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Education

January 2012 Doctor of Philosophy
Interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Social Work and Sociology
Boston University
Dissertation: *The Phenomenon of LGBT Affirming Black Churches and their Response to the HIV/AIDS Crisis in Black America*

1998 Masters of Social Work (with Honors)
Advanced Standing
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY

1989-1993 Bachelor of Arts in Social Work
Catholic University of America
Washington, D.C.
Pi Gamma Mu

Competitive Fellowships and Grant Awards

2017 College of Education and Social Work Professional Development Award

2014 Provost's Award for Academic Planning and Strategic Investments

2010 Boston University School of Social Work Dissertation Fellowship

2006-2009 Council on Social Work Education & Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Minority Fellowship Program

Teaching Experience

2014-Present Assistant Professor, Graduate Department of Social Work, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, West Chester, PA.

- Lead Faculty for Foundation Year *Social Work Practice and Practicum Courses* at the Philadelphia Campus
- Teaching HBSE courses: *Dialectic of Oppression and Liberation*
- Field Education Committee member, active in field curriculum renewal and evaluation, field orientation for students, and sponsoring C.E.U events for Field Instructors
- EPAS 2015 Committee member: active in the review of our curriculum, the integration of 2015 EPAS, and the preparations for the reaffirmation of accreditation process.

2015 – 2017 Graduate Coordinator / Asst. Program Director / Assistant Chair – Philadelphia Campus: Graduate Department of Social Work, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

- Co-wrote the 2015 Strategic Planning Report for the MSW Program - Philly campus – Philly Campus

- Wrote the 2017 Review and Recommendations Report for the MSW Program – Philly Campus
 - Facilitated evaluation and advocacy meetings with the Dean regarding the needs and strengths of the MSW program in Philly.
 - Facilitated the students’ learning journey through admission, retention, and graduation.
 - Chair of the 2017 Graduation Planning Committee for the Philadelphia Campus: Facilitated the planning and implementation of a separate graduation ceremony for the MSW Program in Philadelphia.
 - Faculty Advisor for MSW Students: instrumental in the development, implementation, and evaluation of a human-rights model of student advising in the MSW program.
- 2011-2014 Assistant Professor, Augsburg College Social Work Department, Minneapolis, MN
- Teaching clinical practice courses in the Multicultural Clinical Practice MSW concentration
 - Serving on the Curriculum committee to evaluate and improve course content in the BSW and MSW programs.
 - Serving on the Multicultural Clinical Practice subcommittee to evaluate and improve course content in the clinical practice concentration.
 - Serving on the MSW/MA Dual degree Committee to evaluate, improve, and expand the degree program.
- 2009-2011 Faculty Advisor, Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, MA
Advisor for student's academic and field placement needs.
- 2007-2010 Adjunct Lecturer, Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, MA
Course: Clinical Assessment and Intervention
- 2008-2009 Adjunct Lecturer, Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, MA
Course: Implications of Racism

Research Interests

- The role of religion and spirituality in the psychosocial and sexual health of marginalized populations, specifically ethnic minorities and LGBT populations
- Culturally competent mental health practice with marginalized populations
- Culturally competent teaching and advising models in higher education.

Research Experience

- 2017 - Pres. Principal Researcher. *LGBT Affirmative Ministries in African-American Communities*. Funded by a College of Education and Social Work Professional Development Award.
- 2010 – 2011 Principal Researcher. (Dissertation) *The Phenomenon of LGBT Affirming Black Churches and their Response to the HIV/AIDS Crisis in Black America*
- 2007 - 2009 Research Assistant. *My Light Project: Multi-cultural Adoptive Youth Living in Gay/Lesbian-headed Households*
PI: Mark Gianino, Ph.D. Funded by Boston University and Clark University
- Transcribed in-depth qualitative interviews with youth
 - Conducted qualitative data analysis

- Participated in publication of findings
- 2006-2008 Project Coordinator. *Understanding the Mentoring Process*
PI: Renée Spencer, Ed.D. Funded by W. T. Grant Foundation.
 - Managed all aspects of data collection for this multi-year mixed-methods longitudinal study of youth mentoring relationships.
 - Conducted data analysis and reported findings.
- 2005-2006 Research Assistant/Treatment Clinician. *Psychopathology and Treatment of Compulsive Hoarding*. PI: Gail Steketee, Ph.D. Funded by the National Institutes of Mental Health
 - Conducted participant assessments
 - Implemented an experimental 26 week treatment for compulsive hoarding
 - Co-authored adherence manual for the treatment

Peer-reviewed Publications

- Dessel, A.B., Jacobsen, J., Levy, D.L., McCarty-Caplan, D., T.O. Lewis, and L.E. Kaplan (2017). LGBTQ Topics and Christianity in Social Work: Tackling the Tough Questions. *Social Work & Christianity*. 44 (1 & 2), pp. 11-30.
- Lane, T., Chiarelli-Helminiak, C., Bohrman, C. & T. Lewis (2017). The Teachable Moment: Engaging Students in Social Justice Movements. *Social Work Education: The International Journal*. 36(4), pp. 359-372
- Craig, S. L., Alessi, E. J., Fisher-Borne, M., Dentato, M. P., Austin, A., Pacey, 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.
- Lewis, T.O. (2015). LGBT-affirming Black Churches' Responses to the HIV/AIDS Crisis. *Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought*, 34(2), 140-157.
- Lewis, T.O. (2012). Understanding Solution-Focused Brief Therapy. Active Clients Achieve Positive Goals. [On-line continuing education module, Gannett Education].
<http://www.continuingeducation.com/course/sw06/understanding-solution-focused-brief-therapy-/>
- Lewis, T.O. (2012). Social Work and Divinity, edited by Daniel Lee and Robert O' Gorman [Review of the book]. *Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought*, 31(3), 303-305
- Lewis, T.O. (2011). Counseling for Spiritually Empowered Wholeness: A Hope-Centered Approach by Howard Clinebell [Review of the book]. *Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Social Work: Social Thought*, 30 (2), 178 - 180
- Spencer, R., Basualdo-Delmonico, A., & Lewis, T.O. (2011). Working to make it work: The role of parents in the youth mentoring process. *Journal of Community Psychology*. 39(1), 51-59
- Gianino, M., Goldberg, A. & Lewis, T. (2009). Family Outings: Disclosure practices among adopted youth with gay and lesbian parents. *Adoption Quarterly*, 12(3) 205-228.

Manuscripts Under Review

- Lewis, T.O. (Under Review). Race, Ethnicity, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (Chapter 7) in *Social Work with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Populations* by Claire L. Dente (Ed). Routledge, Inc.

Dessel, A., Levy, D.L., Lewis, T.O., McCarty-Caplan, D., Jacobsen, J. and L. Kaplan (Under Review). Teaching Note: Challenges in the Classroom around LGBTQ Topics and Christianity in Social Work. *Journal of Social Work Education*.

Presentations and Trainings

- Lewis, T.O. (May 2017). Community based research with LGBT affirming Black churches about the HIV AIDS crisis. Panel Presentation at the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Research Symposium: An Interdisciplinary Symposium on LGBTQ Research in the Social Sciences. Urbana, IL.
- Bohrman, C., Chiarelli-Helminiak, T., Lane, T., and Lewis, T.O. (2016, April). The Social Work Educators' Response to Police Brutality. Panel Presentation at the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME) 18th Annual State Conference, West Chester, PA.
- Lewis, T.O. (March 2016). LGBT Affirming Black Churches and their Responses to HIV/AIDS. Workshop Presentation for the 48th Annual Conference of the National Association of Black Social Workers, Inc. New Orleans, LA.
- Lewis, T.O., Chiarelli-Helminiak, T., Lane, T., and Bohrman, C. (2015, October). The Social Work Response to Police Brutality. Panel Presentation for the 61st Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Denver, CO.
- Lewis, T.O. and Wooten, N. (2015, October). Getting Hired in Academia: A Primer for Doctoral Students. Oral Presentation for the 61st Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Denver, CO.
- Lewis, T.O. (2015, January). Addressing Conflicts between Faith and Social Work Values: From Historical Frameworks to Practice Skills. CEU Training for Field Instructors. West Chester University of Pennsylvania. West Chester, PA.
- Lewis, T.O. (2014, November). The Phenomenon of LGBT Affirming Black Churches and their Response to the HIV/AIDS Crisis in Black America. Oral Presentation at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Indianapolis, IN.
- Lewis, T.O. (2014, January). LGBT Affirming Black Churches' Responses to Homophobia, and the HIV/AIDS Crisis. Paper Presentation for the 2014 Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. San Antonio, TX
- Lewis, T.O. (2013, November). DSM-5: An overview of the changes. Clinical Training CEU Workshop for Hennepin County's Human Services and Public Health Department. Minneapolis, MN.
- Lewis, T.O. (2013, October). LGBT Affirming Black Churches and their Responses to HIV/AIDS. Oral Presentation. Augsburg College Social Work Department CEU Workshop for Field Instructors, Minneapolis, MN.
- Lewis, T.O. (2012, November). The Responses of LGBT-Affirming Black Churches to Homophobia and the HIV/AIDS Crisis. Oral Presentation for the 58th Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Washington, D.C.
- Lewis, T.O. (2012, November). The Phenomenon of LGBT Affirming Black Churches and their Response to the HIV/AIDS Crisis in Black America. Accepted for Paper Presentation at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Phoenix, Arizona. *Unable to attend due to conference date conflict.*
- Lewis, T.O. (2012, July). Mental Health Careers: Walking with Others towards Healing and Hope. Brief Seminar Presentation for Urban Scrubs Camp, sponsored by Augsburg College.

- Lewis, T.O. (2012, June). The Phenomenon of LGBT Affirming Black Churches and their Response to the HIV/AIDS Crisis in Black America. Oral Presentation for the International Social Work Conference, sponsored by Augsburg College Department of Social Work. Minneapolis, MN
- Lewis, T.O. (2012, March). The Phenomenon of LGBT Affirming Black Churches and their Response to the HIV/AIDS Crisis in Black America. Oral Presentation for the Soup, Gender, and Sexuality Seminars, sponsored by the Augsburg College LGBTQIA Services Office. Minneapolis, MN
- Lewis, T.O. (2012, January). The Phenomenon of LGBT Affirming Black Churches and their Response to the HIV/AIDS Crisis in Black America. Oral Presentation for the Diversity Dialogues Seminar, sponsored by the University of Minnesota College of Education and Human Development's Department of Curriculum and Instruction. Minneapolis, MN
- Lewis, T.O. (2011, December). The Phenomenon of LGBT Affirming Black Churches and their Response to the HIV/AIDS Crisis in Black America. Oral Presentation for MSW / MA Dual degree program, Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN
- Lewis, T.O. (2010, October). The stigmatization process of LGBT black folk within historically black churches: a theoretical analysis. Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore, MD.
- Spencer, R., Lewis, T.O., & Basualdo-Delmonico, A. (2009, January). *Mentoring across differences: How race and class shape the youth mentoring process*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research. New Orleans, LA.
- Spencer, R., Lewis, T.O., Basualdo-Delmonico, A. & Fredericksen, B. (2008, March). Parents' perspectives on youth mentoring relationships. Poster session presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL.
- Spencer, R., Lewis, T.O., & Basualdo-Delmonico, A. (2007, October). Mentoring in a multicultural society: A complex relationship. In L. Fortuna (Chair), *Mentoring, teaching, and treating urban minority youth across community and individual differences*. Paper presented at the 7th annual meeting of the Institute for the Study and Promotion of Race and Culture Diversity Challenge Conference, Boston, MA
- Sorrentino, C., Muroff, J., Bratiotis, C., Lewis, T.O., & Steketee, G. (2008, January). Group cognitive and behavioral treatment (CBT) for compulsive hoarding processes and outcomes. In J. Muroff (Chair), *Compulsive hoarding: Psychopathology and public health issues*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.

Direct Practice Experience

- 2004-2006 Private Practice Therapist
Merrimack Valley Counseling Association, Nashua, NH
- Performed clinical assessments and psychotherapy treatment with adults (individuals, couples, and families)
 - Clinical focuses include substance addictions, mood disorders, and trauma.
- 2001-2005 Adult Outpatient Program Staff Therapist
Seacoast Mental Health Center, Inc., Portsmouth, NH
- Conducted psychotherapy with individuals, couples, and families
 - Clinical supervision of MSW interns
 - Co-created and co-taught 10 session seminar on clinical applications for

- chemical dependency
- 2000-2001 Family Counselor
 Familystrength, Dover, NH
 - Provided clinical group supervision for administrative intake staff
 - Performed home-based solution-focused brief treatment with families and children
 - Provided home-based assessment, treatment, and case management services for elder adults
 - Provided 24 hour on-call coverage for families
- 1998-2000 Clinical Social Worker I
 Family Services of Cincinnati Area, Cincinnati, OH
 - Performed clinical assessment and psychotherapy treatment with individuals, couples, and families
 - Performed home-based clinical services
 - Performed school-based clinical services
 - Performed clinical services at an inner city health clinic
 - Participated in the training development committee
- 1998 MSW Intern
 Veterans Affairs Medical Center – Dual Diagnosis Clinic, Cincinnati, OH
 - Conducted brief treatment counseling and case management with Veterans
 - Co-facilitated stability and sobriety group
 - Conducted MSW thesis research on the role of spirituality in the treatment of veterans living with dual diagnoses
- 1995-1997 Family Social Worker
 Beech Acres Family Outreach, Cincinnati, OH
 - Conducted home-based solution-focused brief treatment with families
 - Provided 24 hour on-call coverage for families
 - Regional board member for the Southwest Ohio Association of Family-Based Services
- 1994-1995 Crisis Counselor
 Crossing Place Crisis House, Washington, D.C.
 - Performed crisis stabilization counseling services with adults who had chronic mental health disorders
 - Provided services during two 24 – hour shifts per week
 - Assisted clients with connecting to long-term community mental health services

Professional and Community Service

- 2015-Present Council Member - Reviewer
 Council for Social Work Education (CSWE). Annual conference proposal reviewer. Manuscript Reviewer for Journal of Social Work Education.
- 2014-Present Council Member
 Council on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Expression (CSOGIE)
 CSOGIE provides guidance to CSWE Board members and the field of social

work regarding empirically-based best practices for working with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender clients.

2007-Present Alumnus and Volunteer

- Minority Fellowship PhD – Program, Application reviewer
- Minority Fellowship MSW-Youth Focus. Advisory Board Member and Application Reviewer

2008-2011 Volunteer

Men's Action Life Empowerment (MALE) Center which provides health education, testing and prevention services for Gay, Bisexual, and MSM males in the Boston Area

- Volunteer at front desk and on special projects
- Member of the Community Advisory Board

2003-2011 Volunteer / Member

Unitarian Universalist Church

- Advocated for LGBT marriage equality rights in MA and in MN
- Advocated for equal funding and support of HIV/AIDS health research and social service programs for LGBTQIA communities
- Participated in LGBT affirming ministry outreach

Professional Associations

2006-Present Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

2006-Present Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)

2010-Present Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)

2014-Present CSWE's Council on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity and Expression (CSOGIE)

2015-Present National Association of Black Social Workers

2017-Present National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)

Certification / Licensure

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, Minnesota: #21944

References

Available Upon Request