

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

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

Ph.D., Clinical 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

### ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

11/2017-present      *Faculty Affiliate*, Center on Violence Against Women & Children, School of Social Work, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

7/2017-present      *Associate Professor* (with tenure), School of Social Work, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

#### Courses Taught:

Clinical Social Work I (Masters—on-the-ground and online)

Clinical Social Work II (Masters)

Psychopathology (Masters)

LGBTQ Issues in Contemporary Society (Masters)

Qualitative Research (PhD)

Theory Development in Social Work (PhD)

7/2011-6/2017      *Assistant Professor*, School of Social Work, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

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

#### Courses Taught:

Clinical Social Work I (Masters)

Clinical Social Work II (Masters)

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

#### Course Taught:

Advanced Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis (Masters)

9/2007-12/2010 *Adjunct Instructor, Silver School of Social Work, New York University*  
Courses Taught:  
Clinical Practice with Individuals and Families (Masters)  
Integrative Practice Seminar (Masters)

### **AWARDS & HONORS**

2017 Rutgers University—New Brunswick Chancellor’s Scholar (5-year award created to recognize “outstanding and highly promising scholars at the Associate Professor level”)

2017-2018 Rutgers University Presidential Fellowships for Teaching Excellence Award (Trustees Research Incentive Program—TRIP)

Professor of the Year Award (2015-16 academic year), Rutgers School of Social Work.

Professor of the Year Award (2014-15 academic year), Rutgers School of Social Work.

Professor of the Year Award (2013-14 academic year), Rutgers School of Social Work.

Professor of the Year Award (2012-13 academic year), Rutgers School of Social Work.

Innovative and Creative Teaching Award (2011-12 academic year), Rutgers School of Social Work.

### **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

34. Acevedo, S., Rivera, O., Potocky, M., Naseh, M., **Alessi, E. J.**, & Burgess, A. (accepted with minor revisions). Creating welcoming communities for LGBTQ migrants through living room-style chats. *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work*.

#### Online first

33. Alessi, E. J., Greenfield, B., Manning, D., & Dank, M. (2020). Victimization and resilience among sexual and gender minority homeless youth engaging in survival sex. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. Advanced online publication. doi: 10.1177/0886260519898434

32. Wagaman, M. A., **Alessi, E. J.**, Goffnett, J., Watts, K., Iacono, G., Thomas, D., Paceley, M., & Craig, S. L. (2019). Interrupting hetero- and cisnormativity in social work programs: LGBTQ+ student strategies for increasing inclusion. *Journal of Social Work Education*. doi:10.1080/10437797.2019.1671261

31. Alessi, E. J., Greenfield, B.\*, Kahn, S., & Woolner, L. (2019). (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*. Advanced online publication. doi:10.1037/rel0000281

#### Published

30. 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.

29. 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.
  27. 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.
  26. 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.
  25. 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/>
24. 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.
  23. 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.
  22. 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.
  21. 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.
  20. 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.
  19. Austin, A., Craig, S. L., & Alessi, E. J. (2017). Cognitive behavioral therapy with transgender adults. *Psychiatric Clinics of North America, 40*, 141-156.
  18. Alessi, E. J. (2016). Resilience in sexual and gender minority forced migrants: A qualitative analysis. *Traumatology, 22*, 203-213.
  17. 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.

16. 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/>

15. Alessi, E. J., Dillon, F. R., & Kim, H. M.\* (2015). Determinants of lesbian and gay affirmative practice among heterosexual therapists. *Psychotherapy*, 52, 298-307.
14. 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.
13. 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.
12. 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.
11. 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.
10. 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.
9. 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.
8. 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.
7. Martin, J. I., & Alessi, E. J. (2012). Victimization in a nationwide Internet sample of gay and bisexual men. *Journal of Gay & Lesbian Social Services*, 24, 260-273.
6. Alvarez, M. B., & Alessi, E. J. (2012). Human trafficking is more than sex trafficking: Implications for social work. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*, 27, 142-152.
5. Martin, J. I., & Alessi, E. J. (2010). Stressful events, avoidance coping, and unprotected anal sex among gay and bisexual men. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 80, 293-301.
4. Alessi, E. J., & Martin, J. I. (2010). Conducting an Internet-based survey: Benefits, pitfalls, and lessons learned. *Social Work Research*, 34, 122-128.

3. 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.
2. Alessi, E. J. (2008). Changing directions in HIV prevention: The move toward a psychosocial model. *Journal of Gay & Lesbian Social Services*, 20, 273-287.
1. Alessi, E. J. (2008). Staying put in the closet: Examining clinical practice and countertransference issues in work with gay men married to heterosexual women. *Clinical Social Work Journal*, 36, 195-201.

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#### Under review

Greenfield, B., **Alessi, E.J.**, Manning, D., Dato, C., & Dank, M. Learning to endure: A qualitative examination of the protective factors of homeless gender minority youth engaged in survival sex. *American Journal of Community Psychology*.

Wieland, R. & **Alessi, E.** Do the challenges of LGBTQI Asylum applicants under ‘Dublin’ register with the European Court of Human Rights? A conceptual analysis. *Social & Legal Studies*.

#### In progress

Giwa, S., **Alessi, E. J.**, Carlson-Strain, M., & Mullings, D. V. (in progress). Are we meeting the needs of racialized LGBTQ immigrants and refugees in Newfoundland and Labrador? Findings from a preliminary stakeholders’ consultation.

Caldwell, B., **Alessi, E. J.**, Allread, V., DiGiulio, M., Findley, P., Oursler, J., Salmond, S. W., & Wagner, M. Integration of behavioral health care in primary care: Description of a nursing, social work, rehabilitation counselling and pharmacy academic-practice partnership.

#### **EDITED WORKS**

Alessi, E. J. (Ed.) (2013). Clinical practice with LGBTQ populations [Special issue]. *Clinical Social Work Journal*, 41(3).

#### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Lee., E. O. J., Kahn, S., Alessi, E. J., & Leon, A. (in press). The mental health of sexual and gender minority immigrants and refugees. In E. Rotblum (Ed.), *Oxford handbook of sexual and gender minority mental health*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Kahn, S., & Alessi, E. J. (2019). Whose story is it anyway? Supporting sexual and gender minority asylum seekers in the preparation of their trauma narratives. In M. Jaffe, M. Conti, J. Longhofer, & J. Floersch (Eds.), *The social work and LGBTQ sexual trauma casebook: Phenomenological perspectives* (pp. 45-66). New York, NY: Routledge.

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). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

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). Cham, Switzerland: Springer International.

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Alessi, E. J., & Hartman, E. (2017). 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* (pp. 249-265). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Alessi, E. J., & Martin, J. I. (2017). Intersection of trauma and identity. In K. L. Eckstrand & J. Potter (Eds.), *Trauma, resilience, and health promotion for LGBT Patients: What every healthcare provider should know* (pp. 3-14). New York, NY: Springer.

Martin, J. I., & Alessi, E. J. (2016). Self psychology. In P. Lehmann & N. Coady (Eds.), *Theoretical perspectives for direct social work practice: A generalist-eclectic approach* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.; pp. 203-219). New York, NY: Springer.

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). Alexandria, VA: Council on Social Work Education.

## **GRANTS UNDER REVIEW**

Title: An examination of the pathways through which psychosocial conditions impede uptake of HIV testing and treatment among MSM migrants in South Africa: Testing syndemic theory.

Role: PI

Funding Source: National Institute of Mental Health R21

Submitted: Will resubmit previously scored application on 1/07/20

Project Dates: 7/1/20-6/30/22

Amount: \$275,000 (pending decision)

## **GRANT FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS**

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: \$1800

Title: How do traumatic events shape the decision-making of LGBTQ youth in NYC to engage in the commercial sex market?  
Role: PI (Co-Investigator: M. Dank, John Jay College of Criminal Justice)  
Funding Source: National Institute of Justice through the Center on Violence Against Women & Children  
Dates: 10/1/18-9/30/19  
Amount: \$62,602

Title: 'Queery'ing resilience: Leveraging information and communication technologies to negotiate gender and sexual minority youth identify and wellbeing within diverse global contexts.  
Role: Co-Applicant with others (PI: S. Craig, University of Toronto).  
Funding Source: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) 2017 Partnership Grant  
Dates: 4/1/18-3/31/25

Title: 'Queery'ing resilience: Leveraging information and communication technologies to negotiate gender and sexual minority youth identify and wellbeing within diverse global contexts.  
Role: Co-Applicant with others (PI: S. Craig, University of Toronto).  
Funding Source: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) 2017 Partnership Grant Letter of Intent  
Dates: 6/15/17-6/14/18

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: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Insight Development Grant  
Dates: 6/1/17-5/31/19

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: 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

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

## **GRANT FUNDED TRAINING PROJECTS**

Title: Advancing Capacity: Behavioral Health in Integrated Primary Care  
Role: Co-Investigators—Alessi & Findley (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

## **POSITION STATEMENTS/REPORTS**

Craig, S. L., **Alessi, E. J.**, Fisher-Borne, M., Dentato, M. P., Austin, A., Paceley, M., Wagaman, A., Arguello, T., Lewis, T., Balestrery, J. E., & Van Der Horn, R. (2016). *Guidelines for affirmative social work education: Enhancing the climate for LGBQQ students, staff and faculty in social work education*. Alexandria, VA: Council on Social Work Education.

Austin, A., Craig, S. L., **Alessi, E. J.**, Wagaman, M. A., Paceley, M. S., Dziengel, L., & Balestrery, J. E. (2016). *Guidelines for transgender and gender nonconforming (TGNC) affirmative education: Enhancing the climate for TGNC students, staff and faculty in social work education*. Alexandria, VA: Council on Social Work Education.

Alessi, E. J., Craig, S. L., & Coffey, D. S. (2016). *Council on Social Work Education Position on Conversion/Reparative Therapy*. Alexandria, VA: Council on Social Work Education.

Pittman-Munke, P., Galarza, J., Jacinto, G., **Alessi, E. J.**, & Craig, S. L. (2016). *How to talk about sexual orientation change efforts in social work education*. Alexandria, VA: Council on Social Work Education.

## **DISSERTATION COMMITTEES**

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

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

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

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

## **JURIED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 35<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 49<sup>th</sup> 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 49<sup>th</sup> 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 49<sup>th</sup> International Annual Meeting, Amsterdam.

- 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 22<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.
- Kahn, S., & Alessi, E. J. (2016, July). *LGBTQ forced migrants – Considering extraordinary events and everyday activities in protection and settlement*. Panel organizers for the 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> International Association for the Study of Forced Migration Conference, Poznań, Poland.
- 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting, New Orleans.
- Craig, S., 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 American Public Health Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- 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.
- 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., 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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, 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 45<sup>th</sup> International Annual Meeting, Copenhagen.
- 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on LGBT Psychology and Related Fields, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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

*Traumatic Stress among LGBTQ Migrants*. Presentation for Arizona State University's InQueery—a 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*. Presentation for Lehman College Department of Social Work, November 2018.

*Trauma and Stress Experienced by LGBTI Refugees and Migrants Before, During, and After Flight*. Presentation of research findings at the 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.

*LGBTQ+ Individuals: Progress Made and Challenges Ahead*—Speaker for Diversity Month at Metropolitan Detention Center, Brooklyn, July 2018.

*Refugees Like and Unlike Other Refugees: Traumatic Experiences of LGBTQ+ Individuals from MENA and Asia who Migrated to the E.U.*—Lecture for 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*—Speaker for 2016 Social Work Month, Hackensack University Medical Center, March 2016.

*Trauma in the LGBT Community: Assessment and Intervention*—Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College Clinical Practice: Trauma course, 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.

*Managing Suicide Risk in the Clinical Situation*—Center for Non-Profit Governance, Transitions for Youth, Rutgers University School of Social Work, February 2014.

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

*Managing Suicide Risk in the Clinical Situation*—Center for Non-Profit Governance, Transitions for Youth, Rutgers University School of Social Work, February 2013.

*Conceptual and Diagnostic Issues Related to Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: Implications for DSM-5 and Clinical Practice*—Scholar-in-Residence, Rutgers University School of Social Work DSW Program, October 2012.

*Preventing Workplace Microaggressions: Practical Strategies for Success*—Rutgers University School of Social Work Continuing Education Workshop, October 2012.

*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.

*Affirmative Clinical Practice with LGB Individuals*—New York University Silver School of Social Work Contemporary LGBT Issues course, November 2010.

*Affirmative Clinical Practice with LGB Individuals*—New York University Silver School of Social Work Contemporary LGBT Issues course, October 2009.

*RISE: Social Work in an Era of Change conference*, September 2009. Discussed the link between clinical social work and social justice.

### **SERVICE TO RUTGERS SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK**

2019-20	Chair, Faculty Search Committee
2019-	Conceptual Foundations PhD Qualifying-Exam Committee Member
2019	Course Coordinator, Clinical Social Work I Online
2018-19	Ad Hoc Committee to Review/Revise NTT Promotion Standards
2018-	Course Coordinator, LGBTQ Issues in Contemporary Society
2018-	PhD Program Application Reviewer
2018-	Committee on Diversity and Inclusion
2017-	PhD Qualifying Exam Grader
2017	Search Committee Member for Assistant Director/Faculty Member of DSW Program
2017	Ad-hoc Committee, Lead Teacher Workgroup
2016-18	CSWE Reaffirmation Committee (representing Advanced Clinical Practice)
2016	Search Committee Member for DSW Writing/Multi-Media Instructor
2015-18	Rutgers University Faculty Council Member
2015	Non-Tenure Track Faculty Reappointment Committee
2015-17	Curriculum Committee Member
2014-16	Faculty Search Committee Member
2013-14	Ad-hoc Committee Member, Licensing Exam Task Force
2012-	DSW Executive Committee Member

2012-18 Lead Teacher, Clinical Social Work I (traditional and online)  
 2012-14 Ad-hoc Committee, On-line Task Force  
 2012 Co-facilitator *Special Topics in Social Work Research—Study Abroad Romania*—May 21-June 7  
 2011-14 Lead Teacher, HBSE: Social Work Perspectives on AIDS  
 2011-13 Chair, Committee on Admissions

### **SERVICE TO RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY**

2018 Grant reviewer for Rutgers Global International Collaborative Research Grants  
 2017 Moderated panel (“Undocumented Narratives”) sponsored by Rutgers-Newark LGBTQ and Intercultural Resource Center  
 2016-2017 Tyler Clementi Center (TCC) Academic Initiatives Group  
 2014 Taught Byrne Seminar: “Don’t You Forget About Me: Acknowledging Diversity among LGBTQIA Populations.”  
 2013 Rutgers University Commencement Marshall  
 2011-2012 Assisted Rutgers-Newark LGBT and Diversity Resource Center in designing a training program to prepare undergraduate students to become mentors for other LGBT students (Out Front Program). Developed training materials on “The Effects of Bullying, Harassment, and Victimization” and “Internalized Homophobia.”

### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY**

2017 Austrian Science Fund (FWF) Grant Reviewer  
 2017 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Grant Reviewer  
 2017 CSWE APM Abstract Reviewer  
 2016- Society of Social Work and Research Conference Abstract Reviewer  
 2016- Society of Social Work and Research Dissertation Award Reviewer  
 2016- Consulting Editor, *Social Work Research*  
 2016- Senior Advisory Board Member, Harrington Park Press  
 2014- Reviewer for American Psychological Association Division 44 student research awards  
 2013-2019 Elected council member to CSWE’s Council on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression (CSOGIE)  
Co-Chair (2015-2017): Executive Committee  
Chair (2013-2015): Admissions and Networking Committee  
 2011-2013 Co-Chair, LGBTQ Special Interest Group for the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies.  
 2011 Abstract Reviewer, International Study for Traumatic Stress Studies Annual Meeting.  
 2010- Ad-hoc Reviewer:

- *American Sociological Review*
- *Behavioral Medicine*
- *Child Abuse & Neglect*
- *Children & Youth Services Review*
- *Clinical Social Work Journal*
- *Current Psychology*
- *Ethics and Social Welfare*

- *International Social Work*
- *Journal of Adolescent Health*
- *Journal of Affective Disorders*
- *Journal of Anxiety Disorders*
- *Journal of Bisexuality*
- *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*
- *Journal of Traumatic Stress*
- *PLOS One*
- *Practice Innovations*
- *Psychology, Crime and Law*
- *Psychology and Sexuality*
- *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*
- *Psychotherapy Research*
- *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*
- *Social Work in Health Care*
- *Violence and Victims*

### **POST-MASTER'S CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

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

Independent Practice, New York, NY  
*Psychotherapist*  
 1/2004-present

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, 069399-1
- Six-Year Psychotherapy “R” Privilege, New York State
- 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 Association for the Study of Forced Migration
- National Association of Social Workers
- Society for Social Work and Research