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**Darren L Whitfield**

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## EDUCATION

University of Denver  
Graduate School of Social Work  
Doctor of Philosophy, June 2016 (expected)

University of Denver  
Graduate School of Social Work  
Masters of Social Work, 2008  
Concentration: Leadership for Community and Organizational Practice

Buena Vista University  
Bachelors of Arts, Social Work, 2007  
Major: Social Work  
Minor: Philosophy and Religion  
Phi Alpha Honor Society

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research focuses on understanding socio-cultural and structural factors that impact the health outcomes for marginalized groups of individuals, particularly the disparity of HIV infections among gay men of color.

## TEACHING INTERESTS

I teach from a critical perspective with an emphasis on practical application of theoretical constructs. It is my goal as an instructor to have students engage in analysis of our current social environment and discuss the discourse regarding privilege in our current systems.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work  
*Principal Investigator, present*  
Conducting an exploratory mixed methods study to identify the factors that influence internalized perceptions of homophobia and internalized perceptions of racism among Black gay men.

Denver Health Department  
*Research Assistant, 2014*  
Assisted principal investigator with data collection for the National HIV Behavioral Surveillance Survey sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on gay and bisexual men and HIV prevention. Lead facilitator of focus groups and individual survey administration.

University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work  
*Graduate Teaching Assistant, present*

Collaborate with research faculty on different research projects by designing research studies, facilitating data collection, conducting data analysis, reviewing existing literature, and preparing manuscripts for publication.

AIDS Project of Central Iowa  
*Contributor, 2011*

Assisted researchers at Emory University to draft questions for study instrument on the risk behaviors for men who have sex with other men to look at the relationship between risky behavior and partner influence.

AIDS Project of Central Iowa  
*Principle Investigator, 2011*

Served as principle investigator in conducting qualitative research on Iowa HIV providers and their engagement with men who have sex with men in their interventions. Developed survey instrument, disseminated instrument, collected data and analyzed data. Created a report on findings for the Iowa Department of Public Health.

AIDS Project of Central Iowa  
*Principle Investigator, 2008 - 2010*

Conducted a program evaluation on effectiveness of Many Men Many Voices, a group level intervention for men who have sex with men of color. Collected data using a validated instrument, ran analysis of the data and presented the findings on effectiveness of intervention.

Colorado Youth Matter  
*Co-principal Investigator, 2008*

Conducted a program evaluation on the effective of Cuidate, a group level HIV/AIDS and STD intervention for adolescent Latino youth in Denver Public School. Collected data using a validated instrument, ran analysis of the data and presented the findings on the effectiveness of the intervention.

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Council on Social Work Education, 2014-2015  
*Minority Fellowship Program, \$22,032*

Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, 2014-2015  
*Walter F LaMendola Pre Doctoral Fellowship, \$16,000*

Center for Multicultural Excellence, University of Denver, 2014-2015  
*Interdisciplinary Research Incubator for the Study of (In)Equality Grant, \$2,000*

Center for Multicultural Excellence, University of Denver,  
*Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, Questioning & Ally Master of (Gr)Advocacy Award, 2014*

Council on Social Work Education, Washington DC  
*Sexual Orientation and Gender Expression (SOGE) Scholarship Award, 2013*

Office of Graduate Studies, University of Denver, 2013 -2014  
*Doctoral Fellowship for Inclusive Engagement, \$1,500*

Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, 2013-2014  
*Graduate Teaching Assistantship, \$16,000 (plus tuition waiver)*

Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, 2012-2013  
*Graduate Teaching Assistantship, \$16,000 (plus full tuition waiver)*

Office of Graduate Studies, University of Denver, 2012  
*Doctoral Fellowship, \$4,500*

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
*Institute of HIV Prevention Leadership Fellowship, 2010*

## **PUBLICATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS**

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### *Publications in Press*

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Walls, N. E., **Whitfield, D. L.**, Ginnett, L., & Al-Tayyib, A. (2014). *National HIV Behavioral Surveillance system: Men who have sex with men (NHBS-MSM4), Primary data report*. Denver, CO: Denver Public Health

**Whitfield, D.L.**, Walls, N. E., Langenderfer Magruder, L., & Clark, B. (2014). Queer is the new Black? Not so much: Racial disparities in anti-GLBTQ discrimination. *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services*, 26, 426 – 440.

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### *Publications accepted – not in press*

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Langenderfer Magruder, L., **Whitfield D. L.**, Walls, N.E., Kattari, S.K., & Ramos, D. (in publication preparation). Experiences of intimate partner violence and subsequent police reporting among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer adults: Comparing rates of cisgender and transgender victimization. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*

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### *Publications under Review*

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Kattari, S. K., Walls, N.E., **Whitfield, D. L.**, & Langenderfer-Magruder, L. (in review). Racial and ethnic differences in experiences of discrimination in accessing health services among transgender people. Manuscript submitted for publication to *International Journal of Transgenderism*.

Kattari, S. K., Walls, N.E., **Whitfield, D. L.**, & Langenderfer-Magruder, L. (in review). Racial and ethnic differences in experiences of discrimination accessing social services among transgender/gender non-conforming people. Manuscript submitted for publication to *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work*.

Langenderfer-Magruder, L., Walls, N.E., Kattari, S.K., **Whitfield, D.L.**, & Ramos, D. (in review). Sexual victimization and subsequent police reporting by gender identity among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer adults. Manuscript submitted for publication to *Violence and Victims*.

Langenderfer-Magruder, L., Walls, N. E., **Whitfield, D. L.**, Brown, S. M., & Barrett, C. (in review). Partner violence among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer youth: Associations among risk factors. Manuscript submitted for publication to *Child and Adolescent Social Work*.

**Whitfield, D. L.**, Walls, N.E., Langenderfer Magruder, L., Kattari, S., & Ramos, D. (in review). *Differential rates of victimization and harassment among transgender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer people*. Manuscript submitted for publication to the *Journal of Homosexuality*.

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*Publications in Progress*

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Kattari, S. K., **Whitfield, D.L.**, Walls, N.E., Clark, B. & Langenderfer, L. Policing gender through housing and employment discrimination: Differential risk within the LGBTQ community. Manuscript submitted for publication to *Journal of Society for Social Work Research*.

Langenderfer-Magruder, L., **Whitfield, D. L.**, Walls, N.E, Kattari, S.K., & Ramos, D. Stalking and police reporting among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning adults: Comparing rates of cisgender and transgender victimization.

**Whitfield, D. L.** “They don’t know understand us”: The impact of race and sexuality on Black gay men.

**Whitfield, D.L.**, Walls, N.E., Kattari, S.K., & Al-Tayyib, A. Grindr, Growler, and on the Hunt: Predictors of Internet and mobile application use among men who have sex with men (MSM)

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**PRESENTATIONS AND TRAININGS**

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*Peer-Reviewed Presentations and Trainings*

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**Whitfield, D.L.**, Kattari, S.K., Langenderfer – Magruder, L. (October 2014). *Differential Treatment of Transgender People in Social Services: A Social Work Response*. Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Tampa, FL.

Kattari, S., Ramos, D., **Whitfield, D. L.**, Walls, N. E., & Langenderfer L. (February 2014). *Examining intersectionality: Different experiences of being LGB and Trans*. Paper accepted for presentation at the annual Colorado Gold Rush Conference. Denver, CO.

Langenderfer, L., **Whitfield, D. L.**, Kim, S., & Walls, N. E. (January 2014). *Intimate partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning Adults: Comparing rates of cis- and transgender victimization*. Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work Research. San Antonio, TX.

**Whitfield, D. L.**, Langenderfer, L., & Walls, N. E. (January 2014). *Discrimination, victimization, and harassment: Intersection of isms on lgbtq people of color*. Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work Research. San Antonio, TX.

**Whitfield, D. L.**, Walls, N. E., Kim, S., & Langenderfer, L. (January 2014). *Silence within a community: Prevalence of discrimination among the “T” in the lgbtq community*. Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work Research. San Antonio. TX.

Langenderfer, L., **Whitfield, D. L.**, Brown, S. (October 2013). *Correlates of partner violence among LGBTQ youth: Does risk beget risk?* Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Dallas, TX.

**Whitfield, D. L.** (September 2013). “What are you into?": *The role of social networking platforms in*

*HIV risk behavior*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association. Denver, CO.

Begun, S., Brown, S., Klawetter, S., Lechuga-Pena, S., & **Whitfield, D. L.** (August 2013). *Isn't it ironic: Grappling with higher education's perpetuation of privilege, power, and oppression differentials*. Workshop presented at the biannual Pedagogy of Privilege Conference. Denver, CO.

**Whitfield, D. L.** (2013, May). *Understanding the whole: The integration of race and sexual orientation*. Paper presented the LGBT Research Symposium. Champaign, IL.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work, Denver, Colorado  
*Adjunct Faculty, 2014*

Human Behavior and the Social Environment

- This foundation course provides an overview of theoretical frameworks for understanding human behavior from a social work perspective. Theories reviewed include the developmental stages across the life cycle in terms of psychological, cognitive, moral, spiritual, identity and social development. Students use theories to understand biopsychosocial components of individual and family development across the life span.

Metropolitan State University of Denver, Department of Social Work, Denver, Colorado  
*Affiliate Faculty, 2014*

Privilege, Oppression, & Power

- This course examines institutionalized oppression and responses to oppression. To prepare students for justice-oriented social work practice in a global environment, the course further examines the perpetuation of privilege, and structural and individual discrimination, and their impacts upon marginalized groups, both nationally and internationally.

University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work, Denver, Colorado  
*Teaching Assistant, 2013*

Human Behavior in the Social Environment

- This foundation course provides an overview of theoretical frameworks for understanding human behavior from a social work perspective. Theories reviewed include the developmental stages across the life cycle in terms of psychological, cognitive, moral, spiritual, identity and social development. Students use theories to understand biopsychosocial components of individual and family development across the life span.

Des Moines Area Community College, Des Moines, Iowa  
*Adjunct Faculty in Sociology, 2010 – 2011*

Marriage and Family

- This course analyzes the sociological, physical, psychological, legal and economic aspects of the American family. Included are investigations of courtship and marriage relationships, preparation for marriage, family, parenthood, interpersonal relationships, and marital adjustments.

Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa  
*Guest Lecturer, 2008 – 2011*

Human Behavior in the Social Environment

- Lecture over social and behavioral theories including ecological perspective, health belief model,

theory of planned behavior, and cognitive learning theory. Class provided theoretical framework and activities designed to engage students in application of theory through group assignments.

#### Social Work Practice I

- Lecture over motivational interviewing. Provided information on developing rapport. Students engaged in an interactive activity to develop psychosocial assessments, building client profiles using Beck's Depression scale, and the acuity scales from different national agencies.

#### Social Work Policy

- Lecture on the impact of public policy on HIV/AIDS prevention and care. Provided theoretical framework of different theories of policy and assigned students projects on application of social justice models to change policy.

Des Moines University, Des Moines, Iowa

*Guest Lecturer, 2008*

#### Survey of Human Health Diseases

- Lecture over the life cycle of HIV/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis. Provided interactive discussion on prevention and care options for individuals impacted by the diseases. Assisted by individuals living with the respective diseases.

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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#### *National Service*

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Council on Social Work Education Annual Meeting Volunteer

International Journal of Social Services Reviewer

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion Reviewer

Youth and Society Reviewer

#### *Institutional Service*

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University of Denver's Student Institutional Review Board Committee Member

#### *Conference, Training, & Symposia Organizing*

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*Pedagogy of Privilege: Transformative Teaching, Research, & Practice*, [conference organizing committee member.] Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, August 5-6, 2013.

### OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kansas City Free Health Clinic, Kansas City, Missouri

*Clinical Coordinator, 2012*

- Conducted one-on-one therapeutic HIV prevention services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS; coordinated outreach-testing services for high-risk men; provided oversight for outreach staff work.

Department of Health, Richmond, Virginia

*HIV Service Coordinator, 2011*

- Provided technical assistance to Ryan White Part B contractors in two jurisdictions; ensured compliance with federal regulations; and monitored service contractor performance and

adherence to contract outcomes.

AIDS Project of Central Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa  
*Prevention Services Supervisor, 2009 – 2011*

- Managed daily departmental operations; generated grant proposals and implemented program objectives; provided leadership for prevention staff members; coordinated program activities

AIDS Project of Central Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa  
*Care Services Supervisor, 2008 – 2009*

- Developed quality assurance measures to ensure compliance with federal regulations; generated grant proposals and reports; provided leadership to case management staff members.

Colorado Youth Matter, Denver, Colorado  
*Social Work Intern, 2007 – 2008*

- Implemented an intervention during replication process for federally funded HIV prevention intervention; coordinated an advocacy event for high school students in the Metro Denver Area; developed a toolkit for parents on discussing sexual health issues with adolescents.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Council on Social Work Education; Minority Fellowship Program Fellow

Council on Social Work Education

Society for Social Work Research

Centers for Disease Prevention and Control; Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership Fellow

Iowa Community Planning Group

Phi Alpha- National Social Work Honor Society

National Association of Social Workers