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Education

PhD	Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA Doctor of Philosophy, School of Social Work	Expected May 2021
	Dissertation Title: <i>Contraceptive Access and Family Planning Outcomes Among US Women: The Role of Policy, Insurance Status, and Provider Engagement</i>	
	Committee Chair: Dr. Sarah Kye Price Committee Members: Dr. Shelby E. McDonald, Dr. Youngmi Kim, Dr. Sarah J. Brubaker (Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs)	
MSW	The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC Master of Social Work, Department of Social Work Health/Mental Health Emphasis Capstone Title: <i>Using Social Norms Marketing to Address Disordered Eating in Young Women</i>	May 2014
BS	Appalachian State University, Boone, NC Bachelor of Science, Department of Psychology Human Services Concentration Fine Arts Minor	December 2011

Professional Licensure

LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker, North Carolina License # C010209	July 2016 - Present
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Research Interests

Using an intersectional feminist and reproductive justice lens to:

- (1) Understand the complex processes and outcomes of reproductive decision making;
- (2) Examine the influence of social norms, policy, and provider bias on sexual and reproductive autonomy;
- (3) Enhance sexual and reproductive autonomy by increasing access to family planning services.

Teaching Interests

- Social work in health care
- Research methods
- Human behavior in the social environment
- Social work practice
- Policy and advocacy

Social Work Practice Experience

Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC

October 2016 - August 2017: Senior Social Worker, Surgical Trauma Intensive Care Unit (STICU)

June 2014 - September 2016: Social Worker, STICU

August 2013 - May 2014: Social Work Intern, STICU

Provided case management, discharge planning, substance abuse interventions, and supportive counseling to patients and their families. Served as a leader in the STICU and worked collaboratively as a member of a multidisciplinary team. Participated in end-of-life discussions with families and facilitated transitions to various levels of care.

Catherine's House, Transitional Housing Program, Belmont, NC

August 2012 - April 2013: Social Work Intern

Completed admissions assessments, provided case management services, and led a weekly Children's Program.

Honors & Awards

Phi Kappa Phi Scholarship, February 2020

Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work, Richmond, VA

Awarded to recognize dedication to the principles of the social work profession and commitment to academic excellence and success.

School of Social Work Service & Leadership Award, April 2019

Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work, Richmond, VA

Awarded for demonstrating leadership and service to the school, the university, and the community.

Phi Kappa Phi Scholarship, April 2019

Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work, Richmond, VA

Awarded to recognize dedication to the principles of the social work profession and commitment to academic excellence and success.

Community and Public Health Research Award, April 2018

Virginia Commonwealth University Institute for Women's Health, Richmond, VA

Awarded to a young investigator whose work demonstrates great promise in advancing women's health research.

Values in Action Award - Caring, Commitment, & Teamwork, September 2016

Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC

Awarded for providing monthly Lavender Friday celebrations, to support teammates and prevent compassion fatigue.

Values in Action Award - Caring, Commitment, Integrity, & Teamwork, September 2015

Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC

Awarded for exceptional commitment to a Spanish-speaking patient, whose family was abroad, by facilitating frequent family meetings, via phone & interpreter.

Touchstone Gold Award, July 2015

Carolinas Medical Center, Trauma Service, Charlotte, NC

Awarded to the multidisciplinary team involved in developing and initiating a pilot program to provide more efficient care to trauma patients requiring tracheostomies.

Values in Action Award - Caring & Integrity, February 2015

Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC

Awarded for locating a patient's estranged family members, allowing her to pass away in the presence of her family.

Phi Alpha, The National Honor Society in Social Work, Lifetime Member since 2013

Student Leadership Award, April 2011

Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

Awarded by the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, for work on the student newspapers' editorial board.

Heltzer Honors Program, 2008 - 2011

Appalachian State University

Psi Chi, The National Honor Society in Psychology, Lifetime Member since 2010

Publications

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

11. **Swan, L. E. T.**, Mennicke, A., Magnuson, A., & MacConnie, L. (in press). Social risk factors for interpersonal violence victimization among college students: Findings from a mixed-gender sample. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma*.
10. **Swan, L. E. T.**, & Im, H. (in press). Risk and protective factors for common mental disorders among urban Somali refugee youth. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma*.
9. **Swan, L. E. T.**, Rouland, R. S., Sperlich, M., Ely, G. E., & Walters, C. (2020). Looking back, looking forward: Examining the processing of abortion experiences using public abortion narratives. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886109920944533>
8. Bouchard, L. M., Price, S. K., & **Swan, L. E. T.** (2020). The role of the contemporary Christian Church in the rural American South: Philosophical approaches to operationalizing religion in research. *Social Work & Christianity*, 47(2), 47-64. <https://doi.org/10.34043/swc.v47i2.100>
7. Im, H., & **Swan, L. E. T.** (2020). Capacity building for refugee mental health in resettlement: Implementation and evaluation of cross-cultural trauma-informed care training. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 22(5), 923-934. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10903-020-00992-w>.
6. **Swan, L. E. T.**, Auerbach, S., Ely, G. E., Agbemenu, K., Mencia, J., & Araf, N. (2020). Family planning practices in Appalachia: Focus group perspectives on service needs in the context of regional substance abuse. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 17(4), 1198. Special issue: Women's Reproductive and Maternal Health. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph17041198>
5. **Swan, L. E. T.**, Mennicke, A., & Kim, Y. (2020). Reproductive coercion and interpersonal violence victimization experiences among college students. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260519898424>
4. Im, H., **Swan, L. E. T.**, & Heaton, L. (2020). Polyvictimization and mental health consequences of female genital mutilation/circumcision (FGM/C) among Somali refugees in Kenya. *Women & Health*, 60(6), 636-651. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03630242.2019.1689543>
3. Ferguson, A., **Swan, L. E. T.**, & Im, H. (2020). A domains approach to perceived problems and solutions for community empowerment in an urban refugee community in Kenya. *Global Social Welfare*, 7(3), 263-274. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40609-019-00150-7>
2. **Swan, L. E. T.**, Henry, R. S., Smith, E. R., Aguayo Arelis, A., Rabago, B., & Perrin, P. B. (2019). Discrimination and intimate partner violence victimization and perpetration among a convenience sample of LGBT individuals in Latin America. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260519844774>
1. Im, H., & **Swan, L. E. T.** (2019). Qualitative exploration of critical health literacy among Afghan and Congolese refugees resettled in the USA. *Health Education Journal*, 78(1), 38-50. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0017896918785932>

Manuscripts Under Review and In Preparation

- Im, H., **Swan, L. E. T.**, Warsame, A. H., & Isse, M. M. (under review). Risk and protective factors for comorbidity of PTSD, depression, and anxiety among Somali refugees in Kenya. *International Journal of Social Psychiatry*.
- Rouland, R. S., **Swan, L. E. T.**, Sperlich, M., Ely, G. E., & Walters, C. (in preparation). "Let's reshape the conversation around abortion": An advocacy and activism social work framework for abortion work and stigma reduction. *Social Work in Public Health*.
- Swan, L. E. T.**, Hales, T., Ely, G. E., Auerbach, S. L., & Agbemenu, K. (in preparation). Validation of the short-form Reproductive Coercion Scale with Appalachian women. *Contraception*.

- Swan, L. E. T.** (in preparation). Using empirical and grey literature to understand the influence of US policy on contraceptive access: A Policy Review and Analysis. *Health and Social Care in the Community*.
- Swan, L. E. T.** (in preparation). Predicting contraceptive access and family planning outcomes: A longitudinal path analysis using national data. *Culture, Health, & Sexuality*.
- Swan, L. E. T.** (in preparation). Contraceptive access and family planning outcomes: Evidence from cross-lagged panel models with fixed effects. *Contraception*.
- Swan, L. E. T., & Im, H.** (in preparation). Predicting Somali refugee youth mental health symptoms: The role of child trauma and symptom awareness. *Child Abuse & Neglect*.
- Swan, L. E. T., Bouchard, L. M., & Burnette, D.** (in preparation). Reproductive autonomy in Appalachia: Narratives of young rural women. *Women & Health*.
- Luce, C., **Swan, L. E. T.**, Hales, T., & McDonald, S. E. (in preparation). The Ambiguous Loss Scale: Development and validation with people experiencing pet loss. *Anthrozoös*.

Presentations

Refereed Academic Conferences:

14. Swan, L. E. T., & Luce, C. (2020, November). *Implementing a teaching practicum: Reflections from doctoral candidates*. Poster session presented at the annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education.
13. Luce, C., Swan, L. E. T., McGinnis, H., & Price, S. K. (2020, November). *Using decolonial methods to promote socially-just research in doctoral education*. Panel presentation at the annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education.
12. Auerbach, S. **Swan, L. E. T.**, Araf, N., & Ely, G. E. (2020, March). *Provider-level barriers to accessing family planning in Appalachia: Focus group interviews with community stakeholders*. Oral presentation at the 32nd annual Eastern Nursing Research Society Scientific Sessions, Boston, MA. (Conference canceled due to COVID-19)
11. Fergusson, A., & **Swan, L. E. T.** (2020, March). [*Using systematic review techniques as empowerment of non-monosex populations*](#). Oral presentation at the Annual Southeastern Women's Studies Association conference, St. Petersburg, FL. (Conference canceled due to COVID-19)
10. **Swan, L. E. T.**, Ely, G. E., & Araf, N. (2020, January). [*Family planning in Appalachia: Focus group interviews with stakeholders in the context of the opioid epidemic*](#). Poster session presented at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.
9. **Swan, L. E. T.**, Mennicke, A., & Kim, Y. (2020, January). [*Reproductive coercion and violent victimization experiences among college students*](#). Poster session presented at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.
8. Luce, C., **Swan, L. E. T.**, McDonald, S. E., & Im, H. (2020, January). [*Testing competing models of somatization in Somali refugees living in urban Kenya*](#). Oral presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.
7. Ely, G., Sperlich, M., Rouland, R., & **Swan, L. E. T.** (2019, October). *Teaching reproductive justice from a social work perspective: Strategies for online courses*. Poster session presented at the annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Denver, CO.
6. Ely, G., Sperlich, M., Rouland, R., & **Swan, L. E. T.** (2019, October). *Looking back, looking forward: Reflections of stress in abortion narratives*. Poster session presented at the annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Denver, CO.

5. Luce, C., **Swan, L. E. T.**, Dick, D., & Chartier, K. G. (2019, January). [Sexual assault and alcohol consumption: Comparing first- and non-first-generation college students](#). Poster session presented at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
4. **Swan, L. E. T.**, & Im, H. (2019, January). *The impact of the number of trauma types on the mental health of female Somali refugee youth*. Poster session presented at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
3. Im, H., & **Swan, L. E. T.** (2018, November). [Critical health literacy among Afghan and Congolese refugees in resettlement](#). Oral presentation at the annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Orlando, FL.
2. Im, H., Heaton, L., & **Swan, L. E. T.** (2018, January). *Polyvictimization and mental health consequences of female genital mutilation (FGM) among Somali refugees in Kenya*. Poster session presented at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.
1. **Turner, L. E.**, Ross, T., Kulkarni, S., & Mennicke, A. (2017, March). *Community perspectives on healthy, unhealthy, and abusive relationships*. Oral presentation at the Annual Southeastern Women's Studies Association conference, Atlanta, GA.

Invited Presentations and University Conferences and Symposiums:

12. **Swan, L. E. T.**, & Ely, G. (2020, April). *Provider-level barriers to engagement with family planning in Appalachia: Focus group interviews in the context of the opioid epidemic*. Poster session presented at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work Annual Student Research Symposium, Richmond, VA. (Symposium canceled due to COVID-19)
11. Luce, C., & **Swan, L. E. T.** (2020, April). *Stress, Grief, and Coping: Development of the Ambiguous Loss Scale and Validation with People Experiencing Pet Loss*. Poster session presented at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work Annual Student Research Symposium, Richmond, VA. (Symposium canceled due to COVID-19)
10. **Swan, L. E. T.**, & Ely, G. (2020, April). *Provider-level barriers to engagement with family planning in Appalachia: Focus group interviews in the context of the opioid epidemic*. Poster session presented at the 23rd Annual Virginia Commonwealth University Graduate Research Symposium, Richmond, VA. (Did not attend due to COVID-19)
9. Luce, C., & **Swan, L. E. T.** (2020, April). *Stress, Grief, and Coping: Development of the Ambiguous Loss Scale and Validation with People Experiencing Pet Loss*. Poster session presented at the 23rd Annual Virginia Commonwealth University Graduate Research Symposium, Richmond, VA. (Did not attend due to COVID-19)
8. **Swan, L. E. T.**, & Lee, N. (2020, February). *Reflections from the teaching practicum experience*. Invited presentation at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work Learning Spaces Brown Bag, Richmond, VA.
7. **Swan, L. E. T.** (2018, April). *Mental health consequences of female genital mutilation on Somali refugees in Kenya*. Poster session presented at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work Annual Student Research Symposium, Richmond, VA.
6. **Swan, L. E. T.**, & Im, H. (2018, April). *Mental health consequences of female genital mutilation on Somali refugees in Kenya*. Poster session presented at the annual conference of Virginia Commonwealth University Institute for Women's Health, Richmond, VA.
5. **Swan, L. E. T.** (2018, April). [Elements of social control in the Violence Against Women Act: A feminist policy analysis](#). Oral presentation at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work Social Welfare Policy Mini-Conference, Richmond, VA.
4. **Swan, L. E. T.** (2018, April). *Examining unwanted or uncomfortable sexual experiences and depression in college women*. In K. G. Chartier (Chair), *Examining social and behavioral health in vulnerable groups of college students*. Oral presentation at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work Annual Student Research Symposium, Richmond, VA.

3. **Turner, L. E.** (2016, October). [*Clinical Care Management collaboration with Financial Counseling*](#). Clinical Ladder Presentation, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC.
2. **Turner, L. E.** & Olstin, N. (2016, June). *Social work with patients with spinal cord injuries*. Invited presentation at Spinal Cord Core, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC.
1. **Turner, L. E.**, Rosenthal, C., Honeycutt, C., & Sachdev, G. (2016, February). *Compassionate care for patient's who have committed an immoral act*. Invited presentation at the Schwartz Center Rounds, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC.

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant, Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work, Richmond, VA

August 2017 - present

Assist Dr. Hyojin Im with community-engaged quantitative and qualitative research relating to refugee health promotion, health literacy, and mental health needs. Participate in research planning, project management, community trainings, data collection, data analysis, manuscript preparation, and conference dissemination.

Specific Projects:

- Quantitative research regarding refugee trauma exposure, protective factors, and mental health
- Implementation and mixed-methods evaluation of culturally-responsive refugee mental health training held in six localities across three states
- Quantitative research considering the measurement and factor structure of common mental disorders among refugees
- Qualitative research exploring health literacy built through community health workshops with resettled refugees
- Thematic analysis using a domains approach to community empowerment to understand how refugees describe community functioning
- Preparing, co-leading, and evaluating a virtual workshop series on community wellness for refugee community leaders

Research Assistant, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, School of Social Work, Charlotte, NC

July 2015 - July 2018

Assisted Dr. Shanti Kulkarni with analysis of qualitative data from community forum discussions about healthy, unhealthy, and abusive relationships.

Research Assistant, Appalachian State University, Student Wellness Center, Boone, NC

August 2011 - May 2012

Assisted with quantitative analysis of students' drinking habits. Developed social norms posters and delivered on-campus presentations on the risks of unhealthy drinking behaviors.

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (MSW Online Curriculum, SLWK 610)

Spring 2021, Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work, Richmond, VA

Instructor, Human Behavior in the Social Environment I (MSW Online Curriculum, SLWK 601)

Fall 2020, Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work, Richmond, VA

Teaching Assistant, Social Work Practice and Health Care (MSW Online Curriculum, SLWK 726)

Summer 2020, Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work, Richmond, VA

Instructor. Foundations of Social Work Research I (BSW Curriculum, SLWK 380)
Spring 2020, Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work, Richmond, VA

Teaching Practicum. Social Work Practice I (BSW Curriculum, SLWK 441)
Fall 2019, Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work, Richmond, VA

Guest Speaker. Policy, Community, & Organizational Practice I (MSW Curriculum, SLWK 602)
September 2019, Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work, Richmond, VA

Guest Speaker. Mental Health Assessment (MSW Curriculum, SOWK 6252)
July 2016, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, School of Social Work, Charlotte, NC

Mentorship

Mentor. Doctoral Student Association
August 2020 - May 2021, Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work, Richmond, VA
Participated in a mentor matching process, and served as student mentor for a recently-admitted doctoral student, aiding in her adjustment process and helping her set and achieve career goals.

Mentor. Graduate School Mentorship Program
September 2019 - May 2021, Virginia Commonwealth University, Graduate School, Richmond, VA
Participated in a formal mentorship program involving mentorship training, weekly advising with an undergraduate mentee, and participation in community service projects.

Supervisor. Trauma Service Psychotherapy Program
January 2016 - August 2017, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC
Provided referrals and daily clinical supervision for two Trauma Service Psychotherapy Interns per year.

Service

University Service

2019	BSW/MSW Poster Reviewer , Student Research Symposium Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work
2018 - 2019	Vice President , Doctoral Student Association Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work
2018 - 2019	Student Representative , Doctoral Program Committee Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work
2018	Student Representative , Doctoral Program GRA Funding and Use Workgroup Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work
2018	BSW/MSW Poster Reviewer , Student Research Symposium Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work
2012 - 2013	Student Representative , Graduate Social Work Association The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
2012 - 2013	Senator , Graduate and Professional Student Government The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Professional Service

- 2020 - Present **Journal Peer Reviewer**
Reproductive Health, BMC, Springer Nature, New York, NY
- 2019 - Present **Journal Peer Reviewer**
Perspectives on Social Work, Graduate College of Social Work at the University of Houston
- 2019 **Invited Rapporteur**
Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA
- 2015 - 2017 **Compassion Fatigue Champion**
Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC

Community Service

- 2020 - Present **Volunteer**
Richmond Reproductive Freedom Project
- 2018 - 2019 **Marketing and Graphic Design**
Henrico Area Mental Health and Developmental Services, Glen Allen, VA
- 2017 **Marketing and Graphic Design**
Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services, Charlotte, NC
- 2014 - 2017 **Human Rights Committee Member**
Autism Services of Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, NC
- 2012 **Community Educator and Organizer**
NC Stop Human Trafficking, Charlotte, NC

Specialized Trainings

- The Reproductive Justice Primer: A Summer Institute**, August 2020
10-hour course, SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective
- Introduction to Digital Pedagogy Course**, July 2020
1 week course, Digital Pedagogy Lab, University of Colorado Denver, School of Education and Human Development
- Longitudinal Data Analysis Using Structural Equation Modeling Seminar**, June 2020
1 month (approx 24-hour) course, Statistical Horizons
- Advanced Structural Equation Modeling Workshop**, May 2019
16-hour course, Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Education, Richmond, VA
- Community-Based Participatory Research Workshop**, April 2019
6-hour course, Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work, Richmond, VA
- Respecting Choices: Advance Care Planning**, February 2016
13-hour course, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, NC
- Motivational Interviewing**, July 2014
13-hour course, Area Health Education Center, Charlotte, NC
- Anti-Human Trafficking Training**, Spring 2012
16-hour course, NC Stop Human Trafficking, Charlotte, NC