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Education

Michigan State University East Lansing, MI
Ph.D., Social Work 2018 - present

M.S.W., Clinical Social Work 2016 - 2018
G.P.A. 3.86 / 4.00

University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI
B.A., Psychology with Honors, Creative Writing & Literature with Honors 2012 - 2016
G.P.A. 3.70 / 4.00

- Psychology Honors Thesis: “Scientist or Secretary? An Examination of Gendered Microaggressions in Science on Women’s Psychological Well-Being”
 - Faculty Advisor: Denise Sekaquaptewa, Ph.D.
- Creative Writing & Literature Honors Thesis: “The Space Between Us: Short Stories”
 - Faculty Advisor: Warren Hecht, M.A.

Honors & Awards

- Honors Summer Research Fellowship, University of Michigan Honors Program. \$4,000. 2015.
 - A.A. Sink Alumnae Club Scholarship, University of Michigan Alumnae Council. \$7,000 (total). 2014 & 2015.
 - Demaline Alumnae Scholarship, University of Michigan Alumnae Council. \$9,000 (total). 2014 & 2015.
 - Merit Scholarship, University of Michigan. \$10,000. 2014.
 - Woodlock Alumnae Scholarship, University of Michigan Alumnae Council. \$3,500. 2013.
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Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant East Lansing, MI
Michigan State University, Department of Social Work Aug. 2018 - present
PI: Hyunkag Cho, Ph.D.
Project: Perpetrator Typology & Intimate Partner Violence

Conduct literature review.

Graduate Research Assistant East Lansing, MI
Michigan State University, Department of Ecological-Community Psychology April 2017 - Aug. 2018
PI: Pennie Foster-Fishman, Ph.D., & Erin Watson, Ph.D.

Completed literature review on strategies to address social determinants of health. Conducted structured phone interviews to evaluate perceived effectiveness of and satisfaction with a systems change pilot project in Illinois. Referred to participant interview recordings to collect detailed notes. Categorized interview notes into themes.

Principal Investigator

University of Michigan, Honors Program in Psychology

Advisors: Denise Sekaquaptewa, Ph.D., & Neil Lewis, Jr., Ph.D. (2017)

Project: Scientist or Secretary? An Examination of Gendered Microaggressions in Science on Women's Psychological Well-Being

Ann Arbor, MI
March 2015 - April 2016

Collected data from undergraduate students at University of Michigan enrolled in Introduction to Psychology courses through an online survey.

Research Assistant

University of Michigan, Department of Social Psychology

Stereotypes & Prejudice Research Interest Group

PI: Denise Sekaquaptewa, Ph.D. & Neil Lewis, Jr., Ph.D. (2017)

Project: The Effects of Gendered Photographic Displays on Science Performance

Ann Arbor, MI
Oct. 2013 - April 2016

Ran two studies in Fall 2013 and Fall 2014 that tested the relationship between subtle, gendered cues in the environment and participants' academic confidence and performance on a videotaped, oral examination.

Research Interests

- How social support in adolescence and young adulthood, particularly within friendships and the parent-child relationship, serves as a protective factor for academic motivation and achievement; perception of one's experiences of prejudice and discrimination; and perception of one's social identity.
- Equity- and empowerment-based interventions that address educational disparities in adolescence and young adulthood and support academic motivation and achievement.
- Interventions to address violence prevention and resiliency after violence exposure in adolescence and young adulthood, utilizing an empowerment and trauma-focused perspective.

Professional Experience

Clinical Social Work Intern

Gateway Youth Services, Child & Family Charities

Lansing, MI
Sep. 2017 - May 2018

Worked with the Higher Ground and Crossroads Program (short-term and transitional housing programs for homeless and runaway youth aged 12-21). Provided therapy to three teenagers at a local high school through the Prevention program.

School Social Work Intern

Heartwood School, Ingham Intermediate School District

Mason, MI
Sep. 2016 - May 2017

Worked with students aged 5-26 with moderate to severe cognitive impairment, severe multiple impairment and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Presentations

Allen, J. (2016, April). *Scientist or Secretary? The Detrimental Effects of Microaggressions in Science on Women's Psychological Well-Being*. Presentation at the Department of Psychology Honors Program Symposium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

Allen, J., Grombala, A., & Helmer, S. (2013, May). *The Effects of Gendered Photographic Displays on Science Performance*. Presentation at the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Symposium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.