CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

PhD	2016; The University of Rochester, School of Nursing, Rochester, NY Dissertation: The Ecological Factors Associated with Middle School Students' Experiences of Cyberbullying
MSW	2000; Roberts Wesleyan University, Rochester, NY Child and Family Concentration
BA	1995; Nazareth University, Rochester, NY Major: Psychology; Minor: Art; Concentration: Women's Studies

Licenses and Certifications

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, New York

Certified School Social Worker, New York

Certified Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapist

Certified Psychedelic Assisted Therapist

Employment and Professional Experience

Academic

2024-present School of Social Work, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY
Clinical Associate Professor of Social Work, 2024-present

2015-2024 School of Education and Social Work, Roberts Wesleyan University, Rochester, NY
MSW Program Director, 2019-2024
Professor of Social Work, 2024
Co-Dean, School of Education and Social Work, 2022-2023
Co-Chair, Department of Social Work, 2022-2023

Associate Professor of Social Work, 2019-2024
Assistant Professor of Social Work, 2015-2019

2015 The College at Brockport, SUNY, Brockport, NY
Adjunct Professor, SWO310 Social Work Research Methods

2010-2013 School of Nursing, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
Teaching Assistant, NUR400 Research Principles for Evidence-Based Advanced Practice, 2011-2013
Teaching Assistant, NUR301 Principles and Application of Evidence for Nursing Practice, 2010
Research Associate, "Developing an Automated Device for Asthma Monitoring", Hyekyun Rhee, PI, [5R01NR11169], 2011.
Research Associate, "Improving young children's essential routines: test of an intervention", Christina Koulouglioti, PI, 2010-2012.
Research Associate, "Self-determination theory and caregiver smoking bans for asthmatic children", Susan Blaakman, PI, [F31 NR011266], 2010.

1997-1998 School of Social Work, University of Connecticut, Hartford, NY
Research Associate, "Children's emotional and behavioral disorders: attributions of parental responsibility by professionals", Harriet Johnson, PI, 1997.

Related Professional Experience

2024-present **Owner and Primary Clinician**, Brenda McQuillan, PhD, LCSW, PLLC, private practice in Rochester, NY
Specializing in trauma treatment, providing evidence-based, trauma-informed care to individuals and families, with expertise in complex trauma, PTSD, and resilience-focused recovery

2024-present **Clinical Supervisor**, TheraListen, Valley Stream, NY
Deliver clinical supervision to emerging LMSWs within a teletherapy agency. Support development of ethical, trauma-informed, and evidence-based practice, with emphasis on clinical competence, professional identity, and effective telehealth service delivery

2017-2024 **Mental Health Therapist**, Justice for Children Advocacy Center, Genesee and Orleans Counties, NY
Provided trauma-informed, evidence-based treatment to children and adolescents impacted by abuse and family violence. Engaged caregivers in treatment to promote safety, stabilization, and long-term recovery. Collaborated closely with legal, judicial, protective, medical, and community systems as part of a multidisciplinary team.

2013-2015 **Clinical Therapist**, Orleans County Mental Health, Albion, NY
Implemented outpatient mental health services to children, adolescents, and adults within a public behavioral health system. Delivered culturally responsive care to diverse and underserved populations, with experience in crisis intervention and community-based services.

2002-2009 **School Social Worker**, Albion Middle School, Albion, NY
Delivered individual counseling services, facilitated psychosocial groups, and conducted classroom instruction on internet and personal safety. Collaborated with school administration to address student behavioral concerns and support positive school climate. Led building- and district-wide anti-bullying initiatives and established a county-wide community task force to address student safety and prevention.

2000-2002 **Clinical Social Worker**, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, NY
Provided outpatient mental health treatment to children and adolescents within a hospital-based clinic. Conducted comprehensive psychosocial and diagnostic assessments, developed treatment plans, and implemented evidence-based interventions in collaboration with caregivers and interdisciplinary medical teams.

1998-1999 **Social Worker Intern**, Industry School Juvenile Detention Center, Rush, NY
Initiated and facilitated bereavement and Aggression Replacement Training (ART) groups for residents, addressing coping strategies, emotional regulation, and social skills. Managed an individual caseload, providing supportive interventions tailored to each resident's needs. Shadowed administrative staff and cottage leads, gaining hands-on experience in program management, policy implementation, and operational oversight.

1996-1997 **Youth and Family Development Specialist**, Hillside Family of Agencies, Rochester, NY
Provided support to high-needs foster youth, their foster families, and biological families through therapeutic foster care services. Facilitated interventions to promote social-emotional growth, coping strategies, behavioral management, and family engagement.

Awards and Honors

2019-2020 Council on Social Work Education Program Directors Academy

1999-2000 Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH) Program, Social Work Fellow, National Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

1995 Psi Chi, International Honor Society for Psychology

Professional Memberships and Activities

Memberships

National Association of Social Work (NASW)
New York State Children's Alliance
Multidisciplinary Association of Psychedelic Studies (MAPS)

Activities

2022-2024 **Member**, National Association of Deans and Directors (NADD) of Social Work Education

2022-2024 **Member**, New York State Chapter of National Association of Deans and Directors (NYS-NADD) of Social Work Education

2021-2023 **Member**, Academic Advisory Board, Valera Health

2019-2022 **Member,** National Task Force Steering Committee, *Specialized Curricular Guide for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health*; Council on Social Work Education

University Service

2025-present **Chair**, Advanced Interventions Courses, University at Buffalo, School of Social Work

2025-present **Member**, University at Buffalo, School of Social Work, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

2024-present **Member**, University at Buffalo, School of Social Work, DSW Admissions Committee

2024-present **Member**, University at Buffalo, School of Social Work, Senior Clinical Faculty Committee

2023-2024 **Member**, Middle States Self-Study Work Group, Roberts Wesleyan University

2023-2024 **Member**, Compensation Committee AGE Representative, Roberts Wesleyan University

2022-2023 **Member**, President's Academic Cabinet, Roberts Wesleyan University

2020-2024 **Liaison**, Rochester Regional Health partnership; Social Work Fellowship; Roberts Wesleyan University

2020-2024 **Member**, Field Education Committee Member, Roberts Wesleyan University

2020-2022 **Senator**, School of Education and Social Work; Roberts Wesleyan University Faculty Senate

2019-2021 **Co-Chair**, Academic Diversity Committee, Roberts Wesleyan University

2017-2023 **Member**, Academic Diversity Committee, Roberts Wesleyan University

2015-2017 **Member**, Assessment Taskforce, Roberts Wesleyan University, MSW Program

2015-2024 **Member**, MSW Workgroup Committee, Roberts Wesleyan University

Community Service

2025-present **Board Member**, New York State Children's Alliance

2025-present **Clinical Provider**, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) Family Advocacy Outreach Network

2025-present **Clinical Provider**, Military OneSource

2023-2025 **Clinical Advisor**, Miss Julie's School of Beauty (therapeutic cosmetology school for survivors of sex trafficking)

2020-2022 **Steering Committee Member**, Racial Justice Advocacy Group, Asbury First United Methodist Church, Rochester, NY

2018-2021 **Board Member**, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Advisory (IDEA) Board, Brighton, NY

2015-2020 **Member,** Suicide Prevention Coalition, Orleans County

2013-2014 **Board Member**, Mental Health Association of Orleans County, NY

2011-2016 **School Board Member**, Albion Central Schools, Albion, NY

2011-2013 **Member**, Wellness Committee, Pittsford Central Schools, Pittsford, NY

2011-2013 **Bullying Consultant**, Fairport Central Schools, Fairport, NY

Courses Taught

School of Social Work, University at Buffalo

SW 505 Theories of Human Behavior and Development
SW 520 Interventions I
SW 521 Interventions II
SW 524 Interventions with Children and Adolescents
SW 531 Crisis Interventions
SW 540 Advanced Standing Seminar
SW 566 Social Services to Children, Youth, and Families
SW 599 School Social Work

School of Education and Social Work, Roberts Wesleyan University

GSWK 5450 Advanced Standing Seminar I
GSWK 5500 Individual, Group, and Family Interventions
GSWK 6250 Child and Family Multidimensional Assessment
GSWK 6520 Child and Family Interventions
GSWK 6700 Field Seminar III
GSWK 6750 Field Seminar IV
GSWK 7050 Death and Bereavement
GSWK 4950 BSW Independent Study: *Racial Justice and Community Action*
GSWK 7950 MSW Independent Study: *Microaggressions Social Stigma, and Bullying among LGBTQ Individuals as related to Mental Health Symptoms*
GSWK 7950 MSW Independent Study: *Macro Social Work in Rural Settings*
GSWK 7950 MSW Independent Study: *Fundraising and Grant Writing for Social Work*
GSWK 7950 MSW Independent Study: *Treating Developmental Trauma in Children*

SUNY Brockport

SWO 310 Social Work Research Methods

Research Supervision

2021-2023 **Dissertation Committee Member**, *Online sexual exploitation of children (OSEC) survivors' functioning after reintegration in the Philippines*, PsyD student, Psychology Department, Roberts Wesleyan University

2018-2019 **Dissertation Committee Member**, *Preadolescents' responses to bullying: Can self-esteem buffer the negative effects of social ostracism?*

PhD student, California School of Professional Psychology, Alliant International University

Grant Support

2021 Berry Endowment Research Grant, Roberts Wesleyan University

Publications

Scroger, M., Draper, R., & McQuillan, B. (2024). Online sexual abuse and exploitation of children in the Philippians: An exploratory study of outcomes after reintegration into the community. *Child Abuse and Neglect, 152*, 1-12.

CSWE (2022). Specialized practice curricular guide for infant and early childhood mental health. *Council on Social Work Education.* (Contributor as National Task Force Member)

Rhee, H., McQuillan, B., Chen, D., & Atis, S. (2017). Perceptions about interpersonal relationships and school environment among middle school students with asthma. *Journal of Asthma, 54* (9), 905-910.

Koulouglioti, C., Cole, R., Moskow. M., McQuillan, B., Carno, M.A., & Grape, A. (2014). The longitudinal association of young children's everyday routines to sleep duration. *Journal of Pediatric Health Care, 28(1),* 80-87.

Koulouglioti, C., Cole, R., McQuillan, B., Moskow, M., Kuppers, J., & Pigeon, W. (2013). Feasibility of an individualized home-based obesity prevention program for preschool age children. *Children's Health Care, 42*(2), 134-152.

Rhee, H., McQuillan, B., & Belyea, M. J. (2012). Evaluation of a peer-led asthma self-management program for adolescents and benefits of the program for adolescent peer leaders. *Respiratory Care, 57*(12), 2082-2089.

Johnson, H. C., Cournoyer, D. E., Fisher, G. A., Flynn, M., McQuillan, B. E., Moriarty, S., Richert, A., Stanek, E. J., & Yirigian, B. (2001). Children's emotional and behavioral disorders: attributions of parental responsibility by professionals. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, 70*(3), 327- 339.

Research Presentations

2019 Workshop, Society for Social Work and Research, Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA

2016 Podium Presentation, International Bullying Prevention Association, Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA

2012 Podium Presentation, Beyond Anti-Bullying: Creating School Climates of Acceptance and Belonging, Syracuse University School of Education, Syracuse, NY

2012 Podium Presentation, Making Lifelong Connections Meeting, Maternal & Child Health Bureau, Orlando, FL

1995 Poster Presentation, Eastern Psychological Association Conference, Boston, MA

Invited Presentations

2025 *Beyond the therapy room: Understanding the role of mental health clinicians in a multidisciplinary team response to child abuse*
New York State Children's Alliance

2025 *Restorative circles: Building a restorative community*
Hope585, Rochester, NY

2024 *The impact of trauma and interventions to address the symptoms*
Miss Julie's School of Beauty, Rochester, NY

2023 *Restorative circles: Building a restorative community*
Miss Julie's School of Beauty, Rochester, NY

2023 *The body keeps the score: Brain, mind, and body in the healing of trauma (book talk)*
Books Sandwiched In, Richmond Memorial Library, Batavia, NY

2023 *Vicarious trauma and secondary traumatic stress: Identification, risk, and prevention*
Keynote speaker, Genesee County Criminal Justice Advisory Council, Crime Victims' Rights Week, Batavia, NY

2023 *Facilitating difficult conversations* (panel discussion member)
University of Rochester, School of Nursing, Rochester, NY

2022 *The impact of childhood trauma*
Keynote speaker, Crime Victims Week Seminar, Genesee Community College, Batavia, NY

2022 *Substance misuse among youth: A guide for educators*
Bowman Teacher Education Symposium, Roberts Wesleyan University, Rochester, NY

2019 *Bullying and Internet safety among teens*
SUNY Brockport College, Brockport, New York

2017 *Combating the bullying epidemic*
WXXI Radio News; Connections with Evan Dawson show

2017 *Ecological factors associated with middle school students' experiences of cyberbullying*
Family Roundtable, University Committee for Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY

2016 *Internet safety and cyberbullying*
Albion Middle School, Albion, New York

2016 *Internet safety and cyberbullying*
Lyndonville High School, Lyndonville, New York.

2016 *Internet safety*
Medina High School, Medina, New York.

2016 *What is social work?*
Genesee Community College, Albion Campus Center. Albion, New York.

2015 *Cyberbullying and cybersafety*
Guest lecturer, Liberty Partnerships LIFE Program of Genesee Community College, Albion, NY

2012 *Bullying among youth: What parents can do*
Guest lecturer and panelist, bullying forum, Medina Central Schools, Medina, NY

2012 *Bullying among youth: Recognizing the risks and consequences of peer cruelty*
Guest lecturer, DASA Committee, Fairport Central Schools, Fairport, NY

2011 *Dignity for All Students Act: It's right and it's the law*
Guest lecturer, NYSED Driver In-Service, Pittsford Central Schools, Department of Transportation, Pittsford, NY

2011 *Bullying among youth: The prevalence and consequences of childhood and adolescent cruelty*
Guest lecturer, administrative team workshop, Fairport Central Schools, Fairport, NY

2011 *Bullying among youth: Effective interventions in addressing adolescent cruelty*
Guest lecturer for Wellness Committee, Pittsford Central Schools, Pittsford, NY

2009 *Bullying among youth: Effective interventions in addressing adolescent cruelty*
Guest lecturer, LEAH Program, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY

Trainings

2025-2026	Psychedelic Assisted Therapy, Integrative Psychiatry Institute (250 hours)
2023	Culture of Care, Certified Specialist
2023	safeTALK; Office of Mental Health, Suicide Prevention Center of NYS
2022	Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR) Therapy (50 hours)
2022	Anti-Racist Curriculum Workshop, Roberts Wesleyan University
2021	Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) for the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC)
2021	NYS Basic Title IX Training
2021	Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)
2018	Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT); certified TF-CBT therapist