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EDUCATION

- 2019-2022 **Postdoctoral Fellowship** Transdisciplinary Training in Addictions Research (TranSTAR) T32 Training Program (T32 DA 015035), Washington University in St. Louis
- 2019 **Ph.D.** Case Western Reserve University, Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences
Dissertation Title: *The impact of social recovery capital among women in early recovery*
Committee Members: Elizabeth M. Tracy, Ph.D. (chair), Kathleen Farkas, Ph.D., Meeyoung O. Min, Ph.D., Adam Perzynski, Ph.D.
- 2003 **MSW** Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey School of Social Work, Direct Practice Program
- 2000 **BA** Johns Hopkins University
Major: Psychology

LICENSURE

- 2010-2015 Licensed Clinical Social Worker (Virginia License 0904007407)
- 2008-2011 Licensed Clinical Social Worker (Tennessee License LSW0000004953)
- 2007-2008 Licensed Social Worker (Tennessee License LSW0000007348)
- 2003-2008 Licensed Social Worker (Jersey License 44SL05237700)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2022- **Assistant Professor**, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work

RESEARCH POSITIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUNDED GRANTS

- 9/2024 **PCORI** (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, in preparation), working title: “From surviving to thriving: Understanding the relative effectiveness of substance use disorder interventions for college students,” PI: Rebecca Smith, Ph.D.; my role would be co-investigator / key personnel
- 8/2024 **NIDA R01** (in preparation), working title: “Collegiate recovery programs’ impact on student academic and recovery success: A secondary analysis of data from the National Longitudinal Collegiate Recovery Study,” PI: Mer Francis, Ph.D., MSW

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- 10/1/2023-06/30/2024 **Internal Award** from the Office of Research (OOR) at the School of Social Work at Virginia Commonwealth University \$17588.00; “The impact of collegiate recovery programs on recovery capital and participating students,” PI: Mer Francis, Ph.D., MSW
- 4/1/2023 – 2/28/2027 **NIDA 1R25DA058484-01** \$185,713; “Equipping social workers on the front line: The child welfare and addiction specialist fellowship program,” Co-PIs: Karen Chartier, Ph.D., Rebecca Gomez, Ph.D.; My role in this grant is as a co-investigator / key personnel
- 9/2023 – 9/2025 **NIAAA Loan Repayment Program**, Validation and measurement invariance testing of a new measure of social recovery capital in a large, clinically-engaged sample of adults with Alcohol Use Disorder
- 2019-2022 **Postdoctoral Scholar**, Transdisciplinary Training in Addictions Research (TranSTAR) T32 Training Program (T32 DA 015035), Washington University in St. Louis, with contributions to National Institute on Drug Abuse & National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Grant U10AA008401 for the Collaborative Study on the Genetics of Alcoholism (COGA)
Supervisors: Renee M. Cunningham-Williams, PhD, & Kathleen K. Bucholz, PhD, Co-PIs; Mentors: Vivia McCutcheon, PhD, & Tonya Edmond, PhD
- 2018-2019 **Research Assistant**, Investigating Cumulative and Complex Trauma with Men in Batterer Intervention Programs: A Pilot Study. Funded by a Research and Training Development Grant from the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences
Principal Investigator: Laura A. Voith, PhD
- 2014-2018 **Graduate Assistant**, Role of Personal Social Networks in Post Treatment Functioning. Funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (R01DA022994)
Principal Investigator: Elizabeth M. Tracy, PhD
- 2017-2018 **Research Assistant**, The Post-it Campaign: Reporting on social justice dialogues in the Mandel School. Internally-funded project for the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences
Supervisors: Dana M. Prince, PhD, Laura A. Voith, PhD, Jennifer King, PhD, & Megan R. Holmes, PhD
- 2015-2016 **Graduate Assistant**, The Effects of Prenatal Cocaine Exposure in Emerging Adulthood. Funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (R01 07957)
Principal Investigator: Sonia Minnes, PhD
- 2015 **Research Assistant**, Neighborhood factors and child maltreatment: A mixed method study. Funded by the National Institute of Health (3R01HD077002-03S1).
Principal Investigator: James Spilsbury, PhD

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PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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Impact metrics: Citations: 136; h-index: 6; i10-index: 5

* Indicates doctoral student mentee

18. Su, J., Kuo, S. I.-C., Aliev, F., Rabinowitz, J. A., Jamil, B., Chan, G., Edenberg, H.J., **Francis**, M.W., Hesselbrock, V., Kamarajan, C., Kinreich, S., Kramer, J. R., Lai, D., McCutcheon, V. V., Meyers, J. L., Pandey, A., Pandey, G., Plawecki, M. H., Schuckit, M. A., Tischfield, J., Dick, D. M. (2023). Alcohol use polygenic risk score, social support, and alcohol use among European American and African American adults. *Development and Psychopathology*, 1–13. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0954579423001141> [Impact Factor: 3.3]
17. Schuckit, M.A., Smith, T.L., Danko, G., Tear, J., Hennies, J., Mendoza, L.A., Hesselbrock, V., Edenberg, H.J., Hesselbrock, M., Bucholz, K., Chan, G., Kuperman, S., **Francis**, M.W., Plawecki, M.H., The Collaborative Study on the Genetics of Alcoholism (COGA). (2023) Changes over time in endorsement of 11 DSM-IV alcohol use disorder (AUD) criteria in young adults with persistent or recurrent AUD in The Collaborative Study on the Genetics of Alcoholism. *Alcohol: Clinical and Experimental Research*, 47(5), 919–929. <https://doi.org/10.1111/acer.15054> [Impact Factor (Scopus): 5.9]
16. Dick, D., Balcke, E., McCutcheon, V., **Francis**, M., Kuo, S., Salvatore, J., Meyers, J., Schuckit, M., Hesselbrock, V. M., Edenberg, H., Porjesz, B., Kuperman, S., Kramer, J., Bucholz, K. (2023). The Collaborative Study on the Genetics of Alcoholism: Sample and Clinical Data. *Genes, Brain, and Behavior* (22)5, e12860. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gbb.12860> [Impact Factor (Scopus): 7.1]
15. **Francis**, M. W., McCutcheon, V. V., & Farkas, K. J. (2023). Social processes during recovery: An expansion of Kelly and Hoepfner’s biaxial formulation of recovery. *Addiction Research & Theory*, (31)6, 416-423. [Impact Factor: 2.9] <https://doi.org/10.1080/16066359.2023.2195641>
14. Boness, C. L., Votaw, V. R., **Francis**, M. W., Watts, A. L., Sperry, S. H., Kleva, C. S., Nellis, L., McDowell, Y., Douaihy, A. B., Sher, K. J., & Witkiewitz, K. (2023). Alcohol use disorder

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conceptualizations and diagnoses reflect their sociopolitical context. *Addiction Research & Theory*, (31)5, 307-312. DOI: 10.1080/16066359.2022.2150935 [Impact Factor: 2.336]

13. Barr, P. B., Driver, M. N., Kuo, S. I., Stephenson, M., Aliev, F., Linnér, R. K., Marks, J., Anokhin, A. P., Bucholz, K., Chan, G., Edenberg, H. J., Edwards, A. C., **Francis**, M. W., Hancock, D. B., Harden, K. P., Kamarajan, C., Kaprio, J., Kinreich, S., Kramer, J. R., Kuperman, S., Latvala, A., Meyers, J. L., Palmer, A. A., Plawecki, M. H., Porjesz, B., Rose, R. J., Schuckit, M. A., Salvatore, J. A., Dick, D. M. (2022). Clinical, environmental, and genetic risk factors for substance use disorders: Characterizing combined effects across multiple cohorts. *Molecular Psychiatry*, 27(11), 4633-4641. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41380-022-01801-6> [Impact Factor: 14.153]
12. **Francis**, M. W., Bourdon, J. L., Chan, G., Dick, D. M., Edenburg, H. J., Kamarajan, C., Kinreich, S., Kramer, J., Kuo, S. I., Pandey, A., Pandey, G., Smith, R. L., Bucholz, K. K., & McCutcheon, V. V. (2022). Deriving a measure of Social Recovery Capital from the Important People and Activities instrument in young adults: Construction and psychometric properties. *Alcohol and Alcoholism*. 57(3), 322-329. <https://doi.org/10.1093/alcalc/agac014> [Impact Factor: 2.826]
11. Lai, D., Johnson, E., Colbert, S., Pandey, G., Chan, G., Bauer, L., **Francis**, M. W., Hesselbrock, V., Kamarajan, C., Kramer, J., Kuo, S., Kuperman, S., Liu, Y., McCutcheon, V., Pang, Z., Plawecki, M., Schuckit, M., Tischfield, J., Wetherill, L., Zang, Y., Edenberg, H. J., Porjesz, B., Agrawal, A., Foroud, T. (2021). Evaluating risk for alcohol use disorder: Polygenic risk scores and family history. *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*. 46(3), 374-383. <http://doi.org/10.1111/acer.14772> [Impact Factor: 2.716]
10. Bourdon, J. L., **Francis**, M. W., Jia, L., Liang, C., Robinson, H. I., & Grucza, R. A. (2021). The effect of cannabis policies on treatment outcomes for cannabis use among U.S. adults. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*. 131(article 108535). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jsat.2021.108535> PMID: 34154870 § Co first authors [Impact Factor: 2.728]
9. Berg, K., **Francis**, M., Ross, K., Spilsbury, J. (2021). Opportunities to improve sleep of children exposed to interpersonal violence: A social-ecological perspective. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 127. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chidyouth.2021.106082> [Impact Factor: 1.226]
8. Kinreich, S., McCutcheon, V., Aliev, F., Meyers, J., Kamarajan, C., Pandey, A., Chorlian, D., Zhang, J., Kuang, W., Pandey, G., Subbie-Saenz de Viteri, S., **Francis**, M., Chan, G., Bourdon, J., Dick, D., Anokhin, A., Bauer, L., Hesselbrock, V., Schuckit, M., Nurnberger, J., Foroud, T., Salvatore, J., Bucholz, K., & Porjesz, B. (2021). Predicting Alcohol Use Disorder remission: A longitudinal multimodal multi-featured machine learning

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approach. *Translational Psychiatry*, 11(166). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41398-021-01281-2> [Impact Factor: 5.490]

7. **Francis, M. W.** (2020). Transitions of women’s substance use recovery networks and 12-month sobriety outcomes. *Social Networks*. 63, 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socnet.2020.04.003> [Impact Factor: 2.931]
6. Voith, L., Hamler, T., **Francis, M.**, Lee, H. & Korsch-Williams, A. (2020). Using a trauma-informed, socially-just research framework with marginalized populations: Practices and barriers to implementation. *Social Work Research*, *svaa013*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/swr/svaa013> [Impact Factor: 1.395]
5. **Francis, M. W.**, Taylor, L. H., Tracy, E. M. (2020). Choose who’s in your circle: How women’s relationship actions help create recovery-oriented networks. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, 20(2), 122-135. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1533256X.2020.1748975> [Impact Factor: 0.26]
4. Bourdon, J., Tillman, R., **Francis, M.**, Dick, D., Stephenson, M., Kamarajan, C., Edenberg, H., Kramer, J., Kuperman, S., Bucholz, K., McCutcheon, V. (2020). Characterization of service use for alcohol problems across generations and sex in adults with alcohol use disorder. *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*. 44(3), 746-757. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/acer.14290> [Impact Factor: 2.716]
3. Minnes, S., Min, M. O., Kim, J., **Francis, M. W.**, Lang, A., Wu, M., Singer, L. T. (2017). The association of prenatal cocaine exposure, externalizing behavior and adolescent substance use. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 176. 33-43. doi: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2017.01.027; PMID: 28514694 PMCID: PMC5637277 [Impact Factor: 3.466]
2. Min, M. O., Kim, J., Olgac, T., **Francis, M. W.**, Shon, E., Yoon, D. (2016). Factor structure of the Urban Hassles Index. *Research on Social Work Practice*. 28(6), 741-750. doi:10.1177/1049731516674815 [Impact Factor: 1.929]
1. Tracy, E. M., Min, M. O., Park, H., Jun, M., Brown, S., & **Francis, M.** (2016). Personal network structure and substance use in women by 12 months post treatment intake. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*. 62, 55-61. doi: 10.1016/j.jsat.2015.11.002 PMID: 26712040, PMCID: PMC4724506 [Impact Factor: 2.728]

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS UNDER PEER REVIEW

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Francis, M. W. , Bucholz, K. K., Dick, D. M. , Edenburg, H. J. , Kamarajan, C., Kim, K.* , Kramer, J. , Kuo, S. I. , Plawecki, M. H., Porjesz, B., Smith, R. L., Yang, Y. L.* , & McCutcheon, V. V. (Under review: *Alcohol and Alcoholism*). Social Recovery Capital, parental Alcohol Use Disorder, and drinking outcomes in young adults from a high risk sample.

McCutcheon, V. V., Smith, R. L., Chan, G., **Francis, M. W.**, Bourdon, J. L., Tillman, R. L., Kuo, S. I. , Meyers, J., Plawecki, M. H., Pandey, A. , Chorlian, D. B., Nurnberger, J. I., Agrawal, A., Johnson, E. C., Kramer, J., Schuckit, M. A., Bucholz, K. K. (Under review: *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*). Alcohol use trajectories in adolescent offspring from high-risk families in relation to parental AUD and timing of remission.

Bourdon, J. L., Beeler-Stinn, S., **Francis, M. W.**, Bierut, L., Dick, D. M., Edenberg, H. J., Hesselbrock, M., Hesselbrock, V., Kamarajan, C., Bucholz, K. K., & McCutcheon, V. V. (Under review: *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*). Generational differences in AUD criteria associated with service use initiation and type for alcohol problems.

Taylor, L. H., Park, H., **Francis, M. W.**, Min, M. O., Tracy, E. M. (Under review: *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*). The role of personal networks on abstinence self-efficacy among substance using women.

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

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Francis, M.W., Kim, K.* , Yang, Y.L.* , Smith, R., Miola, R., Bannard, T., The National Longitudinal Collegiate Recovery Study Group. (Manuscript in preparation). A Comparison of the Performance of Two Measures of Recovery for Collegiate Recovery Program Participants.

Francis, M.W., Smith, R., Yang, Y.L.* , Miola, R.* , Bannard, T., Joyce, J.† , The National Longitudinal Collegiate Recovery Study. (Manuscript in preparation). Stronger recovery identities buffer the impact of trauma on recovery capital for collegiate recovery program participants.

Francis, M. W., Chartier, K., Yang, Y. L.* , Kim, K.* (Manuscript in preparation). Different sources of social support for recovery predict increased recovery capital for students at different stages in college education.

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Yang*, Y. L., Chartier, K. G., The National Longitudinal Collegiate Recovery Study Group, & Francis, M. W. (Manuscript in preparation). Lifestage moderates the impact of recovery capital on quality of life for collegiate recovery program participants.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Francis, M. W. (2017). Participant handout packet for the Eradicate Social Isolation Faculty Development Institute, presented at the meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Dallas, TX.

Francis, M. W., Prince, D. M., Voith, L. A., King, J., Holmes, M. R. (2017). *Post-it campaign: Reporting of social justice dialogues in the Mandel School*. Internal report presented to faculty, students, and staff of the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Francis, M. W., Jemal, A., Voith, L. A., Hamler, T., & Korsch-Williams, A. E. (2023). Radically imagining anti-racist social work research using a trauma-informed, socially-just framework. In: *Social Work, White Supremacy, and Racial Justice: Reckoning with Our History, Interrogating our Present, and Re-Imagining Our Future*, Abrams, L., Crewe, S. E., Dettlaff, A. J., & Williams, J. H., Eds. Oxford University Press.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/oso/9780197641422.001.0001>

CLASSROOM TEACHING EXPERIENCE	
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work	
Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Disorders SLWK 703-901; MSW; in-person	FA 2023
Independent Study SWKD 792-004; doctoral; Student: Ya-Li Yang	FA 2023
Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Disorders SLWK 703-C50; MSW; virtual	SP 2023
Social and Behavioral Science Theory for Social Work Research and Practice SWRK 711-001; doctoral; in-person	SP 2023

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Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Disorders SLWK 703-901; MSW; in-person	FA 2022
Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences	
Problem Identification, Screening, and Assessment / Diagnosis (SASS 547)	SP 2019
Problem Identification, Screening, and Assessment / Diagnosis (SASS 547)	SP 2018
Theory and Practice Approaches in Direct Practice Social Work (SASS 549)	FA 2017, FA 2016
ONLINE TEACHING EXPERIENCE	
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work	
Mental, Emotional, and Behavioral Disorders (SLWK 703; MSW)	SP 2023
Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences	
Problem Identification, Screening, and Assessment / Diagnosis (SASS 547)	FA I 2018
Theory and Practice Approaches in Direct Practice Social Work (SASS 549)	SU II 2017, SP II 2019
Trauma Informed Social Work Practice with Children & Families (SASS 550)	SU II, 2016
Direct Practice Methods (SASS 477)	SU I, 2016
GUEST LECTURES	
“The Trauma-Informed, Socially-Just Research Framework” Foundations of Social Work Research (SLWK 380), Dr. Adrienne Baldwin-White, Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work	11/16/2023
“Measuring Social Recovery Capital and Trauma” Social Work Research Methods (SWK 317), Dr. June-Yung Kim, University of North Dakota, Department of Social Work	9/15/2020
“Measuring Recovery from Problem Substance Use”	10/21/2021, 10/22/2021

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Foundations of Scientific Inquiry with Social Systems, Dr. Dalhee Yoon, Binghamton University, Department of Social Work	
TEACHING MENTORSHIPS Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences	
Theory and Practice Approaches in Direct Practice Social Work (SASS 549) Supervisors: Elizabeth Tracy, Ph.D., Instructor; Lori Longs-Painter, MSSA, LISW-S	SII, 2016; F2015

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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34. Yang, Y.L.*, Francis, M.W., Chartier, K. (January, 2025). Family support decreases self-stigma about substance use problems among participants in collegiate recovery programs by reducing the stigma they perceive from others. Poster submitted to the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, WA.
33. Kim, K.*, Cuddeback, G., Francis, M.W. (January, 2025). The impact of family history and internal and external barriers on AUD treatment engagement: A population-based study. Poster submitted to the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle, WA.
32. Francis, M.W., Smith, R., Yang, Y.L.* , Miola, R.* , The National Longitudinal Collegiate Recovery Study. (June, 2024). College students in AOSUD recovery: Characteristics and trajectories. Symposium accepted at the annual meeting of the Research Society on Alcohol, Minneapolis, MN.
Symposium participants:
 - Dr. Michael Broman (Ohio State University): Barriers and facilitators to recovery among college students without access to a collegiate recovery program
 - Dr. Erica Holliday (Kennesaw State University): Built different: Using neuropsychology metrics to establish need for recovery supports in colleges and universities
 - VCU Team: Characteristics and outcomes of LGBTQ+ students in collegiate recovery programs
 - Erik Dolgoff (Penn State University): The effectiveness of recovery support services in alcohol and substance use disorders: a longitudinal analysis

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31. **Francis, M.W.**, Smith, R., Yang, Y.L.*, Story, F.†, The National Longitudinal Collegiate Recovery Study. (June, 2024). Stronger recovery identities buffer the impact of trauma on recovery capital for collegiate recovery program participants. Poster accepted for the annual meeting of the Research Society on Alcohol, Minneapolis, MN.
30. **Francis, M. W.**, Yang*, Y. L., Kim*, K. N., The National Longitudinal Collegiate Recovery Study Group. (January, 2024). A comparison of the performance of two measures of recovery for collegiate recovery program participants. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
29. **Francis, M. W.**, Kim*, K. N., Yang*, Y. L., The National Longitudinal Collegiate Recovery Study Group. (January, 2024). Psychometric Properties of the Substance Use Recovery Evaluator in a Collegiate Recovery Program Sample. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
28. Kim*, K. N., Chartier, K. G., **Francis, M. W.**, The Role of Perceived Social Support in Alcohol-Related Health Discrepancy Among Individuals with Alcohol Use Disorder: A Study Using a U.S. Population Sample. (January, 2024). Poster submitted to the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
27. **Francis, M. W.**, Chartier, K. G., Yang*, Y. L., Kim*, K. N., The National Longitudinal Collegiate Recovery Study Group. (June, 2023). Different sources of social support for recovery predict increased recovery capital for students at different stages in college education. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Research Society on Alcohol, Bellevue, WA.
26. **Francis, M. W.**, Bourdon, J. L., Chartier, K. G., Smith, R., Yang*, Y. L., Kim*, K. N., The National Longitudinal Collegiate Recovery Study Group. (June, 2023). Comparing family density of alcohol and substance use disorders and clinical and demographic characteristics between clinical inpatient and campus recovery programs. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Research Society on Alcohol, Bellevue, WA.
25. Yang*, Y. L., Chartier, K. G., The National Longitudinal Collegiate Recovery Study Group, & **Francis, M. W.** (June, 2023). Lifestage moderates the impact of recovery capital on quality of life for collegiate recovery program participants. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Research Society on Alcohol, Bellevue, WA.
24. Kim*, K. N., **Francis, M. W.**, Spit for Science Working Group, & Chartier, K. G. (June, 2023). The link between resilience and alcohol use among a sample of college freshmen and the mediating role of alcohol expectancy. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Research Society on Alcohol, Bellevue, WA.

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23. **Francis, M.W. & Huffman, T.** (January, 2023). Operation Winter Haven: A case study in radical imagination in homeless human services. Paper accepted to the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Phoenix, AZ (unable to present).
22. Jemal, A., Voith, L. A., **Francis, M. W.**, Lee, H., Hamler, T., & Korsch-Williams, A. E. (2022). Building The Dream Space Collective: If you dream it....we can unbecome. Workshop accepted for the annual meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Anaheim, CA.
21. **Francis, M. W. & McCutcheon, V.** (June, 2022). Alcohol Expectancies Partially Mediate the Effects of Social Recovery Capital on Alcohol Use Outcomes. Presentation presented at the annual meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism, Orlando, FL.
20. Huffman, T., **Francis, M. W. & Couzi, K.** (November 12, 2021). Organizing homeless human services: Operation Winter Haven. Presented at the St. Louis Virtual Homeless Research Conference.
19. **Francis, M. W.**, Bourdon, J., Bucholz, K., & McCutcheon, V. (June, 2021). Construction and psychometric properties of the social recovery capital coding of the important people and activities instrument. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism (virtual due to COVID-19).
18. McCutcheon, V. V., **Francis, M. W.**, Tillman, R., Meyers, J., Salvatore, J., Kuo, S., Nurnberger, J. I., Chan, G., Kamarajan, C., Bourdon, J., Dick, D., Schuckit, M. A., & Bucholz, K. K. (June, 2021). Alcohol use trajectories in adolescent offspring from high-risk families and associations with timing of parental AUD and remission onset. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism (virtual due to COVID-19).
17. Bucholz, K. K., McCutcheon, V. V., **Francis, M. W.**, Agrawal, A., Johnson, E., Kramer, J., Schuckit, M. A. (June, 2021). New onset of alcohol use disorder in two young adult cohorts from a high risk family study assessed 15 years apart. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism (virtual due to COVID-19).
16. **Francis, M. W.**, Bourdon, J., McCutcheon, V., & Bucholz, K. (June, 2021). The effect of Social Recovery Capital and parental AUD on drinking outcomes. Presentation presented at the annual meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (virtual due to COVID-19).
15. **Francis, M. W.**, Bourdon, J. L., & Hamler, T. C. (November, 2020). Putting the “bio” in biopsychosocial: Talking genetics in social work. Panel presented at the annual meeting of the Council on Social Work Education (virtual due to COVID-19).

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14. **Francis, M. W., Bourdon, J., McCutcheon, V., & Bucholz, K. (June, 2020).** The influence of social recovery capital and family history of alcohol use disorder on problem drinking in adolescents and young adults. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism (virtual due to COVID-19).
13. Bourdon, J., **Francis, M. W., Bucholz, K., & McCutcheon, V. (June, 2020).** Characterization of service use for alcohol problems across generations in adults with alcohol use disorder. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism (virtual due to COVID-19).
12. **Francis, M. W., & Taylor, L. (January, 2020).** Transitions between Social Network Profiles for Women in Early Recovery. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
11. Lee, H., Voith, L., Hamler, T., **Francis, M. W., & Korsch-Williams, A. (January, 2020).** Employing a Trauma-Informed, Socially Just Research Framework with Marginalized Populations: Practices and Barriers to Implementation. Roundtable presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
10. **Francis, M. W. (January, 2019).** Typologies of women's substance use recovery networks and 12-month sobriety outcomes. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
9. **Francis, M. W., Prince, D. M., & Voith, L. A. (November, 2018).** Post-it up: Invoking social justice dialogue within a social work school. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Orlando, FL.
8. **Francis, M. W., Taylor, & Tracy, E. M. (January, 2018).** Evaluation of the psychometric properties and utility of abbreviated forms of the Trauma Symptom Checklist (TSC-40) among a sample of women in treatment for substance use. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.
7. Tracy, E. M, **Francis, M. W., Munson, M., Brown, S., Lubben, J., Battalen, A. W., Crewe, S. E., & Cosby, R. (October, 2017).** Grand Challenges Faculty Development Institute: Eradicate Social Isolation, presented at the annual meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Dallas, TX.
6. **Francis, M. W., Taylor, L. H., Tracy, E. M., Park, H. (October, 2017).** Facilitating a productive teaching mentorship: Strategies for mentors and emerging educators. Workshop presented at the meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Dallas, TX.

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5. Taylor, L. H., Park, H., **Francis**, M. W., Min, M. O., Tracy, E. M. (October, 2017). The role of social networks on abstinence self-efficacy among substance using women. Paper presented at the meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Dallas, TX.
4. **Francis**, M., Taylor, L., Tracy, E. M., & Santiago, A.M. (August, 2016). “Choose who’s in your circle:” How women’s relationship actions help create recovery-oriented networks. Presented at the meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Seattle, WA.
3. Berg, K. A., **Francis**, M. W., Ross, K., Spilsbury, J. C. (January, 2016). “I don't get no sleep”: Social work opportunities to improve sleep of children exposed to interpersonal violence. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
2. Shon, E., Kim, J., Yoon, D., Olgac, T., **Francis**, M.W., and Min, M. O. (January, 2016). Factor structure of the urban hassles index. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
1. Taylor, L. H., **Francis**, M. W., Min, M. O., Tracy, E. M. (January, 2016). Confirmatory factor analysis of an abbreviated abstinence self-efficacy measure: The Drug and Alcohol Abstinence Self-Efficacy Scale (DAASES). Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

SYMPOSIUM

1. **Francis**, M. W., Jemal, A., Voith, L. A., Hamler, T., & Korsch-Williams, A. E. (March 4 - 5, 2021). Radically imagining anti-racist social work research using a trauma-informed, socially-just framework. Presentation accepted for the “Social Work, White Supremacy, and Racial Justice: Reckoning with Our History, Interrogating our Present, and Re-Imagining Our Future” virtual symposium.

OUTREACH

1. Daren, S. (2023, July 10). How Telehealth is Making Addiction Care More Equitable. *Resources to Recover Blog*. <https://www.rtor.org/2023/07/10/how-telehealth-is-making-addiction-care-more-equitable/>

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2010-2014 **Therapist / Licensed Clinician, Full-Time**

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Crossroads Community Services Board, Amelia, VA

2007-2010 **Licensed Clinician, Full-Time**

Pathways Behavioral Health Services, Jackson, TN

2003-2007 **Mental Health Clinician, III, Full-Time**

UBHC-UMDNJ, Supported Housing Services, New Brunswick, NJ

2002-2004 **Per-Diem Counselor / MSW Intern**

Women Helping Women, Metuchen, NJ

2001-2002 **MSW Intern**

Catholic Charities, Youth Partial Care Program, East Brunswick, NJ

2000-2001 **Counselor / Americorps Intern**

Care Plus, NJ, Inc., Partial Hospital Program, Paramus, NJ

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS

2021 **NIH/NIAAA Loan Repayment Program** (resubmission)

Risk and resilience for alcohol use disorders in young adults: The influence of social recovery capital and family history of alcohol use disorder

2018 **Arol Shack Dissertation Award**, Case Western Reserve University

2016 **Pi Eta Delta National Book Scholarship**

2016 **Graduate Student Appreciation Award**, Case Western Reserve University

SERVICE TO PROFESSION AND COMMUNITY

2019-pres. **Journal Article Reviewer**

Child & Family Social Work, Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions, BMC Women’s Health, Alcohol and Alcoholism, Addiction Research & Theory

Community training facilitator

5/24/2021 Tent Mission STL, “Trauma & trauma-responsive systems”

7/15/2021 Tent Mission STL, “De-escalation”

10/26/2021 Tent Mission STL / St. Patrick’s Center, “Trauma & trauma-responsive systems”

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- 2019-2022 **Research volunteer & community volunteer**, The T, data collection planning, implementation, analysis, and dissemination; providing weekly mobile harm reduction outreach services to IV drug users
- 2019-2020 **Community volunteer**, Missouri Network for Opiate Reform and Recovery, providing weekly mobile harm reduction outreach services to IV drug users
- 2019-pres. **Community Participant**, St. Louis Anti Racism Organizing Collective; ExpectUs; ArchCity Defenders
- 2017 **Planner and Facilitator**, Faculty Development Institute at the Council on Social Work Education’s annual meeting on the AASWSW Grand Challenges for Social Work Initiative, “Eradicate Social Isolation,” October 19, 2017.
- 2017-2018 **Student Developer and Co-Facilitator**, MSASS Ph.D. Collaborative
- 2016-2018 **Member**, Collective Action Towards Social Justice, MSASS
- 2016-2018 **Member**, Showing Up for Racial Justice, Community Police Commission Committee, Cleveland, OH
- 2014-2016 **Student Representative**, MSASS General Faculty Committee, Doctoral Executive Committee

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Social Work and Research, member
Council on Social Work Education, member
Research Society on Alcoholism, member