**EDUCATION**

**New York University Silver School of Social Work Expected May 2027**

**PhD in Social Work**

*New York, NY;* GPA: 4.0

Mentors: Dr. Kiara Moore, PhD & Dr. Marya Gwadz, PhD

**The University of Chicago Expected May 2025**

**Certificate in Editing**

*Courses*: Basic Manuscript Editing, Intermediate Manuscript Editing, Advanced Manuscript Editing, Editing Electronically, and Medical Copyediting

**Columbia University School of Social Work May 2023**

**Master of Social Work**

*New York, NY;* GPA: 4.0

Specialized-year field placement: Social Intervention Group

Foundational field placement: The Ali Forney Center’s Department of Equity & Inclusion

**Lafayette College** **May 2019**

**Bachelor of Arts, Double Major in Psychology and Anthropology & Sociology**

*Easton, PA*

Honors in Psychology

Honors in Anthropology & Sociology

**SCHOLARSHIP and RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Social Work/Public Health Research Interests**

HIV/sexual health, identity marginalization, stigma, gender/sexually diverse populations, substance use, health/mental health inequities and interventions, and wellbeing

**PUBLICATIONS**

Davis, A., Stringer, K. L., Drainoni, M.-L., Oser, C. B., Knudsen, H. K., Aldrich, A., Surratt, H. L.,

Walker, D. M., Gilbert, L., **Downey, D. L**., Gardner, S. D., Tan, S., Lines, L. M., Vandergrift, N., Mack, N., Holloway, J., Lunze, K., McAlearney, A. S., Huerta, T. R., … El-Bassel, N. (2023). Community-level determinants of stakeholder perceptions of community stigma toward people with opioid use disorders, harm reduction services and treatment in the HEALing Communities Study. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, *122*, 104241. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2023.104241>

Goddard-Eckrich, D., Gatanga, O.S., Dsouza, N., **Downey, D**.**L.**, Liu, Y., Hunt, T., Thomas, B., Black, C., Brown, M., Wu, E., Richer, A., Johnson, J., El-Bassel, N., Gilbert, L. (2024). Characteristics of drug-involved Black women under community supervision; Implications for retention. *Social Work in Health Care.* <https://doi.org/10.1080/00981389.2023.2278781>

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**Downey, D.L**., Goddard-Eckrich, D., Henry, B., Sardana, S., Gilbert, L., Hunt, T., Abbas, B., Nkereuwem, M., El-Bassel, N. “Why not take the pill?”: Acceptability of the notion of using PrEP among At-Risk Heterosexual Couples Undergoing Community Corrections. *(Submitted).*

Goddard-Eckrich, D., McCrimmon, T., Richer, A., Dasgupta, A., Bond, K., Chang, M., Hunt, T., Wu, E., **Downey, D.L**., Isles, L., Johnson, K., El-Bassel, N., Gilbert, L. Effectiveness of a PrEP curriculum from a culturally Tailored HIV Prevention Intervention for Black Women in Community Supervision Programs: A Randomized Clinical Trial. *Addiction Science & Clinical Practice.* *(Under Review).*

**Editor**: Folkerts, K. M., Merchant, I., & Yang, C. (2022). A Tri-Country Analysis of the Effects of White Supremacy in Mental Health Practice and Proposed Policy Alternatives. *Columbia Social Work Review*, *20*(1), 97–118. <https://doi.org/10.52214/cswr.v20i1.9644>

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

(November, 2021). *Democratizing Data: Co-Designing a Community Impact Survey.* Project Panelist at 2021 Hindsight: Re-emergence Re-imagined. New York, NY.

**Downey, D.L**. (April, 2019). *Examining the Influence of Gender and Sexual Identity on Stigma and Well-being*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Academic Research Committee (ARC) at Lafayette College. Easton, PA.

**Downey, D.L**. (April, 2019). *Stigmatic Differences of Gender and Sexual Identities on Psychological Well-being*. Poster presented at the LGBTQ Health & Resilience Conference at Rutgers University. Newark, NJ.

**Downey, D. L.** & Bell, A.C. (February, 2019). *Stigmatic Differences of Transgender Identities and Cisgender Members of the LGBTQIA+ Community.* Poster presentation at the annual convention of the Society of Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP). Portland, OR.

**Downey, D.L.** (January, 2018). *Residual Stigmas from the AIDS Epidemics: A Cross-Cultural Perspective.* Amsterdam, Netherlands.

**RESEARCH & ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Teaching Assistant January 2024-Present**

*Barnard College of Columbia University, New York, New York*

Science, Technology, & Power in the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department

**Research Assistant,** LGBQT/Nonbinary Research Team  **May 2023-Present**

*University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work,**Denver, Colorado*

Presently working on phase 2 of the Colorado Transgender/Nonbinary Health Literacy Project, which aims to document health and psychosocial risks and resilience among the transgender/nonbinary communities in Colorado. The study utilizes a statewide online survey to examine a number of topics that shape the lived experience of transgender/nonbinary communities in Colorado. Topics include healthcare experiences, mutual aid and informal healthcare access, mental health issues and service experiences, hope and gender euphoria, as well as sexual health.

**Social Intervention Group**

*Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, NY*

**Manuscript Editor August 2022-Present**

Worked to edit manuscripts for Social Intervention Group staff, including Dr. Dawn Goddard-Eckrich and Dr. Alissa Davis. Edited citations throughout the paper for consistency, reviewed and cleaned the references section, made grammatical, content, and structure edits, and was responsible for finding a journal for submission and formatting the paper appropriately based on the journal. I also addressed reviewer feedback from previous submissions to ensure the revision of the papers addressed all points.

**Graduate Research Assistant July 2022-May 2023**

Served on the Empowering Black Women On the Road to Health (EWORTH) study, a clinical trial of a behavioral HIV/STI prevention intervention with drug-involved Black women under community supervision programs in New York City; the HEALing Communities Study, an initiative launched in 2019 by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that uses a set of evidence-based interventions across community-based settings to prevent and treat opioid use disorder across four states; the PACT intervention for STI/HIV prevention for drug-involved couples in randomized clinical trials. I worked on literature reviews addressing: IPV against transgender women, attitudes towards taking PrEP in MSM and heterosexual communities, the use of Photovoice with people who use drugs, and linkage to care for those involved in the legal system using the actor-partner interdependence model.

**Research Assistant, *Cogburn Research Group* March 2023-August 2023**

*Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, NY*

Served on the “Whose Metaverse?” study, which aims to address and utilize the stories we create about ourselves, the world/context, and how our place in the world can help to heal in relation to trauma. I contributed to grant proposals and literature reviews for the study. This study is used as a way for young people to frame and understand the past, present, and future as well as their place in it to tell the story and create the worlds they want to live in digital form / leveraging emerging technologies.

**Columbia Social Work Review**

**Co-Editor-in-Chief June 2022-May 2023**

*Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, NY*

Worked with the second Co-Editor-in-Chief in selecting publications, recruiting an editorial board of 14 Associate Editors, 7 Managing Editors, and 7 Executive Editors, and designed a six-week-long training for new editors for the nation’s oldest Social Work Review.

**Associate Editor Fall 2021-June 2022**

Served as an Associate Editor with the Columbia Social Work Review. Assessed and selected submissions to the review, edited one article for publishing to our Review, and worked with a partner on the line, structure, citation, and content edits for each publication.

**Action Lab for Social Justice**

*Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, NY*

**Student Advisor May 2022-May 2023**

Provided strategic guidance to help the Lab’s operations by managing 4 initiatives: The Lavender Collective, Oral History, Research & Writing, and Ebony Tower Podcast. Ensured that the initiative’s activities and execution aligned with the lab’s mission. Worked with the Action Lab leadership and provided strategic guidance regarding the lab’s relationships and organizational decisions, including regular meetings with Deans. Assisted in writing and acquiring a $200,000 two-year grant for the lab through New York Community Trust that provides stipends, fellowships, small research grants, and faculty mentorship to MSW and PhD students through the Action Lab.

**Research Assistant Fall 2021- May 2023**

Served as a Research Assistant on the Action Lab’s Research and Writing Initiative in the Action Lab for Social Justice. Using NVIVO, I worked on coding and analysis of the results of the Prospective Alumni Survey, which assessed the feelings and experiences of graduates of Columbia School of Social Work in 2021 and proposed a list of demands for the school’s administration that were presented to the deans. Coded both quantitative and qualitative data obtained in this survey. Facilitated open research and writing skills workshops and worked actively to advocate for open-access academic literature.

**Media Assistant Fall 2021-May 2022**

Served as a media editor for the Ebony Tower Racial Justice podcast through the Action Lab for Social Justice, which examines race and racism across academic departments, the nexus between power and the production of knowledge, and ways in which the discipline can take actionable steps to end complicity and usher in racial equity.

**Research Assistant May 2022-February 2023**

*New York City Department of Youth and Community Development Fatherhood Initiative, New York, NY*

Cleaned, coded, and analyzed more than ten years' worth of data acquired by DYCD’s Fatherhood Initiative to assess the effectiveness of the services of the initiative on bettering the relationships between fathers attending programs and their children. Our team created an evaluation of the program and proposed recommended changes based on this wide range of data.

**Advanced Generalist Practice and Programming Committee Student Rep. Fall 2022-May 2023**

*Columbia University School of Social Work, New York, NY*

Served as a student representative for the Advanced Generalist Practice and Programming (AGPP) track committee. I consistently met with faculty to build and design the AGPP curriculum, make decisions on courses, and coordinate events for the AGPP Caucus. I was an advocate for other students on the AGPP track at the Columbia School of Social Work.

**Equity and Inclusion Intern September 2021-May 2022**

*The Ali Forney Center, New York NY*

Assisted the Director of Equity and Inclusion in several projects, including creating and analyzing data of a survey to guide the ‘revamp’ of The Ali Forney Center’s Justice League program, which determines consequences for clients. This revamp aimed to understand and address staff and client experiences of bias, policing, and possible racism within the program. Worked with two other MSW interns to create the Youth Advisory Board to amplify the voices of the young people we serve at the organization.

**Program Evaluator April 2021-February 2022**

*Ali Forney Center, New York, New York*

Conducted organization-wide statistics and analyses on the efficacy of our services at The Ali Forney Center. Worked on community projects with city-run organizations such as the Department of Youth and Community Development, Office of Family Services, and Department of Homeless Services. Finalized data collection and analysis for The Community Impact Survey with Hester Street and the United Way of New York City and presented findings at NYC’s Hindsight 2021 Conference in November 2021.

**Dual-Honors Thesis****Fall 2018 –May 2019**

*Lafayette College, Easton, PA*

Met honors thesis requirements for both the Psychology and Anthropology & Sociology Departments. Explored the difference in stigma experienced for gender (e.g., cisgender and transgender) and sexual (e.g., heterosexual and non-heterosexual) identities and the impact the stigma may have on one’s well-being and mental health. Proposal passed in Fall 2018; defense passed in Spring 2019.

**GRANTS and AWARDS**

**New York Community Trust Grant**  **Spring 2022**

Assisted in writing and was awarded a $200,000 two-year grant for the lab through New York Community Trust, which provides stipends, fellowships, small research grants, and faculty mentorship to MSW and Ph.D. students of color through the Action Lab.

**Mattachine Award Spring 2019**

This award recognizes the student who most exemplifies the courage of the Mattachine Society, the United States’ first LGBTQ rights organization, in working tirelessly to advance LGBTQ rights at Lafayette College.

**Marquis Organization Award for Interfaith Council Spring 2019**

Lafayette College’s Hoff Awards Highest Honor. This award recognizes exemplary leadership by a student organization that has influenced the behaviors, actions, or opinions of others toward a common goal or purpose. The recipient group of this award models collaboration, handles controversy with civility, and places value on a common purpose.

**Diversity Undergraduate Registration Award Fall 2018**

As a result of my previous research on understanding stigmatized identities and underrepresented populations and my dedication to identities like my own, I was awarded complimentary registration to the 2019 Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference as well as an invitation to the Diversity and Climate Committee reception and the Diversity and Climate Committee Undergraduate Mentoring Breakfast.

**Grant Recipient of the Ethnographic Research Fund** **Spring 2018**

A $3,000 grant was rewarded for participant compensation as well as transportation to, housing for, and attendance at three LGBTQIA+ conferences around the country to gather data for my dual-honors thesis.

**SKILLS**

**Computer Proficiencies**:

* Stata
* SPSS
* NVIVIO
* Atlas.ti
* Microsoft Word
* Microsoft Excel
* Microsoft PowerPoint
* Adobe Photoshop

**REFERENCES**

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