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## Education

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**Ph.D. | 2012 | Rutgers University, School of Social Work**

**M.S.W. | 2007 | East Tennessee State University**

**B.A. | 2000 | University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

## Current Position

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**Assistant Professor | University of New Hampshire College of Health and Human Services  
Department of Social Work | Fall 2015-present**

## Experience

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**Research Associate | Rutgers University School of Social Work | 2014-2015**

Research in collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families including research linking enhanced case practice to outcomes for children and families and proposal development for [njchilddata.rutgers.edu](http://njchilddata.rutgers.edu)

**Post-Doctoral Fellow | National Development and Research Institute | 2012-2014**

Behavioral science training fellowship in substance misuse research

**Project Consultant | New Jersey State Prevention Enhancement Grant | 2009-2012**

Research in support of substance misuse prevention activities by community grantees including the application of geographic information systems and social network analysis to needs assessment, implementation of structural interventions, and program evaluation

**Child Policy Research Fellow | New Jersey Department of Children and Families | 2011**

Research investigating child welfare outcomes including children with extended foster care stays and the recurrence of child maltreatment from a community perspective

### **Graduate Research Assistant | Rutgers University School of Social Work | 2007-2010**

Work with the New Jersey Child Welfare Training Partnership evaluating statewide training efforts delivered to the child welfare workforce: responsibilities included survey design, data collection, and report writing

### **Therapy Assistant | Woodridge Psychiatric Hospital, Johnson City, TN | 2006-2007**

Individual and group work in the adult and child units of an inpatient psychiatric hospital

### **Case Manager II | State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services | 2002-2005**

Case work in the Adoption and Permanency Units of Tennessee's public child welfare system

## **Awards**

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### **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Prevention Technology Transfer Center, Region 2 Rutgers University Center for Prevention Science | 2018-2023 | Subcontract \$100,000**

Provide training and technical assistance to community substance misuse prevention agencies and professionals aimed at the implementation and delivery of effective substance misuse prevention interventions

### **Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award | T32 DA007233 | 2012-2014**

National Institute on Drug Abuse-funded post-doctoral fellowship

### **Rutgers Graduate School New Brunswick Conference Travel Award | 2009**

Funding award to support travel to present at the 6th Biennial Conference of the International Society of Critical Health Psychology in Lausanne, Switzerland

## **Peer-Reviewed Publications**

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**Morton, C.M.** (in press). Alcohol sales during COVID-19 social restrictions: Initial evidence from Alcoholic Beverage Control states. *Substance Abuse*.

**Morton, C.M., D'Amore, N., Nolte, K., & Bryan, P.** (2020). 'How Much Heroin is too Much Heroin': Youth Inquiries Regarding Opioids. *Drugs: Education, Prevention, Policy*, doi.org/10.1080/09687637.2020.1804530

**Morton, C.M.** (2019). Community social deprivation and availability of substance use treatment and mutual aid recovery support. *Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy*, 14(33), 1-5.

- Morton, C. M.**, Wells, M., & Cox, T. (2019). The Implicit Curriculum in Social Work Education: Student Engagement and the Role of Social Media. *Journal of Social Work Education, 55*(1), 1-7.
- Morton, C.M.** & Wells, M. (2017). Behavioral and Substance Use Outcomes for Older Youth Living with Parental Opioid Dependence: A Literature Review to Inform Child Welfare Practice and Policy. *Journal of Public Child Welfare, 11*(4-5), 546-567.
- Morton, C.M.** Linn-Walton, R., Aikins, R.A., Hoefinger, H., & Falkin, G. (2016). What are youth asking about drugs? An analysis of NIDA Drug Facts Week Chat Day. *Journal of Drug Education: Substance Abuse Research and Prevention, 45*(4-5), 195-210.
- Harris, S., Nikulina, V., Gelpi-Acosta, C., **Morton, C.M.**, Newsome, V., Gunn, A., Hoefinger, H., Aikins, R., Smith, V., Barry, V., & Downing, M.J. (2015). Prescription drug diversion: Predictors of illicit acquisition and redistribution in three U.S. metropolitan areas. *AIMS Public Health, 2*(4), 762-783.
- Morton, C.M.**, Peterson, N.A. & Simmel, C. (2014). Neighborhood alcohol outlet density and rates of child abuse and neglect: Moderating effects of access to substance abuse services. *Child Abuse and Neglect, 38*(5), 952-961.
- Friedman, S.F., West, B.S., Tempalski, B., **Morton, C.M.**, Cleland, C. M., Des Jerlais, D., Hall, H. I., & Cooper, H. L. F. (2014). Bridging metropolitan HIV epidemics: Do metropolitan HIV prevention-program and epidemic histories of people who inject drugs and men who have sex with men predict AIDS incidence and mortality among heterosexuals? *Annals of Epidemiology, 24*, 304-311.
- Yu, D., **Morton, C.M.** & Peterson, N. A. (2014). Community pharmacies and addictive products: Sociodemographic predictors of accessibility. *GIScience and Remote Sensing, 51*(1), 99-113.
- Morton, C.M.** (2013). The moderating effect of substance abuse service accessibility on the relationship between child maltreatment and neighborhood alcohol availability. *Children and Youth Services Review, 35*, 1933-1940.
- Reid, R.J., **Morton, C.M.**, Garcia-Reid, P., Peterson, N.A., Yu, D. (2013). Examining tobacco outlet concentration in New Jersey: Do income and ethnicity matter? *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse, 12*(3), 197-206.
- Ocasio, K., **Morton, C.M.** & Simmel, C. (2013). An investigation of child welfare investigation disparity differences between states. *Journal of Public Child Welfare, 7*(1), 79-97.
- Greenfield, E.A., **Morton, C.M.**, Birkenmaier, J. & Rowan, N.L. (2013). Optimizing geriatric social work education: Program and individual characteristics that promote student competencies. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work, 56*(4), 356-377.

Simmel, C., **Morton, C.M.**, & Cucciotta, G. (2012). Understanding extended involvement with the child welfare system. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 34(9), 1974-1891.

**Morton, C.M.**, Ocasio, K. & Simmel, C. (2011). A critique of methods used to describe the overrepresentation of African Americans in the child welfare system. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 33(9), 1538-1542.

Peterson, N.A., Yu, D., **Morton, C.M.**, Reid, R.J., Sheffer, M.A. & Schneider, J.E. (2011). Tobacco outlet density and demographics at the tract level of analysis in New Jersey. *Drugs: Education, Prevention, and Policy*, 18(1), 47-52.

Peterson, N.A., Hamme Peterson, C., Agre, L.A., Christens, B.D. & **Morton, C.M.** (2011). Measuring youth empowerment: Validation of a sociopolitical control scale for youth in an urban community context. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 39(5), 592-605.

Fakunle, D., **Morton, C.M.** & Peterson, N.A. (2010). Importance of income in the link between tobacco outlet density and demographics at the tract level of analysis in New Jersey. *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*, 9(4), 249-259.

**Morton, C.M.**, Peterson, N.A., Schneider, J.E., Smith, B. & Armstead, T.A. (2010). Tobacco sales in community pharmacies: Remote decisions and demographic targets. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 38(1), 39-48.

## **Book Chapter**

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**Morton, C.M.**, Peterson, N.A., Speer, P. W., Reid, R.J. & Hughey, J. (2012). Applying geographic information systems in community research. In L. A. Jason & D. S. Glenwick (eds.), *Methodological Approaches to Community-Based Research*. Washington D. C.: American Psychological Association.

## **Presentations at Professional Conferences**

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**Morton, C.M.**, D'Amore, N., & Nolte, K. (2021). How much heroin is too much heroin? Youth inquiries regarding opioids. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, virtual.

**Morton, C.M.** (January 2020). Medication assisted treatment density and alcohol sales' relationship to opioid-related deaths. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

**Morton, C.M.**, Wang, Y., & Peterson, N.A. (January 2020). Investigating the spatiotemporal effects of neighborhood sociodemographics on tobacco outlet density. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

**Morton, C.M.** (2019, January). Sociodemographic Differences in Substance Abuse Treatment and Peer Recovery Support Service Accessibility. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

- Morton, C.M.** & Wells, M. (2018, January). *Parental opioid misuse's impact on child behavioral and substance use outcomes*. Presentation to the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Stepleton, K., Elkins, J., **Morton, C.M.**, Bosk, E., Simmel, C., Ocasio, K., Duron, J., VanAlst, D., & Mackenzie, M. (2018, January). *Continuity in maltreatment typology for repeat victimization in childhood*. Presentation to the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Morton, C.M.** (2016, April). *Building the case for a structural approach to the prevention of child maltreatment*. 23rd Annual New Hampshire Division on Children, Youth, and Families Conference, Manchester, NH.
- Morton, C.M.** (2014, March). *Using access to substance abuse services to build the case for a community-focused approach to preventing child maltreatment*. Annual Meeting of NIDA and NIMH Biostatistics and Epidemiology T-32 Fellowship Programs. New York, NY.
- Aikins, R., Barry, V., Downing, M. J., Hoefinger, H., **Morton, C.M.**, Smith, V. (2013, August). *Prescription drug use and diversion: An assessment of practices and perceptions*. Presentation to the Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference, New York, NY.
- Reid, R. J., **Morton, C.M.**, Garcia-Reid, P., Peterson, N. A., Yu, D. (2013, April). *Examining tobacco outlet concentration in New Jersey: Do income and ethnicity matter?* Presentation to the International Organization of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research Conference, Atlantic City, NJ.
- Morton, C.M.** & Peterson, N. A. (2011, January). *Alcohol outlets and child maltreatment: The role of community substance abuse prevention facilities*. Presentation to the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.
- Morton, C.M.** & Shpiegel, S. (2011, January). *Academic performance among former foster youth: The importance of neighborhood*. Presentation to the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.
- Morton, C.M.**, Peterson, N.A., Schneider, J., Smith, B.J. & Armstead, T.L. (2010, February). *Tobacco sales in community pharmacies: Corporate decisions and demographic targets*. Presentation at the 16th Annual Meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, Baltimore, MD.
- Schneider, J., Peterson, N.A., **Morton, C.M.**, Reid, R.J., Sheffer, M.A. & Yu, D. (2010, February). *Tobacco outlet density at the tract level of analysis in New Jersey: A statewide analysis*. Presentation at the 16th Annual Meeting of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco, Baltimore, MD.

Cecil, D. P., Stoltzfus, K. & **Morton, C.M.** (2010, October). *Developing the online teaching environment: Tools, techniques and options*. Skills Workshop Presentation to the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Portland, OR.

Ocasio, K. & **Morton, C.M.** (2010, October). *Where does responsibility lie for racial disproportionality in child welfare?* Presentation to the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Portland, OR.

Peterson, N.A., **Morton, C.M.**, Reid, R.J. & Schneider, J.E., Sanchez Mayers, R. & Wiggins, L. L. (2009, June). *Outlets of addiction: The sale of tobacco, alcohol, and lottery tickets by community pharmacies in New Jersey*. Poster presentation at the 12th Biennial Conference of the Society for Community Research and Action, Montclair, NJ.

Peterson, N.A., Reid, R.J., **Morton, C.M.** & Schneider, J.E. (2009, July). *Action research to analyze and develop an ordinance restricting the sale of tobacco products by community pharmacies in the United States*. Presentation at the 6th Biennial Conference of the International Society of Critical Health Psychology. Lausanne, Switzerland.

Bowman, E. & **Morton, C.M.** (2009, November). *Affecting paradigm change through child welfare training*. Poster Presentation to the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. San Antonio, TX.

Ocasio, K., **Morton, C.M.**, & Blake, A. (2009, November). *Disproportionality in child welfare: Examining inequity in a racially diverse state*. Presentation to the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. San Antonio, TX.

Shpiegel, S. & **Morton, C.M.** (2009, November). *The effects of neighborhood residence on college performance among former foster youth*. Presentation to the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. San Antonio, TX.

**Morton, C.M.** & Shpiegel, S. (2008, June). *Patterns of service utilization among former foster youth*. Presentation at the Fordham University Council on Applied Psychometrics. Bronx, NY.

**Morton, C.M.** & Shpiegel, S. (2008, October). *Linking patterns of service utilization to outcomes for former foster youth*. Presentation to the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Philadelphia, PA.

Cecil, D. P., Stewart, K. & **Morton, C.M.** (2008, October). *A comparison of active learning to traditional lecture*. Presentation to the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Philadelphia, PA.

## Technical Reports

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Powell, K. G., **Morton, C.M.**, Collins, T. & Peterson, N.A. (2012, October). Fourth and final program evaluation of the New Jersey Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant.

Powell, K. G., **Morton, C.M.**, Collins, T. & Peterson, N.A. (2011, December). Third annual formative evaluation of the New Jersey Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant.

Ocasio, K. & **Morton, C.M.** (2009). Disproportionality and disparity in New Jersey's public child welfare system: An examination of inequity in a racially diverse state.

## **Teaching**

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**Assistant Professor | University of New Hampshire | 2015-present**

### **BSSW Course**

Research Methods in Social Work

### **MSW Courses**

Research Methods in Social Work

Social Welfare Policy I

Data Analysis and Statistics

Social Welfare Policy II

**Adjunct Instructor | Rutgers University School of Social Work | 2009-2014**

### **PhD Course**

Introduction to Statistics

### **MSW Courses**

Social Welfare and Policy Services II

Social Work Research Methods I

### **Continuing Education Course**

Data Analysis for Social Workers

## **Mentoring**

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### **Honors Thesis Advisor**

Dana Prisloe (2018). Social work education and mental health stigma.

### **Thesis Committee Member**

Mayumi Kimura (2017). Factors affecting social work use among hospice patients.

## **Service**

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### **Manuscript Review**

Substance Use and Misuse 2016

Journal of Family Social Work 2015

Child Abuse and Neglect: 2015-present

Child Maltreatment: 2013-present

International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health: 2013

Journal of Community Psychology: 2012

Journal of Injury and Violence Research: 2011

### **Committees and Workgroups**

Evaluation Committee, Chair, University of New Hampshire Department of Social Work: 2016-present

Policy Sequence Committee, University of New Hampshire Department of Social Work: 2017-present

Research Sequence Committee, Chair, University of New Hampshire Department of Social Work: 2015-present

Student Awards Committee, University of New Hampshire Department of Social Work: 2016-2018

PhD Taskforce, University of New Hampshire College of Health and Human Services: 2016-2017

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Prevention Technology Transfer Center Data Informer Decision Making Workgroup 2018-present

New Jersey State Epidemiological Workgroup at the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services: 2011-2013