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PHD GRADUATES AND DISSERTATIONS*


Megan Lee, PhD (2023, May). The role of race and income on African American youth participation in out-of-school time programs: June Hopps, Rebecca Matthew, Deryl Bailey.

Barbara Arnold, PhD (2023, May). Trauma and the body: A phenomenological study of practitioners’ experiences using somatic approaches to treat trauma: Jennifer Elkins, Kate Morrissey-Stahl, Rachel Fusco.

Elisa Childs, PhD (2022, December). Patient-centered medical homes: How the federally supported model impacts older adults’ access to care in rural Georgia: Orion Mowbray, Javier Boyas, Ed Risler, Michael Robinson.

Katherine F. Gower, PhD (2022, May). Exploring an online adaptation of reflective structured dialogue: Llewellyn Cornelius, Mary Ager, Janette Hill, Raytheon Rawls.


George Mois, PhD (2021, December). Understanding the role of embodiment across communication technologies in facilitating social connectivity and addressing loneliness. Committee members: Jenay Beer, Tiffany Washington, Kerstin Emerson

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Joel Izlar, PhD (2021, December). *If we just plant the seed*: Community technology centers, community organization, and ecosocial justice. Committee members: **Y. Joon Choi**, Shari Miller, Rebecca Matthew.


Shena Leverett Brown, PhD (2020, December). *Racism by any other name: The lived experiences of Black social work practitioners and racial microaggressions*. Committee members: **Shari Miller**, Rosalyn Campbell, Zoe Johnson.


Dana R. Dillard, PhD (2019, August). *“You’re probably the first person that’s asked me”: Retrospective narratives of adults whose sibling experienced a burn injury*. Committee members: **Larry Nackerud**, Y. Joon Choi, Jori Hall.


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Amanda D. Ham, PhD (2019, May). *A purposefully designed American deaf community: A qualitative study of “space” and “place”*. Committee members: **Larry Nackerud**, Anna Scheyett, Betsy Vonk, Brian Leffler.


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Stephen M. Young, PhD (2016, May). *Barriers to ethical decision-making for HIV/AIDS treatment providers around the globe.* Committee Members: Larry Nackerud, David Okech, Rebecca Matthew.


Debra R. Lubar, PhD (2013, December). *Food policy to prevent harm or improve health.* Committee Members: Michelle Mohr Carney, Anne Haddix, Michael Holosko, Larry Nackerud.


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David L. Whiters, PhD (2010). *A historical analysis of the initial five years of recovery consultants of Atlanta, Inc.: A faith-based, peer-led addiction recovery and HIV prevention program.* Committee Members: Cheryl D. Dozier, Maurice C. Daniels, Ezemenari Obasi, Denise N. A. Bacchus.


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Leon Banks, PhD (2007). *Georgia Senate Bill 440: An examination of determining factors of youth who are waived to superior court and the effectiveness of juvenile waivers as a deterrent to recidivism.* Committee members: **Edwin Risler**, Larry Nackerud, Schnavia Smith Hatcher.


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Alicia A. Simmons, PhD (2005). *Differences between grandparent foster caregivers, other relatives and non-relative foster caregivers and predictors of their relationships with the children in their care.* Committee Members: **Alberta Ellett**, Larry Nackerud, Nancy Kropf.


Mary J. Kraus, PhD (2005). *The utility and application of the concept of empowerment in social work journals: A computer-assisted content analysis.* Committee Members: **Betsy Vonk**, Nancy R. Williams, Stephanie Swann.

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Douglas K. Jackson, PhD (2004). *Factors that are predictive of involvement of detained youth in adverse incidents.* Committee Members: Thomas P. Holland, Edwin Risler, Larry Nackerud, Dan Hall.


Christina A. Spivey, PhD (2004). *Same-sex couple adoptions: The relationship between beliefs, attitudes, external influences, and placement decisions.* Committee Members: Kevin DeWeaver, Stephanie Swann, Nancy P. Kropf

Joann M. Thierry, PhD (2004). *Breast cancer screening among women aged 40 years and older who have physical disabilities.* Committee Members: Kevin DeWeaver, Patricia Reeves, Margaret Robinson.


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Bhuvana Sukumar, PhD (2001). *Social interaction, residential satisfaction, and subjective well-being among residents of congregate and non-congregate public housing.* Committee Members: **Ray MacNair**, Nancy Kropf, David Boyle, David Levine, Katheryn Davis.


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Tracy Carpenter-Aeby, PhD (1999). *An evaluation of psychosocial and educational outcomes in an alternative educational program.* Committee Members: **Bonnie Yegidis**, Kevin DeWeaver, David Kurtz, Bruce Thyer, and Earl Ginter.


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Lisa P. Baker, PhD (1998). *Social work intervention to increase compliance with home apnea monitoring.* Committee Members: Jim Gaudin, Kevin DeWeaver, Larry Nackerud, Bruce Thyer, and Margaret Robinson.


Anne G. Hicks-Coolick, PhD (1997). *Conceptualization, testing, and refinement of a model of self-advocacy for college students with learning disabilities.* Committee Members: David Kurtz, Tom Holland, Kevin DeWeaver, Katie Thompson, Marty Markward.

Gerald W. Polk, PhD (1997). *Development and testing of an automated treatment planning system for clinicians in mental health.* Committee Members: Bruce Thyer, Kevin DeWeaver, Nancy Kropf, Ray MacNair, and Ray Mills.

Danny R. Dixon, PhD (1997). *Double depression in male veterans: A descriptive and comparative study in a rural department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center.* Committee Members: Bruce Thyer, Kevin DeWeaver, Larry Nackerud, Margaret Robinson, and Bonnie Yegidis.


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Donald R. Leslie, PhD (1994). *Board sense of empowerment and board effectiveness.* Committee Members: **Tom Holland**, Paul Gallant, Allie Kilpatrick, Kevin DeWeaver, and Ray MacNair.


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