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EDUCATION

2024 Ph.D	Washington University in St. Louis Social Work
2016 AM, Social Work	University of Chicago Social Work
2012 MscPH	Lund University Public Health
2007 BA	New School University, Eugene Lang College Liberal Arts

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

Fall 2024 – Present San Diego State University	Assistant Professor Social Work
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PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

*Supervision of a student

1. Weatherly C., Abdelghani M, Caiza G.R., Irfan M., Meirose J., **Gaveras E.**, Johnson N., & Roth, K.B. (2025). Community-based Suicide Interventions in Rural United States: A Scoping Review. *Community Mental Health Journal*, [Advance online publication]. doi: 10.1007/s10597-025-01480-x.
2. Roth, K. B., **Gaveras, E.**, *Ghiathi, F., Shoemaker, M., Howard, N. A., Dhir, M., Caiza, G. R., Szylyk, H., & Shaw, E. K. (2023). A community-engaged approach to understanding suicide in a small rural county in Georgia: A two-phase content analysis of individual and focus group interviews. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 24(20), 7145.
3. Fabbre, V. D., Taylor, C., **Gaveras, E.** & Sloan, S. (2023). The role of spirituality in the wellbeing of transgender and gender nonconforming older adults. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 66(8), 1073-1089. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01634372.2023.2207044>.
4. Li, Y., Fabbre, V. D., & **Gaveras, E.** (2023). Authenticated social capital: Perspectives from the lived experiences of transgender older adults. *Culture, Health and Sexuality*, 25(3), 352-367. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13691058.2022.2044519>
5. **Gaveras, E.**, Fabbre, V. D., *Gillani, B. & Sloan, S. (2023). Understanding suicidal behavior in the life narratives of transgender and gender nonconforming older adults. *Qualitative Social Work*,

22(1), 159-175. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14733250211051783>.

4. Ahuja, M., Records, K., Haeny, A., **Gaveras, E.**, Mamudu, H. (2021) "The association between police arrest and suicide ideation among young adults: Does race matter?" *Health Psychology Open* 8(1). <https://doi.org/10.1177/20551029211026027>.
5. Fabbre, V. D., & **Gaveras, E.** (2020). The manifestation of multilevel stigma in the lived experiences of transgender and gender nonconforming older adults. *The American Journal of Orthopsychiatry* 90(3), 350-360. <https://doi.org/10.1037/ort0000440>.
6. Ismayilova L., Karimli L., **Gaveras E.**, Sanson J., To, A., Nanema, R., Chaffin J. (2018). Improving mental health outcomes among ultra-poor children in Burkina Faso: results of an open-label cluster-randomised controlled trial. *Social Science and Medicine*, 208, 180-189.
7. Ismayilova, L., Karimli, L., **Gaveras, E.**, Tô-Camier, A., Sanson, J., Chaffin, J., & Nanema, R. (2018). An integrated approach to increasing women's empowerment status and reducing domestic violence: Results of a cluster-randomized controlled trial in a West African country. *Psychology of Violence* (4), 448–459. <https://doi.org/10.1037/vio0000136>.
8. Ismayilova L., **Gaveras E.**, Blum, A., Tô A., Nanema, R. (2016). Violence Exposure and mental health outcomes among ultra-poor children in Burkina Faso. *PLoS One*. 11(10): e0164790.
9. **Gaveras, EM.** Worth, A., Irshad, I., Kristiansen, M. & Sheikh, A. (2014). Social support for South Asian Muslim parents with life-limiting illness living in Scotland: A multi- perspective qualitative study. *BMJ OPEN*, 4(2), e004252.

REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS

1. Fabbre, V. D., **Gaveras, E.**, Shabsin, A., Gibson, J. & Rank, M. R. (2020). Confronting stigma, discrimination, and social exclusion. In Mark R. Rank (Ed.), *Towards a Livable Life: A 21st Century Agenda for Social Work* (pp. 70-93). Oxford University

REFEREED PROCEEDINGS

1. **Gaveras, E.**, Gillani, B., & Fowler, P.J. (January, 2025). Housing Insecurity and Escalating Suicidal Behaviors Among Trans-Young Adults: A Structural Determinant Approach. [Poster Presentation]. 6th Annual Transgender Healthcare Symposium, San Diego, CA.
2. Gaveras, E., Gillani, B., & Fowler, P.J. (January, 2025). Using an Ordinal Regression to Examine the Association between Housing Insecurity and Escalating Suicidal Behaviors Among Trans-Young Adults: A Structural Determinant Approach. [Poster Presentation]. 29th Annual Society for Social Work Research Conference, Seattle, WA.
3. Weatherly, C., Gaveras, E., Meirose, J.K., Abdelghani, M., Caiza, G.R., Irfan, M., & Roth, K.B. (June, 2023) A scoping review of community-based suicide interventions in rural United States. Poster presented at the Society for Prevention Research (SPR), Washington, DC.
4. Weatherly, C., Gaveras, E., Meirose, J.K., Abdelghani, M., Caiza, G.R., Irfan, M., & Roth, K.B. (May, 2023) A scoping review of community-based suicide interventions in rural United States. Poster Presented at the Georgia Public Health Association (GPHA), Jekyll Island, GA.

5. Roth, K.B., Gaveras, E., Ghiathi, F., Shoemaker, M., Howard, N.A., Dhir, M. Caiza, G.R., Szylyk, H., & Shaw, E.K. (2023, April) A community-engaged approach to understanding suicide in a small rural county in Georgia: A two-phase content analysis of individual and focus group interviews. Presentation at the American Association of Suicidology Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon.
6. Roth, K.B., Gaveras, E., Ghiathi, F., Shoemaker, M., Howard, N.A., Dhir, M. Caiza, G.R., Szylyk, H., & Shaw, E.K. (2022, November). Exploring community needs and context for appropriate suicide prevention efforts in a rural Southeast Georgia county. Poster on research in progress presented at the North American Primary Care Research Group Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona.
7. Roth, K.B., **Gaveras, E.**, Ghiathi, F., Shoemaker, M., Howard, N.A., Dhir, M. Caiza, G.R., Szylyk, H., & Shaw, E.K. (2022, November). Exploring community needs and context for appropriate suicide prevention efforts in a rural Southeast Georgia county. Roundtable presented at American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Boston Massachusetts.
8. **Gaveras, E.**, Fowler, F. (2021). Examining the Intersection Between Housing Insecurity and Suicidal Behavior among Trans Youth: A System Dynamics Approach. Poster accepted to the International Conference of the System Dynamics Society Student Organized Colloquium, July 25th.
9. **Gaveras, E.**, Fabbre, V. D., Gillani, B., & Sloan, S. (2021). Understanding past suicidal behavior in the life narratives of transgender and gender nonconforming older adults. to be presented at the LGBTQ+ research symposiums, June 4th, 2021.
10. **Gaveras, E.**, Fabbre, V. D., Gillani, B., & Sloan, S. (2020). Understanding suicidal behavior in the life narratives of transgender and gender nonconforming older adults. Paper presented at the American Association of Suicidology 53rd Annual Conference April 22-25th 2020, Portland Oregon. <https://aasconference.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/1/sessiongallery/151/application/485>.
11. **Gaveras, E.**, & Weatherly, C. (2020, January). Examining State and Facility Characteristics of the Implementation of Evidence Based Treatments for People Living with Schizophrenia. Posters Session Presented at Society for Social Work Research, Washington DC.
12. Fabbre, V.D, & **Gaveras, E.** (2019, November). The Manifestation of Multi-Level Stigma in the Lived Experiences of Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Older Adults. The Gerontological Society of America's 71st Annual Scientific Meeting. Austin, Texas.
13. **Gaveras, E.**, and Auslander, W. (2018, January). Effectiveness of self-stigma interventions with serious mental illness: a systematic review. Posters Session Presented at Society for Social Work Research, Washington, DC.
14. Ismayilova, L., Karmili, L., Sanson, J., To, A., Nanema, R. & **Gaveras, E.** (2017, January). Improving Child Protective and Child-Wellbeing Outcomes Among Ultra-Poor Families in Burkina Faso: Results of a Cluster Randomized Controlled Trial. Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans.
15. Ismayilova L., Sanson, J., **Gaveras E.** (2015, January) Developing and Testing Feasibility of an Integrated Intervention Preventing Family Separation and Improving Child Protective Outcomes Among Ultra-Poor Families in Burkina Faso. Society for Social Work Research, Washington
16. Ismayilova L., Karimli L., Tô A., Nanema R., Sanson J., **Gaveras E.**, Delannoy C., Hu W. (2015). Child Protective Effects of Economic Strengthening and Child Rights Interventions among Ultra-poor Families in Burkina Faso. Keeping Families Together Through Economic Strengthening. Washington, DC: USAID

and FHI360. Available at: www.seepnetwork.org/symposium-report--keeping-children-and-families-together-with-economic-strengthening-

PUBLICATIONS IN PROCESS

1. **Gaveras, E.**, Qin, H., Gilliani, B., & Fowler, P.J. (In Process). Escalating Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors Among Transgender and Gender Expansive Young Adults: An Ordinal Regression Analysis.
2. Keeney, A.J., **Gaveras, E.**, *Sebek, B.C., Aceves, B. (In Process). Rurality, Abuse, and Depression among Sexual Minority Adolescents: Complex Interactions Predicting County-Level California Death-by-Suicide
3. **Gaveras, E.**, Leer, J., *Romero, R.L., Rhoades, H. (In Process). Unstable Housing Experiences and Mental Health among Sexual Minority Adolescents
4. **Gaveras, E.**....Fowler, P.J. (In Process). Housing Insecurity and Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors among Transgender and Gender Expansive Youth of Color.

SCHOLARLY AWARDS

2025-2025	Bouvier Grant Group
2016-2019	National Institute of Mental Health T32 Fellow
2016-2021	McDonnell Academy Scholar, Washington University in St. Louis
2014-2016	Brown Fellow, University of Chicago
2003-2007	Broad Foundation for Urban Education Scholar

FUNDED RESEARCH GRANTS

1. 3,600 Summer Undergraduate Research Program, Pathways to Stability Among Formerly Incarcerated University Students: A Formative Needs Assessment, Faculty Mentor, July 2025-August 2025
2. \$7,447- Piloting Adapted Life History Calendars to Understand LGBTQIA+ Youth Housing Insecurity Trajectories, PI, January 2024-December 2025
3. \$4,000 - Community needs and context for appropriate suicide prevention efforts in Liberty County, Georgia, CO-I, 2021-2022.

GRANTS SUBMITTED

1. \$3,802 - CORE Fellowship , sexual and reproductive health stigma and service-seeking behavior among Latinx transborder college students on the California-Mexico border, Faculty Mentor.
2. \$84,080 – F31 Training Grant, PI, National Institute of Mental Health, Competitively scored but unfunded, PI.

PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

1. 2016-Present Member, Society for Social Work Research
2. 2018-2023 Member, American Association of Suicidology

TEACHING EFFECTIVENESS

2025-Present	Brenda Garavito, (BA Psychology, minor in Social Work) Independent Study Title: Developing a study and community intervention for suicide prevention in rural California [working title].
2025-Present	Andrea Van Bebber, (Masters in Social Work, San Diego State University)

Publishable Paper Title: Sexual and Reproductive Health Stigma and Service-seeking Behavior Among Latinx Transborder College Students on the California the US-Mexico Border [working title]

2025-Present Keegan Keelan, (Masters in Social Work)
Publishable Paper Title: Mental Health Outcomes of High-Suicide-Risk Occupations in California

2024-Present Roxanne Romero, (BA Psychology, San Diego State University)
Research assistant/summer fellow
Independent Study Title: Adverse childhood experiences (ACES), mental health, and socio-economic differences between urban and rural housing insecure youth [working title].

2024-2025 Baylor Sebek, (MSW/MPH, San Diego State University)
Thesis Title: The association between youth sexual orientation and child maltreatment rates and community well-being across urban-rural California counties.

COURSES TAUGHT

Course #	Course Name	Level (i.e., upper, lower, grad)	Modality (i.e., online, in- person, hybrid)	Co - Taught?
<i>SWORK 430</i>	<i>Alcohol and Other Drugs</i>	<i>Upper</i>	<i>In-person</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>SWORK 120</i>	<i>Introduction to Social Work</i>	<i>Lower</i>	<i>In-person</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>SWORK 370</i>	<i>Social Policies and Social Issues</i>	<i>Upper</i>	<i>In-person</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>SWORK 120</i>	<i>Introduction to Social Work</i>	<i>Lower</i>	<i>In-person</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>SWORK 430</i>	<i>Alcohol and Other Drugs</i>	<i>Upper</i>	<i>In-person</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>SWORK 360</i>	<i>Human Behavior in the Social Environment</i>	<i>Upper</i>	<i>In-person</i>	<i>No</i>

SERVICE

Service for the Department

- 2024-Present Human Behavior in the Social Environment Curriculum Committee

Service for the College

- 2024-Present Diversity Committee

Service for the University

- S3 Judge

Service for the Profession

- 2021 Moderator, LGBTQ Research Symposium: Age & Aging in Historical Context

2. 2021 Co-Facilitator Virtual Sharing Group: Attempt Survivors/Lived Experience, 2021
American Association of Suicidology Conference

Manuscript Reviewer

Social Science and Medicine
American Journal of Community Psychology Health and
Health and Social Care in the Community
PloS One
Stigma and Health

Other Professional Training and Experience

1. 2015 -2016 Social Work Intern, Jesse Brown VA Hospital, Psychosocial Recovery and Rehabilitation Center/Inpatient Psychiatry
2. 2014-2015 Case Management Intern, Deborah's Place, Rebecca Johnson Apartments, Chicago, IL
3. 2012-2014 Migration Health Consultant and Interim National Health Coordinator, Research Coordinator, Program Developer, and member of UN HIV Program Working Group, UN Migration (formerly International Organization for Migration), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania