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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor (tenure-track)

2023-present School of Social Work, University of Nevada, Reno; Reno, Nevada

2021-2022 Department of Family Science and Social Work, Miami University; Oxford, Ohio

EDUCATION

PhD 2021 School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley

Dissertation: *A Life History Exploration of Gender and Violence with Young Transgender People*

Committee: Paul R. Sterzing, Ph.D. (Chair); Anu Manchikanti Gómez, Ph.D.; Colette Auerswald, M.D.

MSW 2012 Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago
Certificate in Evidence-Based Mental Health Practice with Children and Adolescents

BA 2008 Sociology and English, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

LICENSURE 2013-present Licensed Clinical Social Worker (Illinois #149.016368)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Power, violence, trauma, and marginalization
- Space, place, and the social environment
- Spatial, geospatial analysis and methods
- Homelessness, systems interactions, and health
- Gender, sexuality, intersectionality

TEACHING INTERESTS

- Social welfare theory, research, and policy
- Clinical practices: motivational interviewing, trauma-focused, person-centered practices
- Gender and sexuality, human behavior
- Social work ethics, history, and philosophy

FACULTY AND RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

2021-present Queer Social Work Lab, multi-institutional collaboration. Miami University; University of Nevada, Reno; Pacific University. Co-Director.

2021-present Place and Health Research Group, multi-institutional collaboration: University of California, Berkeley; University of Nevada, Reno; University of Texas-Arlington.
Co-Principal Investigator.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Principal Investigator. *Examining Transgender-Exclusionary Policies Targeting Youth and Their Families*. Mixed-methods study examining the impacts of policies targeting transgender and their families.

Co-Principal Investigator, measure development lead. *Constructing a Measurement Index of Incorporation Status to Evaluate Health Disparities in Unincorporated Communities*. Spatial study of policies and political jurisdictions at city and county levels in order to develop area and population indices of unincorporated status to evaluate health outcomes and disparities.

Co-Principal Investigator. *Exploring Service Providers’ Attitudes and Willingness to Support Nonbinary Gender-affirmation*. Mixed-method study examining “LGBTQ-affirming” mental health providers’ service approaches to care with nonbinary clients.

Co-Principal Investigator. *Exploring Social and Professional Impacts of Embedding Social Workers within Law Enforcement Systems*. Qualitative study of the experiences of social workers operating within law enforcement agencies.

Co-Investigator. *SFYEAH: Understanding the spaces and places of violence, safety, and resources in the lives of young people experiencing homelessness*. Mixed-methods qualitative spatial study using Youth Participatory Action Research methods to engage unhoused youth in exploring their experiences of danger, safety, and accessing basic needs resources.

EXTERNAL FUNDING

Project Title: Constructing a Measurement Index of Incorporation Status to Evaluate Health Disparities in Unincorporated Communities

Investigators: Graaf, G., Ratliff, G.A., Palmer, A., & Gomez-Vidal, C.

Funder: University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute

Status: Funded for \$100,000 for one year; September 2021 - August 2022

Funded Extension: \$50,000; September 2022 - January 2023

INTERNAL FUNDING

Project Title: Examining Transgender-Exclusionary Policies Targeting Youth and Their Families

Investigator: Ratliff, G.A.

Funder: Miami University College of Education, Health, and Society; Internal Research Seed Grant

Status: Funded \$4,500 seed funding; January - December 2022

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Ratliff, G. A., Graaf, G., & Choy-Brown, M. (in press) Orienting social work toward place-based principles: A practical guide to the use of place in social work practice. *Journal of Social Work*
2. Ratliff, G. A., Sousa, C., Graaf, G., Akesson, B., & Kemp, S. (2022) Reconsidering the role of place in health and welfare services: lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States and Canada. *Social-Ecological Practice Research*. doi.org/10.1007/s42532-022-00111-z
3. Gómez, A.M., Hooker, N., Olip-Booth, R., Woerner, P., Ratliff, G.A. (2021) "It's being compassionate, not making assumptions": Transmasculine and nonbinary young adults' experiences of "women's" healthcare settings. *Women's Health Issues*. doi.org/10.1016/j.whi.2021.02.008
4. Gómez, A.M., Đõ, L., Ratliff, G.A., Crego, P.I., & Hastings, J. (2020) Contraceptive beliefs, needs, and care experiences among transgender and nonbinary young adults. *Journal of Adolescent Health*. doi.org/10.1016/j.jadohealth.2020.03.003
5. Ratliff, G. A. (2019). Social work, place, and power: Applying heterotopian principles to the social topology of social work. *Social Service Review*, 93(4), 640-677. doi.org/10.1086/706808
6. Chambers, J., & Ratliff, G.A. (2019). Structural competency in child welfare: Opportunities and applications for addressing disparities and stigma. *The Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 46(4), 26.
7. Sterzing, P. R., Gartner, R. E., Goldbach, J. T., McGeough, B. L., Ratliff, G.A., & Johnson, K. C. (2019). Polyvictimization prevalence rates for sexual and gender minority youth: Breaking down the silos of victimization research. *Psychology of Violence*, 9(4), 419–430. doi.org/10.1037/vio0000123
8. Graaf, G., & Ratliff, G.A. (2018) Preparing social workers for evidence informed community-based practice: An integrative framework. *Invited article for The Journal of Social Work Education (JSWE), Special Issue on Integrating Evidence-Based Practice and Implementation Science in Academic and Field Curricula*. doi.org/10.1080/10437797.2018.1434437
9. Sterzing, P. R., Ratliff, G.A., Gartner, R. E., McGeough, B. L., & Johnson, K. C. (2017) Social ecological correlates of polyvictimization among a national sample of transgender, genderqueer, and cisgender sexual minority adolescents. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 67, 1–12. doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2017.02.017
10. Sterzing, P. R., Auslander, W. F., Ratliff, G.A., Gerke, D. R., Edmond, T., & Jonson-Reid, M. (2017). Exploring bullying perpetration and victimization among adolescent girls in the child welfare system: Bully-only, victim-only, and bully-victim, and noninvolved roles. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 35(5-6), 1311-1333. doi.org/10.1177/0886260517696864

PEER-REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Ratliff, G. A., & Kelly, B.L. (2022). Strengths-affirming social work practice with LGBTQ youth. In M. P. Dentato (Ed.). *Social work practice with the LGBTQ community: The intersection of history, health, mental health and policy factors*. Second Edition. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
2. Kelly, B.L., & Ratliff, G. A. (2017). Strengths-affirming social work practice with LGBTQ youth. In M. P. Dentato (Ed.). *Social work practice with the LGBTQ community: The intersection of history, health, mental health and policy factors*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. Ratliff, G.A, Gomez-Vidal, C., Kitchens, K., Dzimbiri, M., Palmer, A., & Graaf, G. (2022) *Developing political indices for evaluating health disparities in unincorporated communities*. Oral presentation accepted to the 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association
2. Ratliff G. A. (2022) *Discretionary power of adult authority figures in instances of interpersonal and structural violence against transgender and nonbinary young people*. Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine 2022 Annual Meeting (virtual)
3. Ratliff, G.A., Akesson, B., Graaf, G., Sousa, C., Kemp, S. (2021) *Engaging place in a changing world: Opportunities and challenges for social welfare research, practice, and policy*. Roundtable for the Society for Social Work Research 2021 conference (virtual).
4. Ratliff, G. A., Lightfoot, M., Adams, S., & Auerswald, C. (2020) *Keeping young researchers out of harm's way: Conducting youth participatory action research with young people experiencing homelessness*. Oral presentation for the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine conference (virtual).
5. Ratliff, G. A., Lightfoot, M., Adams, S., & Auerswald, C. (2020) *Identifying spatial features of violence and safety for young people experiencing homelessness*. Oral presentation for the 2020 Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association (virtual).
6. Ratliff, G. A., Lightfoot, M., Adams, S., Mousseau, H., Lund, I., & Auerswald, C. (2020) *Emerging findings on a spatial topology of violence and safety for young people experiencing homelessness*. Oral presentation at the Society for Social Work Research 2020 conference, Washington, D.C.
7. Sacks, T., Samuels, G., Stone, S., & Ratliff, G. A. (2019) *Beyond inclusion: Knowledge justice and social work science*. Roundtable at the Society for Social Work Research 2019 conference, San Francisco, CA.
8. Ratliff, G.A. & Sterzing, P.R. (2018) *Bias-motivated physical assaults among transgender, genderqueer, and cisgender sexual minority youth*. Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work Research 2018 conference, Washington, D.C.
9. Ratliff, G. A. & Sterzing, P.R. (2017) *Rates and correlates of depression, posttraumatic stress, and suicide attempts for transgender, genderqueer, and cisgender sexual minority youth*. Oral presentation at the Society for Social Work Research 2017 conference, New Orleans, LA.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (non-peer-reviewed)

1. Ratliff, G. A. & Heerten-Rodriguez, L.R. (2018) *Want to be a social worker? Let's talk about pursuing social work education*. Oral presentation at the Midwest LGBTQA Conference 2018, Omaha, NE.
2. Ratliff, G. A. (2011) *Using Google Analytics to support online sexual health research*. Oral presentation at Sex:Tech 2011. San Francisco, CA
3. Ratliff, G. A. (2008) *Understanding the scope of HIV and its global impacts on children*. Oral presentation at University of Nebraska Student Health Conference 2008, Lincoln, Nebraska.
4. Ratliff, G. A. & Tetreault, P. (2006) *Keys to sexual health and healthy relationships*. Oral presentation at the Midwest LGBTQA College Conference 2006. Sioux Falls, SD.

INVITED SPEAKER

1. Ratliff, G. A. & Sarabia, R. (2019) *Creating a culture of health and safety for young people experiencing homelessness*. Invited presentation for the California Welfare Directors Association Statewide Conference 2019, Monterey, CA.
2. Ratliff, G. A. & Johnson, M. (2012) *Addressing heterosexism: an examination of the clinical implications of working with LGBTQ youth and their families*. Invited presentation to Grand Rounds 2011-2012, Department of Psychiatry, University of Illinois at Chicago

PODCAST EPISODE (non-peer-reviewed)

Akesson, B., Graaf, G., Kemp, S., Ratliff, G.A., & Sousa, C. (listed alphabetically). (2021) *Place-Based Research: Why place matters*. CRSP Talk podcast. Centre for Research on Security Practices, Wilfrid Laurier University. <https://crsp-talk.simplecast.com/episodes/place-based-research-why-place-matters>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor (tenure-track)

Spring 2023 School of Social Work, University of Nevada, Reno
Social Work Methods with Groups (MSW)

Fall 2021, 2022 Department of Family Science and Social Work, Miami University
Trauma-Responsive Assessment and Intervention (BSW)
Spring 2022 Group Work Theory and Practice (BSW)

Lecturer (non-tenure-track)

Fall 2020, Spring 2021 Department of Social Work, California State University East Bay
Community-Based Social Welfare Research (MSW)
Spring 2020 Introduction to Social Welfare Research (MSW)

Graduate Student Instructor (primary course instructor, graduate level)

Fall 2016, 2017 School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley
Historical, Ethical, and Philosophical Foundations of Social Work (MSW)

Graduate Student Instructor (co-instructor, undergraduate level)

Spring, Summer 2017 School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley
Social Welfare Policy

Graduate Student Instructor (teaching assistant, undergraduate level)

Spring, Summer 2016 School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley
Introduction to Social Work as a Profession

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Researcher *2017-2021* School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley
Project Director, SFYEAH study on violence and youth homelessness
Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
Principal Investigators: Colette Auerswald, M.D. and Marguerita Lightfood, Ph.D.

Graduate Student Researcher *2017-2020* School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley
Sexual Health and Reproductive Equity Program
Principal Investigator: Anu Manchikanti Gómez, Ph.D.
2015-2017 Center for Child and Youth Policy
Principal Investigators: Jill Duerr Berrick, Ph.D., and Neil Gilbert, Ph.D.

Research Project Manager *2012-2014* The Night Ministry, Chicago, IL
Homeless Youth Services Access Study, Chicago site.
Funded by Family and Youth Services Bureau, U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services;
Principal Investigator: Les Whitbeck, Ph.D., University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Clinical Research Specialist Hektoen Institute at Cook County Hospital. Chicago, IL
 2012 Project HOPE: Hospital Visit as Opportunity for Prevention and Engagement
 Funded by National Institutes on Drug Abuse CTN-0049.
 Principal Investigator: Lisa Metsch, Ph.D., Columbia University

Department of Psychiatry, University of Illinois at Chicago
 2010-2011 Research Administrator Impact Program for LGBT Health and Development
 2009-2010 Project Coordinator (now the Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health
 2009 Research Assistant and Wellbeing at Northwestern University)
 Funded by National Institute for Drug Abuse and National Institute for Mental Health
 Principal Investigator: Brian Mustanski, Ph.D.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Director of Clinical Services Youth Service Project. Chicago, IL
 2014-2015 Managed clinicians and programs delivering mental and behavioral health care for
 young people and families using restorative justice, trauma-informed, harm-reduction
 models. Awarded \$185,000 in new public and private grant funding while in position.

Clinical Fellow Chicago Counseling Associates. Chicago, IL.
 2014-2015 Provided person-centered, mindfulness therapy at community mental health program

Clinical Case Manager Teen Living Programs. Chicago, IL.
 2012-2013 Provided intensive clinical care for young people experiencing homelessness

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2020-2021 University of California Dissertation Year Fellowship (competitive award \$27,000)
 2019, 2020 Markowski-Leach Scholarship (\$2,000/year)
 2018-2019 Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$18,000)
 2018 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, School of Social Welfare
 2016, 2017 Graduate Division Summer Research Grant (\$3,000/year)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2019-present Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine
 2018-present American Public Health Association
 2018-present Q Caucus: Caucus of LGBTQ+ Social Work Students and Faculty
 2016-present Society for Social Work Research

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Reviewer for Peer-Reviewed Journals
 2022 Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health
 2022 Journal of Adolescent Health
 2022 Equity and Excellence in Education
 2021 International Journal of Transgender Health
 2019 American Journal of Preventive Medicine
 2017 Groupwork

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

2022 Commissioner, Police Community Relations and Review Commission; Oxford, Ohio
 2018-2021 Board of Directors, Youth Spirit Artworks; Berkeley, California