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EDUCATION

City University of New York, The Graduate Center, New York, NY

- Doctoral candidate in interdisciplinary Social Welfare PhD Program (degree expected April 2025)
- Dissertation title: *“Moderated Mediation Analysis of Mental Health Conditions on Problematic Internet Use and Compulsive Buying Behavior among Black and Latinx Individuals with exposure to Early Life Adversity: An Investigation of Occurrence and Associated Socio-cultural and Psychosocial Factors”*
- Advisor: Alexis Kuerbis, PhD, LCSW
- Committee: Rufina Lee, MSW, PhD, Paul Archibald, DrPH, LCSW-C
- Master of Philosophy (June 2023)

Columbia University, School of Social Work, New York, NY

- Master of Science in Social Work (May 2014)
- Focus: Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice: Health, Mental Health, and Disabilities

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs, New York, NY

- Master of Public Administration (May 2014)
- Focus: Public Policy and Administration

Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH

- Bachelor of Arts (May 1999)
- Major: Law and Society, Film & African American Studies

EXPERIENCE

Public Health, Administration and Social Service

2015 – 2018	Director, Collaboration and Outreach , Division of Disease Control, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York, NY
2015	Director , Office of the Executive Deputy Commissioner for Mental Hygiene, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York, NY
2013 – 2015	Policy and Research Analyst , Bureau of Mental Health, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York, NY
2005 – 2010	Associate Director , Center for Public Health Preparedness, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University, Boston, MA
2002 – 2005	Assistant Director , Center for Public Health Preparedness, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University, Boston, MA
1999 – 2002	Program Specialist , Harvard AIDS Institute, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University, Boston, MA

Clinical Social Work

2022 – present	Psychotherapist , Center for Intimacy Recovery, New York, NY
2017 – 2021	Psychotherapist , Services for the Underserved (S:US), Brooklyn, NY
2012 – 2013	Social Work Clinical Practice Intern , New York State Psychiatric Hospital Institute, New York, NY
2011 – 2012	Socio-legal Social Work Intern , Legal Services of New York – Bronx, Bronx, NY
1996 – 1997	HIV Intervention Specialist , Cleveland Free Clinic, Cleveland, OH

Research

2023 – present	Advancing Equity Study Team Member , Behavioral Health Equity Advancement Lab, Department of Psychiatry, Division of Addiction Psychiatry, at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA
2020 – present	Adherence Rater , Anxiety, Mood, Eating and Related Disorders, Columbia University Department of Psychiatry/New York State Psychiatric Hospital, New York, NY
2018 – present	Research Scientist , Division of Social Solutions and Services Research, Center for Research on Cultural and Structural Equity in Behavioral Health, Nathan Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research, State of New York Office of Mental Health, Orangeburg, NY
2017 – 2018	Graduate Assistant , Literature Review on Fidelity of Assertive Community Treatment, City University of New York, New York, NY
2013 – 2014	Research Specialist , Using Critical Time Intervention for Hoarding Disorder, Center for Obsessive Compulsive Treatment and Related-Disorders, Columbia University, New York, NY
2012	Graduate Research Intern , Psychosocial education and treatment for Women in the Criminal Justice System, New York City Department of Corrections, New York, NY
2012	Research Associate , Development of educational tools focused on race, gender, education and equity, Center for Intersectionality and Policy Studies, Columbia Law School, New York, NY
2000 – 2002	Clinical Research Assistant , Clinical trial evaluating treatment for HIV-infected children and adolescents, Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trial Group, Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA

Teaching

2020 – present	Adjunct Lecturer , Hunter College, City University of New York, New York, NY <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Clinical Practice II & III▪ Alcohol and Substance Use
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2006 – 2010	Teaching Assistant , Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, Boston, MA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership in Healthcare Organizations
2005 – 2006	Teaching Assistant , Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, Boston, MA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know Thyself Leadership Development Course I and II
2000 – 2002	Teaching Assistant , Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, Boston, MA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arthur Ashe Program in AIDS Care

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2024 – 2025	Awardee , Junior Scholar, Stone Center, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
2023 – 2025	Awardee , CUNY/New York State Office of Mental Health Scholarship Program, Graduate Center, City University of New York
2018 – 2021	Fellow , Minority Fellowship Program, Council on Social Work Education
2017 – 2020	Awardee , CUNY Graduate Center Grad-D Fellowship
2017	Awardee , Distinguished Service Team Award, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
2014 – 2015	Awardee , Verne Lamarr Lyons Memorial Scholarship, National Association of Social Work Foundation
2013 – 2014	Awardee , Benjamin and Agnes Louard Scholarship, Columbia University
2006 – 2007	Fellow , W.K. Kellogg Emerging Leaders Fellowship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2004 – 2005	Fellow , Leadership Fellowship, Harvard University
1997 – 1998	Fellow , Oberlin Service-Learning Fellowship, Oberlin College

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT/SERVICE

2019 – present	Editorial Advisory Board Member , Annals of LGBTQ Public and Population Health
2018 – present	Reviewer , Advances in Social Work
2017 – present	Alternate Member , Institutional Review Board, Nathan Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research
2017 – 2018	Member , New York State AIDS Advisory Council End the Epidemic Subcommittee: Black MSM Advisory Group
2017 – 2019	Member , New York City Coalition to Dismantle Racism in the Healthcare System
2017 – 2018	Member , Institutional Review Board, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
2014 – 2015	Voting Member (delegate) , New York City Coalition on the Continuum of Care (NYC CCoC)
2002 – 2010	Committee Member , MA Emergency Preparedness and Response Advisory Committee, Massachusetts Department of Public Health

2001 – 2002	Committee Member , Community Advisory Board, Fenway Community Health Center, Boston, MA
2000 – 2002	Appointed Chair and Member , Planning Committee Ryan White Title I Boston Planning Council, Boston, MA
1996 – 1997	Peer HIV Counselor/Co-Coordinator , Oberlin College Student Health Services

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION

New York State Licensed Clinical Social Worker (091732), New York State Department of Education, Office of Professions

New Jersey State Licensed Clinical Social Worker (44SC06219100), New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs

Commonwealth of Virginia Licensed Clinical Social Worker (0904014251), Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Health Professions

CLINICAL TRAINING/COMPETENCY

- Group and individual counseling
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
- Wellness Self-Management (WSM)
- Motivational interviewing (MI)
- Critical Time Intervention (CTI)
- Illness Management and Recovery (IMR)
- Trauma-informed Interventions (Seeking Safety)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Software packages: R, SPSS, STATA, SAS, Mplus, QGIS, ATLAS.ti, Dedoose,
Microsoft Office: Access, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams, Word, Visio

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

2022 – present	Member , Clinical Social Work Association
2019 – present	Member , American Psychological Association
2019 – present	Member , National Association of Black Social Workers
2011 – present	Member , National Association of Social Work, New York City
2004 – present	Member , American Public Health Association
2019 – present	Member , New York State Society for Clinical Social Work
2019 – 2022	Member , American Evaluation Association
2017 – 2022	Member , Council on Social Work Education
2004 – 2010	Member , Association of School of Public Health
2004 – 2010	Member , National Association of City and County Health Officials

REVIEWER AND CONTRIBUTOR

2017	Contributor , City Health Information: New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
2017	Contributor , Health of Latinos in New York City: New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
2016	Contributor , Take Care New York 2020: New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
2015	Contributor , Thrive NYC: A Roadmap for Mental Health For All: New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
2010	Contributor , Public Health Emergency Preparedness Exercises: Lessons Learned, Harvard School of Public Health
2010	Contributor , Competency Report: Local Public Health Institute of Massachusetts
2007	Contributor , Preparedness Education for Vulnerable Groups Resource Grid: Association of School of Public Health
2007	Contributor , Identifying and Protecting Vulnerable Population in Public Health Emergencies: Addressing Gaps in Education and Training
2006	Evaluator , Project Public Health Ready: National Association of City and County Health Officials
2001	Reviewer , HIV/AIDS Block Grants, Boston Public Health Commission

PUBLICATIONS

- Nick, G.**, Sanichar, N., Williams, S., Wang, L., Lekas., Pahl, K., (in preparation). “Psychosocial Determinants and Correlates of Well-Being: Differences in Psychological Distress and Socioeconomic Disadvantage in a Minoritized Population during the COVID-19 Pandemic”
- Nick, G.**, Lekas, H., Pahl, K., Blau, C., Kamin, D., Lewis, C., (in preparation). “Behavioral Crisis Response Integration and Community Collaborations: A mixed-methods exploration of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Mapping Workshop”
- Gaba, A., LoVette, A., Osman, H., Taylor, M. **Nick, G.**, Fagan, S., Pridgen, B., Woodward, E. (in preparation) “Barriers and Facilitators to Implementing an Evidence-Based Co-Occurring Substance Use and Mental Health Disorder Intervention in Adult Treatment Courts”
- Nick, G.**, Williams, S., Lekas, HM., Pahl, K., Blau, C., Kamin, D., Lewis, C., (2022). “Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training and impact on mental illness and substance use-related stigma among law enforcement” *Drug and Alcohol Reports*, December 2022; Vol 5.
- Pahl, K., Wang, J., Sanichar, N., Williams, S., **Nick, G.**, Wang, L., Lekas., (2022). “Anti-Asian Attitudes in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic: an Exploratory Study” *Journal of Racial Ethnic Health Disparities*, August 2022.
- Nick, G.**, Schloss, K., Lekas, HM., Pahl, K., Lewis, C., (2021). “A Social Determinants Perspective for Intersection of Ageism, Racism and Social Isolation During COVID-19” *Behavioral Health News*. 2021; Vol. 8, No. 3.

- Millen, A., Levinson, A., Linkovski, O., Shuer, L., Feldman, T., **Nick, GA.**, Krajzman Johns, G., Vargas, S., Aisling Rottier, K., Joyner, E., Girson, R., Zwerling, J., Sonnenfeld, D., Shapiro, M., Tannen, A., Conover, S., Essock, S., Herman, D., Simpson, HB., Rodriguez, CI., (2020). “*Critical Time Intervention for Individuals with Hoarding Disorder at Risk for Eviction: A Pilot Study*”. Psychiatric Services. January 2020.
- Marsik, T., **Nick, G.**, Ivnitsky, O., (2014). “Creating Culture Change: NYC Tackles Housing and Employment” *Behavioral Health News*. 2014; Vol.1, No. 4.
- Nick, GA.**, Savoia, E., Elqura, L., Crowther, S., Cohen, B., Leary, M., Wright, T., Auerbach, J., Koh, HK. (2009). “Emergency Preparedness for Vulnerable Populations: Focus on People with Special Health care Needs” *Public Health Reports*. 2009; Vol 124 (March/April): 338-343.
- Koh, H., Shei, A., Judge, C., Stoto, M., Elqura, L., Cox, H., **Nick, GA.**, Burstein, J., Condon, S., “Emergency Preparedness as a Catalyst for Regionalizing Local Public Health: the Massachusetts Case Study” *Public Health Reports*, February 2008.
- Koh, H., Shei, A., Bataringaya, J., Burstein, J., Biddinger, P., Crowther, SM., Serino, R., Cohen B, **Nick, G.**, Leary M., Judge. C., Campbell, P., Brinsfield, K., Auerbach J., “Building Community-Based Surge Capacity through a Public Health and Academic Collaboration: The Role of Community Health Centers”, *Public Health Reports*, March/April 2006.

ABSTRACTS, POSTERS & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Nick, GA.**, Williams, S., Sanichar, N., Pahl, K., “Psychosocial Determinants of Well-being Indicators during COVID-19 Pandemic” (2022, November) American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- Lee, C., Villamil-Grest., C., **Nick, GA.**, Hershey, A., “Recovery during Pandemic: Qualitative Analysis of Unique Challenges Experienced by Young People of Color Who Are in Recovery”, (2022, January, selected but withdrawn due to COVID-19) Society for Social Work Research, Washington DC.
- Pahl, K., Wang, J., Sancichar, N., Williams, S., **Nick, GA.**, Lekas, H., (2021, October) “Xenophobic attitudes in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic: An exploratory study”, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Pahl, K., Williams, S., Capasso, A., **Nick, GA.**, Lekas, H., Leiws, C., “Loneliness and psychological distress during the COVID-19 pandemic” (2021, October) American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, October 2021.
- Bates, G., Younger, T., **Nick, GA.**, Melendez, D., (2021, January) “Examining the Relationship between Environmental Stressors and Hypertension Among Black/African Americans and Hispanic/Latinx Residents Living in Bronx County, New York”, Society for Social Work Research Virtual Conference.

- Nick, GA**, (2020, November) “Using an intersectional and inter-sectoral Lens to explore Racial and Economic Inequalities”, Council for Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Virtual Conference.
- Nick, GA.**, Williams, S. Lekas, H.M., Kamin, D., Blau, C., Fuller-Lewis, C., “Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training: Preliminary evidence of impact on mental illness-related and substance use-related stigma among law enforcement in NYS (2019-2020)”. Virtual Conference American Public Health Association 2020 Conference, Virtual Conference.
- Lekas, HM., Lewis, C., Williams, S., **Nick, GA.** Heffner, K., Keller, A., Martino, D., Tate, S., (2020, November) “Development and evaluation of a training program in social and cultural determinants of health for family and youth peer advocates”. Withdrew. American Public Health Association 2020 Conference, Virtual Conference.
- Blau, C. **Nick, GA**, Lewis, C., Lekas, HM, Kamin, D. (2020, August) “Exploring Attitudes towards Crisis Intervention Team Training for Law Enforcement”, American Psychological Association, Virtual Conference.
- Qi, W., Montano, P.M., Pahl, K., **Nick, GA.**, Ho, Y.L.E., Barrios-Barrios, M., & McQuiston, H. (2020, April, postponed due to COVID-19) “Intensive Outpatient Program in New York City: Model, Innovation, and Initial Findings on Process and Outcome.” Abstract accepted for the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association.
- Nick, GA**, Ramirez, L., Camire, R., Johnson, K. (2020, January). “Moving Beyond Cultural Competency: Addressing Inequality of Race and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Mental Health Services”, Society for Social Work Research, Washington DC.
- Lekas, HM, Lewis, C., Perez-Figueroa, R., **Nick, GA.**, Jaiswal, J., Olender, S., Rosen-Metsch, L. (2019, November) “Effects of HIV Stigma on engagement in HIV medical care: Opportunities for Resilience”, American Public Health Association, Washington DC.
- Melendez, D., **Nick, GA**, Bates, G., Younger, T. (2019, January). “Doctoral Students Reflections on Social Work’s Response to Violence”, Society for Social Work Research, San Francisco, CA.
- Nick, GA.** (2017, December) “*Health Equity for LGBT New Yorkers*” New York State Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Webinar Series, New York, NY.
- Nick, GA.**, Freeman, M. (2016, October) “*Substance Use and Sexuality*”, In My Mind: A LGBT People of Color Mental Health Conference -- Recognizing, Articulating and Meeting our Needs”. Depressed Gay Black Men Annual Conference. New York, NY.
- Curran, M. **Nick, GA.** (2015, April) “*Strengthening Medical-Legal Partnership Practice in Mental / Behavioral Health Care Settings*” Medical-Legal Partnership Summit, McLean, VA.
- Kade, K, **Nick, GA**, Savoia, E., Elqura, L. and Koh, H, (2007, November) “*Planning Toolkit to Prepare Vulnerable Populations for an Emergency*”, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
- Nick, GA., Koh, H., Degutis, L., Kade, K., (2006, November) “Vulnerable Populations and Public Health Emergencies”, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

Koh, H., Judge, CM., Shei, A., **Nick, GA.**, Condon, S., Campbell, P., Stoto, M., (2006, November)
"Process and outcomes of creating regional public health infrastructures in Massachusetts and
Maine", American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

Cohen, B., **Nick, GA.**, Moore, G., (2006, November) "A Collaborative Process for Training
Volunteers through Technology: Utilizing technology in Health Promotion and Practice",
American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.