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Education

Ph.D., University of Connecticut, Hartford, Connecticut Field of study: Social Work	In progress
M.S.W., Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas Field of study: Social Work	2020
B.A., St. Edward's University, Austin, Texas Field of study: Psychology	2018

Research and Publications

Fish, J. N., Pacey, M. S., **Evans, S.**, McGeough, B., DeFiori, S., Offenbacher, N., Cross, C., Henderson, S., & Levine, D. (under review). LGBTQ+ youth's disclosure of their sexual orientation and gender identity across contexts: Processes, decision-making, and related experiences. *Journal of Community Psychology*.

Fish, J.N., Pacey, M. S., **Evans, S.**, Kosi-Huber, J.A.J., Phillips, D., & Levine, D. S. (under review). Community efforts to support LGBTQ youth mental health: Programs, characteristics, and challenges. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*.

John, A., **Evans, S.**, & Dow, E. (2024). Parenthood and Glee: An online study to examine differences between viewers and non-viewers of television shows featuring a character with a developmental disability. *Journal of Intellectual Disabilities*.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/17446295241239103>

Twis, M., Petrovich, J., Dow, E., **Evans, S.**, & Addicks, L. (2021). Training preferences of homelessness assistance service providers: A brief report. *Journal of Social Distress and Homelessness*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10530789.2021.1917934>

Petrovich, J., Twis, M., & **Evans, S.** (2020). Practice with people experiencing homelessness: An analysis of secondary traumatic stress in the workplace. *Journal of Social Distress and Homelessness*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10530789.2020.1763574>

Poster and Conference Presentations

- “Fostering mental health, embodied cognition, and intersubjectivity in LGBTQIA+ youth amid current anti-LGBTQIA+ political attacks: A pilot study of Tuned In! an affirmative mindfulness-based intervention,” International Society for Contemplative Research, Padova, Italy, June 2024
- “Towards pedagogical approach to anti-racist and anti-oppressive education,” International Society for Contemplative Research, Padova, Italy, June 2024
- “Creating a socially engaged mindfulness-based intervention: Enhancing social work students' capacity for wellbeing and social action,” International Society for Contemplative Research, Padova, Italy, June 2024
- “Fostering mental well-being and empowerment in LGBTQIA+ youth amidst current anti-LGBTQIA+ political attacks: A pilot study of an affirmative mindfulness-based group intervention,” International Association for Social Work Groups, Madrid, Spain, June 2024
- “Enhancing protection and support for the LGBTQIA+ community through social work education,” LGBTQ+ Research Symposium, virtual, June 2024
- “Understanding overeating patterns among sexual and gender minority youth: An exploratory analysis of factors,” LGBTQ+ Research Symposium, virtual, June 2024
- “Unpacking neutrality in social work education: Exploring twitter responses to anti-trans legislation,” LGBTQ+ Research Symposium, virtual, June 2024
- “Fostering joy and finding community: Findings from a collaborative autoethnography with LGBTQIA+ youth community based participatory action research,” LGBTQ+ Research Symposium, virtual, June 2024
- “LGBTQ+ youth activism in the U.S. during an increasingly hostile sociopolitical climate: An exploration of youth’s progress, challenges, and aspirations of activism,” LGBTQ+ Research Symposium, virtual, June 2024
- “Does the media get it right?,” International Federation of Social Workers global conference, virtual, July 2020
- “Does the media get it right?,” Council on Social Work Education conference, Denver, Colorado, October 2019
- “Does the media get it right? Exploring media portrayals of the lived experiences of individuals with a developmental disability and their families.” American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities conference, The Twin Cities, Minnesota, June 2019
- “Does the media get it right?,” Harris College Student Research Symposium, Fort Worth, Texas, April 2019
- Participated in the Harris College 3 Minute Thesis competition at Texas Christian University - February 2019

Awards and Honors

Outstanding Concentration Student of the Year, 2020, Social Work Department at Texas Christian University

Harris College Academic Honoree, 2020, Harris College at Texas Christian University

First Place at the Harris College Student Research Symposium, 2019, Harris College at Texas Christian University

Region V Membership Scholarship, 2019, American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Work Experience

Care Counselor, Cerebral, Remote 2021-2023

- Applies modalities when meeting with clients to help them reach their goals
- Practices motivational interviewing to build rapport and comprehend clients' needs
- Develops resources to provide clients with new psychoeducation and coping strategies

Team Advisor, National Student Leadership Conference: Psychology and Neuroscience at Harvard Medical School Campus Summers 2016, 2017

- Led discussions and lectures to educate students on psychology and neuroscience
- Served as a support system for students as well as their rule enforcer and teacher

Research Experience

Texas Christian University, Dr. Twis and Dr. Petrovich August 2019 – June 2020

- Worked with those experiencing homelessness for observational data collection
- Collected, cleaned, synthesized, and analyzed data for systematic review
- Coded data collected through focus groups using the Dedoose and SPSS research systems

Texas Christian University, Dr. John August 2018 – May 2019

- Worked with those who have intellectual and developmental disabilities to conduct psychometric evaluations
- Designed assessment tools and completed program evaluation reports

Professional Affiliations and Licensure

Licensed Master of Social Work in Connecticut, #8401

Phi Alpha Honor Society