

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Social Work, May 2010
New York University Silver School of Social Work

M.S., Social Work, Advanced Clinical Practice, 2001
Columbia University School of Social Work

B.A., Sociology, with honors, 1999
Ithaca College

FELLOWSHIPS

Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS) at University College London (UCL), London, United Kingdom, January 2-April 15, 2023

Summer Institute in LGBT Population Health, The Fenway Institute & Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, MA, July 18-August 12, 2011

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

3/2022- *Faculty Affiliate*, Immigrant and Refugee Research Institute, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

7/2011- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ

School of Social Work

MSW Program Director, September 2022-present

Associate Professor (with tenure), July 2017-present,

Assistant Professor, July 2011-June 2017

Courses Taught:

Qualitative Research (PhD)

Theory Development (PhD)

Clinical Social Work I and II (Masters)

Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis (Masters)

Sexual and Gender Diversity in Social Work (Masters)

Rutgers Global Health

March 2021-present, *Core Faculty Member*

Center for Research on Ending Violence

November 2017-present, *Faculty Affiliate*

1/2011-7/2011 *Part-Time Lecturer*, School of Social Work, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

9/2008-12/2010 *Adjunct Instructor*, Graduate School of Social Service, Fordham University

9/2007-12/2010 *Adjunct Instructor*, Silver School of Social Work, New York University

AWARDS & HONORS

2023 Outstanding Reviewer, *Journal of Traumatic Stress* (one of the top reviewers of the year for the journal).

Rutgers University Chancellor's Scholar (2017-2022)—5-year research award (totaling \$25,000) given at tenure to recognize the work of faculty with the potential to conduct outstanding and highly promising research at the Associate Professor level.

2021 *Journal of Social Work Education*'s best qualitative article. (Wagaman, M. A., Alessi, E. J., et al. Interrupting hetero- and cisnormativity in social work programs: LGBTQ+ student strategies for increasing inclusion. *Journal of Social Work Education*, 57, 342-356.)

Rutgers University Presidential Fellowships for Teaching Excellence Award (2017-2018 Trustees Research Incentive Program, \$1000)

Professor of the Year Award—selected by Rutgers School of Social Work students for 4 academic years in a row (2015-16, 2014-15, 2013-14, 2012-13)

Innovative and Creative Teaching Award—selected by Rutgers School of Social Work students for the 2011-12 academic year.

CITATIONS

Beginning in 2010 and as of January 21, 2024, Google h-index = 30. Scopus h-index = 24.

GRANTS PENDING

Title: A Mixed-Methods Study of the Social Ecological and Integration Factors Associated with HIV Prevention Behaviors Among Latino/x Sexual Minority Migrant Men in the U.S. (Resubmission)
Role: MPI (Other PI: Robles, Rutgers School of Social Work)
Funding Source: National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R21MD019227-01A1)
Submitted: 9/7/23
Scored: 11/8/23; Impact: 27; Percentile: 14th (Just-in-Time Information Requested)
Amount: \$275,000 (direct)

GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS

External

Title: InTECHgration: How ICTs Facilitate Integration and Promote the Resilience of Sexual and Gender Minority Emerging Adult Migrants in the United States
Role: PI
Funding Source: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Partnership Grant through the University of Toronto Partnership (S. Craig: PI, Partnership Grant)
Dates: 7/1/20-6/30/21
Amount: \$30,000 (CAD)

Title: How Do Traumatic Events Shape the Decision-Making of LGBTQ Homeless Youth in NYC to Engage in Survival Sex?
Role: PI
Funding Source: National Institute of Justice
Dates: 10/1/18-9/30/19
Amount: \$66,527 (direct)

Title: Advancing Capacity: Behavioral Health in Integrated Primary Care
Role: Co-I (PI: B. Caldwell, Rutgers School of Nursing)
Funding Source: Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA)
Dates: 9/15/17-9/14/21
Amount: \$1,920,000 (direct)

Title: LGBTQ+ Social Work Student Narratives: Identifying Advocacy Strategies to Enhance LGBTQ+ Inclusion
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: A. Wagaman, VCU)
Funding Source: Council on Social Work Education
Dates: 2/1/16-1/31/17
Amount: \$1,600

Internal

Title: The Development of an HIV Prevention Group Intervention for MSM and Transgender Migrants in South Africa
Role: PI
Funding Source: Rutgers Global Health Institute
Dates: 7/1/20-9/30/22
Amount: \$10,000

Title: Raising our Voices: Using Focus Groups to Understand the Experiences of Sexual and Gender Minority Newcomers in South Africa
Role: PI
Funding Source: Rutgers Research Council
Dates: 9/1/2019-8/31/2020
Amount: \$1,800

Title: Do Therapist Affirmative Practices Influence Psychological Well-Being in Sexual Minority Clients?
Role: PI
Funding Source: Rutgers Research Council
Dates: 9/1/16-8/31/17
Amount: \$1,700

Title: Stress, Mental Health, and Resilience among LGBT Forced Migrants in the U.S. and Canada
Role: PI (Collaborator: S. Kahn, McGill University)
Funding Source: Rutgers Centers for Global Advancement and International Affairs (GAIA) International Collaborative Research Grant
Project Dates: 3/9/15-3/8/16
Amount: \$6,000

Title: Determinants of Gay Affirmative Practice among Mental Health Practitioners
Role: PI

Funding Source: Rutgers University Faculty Research Grant Program
Project Dates: 7/1/12-6/30/13
Amount: \$24,000

OTHER RESEACH PARTNERSHIPS

Title: New Center of Excellence on LGBTQ+ Behavioral Health Equity
Role: Consultant (PI: M. Matarese, University of Connecticut)
Funding Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
Dates: 11/1/20-10/31/25

Title: ‘Queery’ing Resilience: Leveraging Information and Communication Technologies to Negotiate Gender and Sexual Minority Youth Identity and Wellbeing Within Diverse Global Contexts
Role: Co-Applicant with others (PI: S. Craig, University of Toronto).
Funding Source: SSHRC 2017 Partnership Grant
Dates: 4/1/18-3/31/25

Title: Toward a Model of Sexual/Gender Identity Acculturation for Sexual and Gender Minority Migrants
Role: Co-Investigator (PI: S. Kahn, McGill University)
Funding Source: SSHRC Insight Development Grant
Dates: 6/1/17-5/31/19

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

(Post-doctoral mentee coauthor.[†] Doctoral student-mentee coauthor.* MSW student-mentee coauthor.**)

Under review

1. **Alessi, E. J.**, Alexander, L.,* Lee, Y. G.,[†] Fletcher, C., Aziz, A., & Zadeh, L. (revise and resubmit) How do legal aid cuts in the United Kingdom impact LGBTQ+ people seeking asylum?: Perspectives from providers and directly affected people. *Sexuality Research & Social Policy*.
2. Chaudhry, A.,* Hebert-Beirne, J., **Alessi, E. J.**, Khuzam, M., Uchechi, M., Molina, Y., Wasfie, D., Fox, S., & Abboud, S. Minority identity stressors on Arab sexual minority women migrants to the United States. *Qualitative Health Research*.
3. Gambir, K., Hutchison, C.,* Alexander, L.,* & **Alessi, E. J.** Are the needs of cisgender, heterosexual men and LGBTIQ+ survivors of sexual violence addressed by humanitarian service delivery and funding priorities?: A scoping review. *Global Public Health*.

Published

1. Alexander, L.,* & **Alessi, E. J.** (2023). A critical review of the conceptualization of empathy: Toward a deeper understanding for clinical social work practice. *Clinical Social Work Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10615-023-00912-z>
2. Chaudhry, A.,* Abboud, S., Hanneke, R., **Alessi, E. J.**, Mitchell, U., Molina, Y., Chelbi, P., & Hebert-Beirne, J. (2024). The health needs of sexual and gender minority migrant women to the United States: A scoping review. *LGBT Health, 11*, 1-19.
3. **Alessi, E. J.**, Lee, Y. G.,[†] Chikalogwe Pilirani, V., Tarusarira, W., Raymond, H., Lynn, M.,** & Kahn, S. (2023). Pilot study of an arts and theatre-based HIV prevention intervention for

cisgender men who have sex with men and transgender women migrants in South Africa: Acceptability, feasibility, and preliminary efficacy. *Health Education Research*, 38, 392-411.

4. **Alessi, E. J.**, Kahn, S., Ast, R.,* Cheung, S. P.,* Lee, E. O. J., & Kim, H. (2023). Learning from practitioners serving LGBTQ+ forced migrants and other diverse groups: Implications for a culturally-informed, affirmative practice. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, 14, 609-631. (first two authors names listed alphabetically—equal authorship.)
5. Lee, Y. G.,[†] **Alessi, E. J.**, Lynn, M.,** Starks, T. J., & Robles, G. (2023). Everyday discrimination and HIV testing among partnered Latino/x sexual minority men in the United States: A stratified analysis by birth location. *AIDS Education and Prevention*, 35, 376-389.
6. Cheung, S.,* **Alessi, E. J.**, Kahn, S., & Chikalogwe, V. P. (2023). ‘The sky is the limit. So I just hope, one day, I will reach my destiny:’ Hope, uncertainty, and disillusionment among LGBTQ+ migrants in South Africa. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 46, 2192-2219.
7. **Alessi, E. J.**, Cheung, S.,* Sarna, V., Dentato, M. P., Eaton, A., & Craig, S. L. (2023). Experiences of COVID-19 pandemic-related stress among sexual and gender minority emerging adult migrants in the United States. *Stress & Health*, 39, 414-428.
8. **Alessi, E. J.**, & Kahn, S. (2023). Toward a trauma-informed qualitative research approach: Guidelines for ensuring the safety and promoting the resilience of research participants. *Qualitative Research in Psychology*, 1, 121-154. (first two authors names listed alphabetically—equal authorship.)
9. Austin, A., Dentato, M. P., Holzworth, J., Ast, R.,* Verdino, A. P., **Alessi, E. J.**, Craig, S. L., & Eaton, A. D. (2023). Artistic expression as a source of resilience for transgender and gender diverse young people. *Journal of LGBT Youth*, 20, 301-325.
10. **Alessi, E. J.**, Cheung, S.,* Dentato, M. P., Eaton, A., & Craig, S. L. (2022) A qualitative exploration of information and communication technology use among LGBTQ+ emerging adult migrants before and after arrival in the United States. *Emerging Adulthood*, 10, 978-992.
11. **Alessi, E. J.**, Kahn, S., Giwa, S., & Cheung, S.* (2022). “Those tablets, they are finding an empty stomach.” A qualitative investigation of HIV risk among sexual and gender minority migrants in Cape Town, South Africa. *Ethnicity & Health*, 27, 800-816.
12. **Alessi, E. J.**, Caldwell, B., Zazzarino, A. S., Greenfield, B.,* & Findley, P. (2022). ‘You just really have to assert yourself.’ Social work, nursing, and rehabilitation counseling student experiences of interprofessional practice before and after the immediate start of COVID-19. *BMC Health Services Research*, 22, 88. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12913-022-07465-w>
13. **Alessi, E. J.**, Hutchison, C.,* & Kahn, S. (2022) Understanding COVID-19 through a complex trauma lens: Implications for effective psychosocial responses. *Social Work*, 67, 79-87.
14. **Alessi, E. J.**, Cheung, S.,* Kahn, S., & Yu, M.* (2021). A scoping review of the experiences of violence and abuse among sexual and gender minority migrants across the migration trajectory. *Trauma, Violence & Abuse*, 22, 1339-1355.

15. **Alessi, E. J.**, Greenfield, B.,* Manning, D.,** & Dank, M. (2021). Victimization and resilience among sexual and gender minority homeless youth engaging in survival sex. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *36*, 11236-11259.
16. Babel, R. A.,* Wang, P., **Alessi, E. J.**, Raymond, H. F., & Wei, C. (2021). Stigma, HIV risk, and access to HIV prevention and treatment services among men who have sex with men (MSM) in the United States: A scoping review. *AIDS and Behavior*, *25*, 3574-3604.
17. Burgess, A.,* Potocky, M., & **Alessi, E. J.** (2021). A preliminary framework for understanding suicide risk in LGBTQ refugees and asylum seekers. *Intervention*, *19*, 187-196.
18. Caldwell, B., **Alessi, E. J.**, DiGiulio, M., Findley, P., Oursler, J. & Wagner, M. (2021). Integrating behavioral health into primary care: The role of psychiatric nursing in the development of the interprofessional team. *Issues in Mental Health Nursing*, *42*, 758-767.
19. Wieland, R.** & **Alessi, E. J.** (2021). Do the challenges of LGBTQ asylum applicants under 'Dublin' register with the European Court of Human Rights? *Social & Legal Studies*, *30*, 405-425.
20. Giwa, S., **Alessi, E. J.**, Carlson-Strain, M., & Mullings, D. V. (2021). Are we meeting the needs of racialized LGBTQ immigrants and refugees in Newfoundland and Labrador? Findings from a preliminary stakeholders' consultation. *International Journal of Social Welfare*, *30*, 342-352.
21. **Alessi, E. J.**, Greenfield, B.,* Yu, M.,* Cheung, S.,* Giwa, S., & Kahn, S. (2021). Family, friendship, and strength among LGBTQ+ migrants in Cape Town, South Africa: A qualitative understanding. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, *38*, 1941-1960.
22. **Alessi, E. J.**, Greenfield, B.* , Kahn, S., & Woolner, L. (2021). (Ir)reconcilable identities: Stories of religion and faith for sexual and gender minority refugees who fled from the Middle East, North Africa, and Asia to the European Union. *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*, *13*, 175-183.
23. Greenfield, B.,* **Alessi, E. J.**, Manning, D.,** Dato, C.,** & Dank, M. (2021). Learning to endure: A qualitative examination of the protective factors of homeless gender minority youth engaged in survival sex. *International Journal of Transgender Health*, *22*, 316-329.
24. Wagaman, M. A., **Alessi, E. J.**, Goffnett, J., Watts, K., Iacono, G., Thomas, D., Pacey, M., & Craig, S. L (2021). Interrupting hetero- and cisnormativity in social work programs: LGBTQ+ student strategies for increasing inclusion. *Journal of Social Work Education*, *57*, 342-356.
25. Acevedo, S., Rivera, O., Potocky, M., Naseh, M., **Alessi, E. J.**, & Burgess, A (2020). Creating welcoming communities for LGBTQ migrants through living room-style chats. *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work*, *29*, 244-249.
26. **Alessi, E. J.**, Kahn, S., Greenfield, B.* , Woolner, L., & Manning, D.** (2020). A qualitative exploration of the integration experiences of LGBTQ refugees who fled from the Middle East,

North Africa, and Central and South Asia to Austria and the Netherlands. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 17, 13-26.

Coverage: Mentioned as a resource in UNHCR's LGBTIQ+ Refugees Integration Handbook (under mental health and psychosocial well-being)
<https://www.unhcr.org/handbooks/ih/age-gender-diversity/lgbtiq-refugees>

27. Alessi, E. J., Dillon, F. R., & Van Der Horn, R.** (2019). The therapeutic relationship mediates the association between affirmative practice and psychological well-being among lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer clients. *Psychotherapy*, 56, 229-240.
28. Alessi, E. J., & Kahn, S. (2019). Using psychodynamic interventions to engage in trauma-informed practice. *Journal of Social Work Practice*, 33, 27-39.
29. Alessi, E. J., Kahn, S., Woolner, L., & Van Der Horn, R.** (2018). Traumatic stress among sexual and gender minority refugees from the Middle East, North Africa, and Asia who fled to the European Union. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 31, 805-815.

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<https://www.unhcr.org/handbooks/ih/age-gender-diversity/lgbtiq-refugee>

30. Kahn, S., Alessi, E. J., Kim, H., Olivieri, C., & Woolner, L. (2018). Facilitating mental health support for LGBT forced migrants in Canada: A qualitative inquiry. *Journal of Counseling & Development*, 96, 316-326.
31. Kahn, S. & Alessi, E. J. (2018). Coming out under the gun: Exploring the psychological dimensions of seeking refugee status for LGBT claimants in Canada. *Journal of Refugee Studies*, 31, 22-41.

Coverage: Article in this issue was selected as "Editor's Choice." Free access provided.
<https://blog.oup.com/2018/06/lgbt-refugee-seeking-asylum/>

32. Alessi, E. J., & Kahn, S. (2017). A framework for clinical practice with sexual and gender minority asylum seekers. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*, 4, 383-391. (names listed alphabetically—equal authorship)
33. Kahn, S., Alessi, E., Kim, H., Olivieri, C., & Woolner, L. (2017). Promoting the wellbeing of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender forced migrants in Canada: Providers' perspectives. *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, 19, 1165-1179.
34. Craig, S. L., Austin, A., & Alessi, E. J., McInroy, L., & Keane, G. (2017). Minority stress and HEROic coping among ethnoracial lesbian and bisexual female adolescents: Intersections of resilience. *Journal of Adolescent Research*, 32, 614-641.
35. Alessi, E. J., Kahn, S., & Van Der Horn, R.** (2017). A qualitative exploration of the premigration adult victimization experiences of sexual and gender minority refugees and asylees in the United States and Canada. *The Journal of Sex Research*, 54, 936-948.
36. Alessi, E. J., Sapiro, B.,* Kahn, S., & Craig, S. L. (2017). The first-year university experience for sexual minority students: A grounded theory exploration. *Journal of LGBT Youth*, 14, 71-92.

37. Austin, A., Craig, S. L., & **Alessi, E. J.** (2017). Cognitive behavioral therapy with transgender adults. *Psychiatric Clinics of North America*, 40, 141-156.
38. **Alessi, E. J.** (2016). Resilience in sexual and gender minority forced migrants: A qualitative analysis. *Traumatology*, 22, 203-213.
39. **Alessi, E. J.**, Dillon, F. R., & Kim, H. M.* (2016). Therapist correlates of attitudes toward sexual minority individuals, affirmative counseling self-efficacy, and beliefs about affirmative practice. *Psychotherapy Research*, 26, 446-458.
40. **Alessi, E. J.**, Kahn, S., & Chatterji, S.* (2016). 'The darkest times of my life': Recollections of child abuse among forced migrants persecuted because of their sexual orientation and gender identity. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 51, 93-105.

Coverage: U.S. News & World Report, mycentraljersey.com (Gannett), Philadelphia Inquirer, Daily Targum

Feature story: (Northeastern Public Radio) <http://academicminute.org/2016/03/edward-alessi-rutgers-university-lgbt-migrants/>

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42. Windsor, L., Jemal, A.* & **Alessi, E. J.** (2015). Cognitive behavioral therapy: A meta-analysis of race and substance use outcomes. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 21, 300-313.
43. Dillon, F. R., **Alessi, E. J.**, Craig, S. L., Ebersole, R. C., Kumar, S. M., & Spadola, C. (2015). Development of the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Affirmative Counseling Self-Efficacy Inventory-Short Form (LGB-CSI-SF). *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*, 2, 86-95.
44. **Alessi, E. J.** (2014). A framework for incorporating minority stress theory into treatment with sexual minority clients. *Journal of Gay & Lesbian Mental Health*, 18, 47-66.
45. **Alessi, E. J.** (2013). Acknowledging the impact of social forces on sexual minority clients: Introduction to the special issue on clinical practice with LGBTQ populations. *Clinical Social Work Journal*, 41, 223-227.
46. Craig, S. L., Austin, A., & **Alessi, E.** (2013). Gay affirmative cognitive behavioral therapy for sexual minority youth: Clinical adaptations and approaches. *Clinical Social Work Journal*, 41, 258-266.
47. **Alessi, E. J.**, Martin, J. I., Gyamerah, A., & Meyer, I. H. (2013). Prejudice events and traumatic stress among heterosexuals and lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma*, 22, 510-526.
48. **Alessi, E. J.**, Meyer, I. H., & Martin, J. I. (2013). PTSD and sexual orientation: An examination of criterion A1 and non-Criterion A1 events. *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy*, 5, 149-157.

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50. Alvarez, M. B., & Alessi, E. J. (2012). Human trafficking is more than sex trafficking: Implications for social work. *Affilia—Feminist Inquiry in Social Work, 27*, 142-152.
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53. Grossman, A. H., Haney, A. P., Edwards, P., Alessi, E. J., Ardon, M., & Howell, T. J. (2009). LGBT youth talk about experiencing and coping with school violence: A qualitative study. *Journal of LGBT Youth, 6*, 24-46.
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BOOK CHAPTERS

Under Review

1. Alessi, E. J., Kahn, S., & Lee, Y.G.[†] Applying a disaster justice lens to LGBTQ+ refugees in humanitarian crises. In D. Dominey-Howes et al. (Eds.). *Hazards, disasters, climate change and sexual and gender diversity*. Routledge.

Published

1. Alessi, E. J., Kahn, S., Lee, E. O. J., & Cheung, S.* (2022). Sexual and gender minority migrants. In M. P. Dentato (Ed.), *Social work practice with the LGBTQ community: The intersection of history, health, mental health and policy factors* (2nd ed.) (pp. 497-514). Oxford University.
2. Alessi, E. J., Hartman, E., & Cheung, S.* (2022). Incorporating minority stress theory into clinical practice with sexual minority populations. In M. P. Dentato (Ed.), *Social work practice with the LGBTQ community: The intersection of history, health, mental health and policy factors* (2nd ed.) (pp. 302-323). Oxford University.
3. Lee, E. O. J., Kahn, S., Alessi, E. J., & Leon, A. (2020). The mental health of sexual and gender minority immigrants and refugees. In E. Rothblum (Ed.), *Oxford handbook of sexual and gender minority mental health* (pp. 257-268). Oxford University.

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5. Craig, S. L., Austin, A., & Alessi, E. J. (2019). Cognitive behavioral therapy for LGBT youth mental health. In J. Pachankis & S. Safren (Eds.), *The handbook of evidence-based mental health practice with LGBT clients* (pp. 25-50). Oxford University.
6. Alessi, E. J., Kahn, S., & Chatterji, S., & Manning, D. (2019). A qualitative exploration of the child abuse experiences of sexual and gender minority refugees and asylees in the United States and Canada. In A. Guler, D. Venturi, & M. Shevtsova (Eds.), *LGBTI asylum seekers and refugees from a legal and political perspective: Persecution, asylum and integration* (pp. 31-47). Springer International. (partial adaptation of Alessi, E. J., Kahn, S., & Chatterji, S. (2016). 'The darkest times of my life': Recollections of child abuse among forced migrants persecuted because of their sexual orientation and gender identity. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 51, 93-105.)
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10. Alvarez, M. B., & Alessi, E. J. (2013). Developing a critical understanding of human trafficking: A primer for social workers. In J. L. Finn, T. Perry, & S. Karandikar (Eds.) *Gender oppression and globalization: Challenges for social work* (pp. 27-56). Council on Social Work Education.

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TECHNICAL REPORTS AND POLICY BRIEFS

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DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Chair

Lillian Alexander, Rutgers University School of Social Work. *Understanding empathy avoidance in mental health practitioners: Development of a self-report measure*. Proposal in preparation.

Courtney Hutchison, Rutgers University School of Social Work. *Setting boundaries with intimate partners: The development and validation of a trauma-informed measure of romantic relationship boundaries in young adults*. Defended proposal May 2022.

Brett Greenfield, Rutgers University School of Social Work. *An exploration of attachment styles and parental identity among individuals in same-sex relationships who adopt a child from the public child welfare system*. Defended dissertation January 2023.

Committee Member

Rutgers Students

Lena Obara, Rutgers University School of Social Work. *An exploration of coping among refugee women in Kenya who have experienced gender-based violence (GBV)*. Proposal in process.

Lauren Manley, Rutgers University School of Social Work. *Experiences and service needs of woman student veterans with military-sexual-assault associated PTSD*. Proposal in process.

Jordan Goodwin, Rutgers University School of Social Work. *Homeless experiences of LGBTQ youth: A strengths-based Exploration of social Networks and service access*. Proposal in process.

Shannon Cheung, Rutgers University School of Social Work. *Research the players, not the game: An intersectional investigation of the relations among on/offline violence perpetration and victimization among people who play video games*. Proposal in process.

Melanie Yu, Rutgers University School of Social Work. *Refugee reciprocity as a critical apparatus*

for reimagining resettlement work: A qualitative examination of refugee reciprocity and solidarity. Defended proposal October 2023 .

Esther Bennett, Rutgers University School of Social Work. *College sexual violence related PTSD and underlying neural networks in response to MAP training.* Defended proposal May 2023.

Stephen G. Breun, Rutgers University Graduate School of Education (Ed.D). *At the intersection of LGBTQIA+ and ADHD.* Defended proposal April 2023.

Alicia Mendez, Rutgers University School of Social Work. *The intergenerational transmission of child sexual abuse: An exploration of family stories between mother and daughter.* Defended dissertation December 2023.

Roxanna Ast, Rutgers University School of Social Work. *Experience(s) and impact(s) of intimate partner violence among LGBTQ survivors in the United States: A mixed methodology approach.* Defended dissertation December 2022.

Riddhi Ashok Babel, Rutgers University School of Public Health, Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology. *Experiences of stigma and the risk of HIV and other HIV-related outcomes among men who have sex with men (MSM) in the United States.* Defended dissertation November 2021.

James Fedor, Rutgers University School of Social Work. *Exploring the attitudes, knowledge, and skills of victim advocates regarding lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning victims of crime: A qualitative study.* Defended dissertation September 2017.

Heather Harcourt, Rutgers University School of Social Work. *Judging failures in moral development: The classification of antisocial behavior.* Defended dissertation April 2013.

Students at Other Universities

Aeysha Chaudry, University of Illinois—Chicago, Department of Community Health Sciences. *Exploring the mental health needs of migrant sexual and gender minority women to the United States.* Defended dissertation January 2024.

Tin D. Vo, Wilfrid Laurier University School of Social Work. *Exploring climate, wellbeing, resilience, and resistance in 2SLGBTQ+ leisure spaces: A mixed methods study to advance inclusion.* External Examiner. Defended dissertation August 2022.

Tanzilya Owen, Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service. *Deploying social capital and challenging the system: Examining the lived experience of survival and community mobilization of Russian-speaking LGBT refugees in the U.S.* Defended dissertation May 2022.

Sonjani Zolani, University of Fort Hare, Department of Social Work/Social Development. *Attitudes of traditional male circumcision stakeholders on Xhosa gays undertaking the rite in Mdantsane and New Brighton, Eastern Cape.* External examiner (Reader). Completed September 2021.

Aaron Burgess, Florida International University—Robert Stempel College of Public Health & Social work. *An exploration of suicidality and distress in LGBTQ refugees and asylum seekers.* Defended dissertation March 2021.

MASTER'S THESES/PHD QUALIFYING EXAMS (Students at Other Universities)

Kelsey Braun, Department of Psychology, East Tennessee State University. *Approaching sexual minority stress through an intersectional lens*. External examiner. Reviewed preliminary paper as part of requirements for PhD candidacy, September 2020.

Karen Rabello Ferraz, Department of Psychology, University of Oslo. *Eudaimonic well-being and social support for queer migrants*. External examiner, defended August 2020.

Emily Cox, Department of Psychology, Wilfrid Laurier University. *Well-being, discrimination, and self-management among racialized LGBTQ+ newcomers living in Waterloo Region, Ontario*. External examiner, defended June 2020.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Keynote

Alessi, E. J. (2023, April). *Intersectional, Trauma-Informed Qualitative and Mixed Method Research with Hypermarginalized LGBTQ+ individuals: Opportunities, Challenges, and Future Directions*. Keynote Speaker at Life Path Research's ResilienceCon 2023, Nashville, Tennessee.

International

Using Qualitative Research and Arts- and Theatre-Based Methods to Engage, Develop, and Pilot Test a Group HIV-Prevention Intervention for Sexual and Gender Minority Migrants in Cape Town, South Africa. Presentation for NTU School of Psychology, School of Social Sciences, Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, UK—February 2023.

From Community Entry to Intervention Development: Migration, Trauma, and Sexual Health among Migrants Identifying as Cisgender Gay/Bisexual Men and Transgender Women in Cape Town. Presentation for the Centre for Migration and Diaspora Studies, SOAS, London—January 2023.

Experiences of Sexual Violence among Cisgender Gay/Bisexual and Gender-Diverse Individuals in Pre- and Post-Migration Contexts: Using Multi-Method Research to Generate Practice Recommendations for Treating Trauma and Promoting Resilience. Symposium: CRSV against men and boys. Department of Medical Psychology and Medical Sociology at the University of Leipzig, Hannover, Germany—October 2022.

Identifying and Addressing the Mental and Psychosocial Needs of LGBTQ+ Migrants Across the Migration Trajectory. World Pride 2021 Refugee, Borders, and Immigration Summit. Copenhagen, Denmark/ Malmö, Sweden—August 2021 (online).

A Qualitative Investigation of HIV risk among SGM migrants connected to community services in Cape Town, South Africa. SSHRC-funded International Queer Youth's Resilience International Student Training Network—March 2020.

Trauma and Stress Experienced by LGBTI Refugees and Migrants Before, During, and After Flight. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Geneva, Switzerland—September 2018.

Fostering Belonging and Community among Sexual and Gender Minority Refugees in the European Union. Co-presented with Queer Base (Vienna) at the European Agency for Fundamental Rights Annual Conference. Vienna, Austria—September 2018.

(Selected) National

Trauma-Informed Qualitative Interviewing. ResilienceCon 2023—Life Paths Research Center, Nashville, Tennessee—April 2023.

A Framework for Clinical Practice with LGBTQ+ Asylum Seekers—New Center of Excellence on LGBTQ+ Behavioral Health Equity (University of Maryland School of Social Work)—January 2022.

Trauma, Minority Stress and its Mental Health Impacts on LGBTQ+ People—Society of Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurses of NJ Fall 2021 Conference (Societal Issues and Mental Health Interventions)—November 2021.

Promoting Mental Health and Resilience of SGM Newcomers in Community Settings—Interfaith-Rise, Highland Park, New Jersey—July 2021.

LGBTQ+ Individuals: Progress Made and Challenges Ahead—Nestle Health Sciences, North America, Bridgewater, New Jersey—May 2021.

Minority Stress and its Mental Health Impacts on LGBTQ+ People—New Center of Excellence on LGBTQ+ Behavioral Health Equity (University of Maryland School of Social Work)—May 2021.

Identifying and Addressing Social and Health Inequalities among LGBTQ+ Migrants. Center for LGBTQ+ Health Equity, USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work—March 2021.

A Framework for Clinical Practice with LGBTQ+ Asylum Seekers: Bridging the Research-Practice Gap. American Psychological Association’s Division 44 Webinar Series—April 2020.

Trauma, Mental Health, Social Integration, and Resilience among Sexual and Gender Minority Refugees. Florida International University’s (FIU) School of Social Work at Robert Stempel College Doctoral Program Colloquium Series—February 2019.

Traumatic Stress among LGBTQ Migrants. Arizona State University’s InQueery—an interdisciplinary collaborative that aims to enhance the field of study related to sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression—November 2018.

Trauma and LGBTQ People: Assessment and Intervention. Lehman College Department of Social Work—November 2018.

Refugees Like and Unlike Other Refugees: Traumatic Experiences of LGBTQ+ Individuals from MENA and Asia who Migrated to the E.U.— Silver School of Social Work and Hochschule RheinMain Summer School (Human Rights and Social Justice in Social Work Research and Practice: Perspectives from Germany and the USA)—July 2018.

Trauma in the LGBT Community—Hackensack University Medical Center—March 2016.

Incorporating Minority Stress Theory into Practice with Sexual Minority Populations—Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies: 2015 Summer School of Addiction Studies—July 2015.

Examining Trauma in the LGBT Community—New York University Silver School of Social Work & Institute for Community Living’s Pride to Prejudice Conference—June 2015.

LGBT-Affirmative Clinical Practice with LGBTQ Youth—Community Treatment Solutions, Moorestown, New Jersey—January 2014.

Training Supervisors to Recognize and Prevent Racial and Sexual Orientation Microaggressions in the Workplace—Clinical Work with the Corporate Employee, Institute for Families—Rutgers University School of Social Work—June 2012.

Trauma-Informed Clinical Practice with LGB Populations—Third Annual Psychiatric Nursing Update, Bergen Regional Medical Center—May 2012.

Conceptual and Diagnostic Issues Related to Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: Implications for DSM-5 and Clinical Practice—Rutgers University School of Social Work Continuing Education Event—February 2012.

JURIED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

International

Alessi, E. J., Alexander, L.,* Lee, Y. G. † Lynn, M.,** Aziz, A., Fletcher, C., & Zadeh, L. (2023, November). *How do legal aid cuts in the UK impact LGBTQ+ people seeking asylum?: Perspectives from providers and directly affected people.* Paper presentation at the 1st Queer(ying) Asylum Symposium. The University of Nottingham, Nottingham, England.

Alessi, E. J., Kahn, S., Lee, Y. G., † Tarusarira, W., & Chikalogwe Pilirani, V. (2023, November). *The use of arts- and theatre-based methods to facilitate sexual health and wellness for gay/bisexual men and transgender women migrants in Cape Town, South Africa: Preliminary findings from Externalize and Mobilize!* Paper presentation at the 1st Queer(ying) Asylum Symposium. The University of Nottingham, Nottingham, England.

Alessi, E. J., Cheung, S.,* Greenfield, B.,* Yu, M.,* Giwa, S., & Kahn, S. (2021, July). *Family, friendship, and strength among LGBTQ+ migrants in Cape Town, South Africa: A qualitative understanding.* Paper presentation at the 2021 Migration Conference, London, England. [online]

Alessi, E. J. (2020, July). *Sex work and HIV risk among SGM migrants in Cape Town.* Paper presentation at the International LGBTQ Psychology Conference: Preaching to the Choir, Prague. [conference canceled]

Kahn, S., & Alessi, E. J. (2018, July). *Crossing boundaries, crossing borders: Forced migration and resettlement for queer refugees: Parts I and II.* Panel co-organizers for the 17th International Association for the Study of Forced Migration Conference, Thessaloniki, Greece.

Alessi, E. J. (2018, July). *‘If you are not mentally good, everything will seem not livable’: An examination of the mental health of LGBTQ refugees and asylum seekers in Austria and the Netherlands.* Paper presentation at the 17th International Association for the Study of Forced Migration Conference, Thessaloniki, Greece.

Alessi, E. J., & Wieland, R.** (2018, July). *Understanding the Dublin Regulation: Tracking the lived experiences of ‘Dublin’ for queer asylum seekers.* Paper presentation at the 17th International Association for the Study of Forced Migration Conference, Thessaloniki, Greece.

Alessi, E. J. (2018, June). *Contemporary directions in LGBT-affirmative psychotherapy: An examination of group approaches as well as the mechanisms of change.* Panel organizer for the Society for Psychotherapy Research 49th International Annual Meeting, Amsterdam.

- Alessi, E. J., & Dillon, F. R., & Austin, A. (2018, June). *The therapeutic relationship mediates the relation between LGB-affirmative practice and psychological well-being*. Paper presentation at the Society for Psychotherapy Research 49th International Annual Meeting, Amsterdam.
- Alessi, E. J., Dentato, M. P., Austin, A., & Craig, S. C. (2018, June). *The mental health treatment needs of hypermarginalized LGBT clients*. Structured discussion at the Society for Psychotherapy Research 49th International Annual Meeting, Amsterdam.
- Kahn, S., & Alessi, E. J. (2016, July). *LGBTQ forced migrants – Considering extraordinary events and everyday activities in protection and settlement*. Panel organizers for the 16th International Association for the Study of Forced Migration Conference, Poznań, Poland.
- Alessi, E. J. (2016, July). *Violence, victimization, and mental health: A qualitative study of LGBT refugees and asylees in the US and Canada pre- and post-migration*. Paper presentation at the 16th International Association for the Study of Forced Migration Conference, Poznań, Poland.
- Alessi, E. J., Dillon, F. R., & Kim, M. S.* (2014, June). *Using social cognitive theory to understand determinants of lesbian and gay affirmative practice among heterosexual therapists*. Paper presentation at the Society for Psychotherapy Research 45th International Annual Meeting, Copenhagen.
- Dillon, F. R., Alessi, E. J., Craig, S. L., Ebersole, R. C., Kumar, S. M., & Spadola, C. (2015, August). *Developing the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Affirmative Counseling Self-Efficacy Inventory - Short Form (LGB-CSI-SF)*. Poster presentation at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Toronto, Canada.
- Alessi, E. J., Dillon, F. R., & Kim, M. S.* (2013, June). *Determinants of gay affirmative psychotherapy among therapists practicing in the United States*. Paper presentation at the 1st International Conference on LGBT Psychology and Related Fields, Lisbon, Portugal.

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- Lee, Y. G.,[†] Alessi, E. J., Lynn, M.,** Starks, T., & Robles, G (2024, January). Everyday discrimination and HIV testing among partnered Latino/x sexual minority men in the United States: A stratified analysis by birth location, Paper presentation at the Society of Social Work and Research 28th Annual Conference, Washington DC.
- Lee, Y. G.,[†] Chikalogue Pilirani, V., Tarusarira, W., Raymond, H., Lynn, M.,** Kahn, S., & Alessi, E. J. (2024, January). Pilot study of an arts and theatre-based HIV prevention intervention for sexual and gender minority migrants in South Africa: Acceptability, feasibility, and preliminary efficacy. Paper presentation at the Society of Social Work and Research 28th Annual Conference, Washington DC.
- Chaudhry, A.,* Abboud, S., Hanneke, R., Alessi, E. J., Mitchell, U., Molina, Y., Chelbi, P., & Hebert-Beirne, J. (2023, November). Exploring the mental health and healthcare seeking of Arab sexual minority women (SMW) migrants to the United States. Poster presentation at the 2023 Annual Conference of The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS), New Orleans.
- Chaudhry, A.,* Abboud, S., Hanneke, R., Alessi, E. J., Mitchell, U., Molina, Y., Chelbi, P., & Hebert-Beirne, J. (2023, November). Exploring the mental health and healthcare seeking of Arab sexual

minority women (SMW) migrants to the United States: A qualitative study. Paper presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta.

Cheung, S.,* Alessi, E. J., Dentato, M. P., Eaton, A., & Craig, S.L. (2023, January). Recommendations for leveraging information and communication technology use among LGBTQ+ emerging adult migrants to improve U.S. migration processes. 2023 Policy Studies Organization Dupont Summit on Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy. Washington DC.

Craig, S. L., Eaton, A. D., Lozano-Verduzco, I., Austin, A., McInroy, L., & Alessi, E. J. (2022, January). Exploring visual methods in technology-mediated qualitative studies: Conceptualizing resilience in research with diverse sexual and gender minority youth. Symposium at the Society of Social Work and Research 26th Annual Conference, Washington DC. [Not presented due to COVID-19]

Cheung, S.,* Alessi, E. J., Ast, R.,* Greenfield, B.,* Sarna, V.,** Craig, S., & Eaton, A. (2022, January). InTECHgration: Sexuality and gender minority emerging adult migrants' social media and integration experiences in the United States. Paper presentation at the Society of Social Work and Research 26th Annual Conference, Washington DC. [Not presented due to COVID-19]

Alessi, E. J., Cheung, S.,* Kahn, S., & Yu, M.* (2021, November). *Scoping review of pre- and post-migration violence and abuse among SGM migrants: Implications for practice, policy, and research*. Paper presentation at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies 37th Annual Meeting. [online]

Greenfield, B.,* Alessi, E. J., & Dank, M. (2021, January). *Learning to endure: A qualitative examination of the protective factors of homeless gender minority youth and emerging adults engaged in survival sex*. Paper presentation at the Society of Social Work and Research 25th Annual Conference [online].

Alessi, E. J., Kahn, S., & Giwa, S. (2021, January). *"You have been left with no option of saying no to without protection:" HIV risk among sexual and gender minority migrants in Cape Town, South Africa*. Paper presentation at the Society of Social Work and Research 25th Annual Conference [online].

Craig, S. L., Eaton, A. D., Alessi, E. J., McDermott, D. T., McInroy, L. B., Lozano-Verduzco, I., Dentato, M. P., Wagaman, M.A., Watts, K., & Pascoe, R. (2020, November). *An international student training network for sexual and gender minority youth scholars*. Paper session at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver [online].

Alessi, E. J. (2020, November). *Victimization and resilience among sexual and gender minority youth engaging in survival sex*. Paper presentation at the American Society of Criminology Meeting, Washington, DC. [conference canceled].

Alessi, E. J. (2020, April). *'You have no right to say no, because you need money': A qualitative investigation of HIV risk among a community sample of SGM migrants in Cape Town*. NIMH pre-conference satellite session on HIV & Human Mobility at the Consortium of Universities for Global Health Conference, Washington, DC. [conference canceled]

Greenfield, B.,* Alessi, E. J., & Kahn, S. (2020, January). *(Ir)reconcilable identities: Stories of religion and faith for sexual and gender minority refugees who fled from the Middle East, North Africa, and Asia to the European Union*. Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 24rd Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

- Alessi, E. J., Greenfield, B.,* Manning, D.,** & Dank, M. (2019, November). *They can't tell me who I am': Trauma and resilience among sexual and gender minority homeless youth engaging in survival sex*. Poster presentation at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies 35th Annual Meeting, Boston.
- Diksies, M., Chear, C., Akincigil, A. (Research Contributor), & Alessi, E. (Research Contributor) (2019, October). *Examining students' experiences with diversity, inclusion, and equity*. Paper presentation the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver.
- Venner, K., Alessi, E. J., Castro, F., Lee, C. S., & Windsor, L. (2019, April). *Adapting addiction treatment for diverse populations*. Panel presentation at the Society of Addiction Psychology's 2019 Collaborative Perspectives of Addiction Conference, Providence.
- Alessi, E. J., & Kahn, S. (2019, January). *Traumatic stress among LGBTQ refugees from the Middle East, North Africa, and Asia who migrated to Europe*. Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 23rd Annual Conference, San Francisco.
- Alessi, E. J., & Kahn, S. (2019, January). *Exploring LGBT refugees' experiences with organizations and institutions in Austria and the Netherlands*. Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 23rd Annual Conference, San Francisco.
- Alessi, E. J., & Kahn, S. (2018, November). *Traumatic experiences among LGBTQ refugees from the Middle East, North Africa, and Asia who migrated to Europe*. Paper presentation for the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies 34th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Alessi, E. J. (2018, January). *Hiding in plain sight: A qualitative analysis of survival strategies for LGBT forced migrants*. Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 22st Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Alessi, E. J., & Dillon, F. R. (2018, January). *What are the mechanisms through which therapist affirmative practices influence sexual minority clients' psychological well-being?* Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 22st Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Alessi, E. J., Byers, D. S., Harris-Jackson, T., & Craig, S. L. (2017, October). *Practical tools for teaching affirmative practice during the current political climate*. Connect Session at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Dallas.
- Alessi, E. J., & Dillon, F. R. (2017, April). *LGB clients' well-being and perceptions of psychotherapists' affirmative practice, working alliance, and real relationship*. Paper presentation at the 2017 National LGBTQ Health Conference, Chicago.
- Austin, A., Alessi, E. J., Goldbach, J., & Craig, S. L. (2017, January). *Engaging in clinically and developmentally-informed research with sexual and gender minority youth*. Roundtable discussion at the Society for Social Work and Research 21st Annual Conference, New Orleans.
- Kahn, S., Alessi, E. J., & Kim, H. (2017, January). *Supporting LGBTQ refugees' mental health in Canada: Lessons from the front lines*. Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 21st Annual Conference, New Orleans.

- Alessi, E. J., Craig, S. L., Natale, A., McMillin, S. E., & Seelman, K. (2016, November). *Religious freedom laws: Social work responds to discrimination and oppression*. Hot Topic Session at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta.
- Alessi, E. J., Craig, S. C., Spence Coffey, D., Dentato, M. P., Martin, J. I., & Pittman-Munke (2016, November). *Bridging education and practice: Tackling conversion therapy in social work*. Hot Topic Session at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta.
- Alessi, E. J., Kahn, S., & Chatterji, S.* (2016, January). *An exploration of the pre- and post-migration experiences of LGBT refugees and asylees*. Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 20th Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Harcourt, H.,* Pottick, K. J., & Alessi, E. J. (2016, January). *Researching the classification of adolescent antisocial behavior*. Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 20th Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Craig, S. C., Austin, A., Alessi, E. J., Keane, G., McInroy, L., & Dentato, M. P. (2016, January). *Minority stress and heroic coping among culturally diverse lesbian and bisexual female adolescents: Intersections of resilience*. Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 20th Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
- Schwartz, R., Alessi, E. J., & Anderson, R. (2016, January). *Using virtual worlds to teach clinical social work skills in online courses*. Presentation at the Seventh Annual Rutgers Online Learning Conference Mid-Atlantic Region, New Brunswick, NJ.
- Alessi, E. J., Kahn, S., Chatterji, S.,* & Van Der Horn, R.** (2015, November). *An exploration of severe and prolonged trauma among LGBT refugees/asylees: Implications for providers and policymakers*. Paper and poster presentation at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies 31st Annual Meeting, New Orleans.
- Craig, S. L., Austin, A., Brennan, D., J. & Alessi, E. (2015, November). *A community-based affirmative coping skills intervention for sexual and gender minority youth: Preliminary feasibility of Project AFFIRM*. Paper presentation at the Annual American Public Health Association Meeting, Chicago.
- Dentato, M. P., Craig, S. L., & Alessi, E. J. (2015, November). *An assessment of effective training programs for LGBTQ undergraduate and graduate students: Implications for affirming educational environments and policy factors in allied health*. Paper presentation at the Annual American Public Health Association Meeting, Chicago.
- Alessi, E. J., & Chatterji, S.** (2015, October). *Resilience in LGBT refugees/asylees in the U.S. and Canada*. Paper presentation at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver.
- Alessi, E. J., Sapiro, B.,* Kahn, S., & Craig, S. C. (2015, January). *Minority stress and coping among sexual minority first-year college students*. Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 19th Annual Conference, New Orleans.
- Craig, S. L., McInroy, L., Austin, A., & Alessi, E. J. (2015, January). *The mental health of multiethnic sexual minority girls: The role of risks, stress and self-efficacy*. Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 19th Annual Conference, New Orleans.

- Alessi, E. J., Dillon, F. R., & Kim, M. S.* (2014, October). *Social cognitive correlates of LGB-affirmative practice among a nationwide sample of therapists*. Paper presentation at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Tampa.
- Alessi, E. J., Dillon, F. R., & Kim, M. S.* (2014, January). *Determinants of gay affirmative practice among mental health practitioners*. Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 18th Annual Conference, San Antonio.
- Alessi, E. J., Lasala, M. C., Hash, K. M., & Anastas, J. (2013, October). *Clinical practice with LGBT populations: Recent advances and future directions*. Panel presentation at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Dallas.
- Windsor, L., Alessi, E. J., & Jemal, A. (2013, January). *Cognitive behavioral treatment and substance abusing minority adults: A meta-analysis*. Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research 17th Annual Conference, San Diego.
- Singh, K., & Alessi, E. J. (2012, November). *Preventing racial and sexual orientation microaggressions in the workplace*. Presented administrative workshop at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- Alessi, E. J., & Alvarez, M. B. (2012, May). *Incorporating gay affirmative practice techniques into existing practice approaches*. Workshop presented at the NASW-New Jersey 2012 Conference, Atlantic City.
- Alvarez, M. B., & Alessi, E. J. (2012, May). *Human trafficking in a globalized economy: Implications for social work*. Workshop presented at the NASW-New Jersey 2012 Conference, Atlantic City.
- Martin, J. I., & Alessi, E. J. (2012, January). *Recent victimization experiences and coping among U.S. gay and bisexual men*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 16th Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
- Alessi, E. J., Johnson, L., & Glenn, C. (2011, November). *Using gay affirmative psychotherapy to treat lesbian, gay, and bisexual trauma survivors*. Workshop presented at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies 27th Annual Meeting, Baltimore.
- Alessi, E. J., & Alvarez, M. B. (2011, October). *Incorporating a gay affirmative approach into human behavior and practice courses*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta.
- Alessi, E. J. (2011, January). *PTSD and sexual orientation: An examination of life-threatening and non-life-threatening events*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 15th Annual Conference, Tampa.
- Alessi, E. J., & Meyer, I. H. (2010, November). *PTSD and sexual orientation*. Poster presentation at the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies 26th Annual Meeting, Montreal.
- Martin, J. I., & Alessi, E.J. (2009, January). *Risky sexual behavior among gay/bisexual men: Association with stressful life events and coping*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 13th Annual Conference, New Orleans.

Alessi, E. J., & Martin, J. I. (2008, October). *Notes on methodology: Benefits and challenges when conducting Internet-based surveys*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Philadelphia.

Alessi, E. J. (2007, October). *The social work faculty shortage: Implications for the profession*. Led roundtable discussion at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Francisco.

Alessi, E. J. (2007, March). *Staying put in the closet: Examining clinical practice and countertransference issues in work with homosexual men married to heterosexual women*. Paper presented at the National Membership Committee on Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work conference, Chicago.

SERVICE TO ACADEMIC JOURNALS AND BOOK PUBLISHERS

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care*, 2024-

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 2023-

Consulting Editor, *Social Work Research*, 2016-2023

Senior Advisory Board Member, Harrington Park Press, 2016-2020

Ad-Hoc Journal Reviewer (Since 2010):

AIDS and Behavior; American Sociological Review; Austrian Journal of South-East Asian Studies; Behavioral Medicine; Child Abuse & Neglect; Children & Youth Services Review; Clinical Social Work Journal; Cultural Anthropology; Current Psychology; Emerging Adulthood; Ethics & Behavior; Ethics and Social Welfare; European Journal of Psychotraumatology; International Journal of Social Research Methodology; International Migration Review; International Social Work; Journal of Adolescent Health; Journal of Affective Disorders; Journal of Anxiety Disorders; Journal of Bisexuality; Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology; Journal of Family Issues; Journal of Gay & Lesbian Mental Health; Journal of Gay & Lesbian Social Services; Journal of Homosexuality; Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health; Journal of LGBT Youth; Journal of Refugee Studies; Journal of Sex & Marital Therapy; Journal of Social and Personal Relationships; Journal of Social Work in Disability & Rehabilitation; Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research; Journal of Trauma & Dissociation; Law and Social Inquiry; LGBT Health; Medicine, Conflict and Survival; Nordic Journal of Migration Research; Nordic Psychology; Qualitative Research in Psychology; PLOS One; Practice Innovations; Psychology, Crime and Law; Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity; Psychology and Sexuality; Psychotherapy; Psychotherapy Research; Sexuality Research and Social Policy; Social Work in Health Care; SSM-Qualitative Research in Health; Trauma, Violence, & Abuse; Violence and Victims.

SERVICE TO RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

Search Committee Member for Rutgers Global Health Institute Faculty Positions, 2022

Planning Committee for Critical Race Theory Rutgers-New Brunswick Conference, 2021

Best Practices for Conducting Faculty Searches Taskforce (Provost convened), Committee Member, 2021

Grant reviewer for Rutgers Global Health Institute, 2021-

Grant reviewer for Rutgers Global International Collaborative Research Grants, 2018-

Moderated panel (“Undocumented Narratives”) sponsored by Rutgers-Newark LGBTQ and Intercultural Resource Center, 2017

Tyler Clementi Center (TCC) Academic Initiatives Group, 2016-2017

Taught Byrne Seminar: “Don’t You Forget About Me: Acknowledging Diversity among LGBTQIA Populations,” 2014

Rutgers University Commencement Marshall, 2013

Assisted Rutgers-Newark LGBT and Diversity Resource Center in designing a program to train undergraduate students to become mentors for LGBT students (Out Front Program). Developed training

materials on “The Effects of Bullying, Harassment, and Victimization” and “Internalized Homophobia,” 2011-2012

SERVICE TO RUTGERS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Member, Search Committee—Student Advisor (Office of Student Affairs), 2023-24
Ad Hoc Member, Committee to Revise PhD Qualifying Exam, 2023
Convenor, PhD Qualifying-Exam Committee (Conceptual Foundations), 2022
Member, Senior Faculty Search Committee, 2021-2022
Member, Committee of Review, 2021-2023
Member, Search Committee—Sojourner Truth Visiting Professor, 2021-2022, 2023-2024
Course Coordinator, Integrated Behavioral Health in Primary Care, 2022-
Ad Hoc Member, Committee on Students, 2022
Intersectionality, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, & Advancement (IIDEA) Committee Member, 2020-2022
Chair, Faculty Search Committee, 2019-2021
PhD Qualifying-Exam Committee Member and Grader, 2019-
Course Coordinator, Clinical Social Work I Online, 2019
Member, Ad Hoc Committee to Review and Revise NTT Promotion Standards, 2018-19
Course Coordinator, Sexual and Gender Diversity in Social Work, 2018-
Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, 2018-20
Member, Search Committee for Assistant Director/Faculty Member of DSW Program, 2017
Member, Ad Hoc Lead Teacher Workgroup, 2017
CSWE Reaffirmation Committee (representing Advanced Clinical Practice), 2016-2018
Search Committee Member for DSW Writing/Multi-Media Instructor, 2016
Rutgers University Faculty Council Member, 2015-2018
Non-Tenure Track Faculty Reappointment Committee, 2015, 2020
Curriculum Committee Member, 2015-2017
Faculty Search Committee Member, 2014-2016
Member, Ad Hoc Licensing Exam Task Force, 2013-2014
DSW Executive Committee Member, 2012-2022
Lead Teacher, Clinical Social Work I (traditional and online), 2012-2018
Member, Ad Hoc On-line Task Force, 2012-14
Co-facilitator *Special Topics in Social Work Research—Study Abroad Romania*—May 21-June 7, 2012
Lead Teacher, HBSE: Social Work Perspectives on AIDS, 2011-2014
Chair, Committee on Admissions, 2011-2013

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY OUTSIDE OF RUTGERS

Inter-agency Working Group on Sexual Violence among Cisgender Heterosexual Men and Boys and LGBTQ+ People, 2022-
Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF) Grant Reviewer, 2021
External Letter Writer for Tenure & Promotion:
 Tenure (8 cases): 2018 (2), 2019 (1), 2020 (1), 2021 (2), 2022 (2), 2023 (1)
 Promotion to full professor: 2020 (1)
Austrian Science Fund (FWF) Grant Reviewer, 2017
SSHRC Grant Reviewer, 2017
CSWE APM Abstract Reviewer, 2017
Society of Social Work and Research Conference Abstract Reviewer, 2016-
Society of Social Work and Research Dissertation Award Reviewer, 2016-
Reviewer for American Psychological Association Division 44 student research awards, 2014-2022
Elected to CSWE’s Council on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression (CSOGIE), 2013-2019:
 CSOGIE Co-Chair (2015-2017): Executive Committee

CSOGIE Chair (2013-2015): Admissions and Networking Committee
Co-Chair, LGBTQ Special Interest Group for the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, 2011-2013
Abstract Reviewer, International Study for Traumatic Stress Studies Annual Meeting, 2011

POST-MASTER'S CLINICAL PRACTICE

Independent Clinical Practice, New York, NY
Psychotherapist
1/2004-7/2020

Central Brooklyn Medical Group, Brooklyn, NY
Behavioral Health Consultant
1/2007-3/2008

HIP Manhattan Mental Health Center, New York, NY
Psychiatric Social Worker
6/2004-1/2007

Metropolitan Center for Mental Health, New York, NY
Intake Therapist
8/2002-1/2004

Metropolitan Hospital, New York, NY
Psychiatric Social Worker
3/2002-6/2004

North Central Bronx Hospital, Bronx, NY
Psychiatric Social Worker
9/2001-3/2002

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), New York State, 069399 (Active)
- Seminar in Field Instruction (SIFI) Certification, New York University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Psychological Association Division 44—Society for the Psychological Study of LGBT Issues
- Caucus of LGBT Faculty and Students in Social Work
- International Society for the Study of Traumatic Stress
- Society for Social Work and Research