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EDUCATION

- 2015-2017 *Master of Social Work*
College of Arts & Sciences, University of Memphis (UM), TN
Master's Thesis: "Earned Income Tax Credit: Inequality in the Percent of Poverty."
Adviser: Dr. Maria Elena Delavega
- 2008-2010 *Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Second major in Philosophy,*
Department of Psychology & Communication Studies, University of Idaho (UI), ID

ACCEPTED PEER-REVIEWED MANUSCRIPT

1. Alcover, KC, **Lyons, AJ**, Oluwoye, O, Muse, ID, Kelly, ME, McDonell, MG (In press). *Race/Ethnicity in Transition from First Alcohol Use to Alcohol Use Disorder*. Alcohol
2. Smith, ET, **Lyons, AJ**, Schumacher, S, Kriegel, L, McDonell, MG (2021). *Rising Strong: A Housing-Based Intervention to Prevent Childhood Out-Of-Home Placements from Families Impacted by Housing Instability, Opioid Use, and other Substance Use Disorders*. Social Work in Mental Health
3. Hirschak, KA, Jansen, K, **Lyons, AJ**, Herron, J, Bergerson, D, Shaw, J, Dirks, LG, Avey, J, Calhoun D, Jackson, C, Lauch, L, Donovan, D, McPherson, SM, Echo-Hawk, A, Dillard, D, Lillie, K, Roll, J, Buchwald, D, McDonell, MG, and HONOR Study Team (2021). *Lessons Shared: Implementation of a Randomized Clinical Trial for Alcohol Use Disorders with Five American Indian and Alaska Native*. Collaborations: A Journal of Community-based Research and Practice.
4. McDonell, MG, Hirschak, KA, Herron, J, **Lyons, AJ**, Alcover, KC, Shaw, J, Kordas, G, Dirks, LG, Jansen, K, Avey, J, Lillie, K, Donovan, D, McPherson, SM, Dillard, D, Ries, R, Roll, J, Buchwald, D, and the HONOR Study Team (2021). *Effects of Incentives on Alcohol Abstinence with Three American Indian and Alaska Native Communities: A Multi-Site Randomized Controlled Trial*. JAMA Psychiatry.
5. Lillie, KM, Jansen, KJ, Dirks, LG, **Lyons, AJ**, Alcover, KC, Avey, J, Hirschak, K, Herron, J, Buchwald, D, Donovan, DM, McDonell, MG, & Shaw, JL (2020). *Assessing the Predictive Validity of the Stages of Change Readiness and Treatment Eagerness Scale (SOCRATES) in Alaska Native and American Indian people*. Journal of Addiction Medicine.

Under review peer-reviewed manuscript

1. Alcover, KC, **Lyons, AJ**, Kelly, ME, Muse, ID, McDonell, MG. *Association of Recreational-Medical Marijuana Legalization and Marijuana Initiation*. (under review)

2. Herron, J, Hirschak, KA, Venner, K, Tofighi, D, McDonell, M, and **the HONOR Study Team**. *Cultural Factors and Alcohol Use in American Indian Adults: Results from a Randomized Controlled Trial of Contingency Management*. (under review)
3. Hirschak, KA, **Lyons, AJ**, Herron, JL, Kordas, G, Shaw, JL, Jansen, K, Avey, JP, McPherson, SM, Donovan, D, Roll, J, Buchwald, D, Ries, R, McDonell, MG, and the HONOR Study Team. *Contingency Management for Alcohol Use Disorder Reduces Cannabis Use Among American Indian and Alaska Native Adults*. (under review)
4. Bindler, R, Watson, CJ, **Lyons, AJ**, Skeiky, L, Lewis, J, McDonell, M, Lazarus, P, Wilson, M. *Drug-Drug Interaction between Orally Administered Hydrocodone-acetaminophen and Inhalation of Cannabis Smoke – A Case Report*. (under review)
5. **Lyons, A**, Hirschak, KA, Kordas, G, Herron, JL, Jansen, K, Alcover, KC, Bergerson, D, Avey, JP, Shaw, J, Roll, J., McDonell, MG, and the HONOR Study Team. *Factors for Parent-Child Separation among American Indian and Alaska Native People in an Alcohol Intervention*. (under review)
6. Hirschak, KA, Kordas, Herron, JL, **Lyons, A**, Shaw, J, Jansen, K, Avey, JP, McPherson, SM, Donovan, D, Roll, J, Buchwald, D, Ries, R, McDonell, MG, and the HONOR Study Team. *Contingency Management for Alcohol Use Disorder Reduces Cannabis Use among American Indian and Alaska Native Adults*. (under review)

Others (non-peer reviewed)

1. **Lyons, AJ**, Alcover, KC, Bresler, T, Layton, M, McDonell, M. (2020). *Qwibil Final Report 2019-2020*. Washington State University. Spokane, WA: Author.
2. **Lyons, A**. (2017). *Community needs assessment: Refugee empowerment program report*. University of Memphis, Housing and Community Development Fellowship. Memphis, TN: Author.

Manuscripts in-progress

1. **Lyons, A** & Delavega, EM. *Earned Income Tax Credit: Inequality in the Percent of Poverty*. (in-progress)

FELLOWSHIPS

2015-2017 Housing and Community Development Fellowship
 2016 Professional Development Fellowship

AWARDS

2017 NASW Student of the Year TN Chapter
 2017 College of Arts and Sciences Travel Enrichment Award
 2008-2010 Honorary President's List – UI
 2008-2010 Washington Undergraduate Exchange Program Award

MEMBERSHIPS

2018-present	Social Welfare Action Alliance
2019-present	Society for Social Work and Research
2016-2017	Council of Social Work Education
2015-2017	National Association of Social Workers

VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

2020-present	Continental Philosophy Server Administrator, Discord
2019	House of Charity, Spokane, WA
2017	Canvassing for local election
2016	IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
2010-2013	Peace Corps Volunteer, Rohatyn, UA

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS

1. Jansen, K., Lillie, K., Dirks, L., **Lyons, A.**, Alcover, K.C., Hirschak, K., Herron, J., Buchwald, D., Donovan, D., McDonell, M., Shaw, J. (February 21, 2020). Assessing the Predictive Validity of the Stages of Change Readiness and Treatment Eagerness Scale (SOCRATES) in Alaska Native and American Indian People. Poster presented at the Northwest Tribal Health Conference. 21-22 Feb 2020. Portland, OR.
2. **Lyons, A.**, Bresler T., Matheson M., Shelton, A., Owens, M., Iiams-Huaser, K., Layton, M., McDonell, M.G. (2020). Cannabis as Medicine in a Native Community: A Learning Health System and Registry with Clinic Patients. Poster presented at the Northwest Tribal Health Conference. 21-22 Feb 2020. Portland, OR.
3. Alcover, KC, **Lyons, AJ**, Morgan, KE, McDonell, MG. (July 2019). State-by-state Patterns of Marijuana Use Incidence Rates in the US from 2002-2017. Poster Presentation at Research Society on Marijuana, Vancouver, WA.
4. Alcover, KC, **Lyons, A**, Oluwoye, O, Kriegel, L, McPherson, S, McDonell, MG. (June 2019) Subsequent alcohol use disorder among first-time alcohol and cannabis users in a nationally representative sample. Poster Presentation at the 42nd Annual Research Society on Alcoholism Scientific Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
5. **Lyons, A.**, Delavega, E., and Kindle, P. (2018). *Earned Income Tax Credit: Unequal Access and Unequal Outcomes*. Presented at the 22nd Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, January 10-14, Washington, DC.
6. **Lyons, A.**, Cohen, G., & Delavega, E. (2017). *Dealing With The Realities of Welfare: Undergraduates and Tax Policy*. Paper presented at the 34th Annual Conference of the Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors, Inc., March 1-5, New Orleans, LA.
7. Cohen, G, **Lyons, A**, & Greenwell, H (2017). Poster presented at the 5th annual Social Work Symposium at the University of Memphis, April 21, Memphis TN.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018–Present
Spokane, WA

Scientific Assistant (Lead Research Coordinator)

WSU – Behavioral Health Innovations

Coordinate and manage 4 qualitative and 4 quantitative projects including an RO1 with 400 AI/AN participants; Created 4 REDCap 100+ item surveys utilizing piping, field embedding, branching, and action tag functions; Developed 3 and managed 6 Institutional Review Board approved research protocols; Conducted and oversaw recruitment efforts, interviews, and survey batteries with 350+ participants; Established research partnerships and developed research agreement with one Tribal agency; Analyzed (i.e. binary and multivariable linear regression and descriptive) and managed data using STATA software; Executed study dissemination efforts in 4 native communities for 2 RO1 projects; Produce interactive visualizations using Tableau software.

2017–2018
Spokane, WA

Child and Family Welfare Service Social Worker

DSHS – Children’s Admin. – Indian Child Welfare Unit

Oversaw cases of 30 AI/AN children and over 40 native parents working toward reunification; Coordinated drug and alcohol treatment and mental health therapy with service provider and clients; Organized group meetings with clients, service providers, and other family supports; Communicated regularly with tribal representatives and native specific service providers

2017
Memphis, TN

Research Assistant

University of Memphis – Anthropology Department

Conducted and documented over 30 qualitative interviews with faculty and community partners; Developed two 21 item qualitative surveys utilized in research project; Organized correspondence and interview scheduling with over 30 faculty and community partners; Utilized MaxQDA Software, and developed comprehensive code sheet for data analysis

2016–2017
Memphis, TN

Lead Community Evaluation Researcher, ESOL facilitator, and Mentor

Refugee Empowerment Program

Created 48 item survey utilized for assessing refugee community needs; Collaborated with community stakeholders from 5 different nations in the development and implantation of survey; Analyzed 60 quantitative interviews and identified community needs to enhance organization’s development focus; Cultivated English language development of over 20 refugee adults through teaching and curriculum planning

2016
Memphis, TN

Research Assistant

University of Memphis – Social Work and Public Admin. Departments

Conducted over 50 qualitative-quantitative interviews for Memphis city's mayoral office; Analyzed and created visualizations of findings; Presented report to representatives of Memphis city government and mayoral staff

2016
Memphis, TN

Research Assistant
Data for Good Inc.

Facilitated up to 8 quantitative interviews per day, 3 days a week at Shelby County Juvenile Court

2015-2016
Memphis, TN

Community Resource Intern
SMA

Established and maintained partnerships with 30 community organizations; Facilitated, set-up, and breakdown equipment and services for up to 7 organizations weekly; Create and market upcoming events through flier distribution and canvassing

2013 – 2015
Memphis, TN

Public Relations/Safety Officer
Rhodes College Campus Safety

Developed and maintained professional relationship with students, faculty and parent groups; Documented incidents and created campus safety logs as specified by departmental protocol; Oversaw and monitored safety guidelines for college students

2010 – 2013
Ukraine

Youth Development Volunteer
Peace Corps

Facilitated programs with 120 at-risk youth at local orphanage designed to promote healthy life choices; Created and managed program to teach 7 high school students leadership and volunteering skills; Assisted group operate 8 youth camps focusing on leadership, environmental awareness, and cultural competency; Managed HIV/AIDS project effecting the behaviors and knowledge of over 350 community members.

SPECIALIZED SKILLS AND TRAININGS

Languages: Intermediate Ukrainian; basic Russian; basic Spanish

Softwares: Advanced Microsoft Office Suite; advanced REDCap; advanced Qualtrics; advanced Stata, intermediate Tableau; basic R, basic NVivo; and basic MaxQDA

Certifications: CITI - Good Clinical Practice and Basic Human Subjects (2018)

Awards: National Association of Social Workers Student of the Year TN (2017); HCD Fellow (2015-2017)