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EDUCATION

PhD	Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work	expected 2023
MSW	North Carolina State University (NCSU), School of Social Work <i>Research Capstone: Transfer of learning after an online training for caregivers and professionals who work with youth identifying as LGBTQ in North Carolina's substitute care system.</i>	2016
BSW	North Carolina State University, School of Social Work	2015

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, Virginia Commonwealth University 8/2019 – present

The Impact of Human-Animal Interaction (HAI) on Adjustment of Children Exposed to Adverse Family Environments (PI: Shelby McDonald, NICHD R21HD097769-02)

- Project Coordinator (8/2020 – present):
 - Recruit, screen, and schedule participants for interviews
 - Interview adult caregivers and youth participants on youth's exposure to adversity and experiences with pets
 - Assist with IRB amendments
 - Transcribe interviews
 - Enter data and analyze using SPSS
 - Manage petty cash accounts
 - Collaborated with other members of the research team to revise interview scripts

Companion Animals in the Context of LGBTQQA+ Youth Wellbeing (PI: McDonald)

- Project Coordinator (1/2020 – present):
 - Recruit, screen, and schedule participants for interviews
 - Conduct participant interviews
 - Transcribe interviews
 - Assist with IRB amendments
 - Manage petty cash accounts
 - Analyze data using SPSS and Mplus
 - Collaborate with research team on manuscript preparation
 - Revised interview scripts and IRB protocol for 6-month and 12-month follow-up interviews

Weak Ties, Strong Ties, & Absent Ties: Developing Mathematical Models of College Students' Social Networks to Improve Mental Health and Educational Outcomes (PI: Hollee McGinnis)

- Analyze data using SPSS and Mplus
- Collaborate with research team on manuscript preparation
- Qualitative coding of interview transcripts using ATLAS.ti
- Assisted with survey development in RedCap
- Assisted with IRB amendments
- Piloted survey and made edits to the survey based on participant feedback
- Provided preliminary qualitative data analysis to inform survey development

How We Help Each Other: Exploring the Relationship Between Social Networks of Adult Foster Care Alumni and Adoptee Self-Help Group Participants and Individual Mental Health and Well-being (PI: McGinnis)

- Project Coordinator (8/2020 – present):
 - Collaborate with research team on IRB protocol
 - Assist with participant recruitment
 - Assisted with literature reviews to inform grant application and survey development

Research Assistant, NCSU, Center for Family and Community Engagement 2015-2016

Family-Centered Practice Project 2015-2016 (PI: Joan Pennell, NC DHHS/US DHHS 2015-3166)

- *ABCs of Including Children and Youth in CFTs*
 - Performed quantitative and qualitative analysis exploring how youth are involved in Child and Family Team meetings
- *Community Child Protection Team (CCPT) 2015 Report*
 - Conducted qualitative data analysis of survey responses from NC county CCPTs
 - Provided summaries of data to the PI
 - Created data tables for use in manuscript and final report to NC Division of Social Services
- *Transfer of Learning After an Online Training for Caregivers and Professionals Who Work with Youth Identifying as LGBTQ in North Carolina's Substitute Care System*
 - Developed and conducted an evaluation project of an online training
 - Obtained IRB approval
 - Created and distributed survey
 - Analyzed quantitative data
 - Presented results at the RTI International Ending Gender Inequalities Conference

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters:

Pennell, J., Allen-Eckard, K., Latz, M., & **Tomlinson, C.** (2019). Children's hopes and converging family and state networks of regulation. In G. Burford, J. Braithwaite, & V. Braithwaite (Eds.), *Restorative and responsive human services* (pp. 100-115). Routledge.

Tomlinson, C. A., Matijczak, A., McDonald, S. E., & Gee, N. R. (in press). The role of human-animal interaction in child and adolescent development. *The Encyclopedia of Child and Adolescent Health*. Elsevier.

Peer Reviewed Publications:

Matijczak, A., McDonald, S. E., O'Connor, K. E., George, N., **Tomlinson, C. A.**, Murphy, J. L., Ascione, F. R., & Williams, J. H. (in press). 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 Under Review:

Applebaum, J. W., **Tomlinson, C. A.**, Matijczak, A., McDonald, S. E., & Zsembik, B. A. (2020). *The concerns, difficulties, and stressors of caring for pets during COVID-19: Results from a large survey of U.S. pet owners* [Manuscript submitted for publication]. School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University and Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law, University of Florida.

McDonald, S., O'Connor, K., Matijczak, A., Murphy, J., Applebaum, J., **Tomlinson, C.**, Wike, T., & Kattari, S. (2020). *Victimization and psychological wellbeing among sexual and gender minority emerging adults: Testing the moderating role of emotional comfort from companion animals* [Manuscript submitted for publication]. School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University.

McDonald, S. E., Murphy, J. L., **Tomlinson, C. A.**, Matijczak, A., Applebaum, J. W., Wike, T. L., & Kattari, S. K. (2020). *Relations between sexual and gender minority stress, personal hardiness, and psychological stress in emerging adulthood: Examining indirect effects via human-animal interaction* [Manuscript submitted for publication]. School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University.

Manuscripts in Progress:

Tomlinson, C. A., McGinnis, H., & McDonald, S. E. *Associations between dimensions of adversity and behavioral problems among youth in Korean orphanages: The moderating role of attachment style* [Manuscript in preparation]. School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University.

Tomlinson, C. A., Murphy, J. L., Matijczak, A., Pittman, S. K., & McDonald, S. E. *Psychometric testing of the Comfort from Companion Animals Scale: A graded response model* [Manuscript in preparation]. School of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Tomlinson, C. A., McGinnis, H. A., & McDonald, S. E. (2021, January 20-24). *Associations between dimensions of adversity and behavioral problems among youth in Korean orphanages: The moderating role of attachment style* [Paper presentation submitted for review]. Society for Social Work and Research 25th Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, United States.

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 submitted for review]. Society for Social Work & Research 25th Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, United States.

Tomlinson, C. A., Murphy, J. L., Matijczak, A., & McDonald, S. E. (2020, September 3-5). *Psychometric testing of the Comfort from Companion Animals Scale in a sample of LGBTQ+ young adults: A graded-response model* [Poster presentation]. 2020 Annual Conference of the International Society for Anthrozoology, Liverpool, England.

Matijczak, A., **Tomlinson, C. A.,** Murphy, J. L., & McDonald, S. E. (2020, September 3-5). *Assessment of attachment to pets among LGBTQ+ young adults: Evaluation of the Pet Attachment and Life Impact Scale* [Poster presentation]. 2020 Annual Conference of the International Society for Anthrozoology, Liverpool, England.

Murphy, J. L., Matijczak, A., **Tomlinson, C. A.,** & McDonald, S. E. (2020, September 3-5). *Minority stress, human-animal interaction, and resilience in LGBTQ+ young adults: Testing a mediation model* [Paper presentation]. 2020 Annual Conference of the International Society for Anthrozoology, Liverpool, England.

Tomlinson, C. A. (2020, July 7-11). *The decline of intercountry adoption from South Korea: A content analysis* [Poster accepted for presentation]. International Conference on Adoption Research, Milan, Italy. (Conference postponed to July 2021)

Tomlinson, C. A. (2020, July 7-11). *Trauma exposure, youth's perceptions of caregiver relationships, and mental health outcomes: Testing a moderation model* [Poster accepted for presentation]. International Conference on Adoption Research Summer School, Milan, Italy. (Conference postponed to July 2021)

Tomlinson, C. A. (2020, April 17). *Exploring the Dimensional Model of Adversity and Psychopathology (DMAP) with youth in Korean orphanages* [Poster presentation]. Rudd Adoption Research Conference, Amherst, MA, United States. (Conference canceled)

Tomlinson, C., Allen-Eckard, K., Latz, M., Ellis, A. R., & Pennell, J. (2016, April 12-13). *Transfer of learning after an online training for caregivers and professionals who work with youths identifying as LGBTQ in North Carolina's substitute care system* [Poster presentation]. RTI International Ending Gender Inequalities Conference, Chapel Hill, NC, United States. <https://doi.org/10.3768/rtipress.2017.cp.0003.1704>

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Tomlinson, C. (2020, April 17). *Navigating the boundaries and balance of being an adoptee within the child welfare field* [Panel discussion]. Rudd Adoption Research Conference, Amherst, MA, United States. (Conference canceled)

Latz, M., **Tomlinson, C.,** & Middleton, M. (2016, January). Adoption and Foster Care Panel. North Carolina State University Adopted Student Union, Raleigh, NC.

ADVANCED RESEARCH AND TEACHING-RELATED TRAINING

Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling, Curran-Bauer Analytics, May 6 – 8, 2020

International Conference on Adoption Research Summer School, July 6 – 7, 2020

- Competitively selected to attend a research training for graduate students and early-career researchers with a focus on dyadic and family data analyses and dissemination strategies (postponed until 2021)

Digital Pedagogy Lab, University of Colorado-Denver, July 26 – August 2, 2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest Presentation, MSW Advanced Clinical Elective Course, September 1, 2020

- Co-presented in the Human Animal Interactions Across the Lifespan course on theories that inform how human-animal interactions influence child health and development

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Adoption Social Worker, Gaston County DHHS, Gastonia, NC 2016 - 2019

- Provided case management services to children legally clear for adoption
- Prepared court reports and provided testimony in court for all assigned cases
- Recruited child-specific adoptive families and facilitated visits between youth and potential adoptive families
- Prepared youth for adoption in collaboration with therapeutic providers
- Completed the legal adoption paperwork process with adoptive families
- Facilitated post-adoption services: referred to service providers, provided case management for youth receiving adoption assistance, and managed financial audits
- Provided confidential intermediary services: reviewed case files and delivered a summary of results to those requesting non-identifying background information, facilitated searches to locate biological relatives as requested

- Student Intern**, Adoption Unit, Wake County DSS, Raleigh, NC January 2015 - May 2015
- Facilitated home visits to interview and assess prospective adoptive families
 - Prepared pre-placement assessment documents for families
 - Provided case management services, including monthly home visits, to children placed through the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children
 - Created profiles for children in foster care based on foster care records and communication with foster parents and social workers
 - Completed legal adoption paperwork

SERVICE

- Treasurer**, Doctoral Student Association May 2020 – present
Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work
- Student Representative**, Doctoral Program Committee 2020 – present
Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work
- Student Representative**, Academic Programs Committee 2020 – present
Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work
- Student Representative**, Faculty Assembly 2019 – 2020
Virginia Commonwealth University, School of Social Work
- Grant Reviewer**, NC Division of Social Services 2016
- Reviewed funding proposals for Intensive Family Preservation Services
- Student Member**, NC Community Child Protection Team Advisory Board 2015 - 2016
- In conjunction with my graduate research assistantship with the Center for Family and Community Engagement, I attended meetings with the Director of the Center who was the research consultant for the advisory board. I maintained minutes from meetings and provided research support.
- Student Representative**, NCSU School of Social Work Advisory Board 2014 - 2016
- Coordinated with other student representatives to schedule and facilitate meetings and to prepare student update reports for presentation to the Advisory Board
 - Maintained minutes and prepared agendas in partnership with the faculty liaison

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- International Society for Anthrozoology 2020 - present
- Society for Social Work & Research 2019 – present
- Phi Alpha, Social Work Honor Society 2014 - 2016