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RESEARCH AND TRAINING INTERESTS

Structural Violence	Critical and Feminist Theories
Group Based Oppression	Social Welfare & Social Policy
Socialization and Social Control	Anti-Racist Practice
Community Responses to Harm	Social Work and Violence Prevention
Meaning Making and Health Decisions	Research Methods

EDUCATION

2021	PhD , Social Work, Boston College Dissertation: “It was something about me”: Internalized oppression, conscientization, and post-assault processes among sexual assault survivors”
2017	MSW , Social Work, California State University Long Beach Thesis: “Deadly force”: Perceptions of police and exploration of strategies used by African American mothers to protect their sons”
2009	BS , Psychology, University of California Riverside

HONORS AND REWARDS

2020	Boston College School of Social Work Conference Travel Grant Awarded in 2018 and 2019 (\$1,500)
2018	Elaine Pinderhughes Diversity Fellowship , Boston College School of Social Work (\$5,000)
2017	Boston College Doctoral Fellowship (\$25,000 annually)
2017	Graduate Student Honors Recipient California State University Long Beach

2017

Phi Kappa Honor Society Honoree
California State University Long Beach

2009

Dean's Honor List
University of California Riverside

FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

UW Population Health Initiative Tier 1 (2022-2023)

PIs: Hicks, C., Rivara, F., **Harris, A.N.**

“Residential segregation and pediatric injury and violence in Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma.”

This award will examine the impact of residential segregation on pediatric injuries in the Seattle, Spokane, and Tacoma area in the state of Washington.

UW Population Health Initiative Tier 3 (2023-2025)

PIs: Chapman, R., Gavin, A., **Harris, A.N.**, Pfeiffer, J.

“Healing heart and soul: Decreasing maternal racial/ethnic health disparities through home-based monitoring of blood pressure, stress/depression, and safety.”

This award will allow the team to partner with several Seattle based healthcare facilities in providing a blood pressure monitoring tool, and additional health monitoring and assessment tools to mitigate maternal racial/ethnic health disparities.

PUBLISHED RESEARCH

Maglalang, D. D., **Harris, A. N.**, Tucker, T. B., & Parchment, T. (Accepted). A mixed-methods study of the experiences of BIPOC MSW students during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Social Work Research*

Scott, J. C., McDermott, E. R., **Harris, A. N.**, Johnson, K. G., Pinderhughes, E. E., & Spencer, M. B. (2021). Looking through a kaleidoscope: Considering skin color in ethnic-racial socialization among U.S. Black and Latinx youth. *Journal of Social Issues*, 77(4), 1327–1350.

Young, D. S., Trawver, K. R., **Harris, A. N.**, & Jacob, D. (2021) Integrating smart decarceration content across social work curricula. *Journal of Social Work Education*.

Bailey, C., Shaw, J. & **Harris, A. N.** (2021). Mandated reporting in the context of adolescent sexual assault. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*.

Rao, S., Woo, B., Maglalang, D., Bartholomew, M., Cano, M., **Harris, A. N.**, & Tucker, T. (2021). Race and ethnicity in the social work grand challenges. *Social Work*, 66(1), 9–17.

Harris, A. N., & Amutah-Onukagha, N. (2019). Under the radar: Strategies used by Black mothers to prepare their sons for potential police interactions based on their perceptions of police. *Journal of Black Psychology*, 45(6-7), 439–453.

Bartholomew, M., **Harris, A. N.**, & Maglalang, D. D. (2018). A call to healing: Black Lives Matter movement as a framework for addressing the health and wellness of Black women. *Community Psychology in Global Perspective*, 4(2), 85–100.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Bailey, C., Shaw, J., & **Harris, A. N.** (Under Review). From the margins to the center: A critical review of what we know about adolescents and sexual assault.

Harris, A.N., Maglalang, D. D., Cano, M., Woo, B., Tucker, T. B., Rao, S., & Bartholomew, M.W. (Under Review). Eradicating racism: Social Work's Most Pressing Grand Challenge.

Tang-Yan, C. Hamilton, G., Young, A., Pierre, J., Bwanika, S., Ayinde, E.L., **Harris, A. N.**, Gergen-Barnett, K. & Sprague-Martinez, L. (Under Review). "We did that ourselves": Findings of a process evaluation of a community-based participatory research engaging youth of color in health research and action.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Shaw, J., Greeson, M., Bailey, C., & **Harris, A. N.** (in preparation). Evaluation of a cross-system cooperative response to adolescent sexual assault victims. Washington, D.C.: Office on Violence Against Women.

Harris, A. N. & Rivers, A. (in preparation) Preparing Black youth for potential police encounters: A scoping review of family socialization practices.

Harris, A. N., Bailey, C., & Shaw, J. (in preparation) 'I had to make it safe in my mind': Strategy creation and utilization among sexual assault survivors.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (* VIRTUAL CONFERENCE DUE TO COVID-19)

Maglalang, D. D., **Harris, A. N.**, Tucker, T. B., & Parchment, T. (2023, January). "There's no awareness, no understanding how difficult it is to be a person of color in these times": Effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on MSW BIPOC students. [Paper Presentation]. Society for Social Work Research Conference. Phoenix, AZ.

Harris, A. N., Maglalang, D. D., Tucker, T. B., & Parchment, T. (2022, January). *Unprecedented times for research: Creating space during data collection* [Roundtable Session]. Society for Social Work Research Conference. Washington, D.C.

*Shaw, J., Bailey, C., **Harris, A. N.**, Greeson, M. (2021, June). Recruiting survivors of adolescent sexual assault for qualitative interviews: Initial plans, emerging obstacles, and critical pivots. In J. Shaw (Chair), *Recruiting hidden and hard-to-reach populations: Stories from the field*. [Symposium]. Society for Community Research and Action Biennial Conference, Virtual

*Young, D. S., Trawver, K. R., **Harris, A. N.**, Jacob, D. (2020, November). *Engaging a Grand Challenge: Integrating smart decarceration content across social work curricula* [Poster Presentation]. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO

*Shaw, J., Bailey, C. **Harris, A.N.**, & Greeson, M. (2020, April). *Mandatory Reporting and Adolescent Sexual Assault* [Paper Presentation]. Institute on Violence Abuse and Trauma Summit, Honolulu, HI

Harris, A. N. & Obus, E. (2020, February). *Legal socialization in schools: how educators influence student attitudes about the legal system* [Roundtable Session]. 37th Annual Winter Roundtable, New York City, NY.

Tucker, T., **Harris, A. N.**, Maglalang, D., Cano, M., Rao, S., & Woo, B. (2020, February). *Where are race/ethnicity and racism in the Grand Challenges for Social Work* [Paper Presentation]. 37th Annual Winter Roundtable, New York City, NY.

Harris, A. N. (2019, January). *Maternal prevention strategies: An exploration of how African American mothers prepare their sons for potential police interactions* [Paper Presentation]. Society for Social Work Research, San Francisco, CA

Harris, A. N., Bartholomew, M., Cano, M., Rao, S., & Woo, B. (2019, January). *Integrating a racial justice approach to social work to end systemic racial violence* [Roundtable Session]. Society for Social Work Research Conference, San Francisco, CA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND DEVELOPMENT

Spring 2020	Teaching Assistant Course: The Social Welfare System (SCWK 7701), Master's Level Course Instructor: Dr. Shanta Pandey Boston College School of Social Work
Spring 2020	Teaching Assistant Course: Program Evaluation (SCWK 8841), Master's Level Course Instructor: Dr. Amy Kaye Boston College School of Social Work
Spring 2019	Teaching Practicum Student Course: Leadership and Social Transformation (SCWK 8833), Master's Level Course Instructor: Tiziana Dearing Guest Lecture: "Emerging Theories in Leadership: Neuroscience and Attachment"
Fall 2019	Teaching Assistant Course: Research Methods (SCWK 7747), Master's Level Course Instructor: Dr. Tina Matz-Costa

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2020-2022

Principal Investigator

Boston College School of Social Work

Co-Investigators: Dr. Tyrone Parchment & Dr. Dale Maglalang

Project: Examining the experiences of Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) students in MSW programs.

Funded: \$10,100 by the Office of the Dean, Boston College School of Social Work

Duties: In partnership with co-investigators: designed the study, conducted focus groups using Zoom, currently conducting data analysis.

2017-Present

Research Assistant

University of Illinois, Chicago

Principal Investigators: Dr. Jessica Shaw and Dr. Megan Greeson

Project: Investigating the mandated reporting response on adolescent sexual assault cases: A mixed-methods study

Funded: The Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women

Duties: conducted semi-structured in-depth qualitative interviews, analyzed qualitative data, collected quantitative data from medical charts and criminal justice system records, developed recruitment, data collection, and consent procedures, participated in community partner meetings which included hospitals, police, crisis centers and other sexual assault response personnel.

2016-2017

Research Assistant

California State University Long Beach

Principal Investigators: Dr. Rashida Crutchfield & Dr. Jennifer Maguire

Project: Exploring food and housing insecurity on California State University (CSU) campuses

Funded: The California State University System

Duties: managed communication between CSU officials to coordinate campus sites for qualitative data collection, created resource list to provide to participants that included local support resources, completed transcription, assisted in qualitative data analysis, entered quantitative data into excel database, participated in early dissemination of findings.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2014-2015

Mental Health Specialist I

Starview Community Services

Scope of Work: Provided therapeutic and rehabilitation services to children, youth, transitional age youth, and their families, conducted bio-psychosocial assessments to assist in identifying appropriate diagnoses, completed treatment plans and collaboratively constructed goals with clients and their families, developed and facilitated treatment groups for transitional age youth and teens.

2014-2015

Site Based Trainer

Starview Community Services

Scope of Work: Co- lead trainings for incoming and senior staff on the Transition to Independence Process (TIP) model, coached and supported staff in learning and implementing practice techniques to utilize during their therapeutic sessions with transitional age youth, educated staff on positive outcomes of utilizing the TIP model techniques with transitional age youth.

2011-2014

Community Integration Specialist

Starview Community Services

Scope of Work: Provided rehabilitation and case management to transitional age youth and their families, served as a liaison and advocate for young people and their families with relevant social, medical, and educational institutions, developed relationships with community partners by networking and attending provider meetings with entities such as the Housing and Urban Development Department, Department of Public and Social Services, and the Department of Mental Health.

2010-2011

Child Care Counselor

Rosemary's Children's Services

Scope of Work: Monitored and provided care for young women in a residential setting, transported residents to activities and ensured that they had access to all needed resources, attended staff meetings to discuss resident goals and behaviors, practiced de-escalation to maintain safe environment within the residential setting.

INTERNSHIPS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

2019-Present

Volunteer/ Consultant

We Are Better Together: The Daniel Hairston Project

Supported and participated in events and programs created to support mothers who have lost children to gun violence and incarceration, attended strategic planning meetings focused on the mission of the organization and creating programming to serve the intended population.

2017-2019

Volunteer

Louis D. Brown Peace Institute
Provided support in putting on community events to support families impacted by community violence in the City of Boston.

2016-2017

Social Work Intern

John Wesley Community Health Institute Inc.

Duties: conducted multiple needs assessments to be utilized in implementing programs and revising policy, conducted qualitative interviews and administered paper surveys to people who formerly experienced homelessness, and partnered with the president of the behavioral health department to develop policies and procedures for clinicians and other support staff.

2015-2017

Volunteer

Housing Long Beach

Reviewed the housing codes and legislation to confirm city compliance in meetings with city officials, identified and investigated actual availability of affordable housing units, tracked housing landlords with multiple adequate housing violation complaints, administered surveys to local residents about housing conditions, participated in demonstrations to bring attention to housing injustices in the city of Long Beach, and presented stories and information to the city council regarding housing affordability and access for Long Beach residents.

2015-2016

Social Work Intern

Orange County Health Care Agency (Correctional Mental Health)

Duties: performed bio-psychosocial assessments in a correctional setting to determine eligibility for behavioral and psychiatric services, collaboratively identified resources and discussed treatment goals with clients to prepare for release, developed treatment groups for incarcerated women, and participated in multidisciplinary treatment teams comprised on clinicians, medical staff, and correctional officers.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2016-Present National Association of Social Workers

2018-Present Society for Social Work Research

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ad-Hoc Reviewer for:

- American Journal of Community Psychology
- Psychology of Violence
- Journal for Marriage and Family

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2022 **Co-Chair**
 Community-Centered Integrated Practice (CCIP)
 University of Washington School of Social Work
 Served as a co-chair of the CCIP curriculum concentration in the school of social work to promote the vision of the concentration that prepares incoming social work students for practice with communities.
- 2020 **Consultant**
 Equity, Justice, and Inclusion Initiative
 Boston College School of Social Work
 Provided consultation on the development of an instrument to assess the school climate specific to issues of equity, justice, and inclusion.
- 2019 **Co-Organizer**
 Transforming the Ivory Tower: A Seminar to Help First Generation and/or Doctoral Students of Color Thrive
 Boston College School of Social Work
 Funded by the University of Council on Teaching, Boston College (\$2000)
- 2017 **Committee Member**
 Racial Justice Symposium
 Boston College School of Social Work
 Funded by the Research in Social, Economic, and Environmental Equity (RISE3) and the BCSSW Office of the Dean (\$5000)

COMPUTER AND DATA ANALYSIS SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

Nvivo, Dedoose, Stata, SPSS, Word, and Excel