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EDUCATION

PhD	Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), <i>Social Work</i>	Expected May 2024
MSW	Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), <i>Social Work</i> Clinical Practice Cumulative GPA: 4.0	May 2020
BS	Trinity College, Double Major: <i>Psychology and Educational Studies</i> Minor: <i>Law/Legal Studies</i> Senior Thesis: Experiences of Migrant Students in an Urban Public School	May 2018

HONORS & AWARDS

PhD Graduate Research Assistantship (\$) , VCU School of Social Work	2020
MSW Research Assistantship (\$) , VCU School of Social Work	2019
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society , VCU	2019
Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work , VCU	2019
David P. Beverly Memorial Scholarship Recipient (\$) , VCU	2019
Child Welfare Stipend Scholarship Recipient (\$10,000) , VCU	2018
Mel C. Whipple Scholarship Recipient (\$) , VCU	2018
Johnathan Levin Prize in Education Recipient (\$) , Trinity College	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Awarded to a college senior who demonstrates abilities to educate disadvantage youth.	
Merin Scholarship for Hartford Students Recipient , Trinity College	2015-2017
Dewey Scholarship Recipient , Trinity College	2015

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Pets & Families Study (paid position, 29h/week) , VCU, Richmond, VA	2019-present
Graduate Research Assistant , PI: Shelby E. McDonald, PhD	

- Assist in the management of an R21 grant funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.
- Screen and schedule participants
- Assist in the development of quantitative RedCap surveys and qualitative interviews
- Interview children (ages 7-17) and parents who have experienced multiple forms of adversity and are receiving services from Richmond SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now)
- Work with PI and community partners in the process of participant recruitment and organization of data collection
- Provide training to new team members
- Assist with IRB amendments, database management, and analysis
- Contribute to manuscript conceptualization, literature reviews, and manuscript preparation

Experiences of Migrant Students in an Urban Public School, Hartford, CT 2017-2018 Senior Thesis Research, Advisor: John Dougherty, Ph.D.

- Prepared a research paper to identify ways in which monolingual (Spanish) Hispanic students, navigate classrooms led by monolingual, English-speaking teachers
- Observed students in their school environment
 - Paper can be accessed here: [Experiences of Migrant Students in an Urban Public School](#)
- Presented study findings to Educational Studies, Psychology, and Sociology Department members at Trinity College.
 - See Presentation here: [Experiences of Migrant Students in an Urban Public School Presentation](#)

Juvenile Detention Centers and Urban Youth, Trinity College, Hartford, CT 2016-2017 Student Researcher, Advisor: Dina Anselmi, PhD

- Assisted with a research project focused on juvenile offenders that struggle with undiagnosed and untreated mental illness and unsupported educational disabilities.
- Identified and analyzed funding that the city of Hartford, CT, has put toward mental health and juveniles.
- Conducted interviews with parole officers, correctional officers, and child advocacy center personnel.
- Assisted with the preparation of an Op-Ed piece submitted to the Hartford Courant for publication.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Trinity College, Hartford, CT

January 2018 to May 2018

Teaching Assistant, Educational Studies 300: Past and Present, Dr. Jack Dougherty

- Attended class and facilitated small-group discussions (3 hours/week)
- Reviewed student writing for the Ed Policy Journalism assignment
- Reviewed and assisted students in Video Analysis assignment
- Held office hours 2 hours/week

PUBLICATIONS

Matijczak, A., McDonald, S. E., O'Connor, K. E., **George, N.**, Tomlinson, C. A., Murphy, J. L., Ascione, F. R., & Williams, J. H. (2020). Do animal cruelty exposure and positive engagement with pets moderate associations between children's exposure to intimate partner violence and externalizing behavior problems? *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-020-00702-3>

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Im, H., & **George, N.** "It hurts so much to live for nothing": Trauma and substance misuse among refugee youth in displacement. *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

George, Nicole, "*Navigating Survival Skills in a Predominantly Hispanic School*". Senior Theses, Trinity College, Hartford, CT 2018.
Trinity College Digital Repository, <https://digitalrepository.trincoll.edu/theses/683>

PRESENTATIONS

Senior Thesis Presentation, "Navigating Survival Skills in a Predominantly Hispanic School," Trinity College Senior Thesis Presentation, December 2018.

George, N. (2020, January). "Navigating Survival Skills in a Predominantly Hispanic School." ePoster presented at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR).

George, N. (2021, January 20-24). "*It hurts so much to live for nothing*": *Trauma and substance misuse among refugee youth in displacement*. [Oral presentation under review]. 2021 Society for Social Work & Research Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Matijczak, A., O'Connor, K., **George, N.**, Tomlinson, C., Murphy, J., McDonald, S. E., Williams, J.H. (2021, January 20-24). *Do positive engagement with pets and exposure to animal cruelty moderate associations between intimate partner violence exposure and children's behavioral problems?* [Oral presentation under review]. 2021 Society for Social Work & Research Conference, San Francisco, CA.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Social Work Research **2019- Present**
Role: Member

Iota Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. **2019-Present**
Role: Member, Fundraising Committee Chair of the Richmond Chapter.

Alpha Phi Honor Society for Social Wok **2019- Present**

Role: Member

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society **2019- Present**

Role: Member

National Association of Black Social Workers, VCU **2018- Present**

Role: Member.

Young Professionals Council at The Doorways, **2018-Present**

Role: Member, fundraising, and event planning.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSES

Qualified Mental Health Professional – Child **September 2020**

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Symposium Organizer

Youth STEM at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Hartford, Symposium, **2016-2017**

- Organized youth symposium for five Boys and Girls clubs of Hartford Club locations
- Engaged youth in presentation of various STEM experiments
- Supported students with Robotic presentations and environmental awareness.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. **March 2019- Present**

Member of Sorority; support ongoing community service events such as serving people experiencing homelessness in Richmond, VA, and local parks and recreation clean-up efforts.

The Doorways **2018- Present**

YPC Member, Community engagement and fundraising for non-profit organization throughout various locations in Richmond, VA.

LANGUAGES

English: Native Language

Spanish: Intermediate Listener, Beginner/Intermediate Speaker, Intermediate Reading, and Writing

COMPUTER SKILLS AND TRAINING

Microsoft Office: All Applications

One Drive: All Applications

SPSS

Redcap Survey Generator

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Dual Citizenship: United States of America and St. Lucia.

REFERENCES

Available on Request.