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EDUCATION

Degrees

Social, Behavioral, and Population Sciences [in progress], Tulane University

MA, Forensic Mental Health Counseling, City University of New York (CUNY)

License-eligible mental health counselor, New York State (NYS)

BA, English, Temple University

Certifications, Supplemental Training (Featured)

2024: SICSS: Summer Institutes in Computational Social Science, Social and Behavioural Data Science Centre (SoBe DSC), University of Amsterdam, Roeterseiland

2020: Human-Centered Design for Public Health Intervention Development: YLabs, episummer@columbia.edu: Epidemiology and Population Health Summer Institute, Columbia University

2016–2017: H RTP: Health Research Training Program, Bureau of Public Health Training, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

Current

2023: “Passive suicidality in a repressive U.S. political context: a triangulated language modeling–policy impact study.” Tulane ARMHR: Advancing Representation in Minority Health Research | National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Training Program: T37MD001424, Office of Global Health, Tulane University. Role: Trainee/PI. \$36,352.

2022: “*Psy*FR*: Tracing the intra-Psychic sequelae of pervasive Facial Recognition–equipped police surveillance among Black, queer, transgender, and nonbinary New Orleanians.” Changemaker Catalyst Award, The Phyllis M. Taylor Center for Social Innovation and Design Thinking. Role: PI. \$1,500.

2021: Dean’s Research Council Scholarship | Garvin Shands Saunders Foundation Scholarship, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine (SPHTM), Tulane University

Completed

2024: Gaetano Bazzano MD, PhD Award for Professional Advancement, Tulane SPHTM. \$5,000.

2023: “Critical Suicidology–informed featurization in language modeling of passive suicidality: a methodological proof of concept.” Summer Graduate Award, Connolly Alexander Institute for Data Science, Tulane University. Role: PI. \$2,000.

2020: Junior Staff Development Award, PRIDE Health Research Consortium, Hunter College, CUNY. \$1,000.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic

2023–present: Affiliated Scholar, D³L: Discrimination, Disparities, and Data Lab, Department of Economics, Tulane University

2023–present, Graduate Research Associate, Center for Community-Engaged Artificial Intelligence, Tulane University

2022–present: Research Aide, *Let’s Talk Digital*, Highly Vulnerable Children Research Center: South Africa, Tulane University

2020–2021: Consultant, *iREP: A Digital Community Needs Assessment to Represent, Engage, and emPower SGM Young People in Florida*, Center for Translational Behavioral Science (CTBScience), Florida State University

2022: Research Associate, Adolescent Medicine Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions (ATN) 160: *TechStep*

2019–2021: Project Manager/Motivational Interviewing + Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (MI+CBT) Interventionist, ATN 160: *TechStep*, iTech: University of North Carolina/Emory University Center for Innovative Technology | Department of Psychology, Hunter College, CUNY

Government

2018–2019: Research Assistant [pro bono], Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention, Control, and Treatment, Division of Disease Control, NYC DOHMH

2017–2018: Consultant, NYC Council Local Law 2017/117: In Relation to Requiring the Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene to Submit a Plan for Serving the Behavioral Health Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Persons, Int 1225-2016, Ver A (2017), Office of the Executive Deputy Commissioner, Division of Mental Hygiene, NYC DOHMH

2016–2017: Research and Evaluation Intern, Bureau of Children, Youth and Families, Division of Mental Hygiene, NYC DOHMH

Industry

2020–2023: Consultant, Clinical Sciences, Waverider

2013–2015: Senior Project Editor, Informa Healthcare | Informa Business Intelligence

2011–2013: Senior Project Editor I, Wiley: Finance and Investment Series | John Wiley & Sons Singapore | Bloomberg Asia

2006–2011: Journals Production Editor, Taylor & Francis | Routledge | Informa Healthcare

Clinical

2017: Clinical Extern, Gender Identity Project, Behavioral Health Division, The Center: The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center

PUBLICATIONS

Metrics ([Google Scholar](#))

Citations: 47

h-index: 5

i10-index: 2

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Gasik RE, Smith EA, **Skeen SJ**, Tokarz S, Clum GA, Felker-Kantor E, Theall KP. Using geographic ecological momentary assessment to explore spatial environment influences on wellbeing in people with HIV. Manuscript in review.

Ma J, Ackley D, Reback CJ, Rusow JA, **Skeen SJ**, Miller-Perusse M, Buch K, Cain D, Horvath KJ. Psychosocial correlates of gender-affirming hormone and medically necessary surgical intervention (MNSI) use among transgender and gender diverse youth and young adults. Manuscript in review.

Reback CJ, Cain D, Rusow JA, Benkeser D, Schader L, Gwiazdowski BA, **Skeen SJ**, Hicks M, Belzer M, Castillo M, Mayer K, Paul M, Hill-Rorie J, Johnson ND, McAvoy-Banerjee J, Hightow-Weidman L, Sullivan P, Lee S, Horvath KJ. Technology-based interventions, with a stepped care approach, for reducing sexual risk behaviors and increasing PrEP initiation among transgender and gender expansive youth and young adults: *TechStep*. Manuscript in review.

Skeen SJ, Pooler-Burgess M, Shaw Green SK, Jackson JJ, Lim AC, Purcell J, Naar S. Open, receptive, healthcare encounters catalyze psychological empowerment to drive HIV testing among

SGM young people in Florida. *J LGBT Youth*. 2024. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19361653.2024.2360966>

Gasik RE, Madkour AS, **Skeen SJ**, Clum GA, Francis T, Felker-Kantor E, Wallace M, Ferguson T, Welsh DA, Molina PE, Theall KP. Childhood adversity, life course alcohol use patterns, and health status among people living with HIV. *AIDS Behav*. 2024. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19361653.2024.2360966>

Skeen SJ, Cain D, Mehta K, Rusow J, Horvath KJ, Reback CJ. The intersectional social patterning of early-COVID-era digital intimacies among transgender and gender-diverse young adults: Effects on peri-pandemic sexual decision-making. *Cult Health Sex*. Published online January 24, 2024. doi: 10.1080/13691058.2024.2302054

Skeen SJ,¹ Tokarz S,¹ Gasik RE, Solano CM, Smith EA, Sagoe MB, Hudson LV, Steele K, Theall KP, Clum GA. A trauma-informed, geospatially aware, just-in-time-adaptive mHealth intervention to support effective coping skills among people living with HIV in New Orleans: Development and protocol for a pilot randomized controlled trial. *JMIR Res Protoc*. 2023;12:e47151. doi: 10.2196/47151 [protocol].

Skeen SJ, Jones SS, Cruse CM, Horvath KJ. Integrating natural language processing and interpretive thematic analyses to gain human-centered design insights in HIV mobile health: Proof-of-concept analysis. *JMIR Hum Factors*. 2022;9(3):e37350. doi: 10.2196/37350

Skeen SJ, Cain D. mHealth for transgender and gender-expansive youth: An update on COVID, venture capital, and the cultural in/congruence of revenue-driven sustainability models. *mHealth*. 2022;8:28. doi: 10.21037/mhealth-22-10 [letter].

- 6th most read *mHealth* article, 2022
- included reading: LGBTQ Health and Inequities (HBEHED605), School of Public Health, University of Michigan

Skeen SJ, Shaw Green KS, Knopf AS. Synthesizing adaptive digital bioethics to guide the use of interactive communications technologies in adolescent behavioral medicine: A systematic configurative review. *Pediatr Clin N Am*. 2022;69(4):739-758. doi: 10.1016/j.pcl.2022.04.006 [systematic review].

Starks TJ, **Skeen SJ**, Jones S, Millar BM, Gurung S, Ferraris C, Ventuneac A, Parsons JT, Sparks MA. The importance of domain-specific self-efficacy assessment for substance use and HIV care continuum outcomes among adults in an urban HIV clinic network. *AIDS Care*. 2022;34(5):670–678. doi: 10.1080/09540121.2021.1904501

Starks TJ, **Skeen SJ**, Jones S, Gurung S, Millar BM, Ferraris C, Ventuneac A, Parsons JT, Sparks MA. Effectiveness of a combined motivational interviewing and cognitive behavioral intervention to reduce substance use and improve HIV-related immune functioning. *AIDS Behav*. 2021;26(4):1138–1152. doi: 10.1007/s10461-021-03467-7

Skeen SJ, Starks TJ, Jimenez R, Rendina HJ, Cain D. Heterosexual cisgender men partnered with transgender women exhibit higher HIV/STI behavioral sexual risk than their gay, bisexual, and queer counterparts: Findings from a U.S.-based convenience sample recruited online. *AIDS Behav*. 2021;25(10):3279–3291. doi: 10.1007/s10461-021-03314-9

Skeen SJ, Cain D, Gamarel KE, Hightow-Weidman L, Reback CJ. mHealth for transgender and gender-expansive youth: Harnessing gender-affirmative cross-disciplinary innovations to advance HIV prevention and care interventions. *mHealth*. 2021;7:37. doi: 10.21037/mhealth-20-60 [scoping review].

Preprints and Preregistered Protocols

Skeen SJ, Contreras LM, Culotta AW. ‘What destroys a person when that person appears to be destroying himself?’ Intrapoliticizing discourses on r/SuicideWatch. <https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/pa93y>

- open materials: [.html](#), open Python: [.ipynb](#), [.py](#)

Briefs and Reports

Skeen SJ. *User-Centered Design of Novel mHealth Solutions for Bipolar Self-Management:*

1. Equal contributions.

Synthesis of Qualitative Insights with Illustrative Wireframes. Waverider Studios; 2021.²

Yoon C, **Skeen S**, Shaff J, Fong M-C, Travers M, Davila M. *Mental Health Disparities among New York City LGBTQ Youth, 2017: NYC DOHMH Epi Data Brief 114*. New York, NY: Bureau of Children, Youth and Families, Bureau of Epidemiology Services, NYC DOHMH; 2019.

Berger S, Duke A, Garbutt J, Gordon P, Jackson N, Peterman K, Rodriguez P, Shaff J, **Skeen S**, Turner A, Viglucci D. *NYC Youth Peer Advocacy: A Survey of Youth Peer Advocates In New York City 2017/2018*. New York, NY: Bureau of Children, Youth and Families, NYC DOHMH; NYS Office of Mental Health; 2019.

Skeen S. *A Roadmap of LGBTQ-Focused Behavioral Health Initiatives in New York City*. New York, NY: Office of the Executive Deputy Commissioner, NYC DOHMH; Committee on Mental Health, Disabilities, and Addictions, New York City Council; 2018 [corporate authorship].

*In Preparation*³

Skeen SJ, Button P. Linguistic markers of subtle discrimination among mental health professionals: pre-analysis plan.

PRESENTATIONS

Symposia

Skeen SJ: Chair, Dulin A: Discussant. Embodying oppression: Urban stress as structural pathogenesis among people living with HIV in the Gulf South. SBM 45th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions. March 13-16, 2024; Philadelphia, PA.

Oral

Ma J, Ackley D, Reback C, Rusow J, **Skeen S**, Horvath KJ. Psychosocial correlates of gender-affirming hormone and medically necessary surgical intervention (MNSI) use among transgender and gender diverse (TGD) youth. 2024 National LGBTQ Health Conference. August 15–17, 2024; Atlanta, GA.

Smith EA, **Skeen SJ**, Theall KP, Ferguson TF, Molina PE, Clum GA. Stop-and-frisk frequency as a determinant of post-traumatic stress among PWH in gentrifying New Orleans. SBM 45th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions. March 13–16, 2024; Philadelphia, PA.

Skeen SJ, Smith EA, Ferguson TF, Molina PE, Welsh DA, Clum GA, Theall KP. Law enforcement-related stressors as detractors to CD4 count among PWH: Testing pathways of embodiment. SBM 45th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions. March 13–16, 2024; Philadelphia, PA.

Clum GA, Tokarz S, Binaifer Sagoe M, Gasik RE, **Skeen SJ**. “I walk out the door...my heart rate goes up instantly”: Phenomenologies of stress and resilience among violence-affected PWH. SBM 45th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions. March 13–16, 2024; Philadelphia, PA.

Skeen SJ, Gasik RE, Tokarz S, Solano CM, Sagoe MB, Steele K, Smith EA, Theall KP, Clum GA. Realizing human-centered just-in-time mHealth: *A Living in the Face of Trauma* adaptation for violence-affected people living with HIV in New Orleans. The 15th AIDS Impact Conference. June 12–15, 2023; Stockholm, Sweden.

Thurman T, Zani B, **Skeen SJ**, Clayton J, Sampson A. ‘The module made me think a better way’: Activating untapped potentials of digital eLearning for HIV prevention education in South Africa. The 15th AIDS Impact Conference. June 12–15, 2023; Stockholm, Sweden.

Skeen SJ, Cain D, Mehta K, Rusow J, Horvath KJ, Reback CJ. Interrupted digital intimacies among TGD youth in the early U.S. COVID-19 pandemic: Mixed-methods latent profile analyses. SBM 44th Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions. April 26–29, 2023; Phoenix, AZ.

- Meritorious Abstract Award (March 2023), Program Committee, SBM
- Best Student Paper Abstract Award (February 2023), HIV & Sexual Health Special Interest Group, SBM

Jackson JJ, Lim AC, Prachthauser M, **Skeen SJ**. Bridging the gaps in youth sexual health in Florida: Progress and lessons learned since the launch of the FLASH Network. Adherence 2021: International

2. Proprietary and confidential. A redacted version is available upon request.

3. Complete drafts available if lead authored. Submission planned within one month.

Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC) 16th International Conference on HIV Treatment and Prevention Adherence. November 7–9, 2021; Orlando, FL.

Fikslin R, Lovinger E, Rahman M, Kobrak PH, Ramirez VI, **Skeen S**, Ahn OA, Golub SA. Healthcare engagement among women who have sex with women in NYC: How intersectional identities shape barriers and facilitators to care. AWP: Association for Women in Psychology Annual Conference. February 28–March 3, 2019; Newport, RI.

Poster

Horvath KJ, Cain D, Rusow JA, Benkeser D, Schader L, Gwiazdowski BA, **Skeen SJ**, Hannah M, Belzer M, Castillo M, Mayer KH, Paul ME, Hill-Rorie J, Johnson ND, McAvoy-Banerjea J, Sanchez T, Hightow-Weidman LB, Sullivan PS, Reback CJ. Technology-based interventions, with a stepped care approach, for reducing sexual risk behaviors and increasing PrEP initiation among transgender and gender expansive youth and young adults (ATN 160). Poster presented at: AIDS 2024: 27th International AIDS Conference. July 22–26, 2024; Munich, Germany.

Skeen SJ, Button P. Linguistic markers of subtle discrimination among mental health professionals. Poster presented at: TRICS: Tulane Research, Innovation, and Creativity Summit. April 24–25, 2024; New Orleans, LA.

• open materials: [.html](#), open Python: [.ipynb](#), [.py](#), open Stata: [.do](#)

Skeen SJ, Contrera LM, Culotta AW. Lonely burden failure hate: developing a theoretically grounded discriminative language model of passive suicidality. Poster presented at: 2024 SAVIR: Society for the Advancement of Violence and Injury Research Annual Conference; April 15–17, 2024; Chapel Hill, NC.

Thurman T, Zani B, **Skeen SJ**, Clayton J, Sampson A. Activating the untapped potential of digital eLearning for HIV prevention education in South Africa. Poster presented at: 11th South African AIDS Conference. June 20–23, 2023; Durban, South Africa.

Skeen SJ, Tokarz S, Solano CM, Sagoe MB, Steele K, Smith E, Gasik R, Theall KP, Clum GA. User-centered development of an mHealth intervention to promote adaptive coping and outpatient retention among violence-affected people living with HIV in New Orleans. Poster presented at: TRICS. March 1–2, 2023; New Orleans LA.

Skeen SJ, Gasik RE, Tokarz S, Solano CM, Spriggs Madkour A, Theall KP, Clum GC. “I’m living proof He helps you”: A mixed-methods ecological momentary assessment examining spirituality and survivorship among PLWH in New Orleans, with implications for just-in-time adaptive mHealth intervention. Poster presented at: IAPAC Fast-Track Cities 2022. October 11–13, 2022; Sevilla, Spain.

Jackson JJ, Lim AC, Varona A, **Skeen SJ**. How youth-led cross-platform advocacy can address the structural inequities that drive adolescent HIV/STI disparities. Poster presented at: 2021 Spring ATN Meeting. May 28, 2021 [virtual].

Lim AC, Jackson JJ, Green SKS, **Skeen SJ**. Envisioning youth-led action for sexual health equity: Founding and development of a diverse sexual and gender minority youth organization. Poster presented at: 2021 Florida HIV CPR Conference: Connecting Community, Providers, & Researchers. April 29–30, 2021 [virtual].

• Top Program Description Abstract (April 2021), SHARC: Southern HIV and Alcohol Research Consortium, College of Public Health & Health Professions, University of Florida

Pooler-Burgess M, Naar S, Green SKS, George A, **Skeen SJ**. Ending the youth HIV epidemic in Florida through community-academic partnerships and data-driven implementation science: Introducing Scale It Up! Florida: a youth learning health community. Poster presented at: 2021 Florida HIV CPR Conference: Connecting Community, Providers, & Researchers. April 29–30, 2021 [virtual].

Skeen SJ, Jones S, Cruse C, Palazzolo A, Horvath KJ. Mining insights from user-generated content on Thrive with Me, an mHealth platform for men living with HIV: Demonstration of a novel machine learning-aided thematic analysis. Poster presented at: 2020 AMIA: American Medical Informatics Association Annual Symposium. November 14–18, 2020 [virtual].

Butame SA, Harper G, Jauregai J, **Skeen SJ**, Idalski Carcone A, Coyle K, Naar S. Evaluating implementation practices in the Adolescent Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions (ATN) with the

EPIS model: The role of policy within program implementation. Poster presented at: AIDS 2020: 23rd International AIDS Conference. July 6–10, 2020 [virtual].

Cain D, **Skeen SJ**, Jimenez R, Starks TJ, Rendina HJ. Sexual identity, relationship patterns, and HIV risk behaviors among cisgender men who partner with transgender women. Poster presented at: SBM 41st Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions; April 1–4, 2020 [virtual].

Skeen SJ, Jones S, Cruse C, Palazzolo A, Horvath KJ. Disease coping and social adversities characterize user-generated content on Thrive with Me, an mHealth platform for men living with HIV: Implications of a novel machine learning–aided thematic analysis. Poster presented at: 32nd APS: Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention. May 21–24, 2020 [virtual].

Yoon C, Lim S, **Skeen S**, van der Mei E, Olson D, Davila M. Monitoring suicide and self-harm-related emergency department visits among children, adolescents, and teenagers in New York City. Poster presented at: APHA: American Public Health Association 2017 Annual Meeting. November 4–8, 2017; Atlanta, GA.

van der Mei E, **Skeen S**, Olson D, Lim S, Yoon C, Kull M, Davila M. A qualitative investigation of mental health–related emergency department visits among NYC youth. Poster presented at: 4th NYCEF: New York City Epidemiology Forum. February 17, 2017; New York, NY.

Invited Talks

2019: “It’s our time! Women in psychology discussion panel.” John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY; New York, NY.

2018: “Caring for the LGBTQ+ community: Optimizing health and social service outcomes.” Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center | New Settlement Community Center; New York, NY.

Workshops, Seminars

2023: “Usenet to Euphoria™: Thirty years of radical digital intimacy and collective bodily autonomy in trans health tech.” Department of Social, Behavioral, and Population Sciences, Tulane University; New Orleans, LA.

2020: “Qualitative interviewing for public health.” ATN [virtual].

2019: “Within-group mental health disparities among SGM teenagers in New York City: Evolving contexts, implications, and lessons learned from the 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey.” PRIDE Health Research Consortium, Hunter College, CUNY; New York, NY.

2019: “Surviving a syndemic: Honoring the lifeworlds of TGNC collaborators in HIV biobehavioral trials.” Harlem Prevention Center, ICAP at Columbia University; New York, NY.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Instructor

2023: Capstone Internship Seminar: Leadership and Ethics in Public Health (SPHU 4560), SPHTM, Tulane University

Invited Guest Lecturer

2023–2024: “(Re)politicizing suicide risk and prevention: Cross-sectoral, anti-carceral perspectives.” Violence as a Public Health Problem (SBPS 6500), SPHTM, Tulane University

2023: “Biopsychosociotechnical: Information-age TGD identity formation, collective bodily autonomy, and the politics of backlash.” Sexual Health – A Public Health Perspective (SBPS 6360), SPHTM, Tulane University

2023: “From what is known to what is done: The science of innovation, implementation, and sustainment.” Social and Behavioral Aspects of Health (SBPS 6030), SPHTM, Tulane University

Teaching Assistant

2022: Design Strategies in Public Health Programs (SPHL 6080), SPHTM, Tulane University

2022: Social and Behavioral Aspects of Health (SBPS 6030), SPHTM, Tulane University

SERVICE

2020–present: Reviewer, *AIDS and Behavior*, *Critical Public Health*, *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, *mHealth*, *Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR)*, *JMIR Human Factors*, *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*

2024–2027: Student Liaison: Special Interest Group (SIG) Renewal Committee, Society of Behavioral Medicine

2023–2024, Student Chair: HIV and Sexual Health SIG, Society of Behavioral Medicine

2021–2023: Founder, Chair: Ethics Advisory Board, Waverider

2019–2020: Facilitator, Minority Interest Group, PRIDE Health Research Consortium, Hunter College, CUNY

2019–2021: Co-Chair: Bioethics Working Group, Adolescent Medicine Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions

2018: Key Internal Informant, National HIV Behavioral Surveillance: Transgender Women, Division of Disease Control, NYC DOHMH

2017–2018: Co-Chair: Mental Hygiene Community Services Board LGBTQ Subcommittee, Division of Mental Hygiene, NYC DOHMH

2017–2018: Divisional Representative, SO/GI Data Harmonization Working Group, Division of Mental Hygiene, NYC DOHMH