

CURRICULUM VITAE for Natalie Grafft, LICSW (August, 2024)

Doctoral Candidate
Boston College
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EDUCATION

2020-present Ph.D. *In progress*
Boston College, *School of Social Work*
Dissertation: “Fathers’ adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and offspring health”

2013 M.S.W.
University of Southern California, *School of Social Work*
Concentration: Health

2011 B.S.
University of Wisconsin Madison
Major: Anthropology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Child and family wellbeing
Social determinants of health
Men’s health and fathering
Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs)

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND HONORS

2023 Doctoral Program Emerging Scholar Award (\$500), Boston College
2021 Carolyn Thomas Doctoral Fellowship Award (\$5,000), Boston College
2018-present Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (in Massachusetts)
2011 Phi Alpha Honor Society, University of Southern California

GRANT AND FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS

CURRENT RESEARCH SUPPORT

Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Individual Predoctoral Fellowship (F31)

Agency: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

Fathers’ adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and offspring health and wellbeing

As fathers are increasingly more involved in childrearing and play a critical role in child development, it is important that we better understand the influence fathers have on their children’s health and wellbeing. To advance the knowledge base of paternal preconception factors that influence fathering and children’s health, I examine associations between fathers’ ACEs, fathers’ behavioral health, fathering practices, and offspring health. I also examine the role of ACEs experienced within the parent-dyad, including the average experience of ACEs and incongruence in experience of ACEs, on children’s health.

Total direct costs: \$86,580 (5/1/2023-9/30/2025)

Role: Principal Investigator

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. **Grafft, N.**, Gago, C., Garcia, E., Aftosmes-Tobio, A., Jurkowski, J., Blaine, R. & Davison, K. (2024). Parent experiences of empowerment: Understanding the role of parent empowerment in child health promotion. *Family and Community Health*, 47(4).
2. **Grafft, N.**, Gago, C., Park, I. Y., Bauer, K., Haneuse, S., Haines, J., & Davison, K. (2024). Coronavirus disease 2019 vaccination among young children: Associations with fathers' and mothers' influenza vaccination status. *Preventive Medicine Reports*, 42, 102746.
3. **Grafft, N.** & Lyons, K. S. (2024). Incongruence in perceptions of pain: Associations with mental health in couples living with fibromyalgia. *Social Work*.
4. **Grafft, N.**, Lo, B., Easton, SD., Pineros-Leano, M. & Davison, KK. (2023). Maternal and paternal adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and offspring health and wellbeing: A scoping review. *Maternal and Child Health*, 28(1).
5. **Grafft, N.**, Mendez-Campos, B., Walker, D. & Hawkins, S. (2023). Recreational cannabis legalization and adolescent sexual risk behaviors. *Youth and Society*, 56(5).
6. Gillard, A., Gagnon R., Pashankar, F., Balsamo, L., **Grafft, N.**, Miranda, J., Borucho, D., Neri, C., Sprinz, P. & Longyear, C. (2022). Sense of mastery and attitude towards illness: Examining longitudinal benefits of a medical specialty camp for youth with sickle cell disease. *Clinical Child Psychology and Psychiatry*, 28(3).
7. **Grafft, N.**, Aftosmes-Tobio, A., Gago, C., Landburg, K., Beckerman-Hsu, J., Trefry, B., Kumanyika, S. & Davison, K. (2022). Adaptation and implementation outcomes of a parenting program for low-income, ethnically diverse families delivered virtually versus in-person. *Translational Behavioral Medicine*, 12(11).
8. **Grafft, N.**, Rodrigues, K., Costas-Rodriguez, B. & Pineros-Leano, M. (2022). Latinx immigrants and complex layers of trauma: Providers' perspectives. *Journal of Latinx Psychology*, 10(4).
9. Pineros-Leano, M., **Grafft, N.**, & Aguayo, L. (2022). Childhood obesity risk factors by race and ethnicity. *Obesity*, 30(1670-1680).
10. **Grafft, N.**, Dwyer, A. & Pineros-Leano, M. (2022). Latinx individuals' knowledge of, preferences for, and experiences with prenatal genetic testing: A scoping review. *Reproductive Health*, 19(143).
11. Pineros-Leano, M., Saran, I., Parchment, TM. & **Grafft, N.** (2021). Prevalence and predictors of parental depressive episodes: Results from a 15-year longitudinal study. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 295(255-263).
12. Pineros-Leano, M. & **Grafft, N.** (2021). Racial and ethnic disparities in childhood growth trajectories. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, 9(4).
13. Solodiuk, J.C., Jantz, B., Fuller, M., Osterling, D., Foxman, H., **Grafft, N.** & Hanser, S. (2020). The use of music by adolescents and young adults with sickle cell disease. *Creative Nursing*, 26(3).
14. **Grafft (nee Bracken), N.**, Hilliard, C., McCuller, W. & Harawa, N. (2015). Facilitators of HIV medical care engagement among former prisoners. *AIDS Education and Prevention*, 27(6).

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

REVISE AND RESUBMIT

1. Park, I. Y., Gago, C., **Grafft, N.**, Lo, B. K., & Davison, K. Parent empowerment as a buffer between perceived stress and parenting self-efficacy in immigrant parents. Revise and resubmit to the *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* in August, 2024.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

2. **Grafft, N.**, Perez-Flores, N., Rodrigues, K., Costas-Rodrigues, B. & Pineros-Leano, M. (under review). Factors that influence Latinx immigrants' family functioning: Providers' perspectives. Submitted to the *Journal of Child and Family Studies* in February 2024.
3. Park, I. Y., Cantu-Aldana, A., **Grafft, N.**, Lo, B. K., Bauer, K. W., McBride, B., Haneuse, S. J., Haines, J., & Davison, K. K. Associations between mothers' and fathers' vaccine decision making and child COVID-19 vaccination. Submitted to *Family and Community Health* in April, 2024.

DISSERTATION PAPERS IN PROGRESS

1. **Grafft, N.**, Haines, J., Taylor, C., Levine Coley, R., Davison, K. K. & Lyons, K. S. Incongruence in fathers' and mothers' adverse childhood experiences (ACEs): Associations with their children's emotional and behavior problems.
2. **Grafft, N.**, Taylor, C., Lyons, K. S., Davison, K. K. & Levine Coley, R. Fathers' adverse childhood experiences and fathering stress and satisfaction: A mediation model using data from Add Health.
3. **Grafft, N.**, Armbruster, S., Levine Coley, R., Taylor, C., Lyons, K. S., Haneuse, S., & Davison K. K. Fathers' adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and behavior problems in their children.

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **Grafft, N.** & Lyons, K. S. (2024, March). Incongruence in couples' perceptions of pain: Implications for mood disorders in patients and spouses. Presented at the Boston College Graduate Research Symposium.
2. **Grafft, N.**, Dwyer, A. & Pineros-Leano, M. (2022, June). Latina's knowledge of, preferences for, and experiences with prenatal genetic testing: A scoping review. Presented at the Ethics, Legal, and Social Implications Congress Conference, Virtual.

POSTER SESSIONS

1. **Grafft, N.**, Gago, C., Park, I. Y., Bauer, K., Haines, J., & Davison, K. (2024, March). COVID-19 vaccination among young children: Associations with fathers' and mothers' influenza vaccination status. Poster presented at the 2024 Society of Behavioral Medicine Conference.
2. **Grafft, N.**, Park, I. Y., Easton, S., Bauer, K., Haines, J. & Davison, K. (2024, January). Men's traditional and expanded ACEs: Racial/ethnic differences in the prevalence and long-term consequences. Poster presented at the 2024 Society for Social Work and Research Conference.
3. **Grafft, N.**, Lo, B., Easton, S., Pineros-Leano, M. & Davison, K. (2023, April). Long-term consequences of parents' adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) on offspring health: A scoping review. Poster presented at the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Phoenix, AZ.
4. **Grafft, N.**, Walker, D., Mendez Campos, B. & Hawkins, S. (2022, November). Impact of recreational cannabis legalization on adolescent risky sexual behaviors. Poster presented at the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.
5. **Grafft, N.**, Aftosmes-Tobio, A., Gago, C., Oddleifson, C., Lansburg, K., Beckerman, J., Jurkowski, J., Garcia, E., Chapdelaine, H., Trefry, B., Kumanyika, S. & Davison, K. (2022, April). Poster presented at the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Baltimore, MD.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

COURSES TAUGHT

2022 Boston College School of Social Work
Basic Skills in Clinical Social Work (SCWK 7762)
Fall 2022; 20 MSW students
Instructor rating: 4.4 out of 5.0

TEACHING ASSISTANT

2021-2022 Boston College School of Social Work
Social Determinants of Health and Mental Health (SCWK 7734)
Spring, 2022
Human Behavior and the Social Environment (SCWK 7721)
Fall, 2021

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2021-present Boston College School of Social Work
Doctoral Level Research Assistant
Principal investigator: Kirsten Davison, PhD
Fathers & Families (grant number: 5R01HD098421)

2021-2022 *Doctoral Level Research Assistant*
Principal Investigator: Kirsten Davison, PhD
Communities for Healthy Living (grant number: R01DK108200)

2020-2022 *Doctoral Level Research Assistant*
Principal Investigator: Maria Pineros-Leano, PhD
Genetic Literacy in US Populations

2020-2022 *Doctoral Level Research Assistant*
Principal Investigator: Maria Pineros-Leano, PhD
Mothers and Children of All Nations Defying the Odds

2018-2020 Boston Children's Hospital, Hematology Department
Key Institutional Collaborator
Principal Investigator: Ann Gillard, PhD
Resilience in Children with Sickle Cell Disease

2012-2014 Charles Drew University
Graduate Research Assistant
Principal Investigator: Charles Hilliard, PhD
Formerly Incarcerated Individuals and HIV Medical Care

2012-2013 University of Southern California School of Social Work
Graduate Research Assistant
Principal Investigator: Eric Rice, PhD
Homeless Youth and Social Networks

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2016-2020 *Clinical Social Worker*
Tasks: Provided psychosocial support and psychoeducation to children with sickle cell disease and their families in the inpatient setting. Worked as part of a multidisciplinary team to address patient needs and provide psychosocial education to the medical team.

2015-2016 University Health System, San Antonio, TX
Social Worker
Tasks: Provided psychosocial support to patients and families in the pediatric hematology/oncology clinic. Counseled and educated families in order to facilitate understanding of the patient's diagnosis, treatment options, and potential side effects.

2014-2015 SAMMinistries, San Antonio, TX
Case Manager
Tasks: Created and implemented the Aftercare Program for families who left or were preparing to leave a transitional living facility. Case managed families who were currently homeless and who had a history of homelessness.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

MENTORSHIP

2023-present Quinn Bertero (undergraduate senior student) | Capstone Mentor, Boston College, Public Health

PEER REVIEW

2024 Translational Behavioral Medicine
2023 Clinical Child Psychology and Psychiatry
American Public Health Association Annual Conference
BMC Health Services Research
Society for Prevention Research Annual Conference
2022 American Public Health Association Annual Conference
BMC Public Health
Qualitative Social Work
Childhood Obesity
Clinical Child Psychology and Psychiatry
Journal of Pediatric Nursing

COMMITTEES

2024-present Doctoral Program Committee student representative, Boston College
2023-2024 Co-chair of the Doctoral Student Committee, Boston College
Tasks: Created and implemented a peer-mentorship program for doctoral students in the School of Social Work. Plan professional development activities for doctoral students.

ANALYSIS SOFTWARE

R, Stata, NVivo, Mplus