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## **Education**

Ph.D. Student: Brown School. Washington University St. Louis.

2016- Expected graduation 06-2024.

Competitive Fellowships: NIMH T32 Fellow and McDonnell Academy Scholar

Masters of Arts. Social Work: School of Social Service Administration. The University of Chicago. Chicago, IL. 2014-2016.

Competitive Fellowship: Brown Fellow, Graduate Program in Health and Administration focus on Global Health and Serious Mental Illness

Master of Science in Public Health: The Faculty of Medicine. Lund University. Lund, Sweden; Concentrations: Migration and Health and Qualitative Research methods. 2010-2012.

Achievement: Class Steering Committee Representative. Representing students from 21 countries.

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts: Eugene Lange College, New School University. New York, NY. Concentration: Social and Historical Inquiry. 2003- 2007.

Competitive Scholarship: Broad Foundation for Urban Education Scholar 2003-2007.

## **Research Experience**

Co-Investigator. PI Kimberly Roth. Mercer University School of Medicine Department of Community Medicine.

2021-2022

\$4,000 pilot grant funded by the Mercer School of Medicine to explore community needs and context for appropriate suicide- prevention efforts in Liberty Co, GA

Doctoral Research Assistant using qualitative methods to explore stigma and mental health among transgender older adults PI. Vanessa Fabbre. Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis.

2017-2019

Doctoral Research Assistant on Center for Disease Control funded study using System Dynamics methods to examine mental health services in the VA. PI Peter Hovmand. Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis.

2017

Research assistant on two international social welfare projects. One in Burkina Faso funded by UNICEF (Child Protection Working Group) & Network of European Foundations, Children and Violence Evaluation Challenge Fund and the other on adolescent substance use in Kazakhstan funding by NIDA. PI Leyla Ismayilova. School of Social Service Administration University of Chicago.  
2014- 2016.

Collaborating researcher and first author a longitudinal qualitative thesis with faculty from University of Edinburgh and Copenhagen University. Funded by Scottish Government Health Department and Danish Center for Migration Ethnicity and Health. University of Copenhagen: Danish Research Center for Migration Ethnicity and Health.  
2012 – 2014

Copenhagen, Denmark. Intern at University of Copenhagen: Danish Research Centre for Migration Ethnicity and Health.  
June-July 2011.

### **Teaching/Guest Lecture**

Instructor  
Social Justice and Human Diversity  
Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, Fall 2021

Teaching Assistant/Instructor Discussion Group  
Course: Gender, Youth, and Global Health  
Washington University in St. Louis School of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Beyond Boundaries Program, Spring 2021

Guest Lecturer. (2018; 2019; 2020). Course: “Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods.”  
Research Methods with Statistical Applications.

Teaching Assistant. Course: Conceptual Foundations of Social Science Research  
Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, Fall 2019

Teaching Assistant. Course: Evidence Based Practice for Social Work Graduates  
Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, Fall 2019

Teaching Assistant. Course: Doctoral Level Qualitative Research Methods  
Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant: Course: Research Methods with Statistical Applications  
Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, Fall 2017

Teaching Assistant: Course: Health Behavior and Health Promotion  
Brown School, Washington University in St. Louis, Spring 2017

## **International Social Welfare and Public Health Professional Experience**

Migration Health Consultant, interim national health coordinator, research coordinator, program developer, and member of UN HIV Program Working Group at UN Migration (formerly International Organization for Migration). Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.  
2012 – 2014.

Health Program Development Intern, Migration Health Division IOM Regional Office for East and the Horn of Africa. Nairobi, Kenya.  
2012

English Teacher and Volunteer Teacher. Thabyay Education Network. Volunteer (2008, June-July 2009), Intern (September-December, 2010), Teacher (December-January 2010). Chaing Mai/Mae Sot, Thailand; January 2010 - February 2010. Thabyay Education Network, establish and taught class in scholarship program. Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

## **Professional Social Work Training**

September 2015-June 2016

Jesse Brown VA Hospital, Psychosocial Recovery and Rehabilitation Center/Inpatient  
Psychiatry Social Work Intern  
Chicago, IL

October 2014-June 2015

Deborah's Place Supportive Housing Case Management Intern.  
Chicago, IL

## **Peer Review Publications:**

Li, Y., Fabbre, V. D., & **Gaveras, E.** (2022). Authenticated social capital: Perspectives from the lived experiences of transgender older adults. *Culture, Health and Sexuality*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13691058.2022.2044519>

**Gaveras, E.**, Fabbre, V. D., Gillani, B. & Sloan, S. (2021). Understanding suicidal behavior in the life narratives of transgender and gender nonconforming older adults. *Qualitative Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14733250211051783>.

Ahuja, M., Records, K., Haeny, A., **Gaveras, E.**, Mamudu, H. (2021) "The association between police arrest and suicide ideation among young adults: Does race matter?" *Health Psychology Open*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/20551029211026027>.

Fabbre, V. D., & **Gaveras, E.** (2020). The manifestation of multilevel stigma in the lived experiences of transgender and gender nonconforming older adults. *The American Journal of*

*Orthopsychiatry*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/ort0000440>.

Ismayilova L., Karimli L., **Gaveras E.**, Sanson J., To, A., Nanema, R., Chaffin J. (2018). Improving mental health outcomes among ultra-poor children in Burkina Faso: results of an open-label cluster-randomised controlled trial. *Social Science and Medicine*, 208, 180-189.

Ismayilova, L., Karimli, L., **Gaveras, E.**, Tô-Camier, A., Sanson, J., Chaffin, J., & Nanema, R. (2018). An integrated approach to increasing women's empowerment status and reducing domestic violence: Results of a cluster-randomized controlled trial in a West African country. *Psychology of Violence*, 8(4), 448–459. <https://doi.org/10.1037/vio0000136>.

Ismayilova L., **Gaveras E.**, Blum, A., Tô A., Nanema, R. (2016). Violence Exposure and mental health outcomes among ultra-poor children in Burkina Faso. *PLoS One*. 11(10): e0164790.

**Gaveras, EM.** Worth, A., Irshad, I., Kristiansen, M. & Sheikh, A. (2014). Social support for South Asian Muslim parents with life-limiting illness living in Scotland: A multi-perspective qualitative study. *BMJ OPEN*, 4(2), e004252.

#### **Technical Reports:**

**Gaveras, E.** (2014) TB/HIV Vulnerabilities in the Mining Sector in Tanzania: Report of the National Consultation on TB in the Mining Sector in Tanzania and Rapid Baseline Assessment on TB in the Mining Industry in Mererani Town, Geita Region and Kishapu District. Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: International Organization for Migration.

#### **Book Chapters:**

Fabbre, V. D., **Gaveras, E.**, Shabsin, A., Gibson, J. & Rank, M. R. (2020). Confronting stigma, discrimination, and social exclusion. In Mark R. Rank (Ed.), *Towards a Livable Life: A 21st Century Agenda for Social Work*. Oxford University

#### **Juried Conference Presentations:**

Roth, K.B., **Gaveras, E.**, Ghiathi, F., Shoemaker, M., Howard, N.A., Dhir, M. Caiza, G.R., Szylyk, H., & Shaw, E.K. (2023, April) A community-engaged approach to understanding suicide in a small rural county in Georgia: A two-phase content analysis of individual and focus group interviews. Presentation at the American Association of Suicidology Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon.

Roth, K.B., **Gaveras, E.**, Ghiathi, F., Shoemaker, M., Howard, N.A., Dhir, M. Caiza, G.R., Szylyk, H., & Shaw, E.K. (2022, November). Exploring community needs and context for appropriate suicide prevention efforts in a rural Southeast Georgia county. Poster on research in progress presented at the North American Primary Care Research Group Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona.

Roth, K.B., **Gaveras, E.**, Ghiathi, F., Shoemaker, M., Howard, N.A., Dhir, M. Caiza, G.R., Szylyk, H., & Shaw, E.K. (2022, November). Exploring community needs and context for appropriate suicide prevention efforts in a rural Southeast Georgia county. Roundtable presented at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Boston Massachusetts.

**Gaveras, E.**, Fowler, F. (2021). Examining the Intersection Between Housing Insecurity and Suicidal Behavior among Trans Youth: A System Dynamics Approach. Poster accepted to the International Conference of the System Dynamics Society Student Organized Colloquium, July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Gaveras, E.**, Fabbre, V. D., Gillani, B., & Sloan, S. (2021). Understanding past suicidal behavior in the life narratives of transgender and gender nonconforming older adults. to be presented at the LGBTQ+ research symposiums, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Gaveras, E.**, Fabbre, V. D., Gillani, B., & Sloan, S. (2020). Understanding suicidal behavior in the life narratives of transgender and gender nonconforming older adults. Paper presented at the American Association of Suicidology 53rd Annual Conference April 22-25<sup>th</sup> 2020, Portland Oregon. <https://aasconference.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/1/sessiongallery/151/application/485>.

**Gaveras, E.**, & Weatherly, C. (2020, January). Examining State and Facility Characteristics of the Implementation of Evidence Based Treatments for People Living with Schizophrenia. Posters Session Presented at Society for Social Work Research, Washington DC.

Fabbre, V.D, & **Gaveras, E.** (2019, November). The Manifestation of Multi-Level Stigma in the Lived Experiences of Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Older Adults. The Gerontological Society of America's 71st Annual Scientific Meeting. Austin, Texas.

**Gaveras, E.**, Weatherly, C., Cabassa, L.J. & Auslander, W. (2018, October). Effectiveness of Self-Stigma Interventions for Persons Living with Serious Mental Illness: A Global Systematic Review. Posters Session Presented at McDonnell Academy 7th International Symposium. Beijing, China.

**Gaveras, E.**, and Auslander, W. (2018, January). Effectiveness of self-stigma interventions with serious mental illness: a systematic review. Posters Session Presented at Society for Social Work Research, Washington, DC.

Ismayilova, L., Karmili, L., Sanson, J., To, A., Nanema, R. & **Gaveras, E.** (2017, January). Improving Child Protective and Child-Wellbeing Outcomes Among Ultra-Poor Families in Burkina Faso: Results of a Cluster Randomized Controlled Trial. Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans.

Ismayilova L., Sanson, J., **Gaveras E.** (2015, January) Developing and Testing Feasibility of an Integrated Intervention Preventing Family Separation and Improving Child Protective Outcomes Among Ultra-Poor Families in Burkina Faso. Society for Social Work Research, Washington DC.

Ismayilova L., Karimli L., Tô A., Nanema R., Sanson J., **Gaveras E.**, Delannoy C., Hu W. (2015). Child Protective Effects of Economic Strengthening and Child Rights Interventions among Ultra-poor Families in Burkina Faso. Keeping Families Together Through Economic Strengthening. Washington, DC: USAID and FHI360. Available at: [www.seepnetwork.org/symposium-report--keeping-children-and-families-together-with-economic-strengthening-resources-1491.php](http://www.seepnetwork.org/symposium-report--keeping-children-and-families-together-with-economic-strengthening-resources-1491.php)

### **Manuscript Reviewer Service:**

*American Journal of Community Psychology*  
*Health and Social Care in the Community*  
*PLoS One*  
*Stigma and Health*

### **In Progress**

**Gaveras, E.** (in progress) Housing Insecurity and Suicidal Behavior Among Transgender and Gender Expansive Youth [doctoral dissertation].

Fabbre, V. D., Taylor, C., **Gaveras, E.** & Sloan, S. (accepted minor revisions). The role of spirituality in the wellbeing of transgender and gender nonconforming older adults. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*.

**Gaveras, E.**, Fowler, P.J., Gillani, B. (In progress). Housing and Suicide Outcomes among Transgender Youth.

Fowler, P.J., Das, S., Hovamand, P.S., **Gaveras, E.**, Kube A., Marcal, K.E. (In progress). Housing Insecurity in Child Welfare: Designing Fair and Efficient Data-Driven Responses.

### **Service to the Community:**

2021 Moderator LGBTQ Research Symposium: Age & Aging in Historical Context

2021 Co-Facilitator Virtual Sharing Group: Attempt Survivors/Lived Experience, 2021 American Association of Suicidology Conference.

2018-2021 Research with Walls Student Research Symposium Committee. Coordination of school wide research symposium for MSW, MPH, MSP, and PhD students. Mentored Masters level social work students in developing research presentations. Developed and coordinated online virtual symposium in 2020 and 2021.

2017-2019 PhD Student Professional Seminar Committee: Organization Session on the LGBTQIA+ Affirmative Classroom (2017-2018 Academic Year) and Qualitative Research (2018-2019 Academic Year).