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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

In Progress	Ph.D.	Social Work and Social Research, Portland State University
2024	Certificate	Gender, Race, and Nations Graduate Certificate
2018	M.S.W.	Social Work, San Diego State University
2016	B.S.	Psychology, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
2016	B.S. Minor	Child Development, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Academic Employment

Adjunct Instructor, Portland State University School of Social Work	2024 –
Adjunct Instructor, Portland State University Child, Youth, and Family Studies	2024 –
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Portland State University School of Social Work	2021 – 2024
Field Liaison, Portland State University School of Social Work	2021 – 2024
Academic Advisor, Portland State University School of Social Work	2021 – 2022

Other Professional Employment

Intern Coordinator, New Narrative Integrative Mental Health, OR	2022 – 2025
Intake Clinician, New Narrative Integrative Mental Health, OR	2021 – 2022
Protective Services Worker, Child Welfare Services, CA	2018 – 2021

Dissertation

A Critical Discourse Analysis of Evangelical Sermons on Foster Care and Adoption. (In preparation), Advisor Ben Anderson-Nathe

Refereed Publications

Pappas, G. (2026) Benevolence and brutality: Evangelical Christianity & child welfare social work in historical perspective. *Journal of Progressive Human Services*, 1-28.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10428232.2026.2637314>
Harrell, S. & Pappas, G. (Accepted and in press April 2025). Beyond mandatory reporting. *Encyclopedia of Social Work*.

Pappas, G., Harrell, S., & Wahab, S. (2024). Nuance as a praxis for teaching about mandated reporting: Classroom activities. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work, 45*(1), 93-104. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08841233.2024.2433792>

Pappas, G. (2024). Toward and away: Exploring affective experiences of queer individuals navigating relationships with Evangelical parents. *LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal, 1-15*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/27703371.2024.2340538>

Non-Refereed Publications

1. Media/Web Articles/Newsletter Articles/Other Non-Refereed Creative Achievements

Perez-Darby, S., Suslovic, B., & Jones, W. (2026). Mandated reporting harm reduction: Balancing risk assessment tool (BRAT). [Consultant]

Presentations

1. Academic and Professional Conferences

Pappas, G., Franklin, S., Lyons, A. & Nourie, A. (2026, January). Under-Examined Histories of U. S. Child Welfare: How Institutions and Policies Perpetuate Harm and Reinforce Social Inequality. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. [Roundtable organizer]

Pappas, G., Harrell, S., Jordan, S., Lippy, C. & Perez-Darby, S. (2025, January). Defending Queer Youth, Refusing Mandated Reporting: Considerations for Research and Practice. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Seattle, WA. [Roundtable organizer]

Harrell, S., Kenney, J., Koumoundouros, O., Leotti, S., Lown, J., Pappas, G., Rodriguez, M., Sarantakos, S., Sonsteng-Person, M., & Suslociv, B. (2025, January). Abolitionist Social work. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Seattle, WA. [Special Interest Group convener]

Spoth, A.P, Pappas, G., Hostetter, R., Howell, D. (2025, January). Walking & talking: Abolitionist praxis as a doctoral student. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Seattle, WA. [Roundtable participant]

Spoth, A.P, Pappas, G., Hostetter, R., Pitsker, V. (2025, January). Think of the Children: The State's Weaponization of Transgender and Nonbinary Youth. Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Seattle, WA. [Roundtable participant]

Spoth, A.P, Pappas, G., Howell, D. (2024, October). Abolitionist Praxis for Social Work Education. Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Kansas City, MO. [Roundtable participant]

Pappas, G. (2023, August). Exploring affective experiences of queer individuals navigating relationships with Evangelical parents. Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. [Paper presentation]

Pappas, G. (2023, August). Good Practice: Why It Still Matters and Why It Isn't Enough. Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. [Paper presentation]

Pappas, G. (2022, August). Epistemology in child welfare racial disproportionality literature: Evidence for abolition. Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA. [Paper presentation]

2. Inservice Trainings, Workshops, Invited Lectures, and other Presentations

Pappas, G. (2026, March). Evangelical discourses of foster care and adoption. Doctoral Student Showcase, School Portland State University.

Pappas, G. (2026, February). History and the pathologization of gender and sexuality. Invited lecture, Matthew Melendrez, Multicultural Psychology.

Pappas, G. (2025, November). Social welfare policy in historical perspective. Erin Elliott, Engaging Local and State Policy.

Pappas, G. (2025, October). History and the pathologization of gender and sexuality. Invited lecture, Matthew Melendrez, Multicultural Psychology.

Pappas, G. (2025, February). History and the pathologization of gender and sexuality. Invited lecture, Matthew Melendrez, Multicultural Psychology.

Pappas, G. & Sutton, J. (2024, April). Intersections between child welfare and incarceration. Invited Panel, Gender, Crime and Punishment

Pappas, G. (2023, May). Toward and away: Exploring affective experiences of queer individuals navigating relationships with Evangelical parents. Tea Chat, International Partnership for Queer Youth Resilience

Pappas, G. (2023, May). Abolitionist approaches to IPV work and mandated reporting. Invited panel, A.P Spoth, Social Work Perspectives on Interpersonal Violence

Harrell, S. & Pappas, G. (2023, February). What we don't talk about when we talk about mandated reporting. Invited Panel, Sid Jordan, Advocacy for Policy Change

Pappas, G. (2022, November). Child welfare & community care, Invited lecture, Kade Goldin, Societal, Community, and Organizational Structures and Processes

Pappas, G. (2019, March). Critical issues in child welfare, Invited lecture, Annie Keeney, Social Policies and Social Issues

Teaching, Mentoring and Curricular Achievements

1. Courses Taught

Portland State University, MSW Program

**Indicates online course*

SW 520	Social Welfare History and Policy	Winter 2026
SW 539	Social Justice in Social Work	Fall 2025
CFS 310	Critical Histories of CYF	Fall 2025
CFS 488	Structural Oppression*	Fall 2025
SW 525	Poverty Policies & Programs*	Summer 2025
SW 532	Advocacy and Empowerment	Spring 2025
CFS 488	Structural Oppression*	Spring 2025
SW 520	Social Welfare History and Policy	Winter 2025
CFS 495	Professional Self: Identity*	Winter 2025

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SW 539	Social Justice in Social Work	Fall 2024
SW 539	Social Justice in Social Work*	Fall 2024
CFS 310	Critical Histories of CYF	Fall 2024
SW 525	Poverty Policies & Programs*	Summer 2024
SW 532	Advocacy and Empowerment	Spring 2024
SW 512	Advanced Field Placement	Spring 2024
SW 520	Social Welfare History and Policy	Winter 2024
SW 512	Advanced Field Placement	Winter 2024
SW 539	Social Justice in Social Work	Fall 2023
SW 512	Advanced Field Placement	Fall 2023
SW 511	Field Practicum & Seminar	Spring 2023
SW 512	Advanced Field Placement	Spring 2023
SW 511	Field Practicum & Seminar	Winter 2023
SW 512	Advanced Field Placement	Winter 2023
SW 511	Field Practicum & Seminar	Fall 2022
SW 512	Advanced Field Placement	Fall 2022
SW 511	Field Practicum & Seminar*	Spring 2022
SW 512	Advanced Field Placement	Spring 2022
SW 511	Field Practicum & Seminar*	Winter 2022
SW 512	Advanced Field Placement	Winter 2022
SW 511	Field Practicum & Seminar*	Fall 2021

Scholarly Works in Progress

Lenne, E., Pappas, G. & Jordan, S. (in preparation). Exploring medical-legal collaboration in adolescent care.

Pappas, G., Bryson, S., & Anderson-Nathe, B. (in preparation). Content analysis of evangelical sermons on voting and elections in 2020.

Harrell, S. & Pappas, G. (in preparation). Mapping enforcement of mandated reporting failure to report penalties for social workers.

Community Outreach Achievements and Activities

Interrupting Criminalization Beyond Do No Harm Network. Mandatory Reporting Work Group Member	2025 –
Social Work Activist Collective	2024 –

Significant Professional Development Activities

ISTN Program, International Partnership for Queer Youth Resilience	2022 – 2024
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Governance Activities for the University, College, Department

PSU School of Social Work, PhD Committee, Student Representative	2022 – 2025
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Service to the Profession

Journal Reviewer

Child and Youth Services

Journal of Progressive Human Services

Professionally-related Service

Truth, Liberation, and Justice Collaborative, Portland State University	2021 – 2022
Safety Enhanced Together Framework Redevelopment, Subgroup Lead	2019 – 2020
Quality Parenting Initiative, Child Welfare Services San Diego, CA	2018 – 2019
CalSWEC Title IV-E Summit Student Representative, San Francisco, CA	2017 – 2018
Curriculum Committee Student Representative, San Diego State University	2017 – 2018
MSW Student Mentor, San Diego State University	2017 – 2021

Memberships in Professional Societies

Abolitionist Social Change Collective	2022 –
Society for Social Work and Research	2024 –
Society for the Study of Social Problems	2022 – 2024