching, and writing person profiles, and editing and fact-checking project manuscripts.

**Clinical Liaison***, Youth Villages; Memphis, TN (2010 – 2011)*

Served as the liaison between direct-care providers and clinicians on a residential treatment unit. Provided case management for a minimum of 12 youth at a time, ages 14-17. Facilitated bi-weekly group therapy sessions for adolescent consumers. Collaborated with clinicians to develop trauma-informed treatment plans for adolescent consumers. Conducted intake and discharge assessments. Developed and implemented a new campus-wide audit process to ensure accurate documentation for 88 residents.

**Transitional Living Specialist***, Youth Villages; Memphis, TN (2010)*

Provided therapeutic transitional living services for youth aging out of the foster care system. Provided case management for a minimum of nine clients at a time, ages 17-22. Completed comprehensive bio-psychosocial assessments to determine and prioritize client needs. Developed monthly treatment plans addressing goals of education, vocation, health care, mental health, and housing. Collaborated with the Department of Children’s Services, foster care, and other systems involved in each young adult’s life. Facilitated the linkage and referral to community-based services.

**Residential Teacher/Counselor***, Youth Villages; Memphis, TN (2009-2010)*

Provided direct supervision for 16 residents (ages 14-17) with severe emotional and behavioral needs. Participated in bi-weekly meetings with an interdisciplinary treatment team to discuss youth’s treatment plans. Engaged with youth to promote growth and healing through the use of crisis de-escalation, coping skills, and other therapeutic interventions. Conducted daily documentation.

Professional Memberships

National Association of Social Workers