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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Structural Violence	Critical and Feminist Theories
Group Based Oppression	Social Welfare & Social Policy
Socialization and Social Control	Anti-Racist Practice
Community Responses to Harm	Social Work and Violence Prevention
Meaning Making and Health Decisions	Research Methods

## EDUCATION

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2021	<b>PhD</b> , Social Work, Boston College Proposed dissertation: “It was something about me”: Internalized oppression, conscientization, and post-assault processes among sexual assault survivors”
2017	<b>MSW</b> , Social Work, California State University Long Beach Thesis: “Deadly force: Perceptions of police and exploration of strategies used by African American mothers to protect their sons”
2009	<b>BS</b> , Psychology, University of California Riverside

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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2020	<b>Boston College School of Social Work Conference Travel Grant</b> Awarded in 2018 and 2019 (\$1,500)
2018	<b>Elaine Pinderhughes Diversity Fellowship</b> , Boston College School of Social Work (\$5,000)
2017	<b>Boston College Doctoral Fellowship</b> (\$25,000 annually)
2017	<b>Graduate Student Honors Recipient</b> California State University Long Beach

2017

**Phi Kappa Honor Society Honoree**  
California State University Long Beach

2009

**Dean's Honor List**  
University of California Riverside

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Scott, J. C., McDermott, E. R., **Harris, A. N.**, Johnson, K. G., Pinderhughes, E. E., & Spencer, M. B., (In Press). Looking through a kaleidoscope: Considering skin color in ethnic-racial socialization among U.S. Black and Latinx youth. *Journal of Social Issues*

Bailey, C., **Harris, A. N.**, & Shaw, J. (In Press). Mandated reporting in the context of adolescent sexual assault. Will be submitted for review to *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*.

Young, D. S., Trawver, K. R., **Harris, A. N.**, & Jacob, D. (In Press) Integrating smart decarceration content across social work curricula. *Journal of Social Work Education*.

Rao, S., Woo, B., Maglalang, D., Bartholomew, M., Cano, M., **Harris, A. N.**, & Tucker, T. (2021). Race and ethnicity in the social work grand challenges. *Social Work, 66*(1), 9–17.

**Harris, A. N.**, & Amutah-Onukagha, N. (2019). Under the radar: Strategies used by Black mothers to prepare their sons for potential police interactions based on their perceptions of police. *Journal of Black Psychology, 45*(6-7), 439–453.

Bartholomew, M., **Harris, A. N.**, & Maglalang, D. D. (2018). A call to healing: Black Lives Matter movement as a framework for addressing the health and wellness of Black women. *Community Psychology in Global Perspective, 4*(2), 85–100.

## **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

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**Harris, A.N.**, Maglalang, D.D., Cano, M., Woo, B., Tucker, T.B., Rao, S., & Bartholomew, M.W. (Under Review). Eradicating racism: Social Work's Most Pressing Grand Challenge.

Tang-Yan, C. Hamilton, G., Young, A., Pierre, J., Bwanika, S., Ayinde, E.L., **Harris, A. N.**, Gergen-Barnett, K. & Sprague-Martinez, L. (Under Review). "We did that ourselves": Findings of a process evaluation of a community-based participatory research engaging youth of color in health research and action.

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION**

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Shaw, J., Greeson, M., Bailey, C., & **Harris, A. N.** (in preparation). Evaluation of a cross-system cooperative response to adolescent sexual assault victims. Washington, D.C.: Office on Violence Against Women.

**Harris, A. N.** (in preparation) Preparing Black youth for potential police encounters: A scoping review of family socialization practices.

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS** (\* VIRTUAL CONFERENCE DUE TO COVID-19)

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\*Shaw, J., **Harris, A.N.**, Bailey, C., Ayeni, O. O., Valdez, C., & Lardier, D. (2021) Member of symposium: “Recruiting Hidden and Hard-to-Reach Populations: Stories from the Field, at the Society for Community Research and Action.

\*Young, D. S., Trawver, K. R., **Harris, A. N.**, Jacob, D. (2020, November). “Engaging a Grand Challenge: Integrating Smart Decarceration Content Across Social Work Curricula”, Poster accepted at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Denver, CO

\*Shaw, J., Bailey, C. **Harris, A.N.**, & Greeson, M. (2020, April). “Mandatory Reporting and Adolescent Sexual Assault”, Paper accepted at the Institute on Violence Abuse and Trauma Summit, Honolulu, HI

**Harris, A. N.** & Obus, E. (2020, February). Member of a roundtable panel: “Legal Socialization in Schools: How Educators Influence Student Attitudes About the Legal System”, at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Roundtable, New York City, NY.

Tucker, T., **Harris, A. N.**, Maglalang, D., Cano, M., Rao, S., & Woo, B. (2020, February). “Where Are Race/Ethnicity and Racism in the Grand Challenges for Social Work?” Paper accepted at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Roundtable, New York City, NY.

**Harris, A. N.** (2019, January). “Maternal Prevention Strategies: An Exploration of How African American Mothers Prepare Their Sons for Potential Police Interactions,” Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research, San Francisco, CA

**Harris, A. N.**, Bartholomew, M., Cano, M., Rao, S., & Woo, B. (2019, January). Member of a roundtable panel: “Integrating a Racial Justice Approach to Social Work to End Systemic Racial Violence,” at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, San Francisco, CA

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND DEVELOPMENT**

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Spring 2020

**Teaching Assistant**

Course: The Social Welfare System (SCWK 7701), Master’s Level  
Course Instructor: Dr. Shanta Pandey  
Boston College School of Social Work

Spring 2020

**Teaching Assistant**

Course: Program Evaluation (SCWK 8841), Master’s Level  
Course Instructor: Dr. Amy Kaye  
Boston College School of Social Work

Spring 2019                    **Teaching Practicum Student**  
Course: Leadership and Social Transformation (SCWK 8833),  
Master's Level  
Course Instructor: Tiziana Dearing  
Guest Lecture: "Emerging Theories in Leadership: Neuroscience  
and Attachment"

Fall 2019                      **Teaching Assistant**  
Course: Research Methods (SCWK 7747), Master's Level  
Course Instructor: Dr. Tina Matz-Costa  
Boston College School of Social Work

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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2020-Present                **Principal Investigator**  
Boston College School of Social Work  
Co-Investigators: Dr. Tyrone Parchment & Dr. Dale Maglalang  
Project: Examining the Experiences of Black, Indigenous and  
People of Color (BIPOC) students in MSW programs.  
Funded: \$10,100 by the Office of the Dean, Boston College  
School of Social Work  
Duties: In partnership with co-investigators: designed the study,  
conducted focus groups using Zoom, currently conducting data  
analysis.

2017-Present                **Research Assistant**  
University of Illinois, Chicago  
Principal Investigators: Dr. Jessica Shaw and Dr. Megan Greeson  
Project: Investigating the mandated reporting response on  
adolescent sexual assault cases: A mixed-methods study  
Funded: The Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against  
Women  
Duties: conducted semi-structured in-depth qualitative interviews,  
analyzed qualitative data, collected quantitative data from  
medical charts and criminal justice system records, developed  
recruitment, data collection, and consent procedures, participated  
in community partner meetings which included hospitals, police,  
crisis centers and other sexual assault response personnel.

2016-2017                    **Research Assistant**  
California State University Long Beach  
Principal Investigators: Dr. Rashida Crutchfield & Dr. Jennifer  
Maguire  
Project: Exploring food and housing insecurity on California  
State University (CSU) Campuses  
Funded: The California State University System  
Duties: managed communication between CSU officials to  
coordinate campus sites for qualitative data collection, created

resource list to provide to participants that included local support resources, completed transcription, assisted in qualitative data analysis, entered quantitative data into excel database, participated in early dissemination of findings.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- 2014-2015                    **Mental Health Specialist I**  
Starview Community Services  
Duties: Provided therapeutic and rehabilitation services to children, youth, transitional age youth, and their families, conducted bio-psychosocial assessments to assist in identifying appropriate diagnoses, completed treatment plans and collaboratively constructed goals with clients and their families, developed and facilitated treatment groups for transitional age youth and teens.
- 2014-2015                    **Site Based Trainer**  
Starview Community Services  
Duties: co- lead trainings for incoming and senior staff on the Transition to Independence Process (TIP) model, coached and supported staff in learning and implementing practice techniques to utilize during their therapeutic sessions with transitional age youth, educated staff on positive outcomes of utilizing the TIP model techniques with transitional age youth.
- 2011-2014                    **Community Integration Specialist**  
Starview Community Services  
Duties: provided rehabilitation and case management to transitional age youth and their families, served as a liaison and advocate for young people and their families with relevant social, medical, and educational institutions, developed relationships with community partners by networking and attending provider meetings with entities such as the Housing and Urban Development Department, Department of Public and Social Services, and the Department of mental health.
- 2010-2011                    **Child Care Counselor**  
Rosemary's Children's Services  
Duties: monitored and provided care for young women in a residential setting, transported residents to activities and ensured that they had access to all needed resources, attended staff meetings to discuss resident goals and behaviors, practiced de-escalation to maintain safe environment within the residential setting.

## INTERNSHIPS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

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- 2019-Present      **Volunteer/ Consultant**  
We Are Better Together: The Daniel Hairston Project  
Supported and participated in events and programs created to support mothers who have lost children to gun violence and incarceration, attended strategic planning meetings focused on the mission of the organization and creating programming to serve the intended population.
- 2017-2019      **Volunteer**  
Louis D. Brown Peace Institute  
Provided support in putting on community events to support families impacted by community violence in the City of Boston.
- 2016-2017      **Social Work Intern**  
John Wesley Community Health Institute Inc.  
Duties: conducted multiple needs assessments to be utilized in implementing programs and revising policy, conducted qualitative interviews and administered paper surveys to people who formerly experienced homelessness, and partnered with the president of the behavioral health department to develop policies and procedures for clinicians and other support staff.
- 2015-2017      **Volunteer**  
Housing Long Beach  
Reviewed the housing codes and legislation to confirm city compliance in meetings with city officials, identified and investigated actual availability of affordable housing units, tracked housing landlords with multiple adequate housing violation complaints, administered surveys to local residents about housing conditions, participated in demonstrations to bring attention to housing injustices in the city of Long Beach, and presented stories and information to the city council regarding housing affordability and access for Long Beach residents.
- 2015-2016      **Social Work Intern**  
Orange County Health Care Agency (Correctional Mental Health)  
Duties: performed bio-psychosocial assessments in a correctional setting to determine eligibility for behavioral and psychiatric services, collaboratively identified resources and discussed treatment goals with clients to prepare for release, developed treatment groups for incarcerated women, and participated in multidisciplinary treatment teams comprised on clinicians, medical staff, and correctional officers.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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2016-Present	National Association of Social Work
2018-Present	Society for Social Work Research

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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### **Ad-Hoc Reviewer for:**

- American Journal of Community Psychology
- Psychology of Violence

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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2020	<b>Consultant</b> Equity, Justice, and Inclusion Initiative Boston College School of Social Work Provided consultation on the development of an instrument to assess the school climate specific to issues of equity, justice, and inclusion.
2019	<b>Co-Organizer</b> Transforming the Ivory Tower: A Seminar to Help First Generation and/or Doctoral Students of Color Thrive Boston College School of Social Work Funded by the University of Council on Teaching, Boston College (\$2000)
2017	<b>Committee Member</b> Racial Justice Symposium Boston College School of Social Work Funded by the Research in Social, Economic, and Environmental Equity (RISE3) and the BCSSW Office of the Dean (\$5000)

## **COMPUTER AND DATA ANALYSIS SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY**

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Nvivo, Dedoose, Stata, SPSS, Word, and Excel