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EDUCATION

- PhD** The University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work (GSSW), Denver, CO, 2011-current
Program: Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work
Graduate Research Assistantship: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Study: The Graduate School of Social Work/Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence Research Collaboration (R01HD066503; PI: James Herbert Williams, Ph.D.)
Comprehensive Examination: “Children exposed to intimate partner violence: The influence of racial and ethnic minority status on mental health and behavioral outcomes.”
Dissertation committee: Dr. Nicole Nicotera (Chair), Dr. Jeff Jenson, Dr. Julia Dmitrieva, Dr. Sandra Graham-Bermann (University of Michigan)
- MSW** The University of Denver, Denver, GSSW, CO, 2009-2011
Program: Master of Social Work (MSW) Degree Program
Concentration: Leadership for Community and Organizational Practice
Graduate Research Assistantship (2010-2011): National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Study: Graduate School of Social Work/Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence Collaboration (PI: Frank Ascione, Ph.D.)
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA, 2006-2007
Program: Doctor of Philosophy in Developmental and Biological Psychology
Concentration: Behavioral Genetics
 (resigned from program)
- BS** Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA, 2002-2006
Degree: Bachelor of Science, Psychology
Distinctions: *summa cum laude*, Honors Program Commonwealth Scholar
Undergraduate Honors Thesis: Autonomic activity in childhood proactive and reactive aggression: The influence of ADHD-related behavior on heart rate and skin conductance (Faculty Sponsors: Angela Scarpa, Ph.D., & Tom Ollendick, Ph.D.)

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Prevention of violence against women and girls; cultural variations in children’s exposure to intimate partner violence and socioemotional outcomes; positive youth development; human-animal interactions and anthrozoology; advanced quantitative methods; applied measurement; item response theory.

TEACHING INTERESTS:

Research methods in social work; statistics in social work; critical theories and their relationships to social work practice, education, and research; gender, gender identity, and sexuality (queer studies) from an intersectional perspective; intimate partner violence; human-animal interactions.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS (selected)

University of Denver

- Nominated and selected by the Society for Social Work and Research board as one of two candidates for the position of Student Member-at-Large for the 2013 election
 - *Graduate Studies Doctoral Fellowship*, Graduate School of Social Work, The University of Denver, 2011-2012 (\$4,500)
 - *NICHD-funded Graduate Research Assistantship*, 2011-2014
 - *Eleanor Barnett Trust Scholarship*, Graduate School of Social Work, The University of Denver, 2010-2011 (\$3,571)
 - *Faculty Merit Scholarship*, Graduate School of Social Work, The University of Denver, 2009-2011 (\$40,000)
 - *Divisional Scholarship*, Graduate School of Social Work, The University of Denver, 2009-2011 (\$4,000)
- Phi Alpha, The National Honor Society in Social Work, Member, 2010-present

Virginia Tech

- The Virginia Tech *Woman of the Year Award* for outstanding academic performance and service to the university and surrounding community, 2006
- The *Outstanding Graduating Senior in the College of Science Award*, Virginia Tech, 2006
- The *Outstanding Graduating Senior in Psychology Award*, Virginia Tech, 2006
- *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Award*, 2005-2006
- *Friends of Psychology Endowed Scholarship*, 2005-2006
- Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, 2006
- *Robert C. Bates Scholarship*, College of Science, 2004-2005
- *Regional Research Award* (Southeastern Division), awarded by Psi Chi, The National Honor Society in Psychology at the Southeastern Psychological Association Conference, 2005
- *1st Place Undergraduate Research* at the 21st Virginia Tech Graduate Student Assembly Research Symposium, 2005
- *3rd Place in Undergraduate Research* at the 21st Virginia Tech Graduate Student Assembly Research Symposium, 2005
- *2nd Place in Undergraduate Research* at the 20th Virginia Tech Graduate Student Assembly Research Symposium, 2004
- Gamma Beta Phi, 2004-present
- Psi Chi, The National Honor Society in Psychology, 2004-2007
 - President*, 2005-2006
 - Vice President*, 2004-2005

SCHOLARSHIP

Refereed Publications

1. Wiegand, D. M., Hanowski, R. J., & McDonald, S. E. (2009). Commercial driver's health: A naturalistic study of body mass index, fatigue, and involvement in safety-critical events. *Traffic Injury Prevention*, 10(6), 573-579.

Published Technical Reports

1. Wiegand, D. M., Hanowski, R. J., & McDonald, S. E. (2009). *Commercial driver health and fatigue study*. Report submitted to the National Surface Transportation Safety Center for Excellence. http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/VTTI/reports/Health_and_Fatigue_021109.pdf
2. Wiegand, D. M., McClafferty, J., McDonald, S. E., & Hanowski, R. J. (2009). *Development and evaluation of a naturalistic Observer Rating of Drowsiness protocol*. Report submitted to the National

Surface Transportation Safety Center for Excellence.
http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/VTTI/reports/ORD_Final_Report_022509.pdf

Manuscripts in press

1. **McDonald, S. E.,** Vidacovich, C., Williams, J.H., Ascione, F.R., & Green, K.E. (in press). Validity of the *Children's Treatment of Animals Questionnaire*: A Rasch analysis. *Anthrozoös*.

Published refereed abstracts

1. **McDonald, S. E.,** Thompson, N. E., Scarpa, A., & Van Voorhees, E. E. (2004). Psychophysiological correlates of childhood reactive and proactive aggression. *Psychophysiology*, *41*(Supp), S42.
2. Tanaka, A., **McDonald, S. E.,** Thompson, N. E., Shumate, H., & Scarpa, A. (2004). Autonomic activity and childhood reactive/proactive aggression II: The roles of child and parent anxiety and depression. *Psychophysiology*, *41*(Supp), S42.

Manuscripts in Preparation

1. **McDonald, S. E.,** Haden, S., Blakelock, H., & Ascione, F. (in preparation). Incarcerated men's reports of animal abuse in the context of intimate partner violence.
2. **McDonald, S.,** Hartman, C., Brown, S., Hageman, T., Williams, J. H., & Ascione, F. (in preparation). The predictive impact of witnessing animal abuse on IPV-exposed children's internalizing and externalizing behavior problems.
3. **McDonald, S.,** Hartmann, C., Brown, S., Hageman, T., Williams, J.H., & Ascione, F. (in preparation). The impact of exposure to IPV and concomitant animal abuse on children's internalizing behaviors and trauma symptoms.
4. **McDonald, S.,** & Williams, J. H. (in preparation). Intimate partner violence experiences of women in monoracial ethnic majority, monoracial ethnic minority, and interracial relationships.

Conference Presentations—Peer-reviewed papers

1. **McDonald, S. E.,** & Williams, J. H. (January 2014). *Validity of the Children's Treatment of Animals Questionnaire among youth exposed to intimate partner violence: A Rasch Analysis*. Paper presented at the 18th Annual Program Meeting of the Society for Social Work Research. San Antonio, TX.
2. **McDonald, S. E.,** Ascione, F.R., Williams, J. H., & Brown, S. M. (January 2014). *Anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress among youth exposed to intimate partner violence: The impact of witnessing animal cruelty*. Paper presented at the 18th Annual Program Meeting of the Society for Social Work Research. San Antonio, TX.
3. **McDonald, S. E.,** & Laser, J. A. (January 2014). *Childhood maltreatment, internalizing problems, and delinquency among Korean youth: The buffering effect of perceived neighborhood collective efficacy*. Paper accepted for presentation at the 18th Annual Program Meeting of the Society for Social Work Research. San Antonio, TX.
4. Brown, S. M., **McDonald, S. E.,** Ascione, F., & Williams, J. H. (November 2013). *Socioemotional difficulties of children exposed to intimate partner violence and animal abuse*. Paper presented at the 59th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Dallas, TX.

5. **McDonald, S. E.**, Brown, S. M., Ascione, F., & Williams, J. H. (July 2013). *Children exposed to intimate partner violence and concomitant animal cruelty*. Oral paper presentation given at the 22nd Annual Conference of the International Society for Anthrozoology. Chicago, IL.
6. **McDonald, S. E.**, Brown, S. M., Ascione, F., & Williams, J. H. (April 2013). *Mental health and behavioral correlates of children exposed to intimate partner violence and concomitant animal abuse*. Paper presented at the 3rd International Veterinary Social Work Summit. Knoxville, TN.
7. **McDonald, S. E.**, Garrido, E., Ascione, F., & Taussig, H. (November 2012). *Perpetration of animal abuse by children in out-of-home care*. Paper presented at the 58th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Washington, DC.
8. **McDonald, S. E.**, & Ascione, F. (November 2012). *Animal abuse and family violence: Implications for social work education*. Paper accepted at the 58th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Washington, DC.
9. Ascione, F. R., & **McDonald, S. E.** (March 2011). *Women victims and criminal perpetrators of domestic violence (intimate partner violence): The significance of animal abuse and possible effects on child witnesses*. Invited presentation at the Scienze Criminologiche e Forensi Conference, Mantova, Italy.
10. Wiegand, D. M., Hanowski, R. J., & **McDonald, S. E.** (March 2009). *Using naturalistic driving data to explore the relation of body mass index and fatigued driving among professional truck drivers*. Paper presented by S. McDonald at the International Fatigue Management in Transportation Operations Conference: Boston, MA.
11. Wiegand, D. M., Hanowski, R. J., & **McDonald, S. E.** (August 2008). *Commercial truck drivers' health: Implications for driving performance and fatigue*. Paper presented at the Naturalistic Driving Methods & Analyses Symposium, Blacksburg, VA.

Conference Presentations—Peer-reviewed posters

1. **McDonald, S. E.**, Garrido, E., Ascione, F., & Taussig, H. (January 2012). *Perpetration of Animal Abuse by Maltreated Youth in Out-of-Home Care: Mental Health and Behavioral Correlates*. Poster presented at the 17th Annual Program Meeting of the Society for Social Work Research. San Diego, CA.
2. **McDonald, S. E.**, & Ascione, F. (January 2012). *Incarcerated Men's Reports of Animal Abuse in the Context of Intimate Partner Violence: The Influence of Antisocial Personality Disorder and Childhood Animal Cruelty*. Poster presented at the 17th Annual Program Meeting of the Society for Social Work Research. San Diego, CA.
3. Ascione, F. R., Peak, T. P., **McDonald, S. E.**, & Clark, L. (October 2009). *Animal Welfare Issues and Elder Adult Maltreatment: A National Survey*. Poster presented at the International Society for Anthrozoology/Human Animal Interaction International Conference, Kansas City, MO.
4. **McDonald, S. E.**, Deater-Deckard, K., Petrill, S. A., & Thompson, L. (March 2007). *Genetic and environmental variance in temperament in middle childhood*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Boston, MA.
5. **McDonald, S. E.**, Wolff, J. C., Deater-Deckard, K., & Ollendick, T. H. (March 2007). *Child internalizing problems and achievement: Overprotective parenting as a moderator*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Boston, MA.
6. **McDonald, S. E.**, Nicholson, H. D., Deater-Deckard, K., Petrill, S. A., & Thompson, L. (May 2007). *Nonshared environmental processes: An observational twin study*. Poster presented at the 19th Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science, Washington D.C.

7. **McDonald, S. E., & Scarpa, A.** (May 2006). *Autonomic activity in childhood proactive and reactive aggression: The influence of ADHD-related behavior on heart rate and skin conductance*. Poster presented at the 18th Annual American Psychological Society Convention, New York City, NY.
8. **McDonald, S. E., Haden, S. C. & Scarpa, A.** (May 2006). *Young adults' exposure to community violence: Psychological outcomes of family and stranger violence*. Poster presented at the 18th Annual American Psychological Society Convention, New York City, NY.
9. **McDonald, S. E., Kirkland, J. Z., & Davidson, R. J.** (July 2005). *Pilot of a go/no-go task using novel stimuli*. Poster presented at the 2005 Committee on Institutional Cooperation/ Summer Research Opportunities Program Conference, University of Wisconsin—Madison, Madison, WI.
10. **McDonald, S. E., & Scarpa, A.** (May 2005). *Reactive and proactive aggression differ in autonomic reactivity to provocation*. Poster presented at the 17th Annual American Psychological Society Convention, Los Angeles, CA.
11. **McDonald, S. E., Tyrrell, J. M., Pendleton, D. C., Haden, S. C., & Scarpa, A.** (May 2005). *Psychophysiological correlates of laboratory reactive and proactive aggression*. Poster presented at the 17th Annual American Psychological Society Convention, Los Angeles, CA.
12. Cankaya, B., **McDonald, S. E.** & Clum, G. A. (May 2005) *Young Schema Questionnaire and Dysfunctional Attitudes Scale: A longitudinal study of depression*. Poster presented at the 17th Annual American Psychological Society Convention, Los Angeles, CA.
13. **McDonald, S.E., Pendleton, D.C., Tyrrell, J.M., Haden, S.C., & Scarpa, A.** (March 2005). *Autonomic activity and laboratory proactive and reactive aggression*. Poster presented at the 2005 Southeastern Psychological Association Conference.
14. **McDonald, S. E., Thompson, N. E., Scarpa, A., & Van Voorhees, E. E.** (October 2004). *Autonomic activity and childhood reactive and proactive aggression*. Poster presented at the 44th Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research, Santa Fe, NM.
15. Tanaka, A., **McDonald, S. E., Thompson, N. E., Shumate, H., & Scarpa, A.** (October 2004). *Autonomic activity and childhood reactive/proactive aggression II: The roles of child and parent anxiety and depression*. Poster presented at the 44th annual meeting of the Society for Psychophysiological Research, Santa Fe, NM.
16. **McDonald, S. E., Varga, Z., Van Voorhees, E. E., & Scarpa, A.** (May 2004). *Attention symptomatology in childhood reactive and proactive aggression*. Poster presented at the 16th Annual American Psychological Society Convention, Chicago, IL.
17. **McDonald, S. E., Varga, Z., Scarpa, A., & Van Voorhees, E. E.** (November 2004). *Attentional and conduct problems in childhood proactive and reactive aggression*. Poster presented at the 2004 Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Nashville, TN.

Conference Presentations—Peer-reviewed symposia collaborations

1. American Psychological Association Conference (2014). *The effects of Human-Animal Interaction on protective factors for at-risk children*. Co-discussants: Pendry, P., Gabriels, R., Schuck, S., & O'Haire, M. Washington, DC.
2. Society for Social Work Research Conference (2014). *Key Topics in Human-Animal Interaction (HAI) and Research-Informed Social Work*. Co-discussants: Hoy, J., Komorosky, D., Brown, S., & O'Connor,

A. San Antonio, TX.

Invited Presentations

1. Invited speaker, *Transforming Trauma Conference*, Institute for Human-Animal Interaction, University of Denver, May 2014.
2. Invited panelist for the Domestic Violence Research and Action Coalition (DVRAC) networking event, “Current Intimate Partner Research in Colorado.” September 19, 2013. Denver, CO.

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION GRANTS

1. National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates Grant (2005), The University of Wisconsin—Madison. “*A Go/No-Go Task With Emotional and Non-emotional Stimuli: A Behavioral Pilot and Preliminary fMRI Results.*” (Faculty Sponsor: Richard J. Davidson, PhD; \$5,000).
2. Recipient of a Summer Research NSF Grant for Undergraduates in Biology at the University of Wisconsin—Madison (2005; \$4,000; declined offer).
3. Recipient of the 2005 International Research and Travel Grant for Undergraduates in Personality, Behavior, and Culture at Tartu University in Estonia (\$1000; declined offer).
4. Recipient of the 2005 Summer Scholars Grant at the Center for Pediatric Research, Norfolk, VA (\$2400; declined offer).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2010- 2015: Project Coordinator/Graduate Research Assistant, The University of Denver’s Graduate School of Social Work—Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence Collaboration
R01HD066503: *Women and children exposed to intimate partner violence and concomitant animal abuse*
Responsibilities: Quantitative (SPSS; WINSTEPS; Mplus; AMOS) and qualitative data analysis (ATLAS.ti); database development and management; manuscript writing; instrument and survey protocol development; coordination of data collection at 20+ participating domestic violence shelters; trained survey administrators.
PI: James Herbert Williams, Ph.D. (2013-current); Frank Ascione, Ph.D. (2010-2012)

2010: **Research Intern**, The American Humane Association, Human-Animal Bond Division, Englewood, CO
Research Managed: 1) *Serving those who served us: The effect of animal-assisted therapy on homeless veterans who are experiencing PTSD*; 2) *Lending a helping paw: Examining the effectiveness of animal-assisted therapy with youth who have emotional and behavioral issues*; 3) *The Role of Companion Animals and the Development of Emotional Security for Traumatized Youth*
Responsibilities: grant-writing; independently drafted research proposals; monitored/evaluated data collection sites

2008- 2009: Senior Research Specialist, Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, Blacksburg, VA,
Research Projects: 1) *Special Safety Concerns of School Bus Drivers*; *Case-Control Commercial Driver Individual Differences Study*; 3) *Surface Transportation Safety Center for Excellence*; 4) *Health & Fatigue Project*; 5) *Development and Evaluation of a Naturalistic Observer Rating of Drowsiness (ORD)*
Responsibilities: traveled to off-site locations to manage data collection and trouble-shoot data collection systems; independently drafted research protocols directed at data collection, data

download, data reduction, and data analysis using specialized human factors techniques and methods; assisted with the development of project deliverables, including summarizing results in reports, performing and summarizing literature reviews and other information gathering techniques; supervised, coordinated, and trained junior experimental staff as well as subcontractor staff; recruited, screened, and worked with human subjects.

Director: Richard Hanowski, Ph.D. & Douglas Wiegand, Ph.D.

- 2006-2007: Graduate Research Assistantship**, Individual Differences Across the Lifespan Laboratory, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
Projects managed: 1) *Western Reserve Reading Project: An on-going longitudinal twin study of reading and math skills, cognitive and language abilities, social-emotional development, and the family environment*; 2) *Parent-Child Interaction Coding System: An examination of nonshared environmental influences in social-emotional adjustment in childhood.*
Responsibilities: manuscript writing; conducted statistical analyses using SPSS, SAS, and Excel; Supervised undergraduate and graduate lab members; lab correspondent for sister laboratories.
Director: Kirby Deater-Deckard, Ph.D.
- 2005: NSF/Psi Chi Affective Neuroscience Research Intern**, Waisman Laboratory for Brain Imaging and Behavior, University of Wisconsin—Madison, Madison, WI
Funded Project Title: *A Go/No-Go Task with emotional and non-emotional stimuli: A behavioral pilot and preliminary fMRI results*
Responsibilities: entered and analyzed data; observed fMRI scans; reconstructed fMRI data; utilized SPSS, SAS, AFNI, Linux, Excel and E-Prime to conduct analyses; prepared report for NSF/Psi Chi and faculty at the University of Wisconsin—Madison.
Faculty Sponsor: Richard J. Davidson, Ph.D.
- 2005-2007: Research Assistant**, *Sexual Revictimization Project*, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
Responsibilities: edited surveys; rewrote/restructured clinical interview procedures (SCID-DTREE); conducted clinical interviews and collected physiological measurements with sexual violence survivors; prepared research presentations for conferences.
PI: Angela Scarpa
- 2004-2005: Research Assistant**, *Psychobiological Mechanisms of Aggression in Youth*, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
Responsibilities: trained research assistants; administered surveys and interviews to participants; gathered physiological data (heart rate, skin conductance, and cortisol) from youth previously involved in the juvenile justice system; interpreted statistical analyses (SPSS); prepared a conference presentation.
PIs: Angela Scarpa, Ph.D. & Dr. Sara C. Haden, Ph.D.
- 2004-2005: Research Assistant**, *Cognitive Schemas and Depression*, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
Responsibilities: provided research assistance for a graduate student's dissertation; conducted mood induction procedures; administered surveys to college students; entered and analyzed data (SPSS); prepared and presented a paper on specific schema vulnerabilities and congruent stressors.
PIs: George A. Clum, Ph.D. & Banu Cancaya, Ph.D.
- 2003-2007: Research Assistant**, *Emotional Aggression Lab/Childhood Emotions Project*, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
Responsibilities: assisted with research on psychophysiological profiles that underlie forms of aggression in children; conducted clinical interviews with children and parents (ADIS); administered surveys to children; collected psychophysiological measurements (heart rate, skin conductance, heart rate variability, and cortisol); trained research assistants; research team secretary; analyzed data using SPSS; prepared conference presentations; manuscript writing.
PIs: Angela Scarpa, Ph.D. & Thomas Ollendick, Ph.D.

2004-2005: **Research Assistant**, *Animal-Plant Interactions Lab*, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
Responsibilities: assistant for a research project on the ecological significance of toxic nectar and alkaloid uptake in hemiparasitic plants; entered and analyzed data; performed gas chromatograph data conversions; administered pollination manipulations; took morphology measurements; greenhouse data collection maintenance.

Director: Dr. Lynne Adler (University of Massachusetts—Amherst)

2003: **Research Assistant**, *Social Information Processing, Cortisol Secretion, and Aggression in Adolescents*, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
Responsibilities: provided research assistance for a graduate student's dissertation; interviewed adolescents; administered surveys; collected cortisol samples; entered data (SPSS).

PIs: Angela Scarpa, Ph.D. & Elizabeth E. Van Voorhees, Ph.D.

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Adjunct Professor, University of Denver (DU) Graduate School of Social Work (GSSW).** Courses Taught: *Methods for Evaluating Practice and Programs* (4900; Winter Quarter) and *Applied Practice Evaluation Research* (4901; Spring Quarter), 2013-current.
- **Teaching Practicum, DU GSSW**, Applied Practice Evaluation Research (4901). Prof. Dr. Julie Anne Laser. Spring 2013
- **Teaching Practicum, DU GSSW**, Methods for Evaluating Practice and Programs (4900). Prof. Dr. Julie Anne Laser. Winter 2013
- **Teaching Practicum, DU GSSW**, Building Resilience: Healthy Development in Childhood and Adolescence. Prof. Dr. Julie Anne Laser. Fall 2012
- **Guest Lecturer**, Graduate School of Social Work, The University of Denver, *Domestic Violence*, Prof. Jordan Fox-Kemper. Lectured on the link between intimate partner violence, child maltreatment, and animal abuse in the context of family violence, Winter 2011, Winter 2012.

EDITORIAL SERVICE

- 2013- present: Reviewer, *Social Work Research*
- 2010- present: Reviewer, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*

PRACTICE AND POLICY EXPERIENCE (MSW & Post-MSW)

2012- present: Safehouse Denver Domestic Violence Shelter, Children's Program (volunteer position)

Affiliated Projects & Activities:

-*Kid's Club Trauma Group Volunteer*

-*Homework Helpers Volunteer*

2010- 2011: Graduate School of Social Work—Institute for Human-Animal Connection (DU)

Affiliated Projects & Activities:

Internship: *Creating community-based collaborative research partnerships.*

- In collaboration with Dr. Frank Ascione, the Colorado Coalition for Domestic Violence, and other consultants, I assisted with the submission of an application for research funding to the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to better understand the effects of exposure to both domestic violence and animal abuse on children's mental health.

(R01HD066503)

2009- 2010: Graduate School of Social Work—Institute for Human-Animal Connection (DU)

Affiliated projects and activities:

Internship: *Creating community-based collaborative partnerships to address violence in communities.*

Affiliated Activities: 1) Colorado Coalition for Domestic Violence, Policy Committee (CO Senate Bill 2010-80); 2) The Colorado LINK Violence Animal Abuse Model Community Program Colorado Coalition for Cruelty Prevention (Domestic Violence Subcommittee); 3) Assisted in the preparation of research for the National Adult Protective Services Association related to the continued examination of animal welfare and abuse issues among elder adults.

ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- The Center: Advancing LGBT Colorado, PRIDE Volunteer, 2012-present
- Obama for America, Neighborhood Team Member—City Park West, 2012
- Colorado Alliance for Cruelty Prevention (CACP), 2009-2012
- CACP, Domestic Violence Subcommittee, 2009-2012
- Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence Policy Committee, 2009-2012
- Blacksburg Democratic Headquarters, Calling Center volunteer
 - Obama for America, 2008
 - Hillary Clinton for President, 2008
- Active Minds at Virginia Tech, Promoting Mental Health on Campus, 2005-2007
 - Graduate Student Advisor, 2006-2007*
 - President/Cofounder, 2005-2006*
- Fundraising and volunteer organization for the Koegel Workshop for Autism Awareness
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Organization, registered volunteer, 2004-2007
- Assisted in the organization and execution of the 1st New River Valley Walk Toward Mental Health, 2004
- West End Center for At-risk Youth, volunteer tutor and mentor, 2003
- Watauga County Humane Society, animal care volunteer, 2001-2003
- Brevard Montessori School, classroom and fundraising volunteer, 1998-2009.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Council on Social Work Education
- Society for Research on Child Development
- American Psychological Association
- Society for Social Work Research

Employer Contact Information

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