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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Social Work & Social Research, Portland State University

MSW, Social Work, Indiana University

BSW, Social Work, Indiana University

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

BSW Program Director (Interim), Seattle University	2025 - current
Assistant Professor, Seattle University	2023 - current
Full Time Instructor of Social Work, Seattle University	2022 - 2023
Field Liaison & Academic Advisor, Portland State University MSW Program	2019 - 2023
Adjunct Instructor, Indiana University School of Social Work	2018 - 2023
Adjunct Instructor, Portland State University School of Social Work	2019 - 2022

## PUBLICATIONS<sup>1</sup>

### Peer-Reviewed Research Articles

- Harrell, S.** (2024). "When is a school not a school?" Dr. Carrie Weaver Smith, child prisons, and the limits of reform in Progressive Era Texas. *Social Sciences*, 13, 1-44.  
[doi.org/10.3390/socsci13070380](https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci13070380)
- Harrell, S., Mountz, S., & Zaman, H.** (2023). Teaching beyond trans-competency: Exploring trans-affirming pedagogy through applied case studies. *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, 50(1), 106-126. <https://scholarworks.wmich.edu/jssw/vol50/iss1/7>
- Harrell, S., Suslovic, B., Johnson, C., Boys, C., Anderson-Nathe, B., Botts, K.** (2023). Moral Reconation Therapy: Is it compatible with Council on Social Work Education competencies? *Advances in Social Work*, 22(3), 900-915. [doi.org/10.18060/26271](https://doi.org/10.18060/26271)
- Harrell, S.** (2023). Social work and corrections in the Progressive Era: What we remember, what we obscure. *Journal of Progressive Human Services*, 34(1), 55-74.  
[doi.org/10.1080/10428232.2022.2109359](https://doi.org/10.1080/10428232.2022.2109359)

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<sup>1</sup> An \* denotes a student co-author

- Gooding, A. R., Zaman, B. A., **Harrell, S.**, Collins, S., Abelson, M. J., Anderson-Nathe, B. (2023). Situated agency: How LGBTQ youth navigate and create queer(ed) space. *Journal of LGBTQ Youth*, 20(3), 524-544. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19361653.2022.2089430>
- Harrell, S.** & Wahab, S. (2022). The case for mandatory reporting as an ethical dilemma for social workers. *Advances in Social Work*, 22(2), 818-840. [doi.org/10.18060/24910](https://doi.org/10.18060/24910)
- Harrell, S.**, Johnson, C.\*, Boys, C., Suslovic, B., Anderson-Nathe, B., Botts, K. (2022). “The broker of reality”: A scoping review of Moral Reconation Therapy. *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*, 20(1), 72-83. [doi.org/10.1080/26408066.2022.2117583](https://doi.org/10.1080/26408066.2022.2117583)
- Schultz, K.\*, Farmer, S.\*, **Harrell, S.**, & Hostetter, C. (2021). Closing the gap: Increasing community mental health services in rural Indiana. *Community Mental Health Journal*, 57(4), 684-700. <https://doi-org.proxy.lib.pdx.edu/10.1007/s10597-020-00737-x>

### Peer-Reviewed Teaching Notes & In Briefs

- 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. [doi.org/10.1080/08841233.2024.2433792](https://doi.org/10.1080/08841233.2024.2433792)
- Harrell, S.**, Jordan, S., Wahab, S. (2023). From exceptionalism to relationality: Responding to mandatory reporting in Texas anti-trans directives. *Affilia*, 38(1), 13-19. [doi.org/10.1177/08861099221136632](https://doi.org/10.1177/08861099221136632)

### Editorials

- Jackson, K. F., Goodkind, S., Diaz, M., Karandikar, S., Beltrán, R., Kim, M. E., Zelnick, J. R., Gibson, M. F., Mountz, S., Samuels, G. E. M., & **Harrell, S.** (2024). Positionality in critical feminist scholarship: Situating social locations and power within knowledge production. *Affilia*, 39(1), 5-11. [doi.org/10.1177/08861099231219848](https://doi.org/10.1177/08861099231219848)
- Ciarelli-Helminiak, C. M., **Harrell, S.**, Mountz, S., Singh, S., & Zelnick, J. R. (2023). Critical feminist scholarship as a roadmap toward a just future. *Affilia*, 38(4), 549-554. [doi.org/10.1177/08861099231203476](https://doi.org/10.1177/08861099231203476)
- Goodkind, S., Zelnick, J. R., Kim, M. E., & **Harrell, S.** (2023). Caught in the neoliberal churn: Pushing back against “productivity” as a measure of impact. *Affilia*, 38(3), 345-349. [doi.org/10.1177/08861099231185198](https://doi.org/10.1177/08861099231185198)
- Goodkind, S., **Harrell, S.**, Zelnick, J. R., Kim, M. E. (2022). Moving from despair to action. *Affilia*, 37(4). <https://doi.org/10.1177/08861099221126>
- Goodkind, S., Kim, M. E., Zelnick, J. R., Bay-Cheng, L. Y., Beltrán, R., Diaz, M., Gibson, M. F., **Harrell, S.**, Kanuha, K., Moulding, N., Mountz, S., Sacks, T. K., Simon, B. L., Toft, J., & Walton, Q. L. (2021). Critical feminisms: Principles and practices for feminist inquiry in social work. *Affilia*, 36(4). <https://doi.org/10.1177/08861099211043166>
- Young, A., Goodkind, S., Zelnick, J. R., Kim, M. E., **Harrell, S.**, & Toft, J. (2021). #IAmHer: Anjanette Young speaks truth to power. *Affilia*, 36(3). <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886109921996067>

## Book Chapters

- Harrell, S., & Pappas, G.\*** (Accepted). Beyond mandatory reporting. In Fouche, C., & Beddoe, L. (Eds.). *Elgar Encyclopedia of Social Work*. Edward Elgar Publishing Inc.
- Harrell, S.** (2024). Abolitionist reforms for social work practice. Kim, M. E., Rasmussen, C., & Washington, D. (Eds.). *Abolitionist social work possibilities, paradoxes, and the practice of community care*. Haymarket Press.
- Harrell, S., Anderson-Nathe, B., Wahab, S., & Gringeri, C.** (2022). What does social work gain from feminist research? In Cocker, C., & Hafford-Letchfield, T. (Eds.). *Rethinking feminist theories for social work practice*. Palgrave Macmillan.

## In Progress

- Harrell, S.** (Revising). “We Do Not Use the Word Police Woman”: Lola Baldwin and the Uses of Policing and Social Work in the Progressive Era.

## Dissertation

*Social workers as police and prison wardens in the Progressive Era.* (under embargo until September 4, 2026). Chair: Dr. Stephanie Bryson, Portland State University.

## In Progress Research

Project	Stage	Collaborators (*students)
Archival Research Documenting Social Work Leadership of the WWII War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities’ Committee on Protective Work for Girls	data cleaning & preliminary analysis	*Emma Cooper, Seattle University
Qualitative Interviews with Former Participants of Moral Reconation Therapy	IRB proposal	Dr. Ben Anderson-Nathe, Portland State University; *Brianna Suslovic, University of Chicago; Kass Botts, independent researcher; Kat Cole, Seattle University
Secondary Data Analysis of Criminal-Legal and Licensure Sanctions Imposed for Failure to Report Suspected Child Abuse & Neglect	data collection	*Grace Pappas, Portland State University; assistance from *Ben Asbury, *Emma Troutman, *Drew Lindley, and *Zoe Mason

## PEER REVIEW

Editorial Board Member, *Affilia: Feminist Inquiry in Social Work* 2024 - current  
Member, Governance Committee (2023 - current)

Editorial Board Member, *Abolitionist Perspectives in Social Work* 2022 - current

Consulting Editor, *Journal of Progressive Human Services* 2022 - current

Reviews also completed for: *Affilia: Feminist Inquiry in Social Work*, *Social Sciences*, *Advances in Social Work*, *Journal of Teaching & Learning*, *Oxford University Press*, *CSWE Annual Program Meeting*

## RECENT PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS<sup>2</sup>

### Peer-Reviewed Research Conference Presentations

**Harrell, S.** (2023). *Three activities to promote critical engagement with history in the social work classroom* [workshop]. Council on Social Work Education 2023 APM. Atlanta, GA.

**Harrell, S.** (2022). *Social work innovations in Progressive Era policing and imprisonment: Lola Baldwin's legacy* [oral paper presentation]. Council on Social Work Education 2022 APM. Anaheim, California.

**Harrell, S.**, Johnson, C.\*, Suslovic, B., Botts, K., Boys, C., Anderson-Nathe, B. (2022). *Moral Reconation Therapy: Critical thinking, evidence-based practice, and research literacy in MSW field education* [oral paper presentation]. Council on Social Work Education 2022 APM. Anaheim, California.

**Harrell, S.** (2022). *Carrie Weaver Smith: A (reluctant) mother of correctional social work* [paper presentation]. American Historical Association Pacific Coast Branch Conference. Portland, Oregon.

**Harrell, S.**, Suslovic, B., Johnson, C.\*, Boys, C., Botts, K., Anderson-Nathe, B. (2022). *The ethical and empirical basis for Moral Reconation Therapy: Implications for forensic social work*. 2022 National Organization of Forensic Social Work. New Orleans, Louisiana.

Suslovic, B., & **Harrell, S.** (2022). *Police social work: Lessons from the 1970s Chicago Police-Social Service Project*. 2022 National Organization of Forensic Social Work. New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Harrell, S.** (2021). *The stories we tell: Social work's history with corrections*. Abstract accepted for paper presentation at the 2021 APM for the Council on Social Work Education. [withdrawn due to COVID]

Rangel, M. & **Harrell, S.** (2021). *Abolition as praxis: The carceral state, social work, and new world-building* [paper presentation]. 2021 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting.

Rangel, M. & **Harrell, S.** (2021). *We ain't it and neither are they: De-constructing the narrative of social workers as alternatives to police and developing a strategy out of it* [paper presentation]. University of Houston Symposium: Reckoning with Our History, Interrogating our Present, and Re-Imagining Our Future.

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<sup>2</sup> An \* denotes a student co-presenter

**Harrell, S.** (2021). *Care and coercion: The history of social workers as prison wardens* [paper presentation]. 2021 Lewis & Clark Gender Studies Symposium [remote].

## Roundtables

Pappas, G. (organizer), Jordan, S., Harrell, S., Wahab, S., Lippy, C., Perez-Darby, S. [random participant order]. (2025, January 17). *Defending queer youth, refusing mandated reporting: Considerations for research and practice* (Organizer: Grace Pappas). 2025 SSWR 29th Annual Conference. Seattle, WA.

Sugrue, E. (organizer), Harrell, S., Itzkowitz, M., Hannah, A-M. V., & Bergen, H. [random participant order]. (2025, January 16). *Re-thinking mandated reporting: Improving practice to keep children, families and communities safe – Considerations for social work education and research* (Organizer: Erin Sugrue). 2025 SSWR 29th Annual Conference. Seattle, WA.

Wahab, S., Harrell, S., Beltran, R., Washington, D., Rasmussen, C. (2024). *Abolition and social work: Possibilities, paradox, and praxis* (Organizer: Mimi Kim). 2024 SSWR 28th Annual Conference. Washington, D.C.

## Peer-Reviewed Practice Conference Presentations

**Harrell, S.** (October 2021). *Practical tools for equitable and collaborative engagement in the social work classroom* [workshop]. Indiana Association of Social Work Educators 2021 Conference.

**Harrell, S. & Waller, S.** (2019). *Transformative justice as violence prevention* [workshop]. 2019 IU School of Social Work Alumni Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

**Harrell, S. & Waller, S.** (2019). *LGBTQ+ youth sexual violence prevention* [workshop]. 2nd Annual Conference on Serving Sexual and Gender Minority Clients, NASW Indiana, Indianapolis, IN.

**Harrell, S. & Waller, S.** (2018). *Accountability: A response to carceral prevention strategies* [workshop]. 2018 Ending Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Conference, Lexington, KY.

**Harrell, S. & Waller, S.** (2018). *Uprooting rape culture: Teen sexual and dating violence prevention* [workshop]. 2018 NASW Indiana Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

**Harrell, S. & Smith, E.** (2018). *A critical introduction to accountability models for community organizers* [workshop]. 2018 National Sexual Assault Conference, Anaheim, CA.

**Harrell, S. & Waller, S.** (2018). *Against carceral prevention: Transformative justice as sexual violence prevention* [workshop]. 2018 IU Statewide Sexual Assault Prevention Conference, Bloomington, IN.

**Harrell, S. & Waller, S.** (2018). *Uprooting rape culture: Teen sexual and dating violence prevention* [workshop]. 2018 IU School of Social Work Alumni Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

**Harrell, S.** (2018). *Building the world we want: Connection & accountability* [workshop]. 2018 Monroe County Childhood Conditions Summit. Bloomington, IN.

**Harrell, S. & Waller, S.** (2017). *Accountability: Beginning the conversation* [workshop]. 2nd Annual Monroe County Childhood Conditions Summit, Bloomington, IN.

## Workshops, Talks, & Guest Lectures

- Cole, K., & Harrell, S. (2025). *Transgender solidarity workshop* [Futures Lab]. Racial Equity Summit. Seattle University.
- Harrell, S. (2025). *Name and gender marker change workshop for social work and law students*. Seattle University.
- Harrell, S., & Cole, K. (2025). *Trans solidarity workshop*. Seattle University MOSAIC Center.
- Harrell, S. (2024). *Abolition and social work* [Guest Lecture]. California State University, Long Beach School of Social Work.
- Harrell, S. (2024). *Abolition and social work* [Guest Lecture]. San Francisco State University School of Social Work.
- Harrell, S. (2022). *Moral Reconation Therapy: A case study in critical research literacy* [Guest Lecture]. Advanced Research Methods (MSW Program). Portland State University.
- Harrell, S. (2021). *Abolition theory and practice for social workers* [Webinar]. Indiana University School of Social Work (MSW Program, staff).
- Harrell, S. (2021). *Abolition theory and practice for social workers* [Guest Lecture]. Community Behavior & Practice (BSW Program). Indiana University.
- Yeakle, C. & Harrell, S. (2020). *Re-centering: Indiana's movement to ground domestic violence programs in survivor-defined success* [Webinar]. National Resource Center on Domestic Violence.
- Harrell, S. & Waller, S. (2020). *Abolition 101 for social work students*. Self-organized webinar.
- Harrell, S. (2020). *Anti-oppressive practice in social work* [Guest Lecture]. Generalist Theory and Practice (MSW Program). Indiana University.
- Harrell, S. (2019). *Sexual violence 101* [Guest Lecture]. Human Sexuality (Public Health). Indiana University.
- Harrell, S. & Waller, S. (2019). *Transformative justice and accountability* [Guest Lecture]. Community Behavior & Practice (BSW Program). Indiana University.
- Harrell, S. (2019). *Supporting incarcerated survivors* [Guest Lecture]. Sexual Diversity (Public Health). Indiana University.
- Harrell, S. & Waller, S. (2018). *Sexual violence, consent, and accountability* [workshop]. Naptown Roller Derby, Indianapolis, IN.
- Harrell, S. & Moore, A., Sojka, S., & Waller, S. (2020). *Your friend just caused harm: What next?* [workshop]. Banneker Center, Bloomington, IN.
- Harrell, S. (2018). *LGBTQ+ cultural competency for domestic violence service providers* [workshop]. Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence Deaf & Hard of Hearing Stakeholder Group, Indianapolis, IN.
- Harrell, S. (2018). *Sexual violence and rape culture* [Guest Lecture]. Sexual Diversity (Public Health). Indiana University.
- Harrell, S. (2018). *Policy considerations for intimate partner violence* [Guest Lecture]. Social Welfare Policy and Practice (BSW Program). Indiana University.
- Harrell, S. (2018). *Intimate partner violence 101* [Guest Lecture]. Stress and Resilience in the Family (Public Health). Indiana University.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

SOCW4020 Anti-Oppressive Social Work Research: Methods, Seattle University, BSW Program	Winter 2024 - 2025
SOCW4010 Anti-Oppressive Social Work Research: Data Analysis, Seattle University, BSW Program	Fall 2022 - 2024
SOCW5420 Program Evaluation, Seattle University, MSW Program	Spring 2023 - 2025
SOCW5410 Social Work Research Methods, Seattle University, MSW Program	Winter 2023 - 2025
UCOR1600 So You Want to Help? Seattle University, BSW Program	Fall 2022, Spring 2023
SW510 Social Work & Criminalization of the Sex Trades, <sup>3</sup> Portland State University School of Social Work, MSW Program	Spring 2022
CFS 310 Critical Histories in CYFS: Gender/Race/Class, Portland State University School of Social Work, CYFS Program [in-person and online: synchronous & asynchronous <sup>4</sup> formats]	2 terms 2021 - 2022 3 terms 2020 - 2022
S423 Organizational Theory & Practice, Indiana University School of Social Work, Bloomington [online: synchronous & asynchronous <sup>5</sup> formats]	Fall 2019 - 2021
S661 Executive Leadership Practice, Indiana University School of Social Work, Bloomington [online: synchronous]	Summer 2020-2022
S506 Introduction to Social Work Profession, Indiana University School of Social Work, Bloomington [online: asynchronous]	Summer 2020
S371 Social Work Research I, Indiana University School of Social Work, Bloomington [in-person and online]	Spring 2019 - 2020
S550 Social Work Research & Evaluation, Portland State University School of Social Work	Winter 2020
S433 Community Behavior and Practice, Indiana University School of Social Work, Bloomington	Spring 2019
S509 Social Work Practice II: Organizations, Communities, & Society, Indiana University School of Social Work, Bloomington	Fall 2018

## ADMINISTRATIVE & CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Editorial Assistant, Affilia: Feminist Inquiry in Social Work	2020 - 2024
Editor & Formatter for MSW Accreditation, Seattle University SSW	2022 - 2023

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<sup>3</sup> Co-developed with Dr. Stéphanie Wahab

<sup>4</sup> Co-revised with Dr. Mosier for asynchronous delivery

<sup>5</sup> Revised for asynchronous delivery



## FIELD SUPERVISION

MSW Field Instructor, Indiana University Wesleyan, Indiana	2024
BSW & MSW Field Instructor, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana	2017 - 2021, 2023 - 2024
BSW Field Instructor, University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, Indiana	2016 - 2017

## PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Prevention Program Coordinator, Middle Way House, Bloomington, IN	2016 - 2019
Adult Leader, Prism Youth Community, Bloomington PRIDE, IN	2015 - 2019
Site Director, Interfaith Winter Shelter (FUMC), Bloomington, IN	2014 - 2018
Collective Member, Boxcar Bookstore & Community Center, Bloomington, IN	2014 - 2016
Shift Monitor, Midwest Pages to Prisoners Project, Bloomington, IN	2014 - 2016
Transition Program Director, New Leaf New Life, Inc., Bloomington, IN	2014 - 2015
Co-Director (seasonal), Emergency Shelter Response Team, Bloomington, IN	2014 - 2015
Home-Based Case Manager & Visitation Supervisor, Family Solutions, Bloomington, IN	2013 - 2014
Court Appointed Special Advocate, Monroe County CASA, Bloomington, IN	2011 - 2015
Resident Advocate, Martha's House & Winter Overflow Shelter, Bloomington, IN	2009 - 2011
Program Developer & Volunteer Coordinator, Martha's House, Bloomington, IN	2009 - 2010
President & Co-Founder, Integrate Communities, Inc., New Albany, IN	2009 - 2013

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & ADVOCACY

Volunteer, Gender Justice League Name & Gender Change Clinic	2025
Co-Organizer, Abolitionist Social Work Special Interest Group, SSWR	2021 - current
Chapter Member, Critical Resistance Portland	2020 - 2022
Editorial Collective Member, The Abolitionist Newsletter, CR National	2020
Co-organizer, 2018 Monroe County DV Coalition Conference, Indiana	2018

## STUDENT MENTORING & SUPERVISION

**Teaching Assistant Supervisor:** Erika Langmeyer (Winter 2025)

**Graduate Research Supervisor:** Emma Cooper (2024 - 2025), Kate Barrett (2024), Alec Dyke (2023), Allison De Ocampo (2023), Nanette Kaiulani Jackson (2023), Simone Sylvester (2023)

**Graduate Assistant Supervisor:** Sunga Rose (2024)

**Undergraduate Assistant Supervisor:** Ava Thornton (2024), Liam Snow (2024)

**SU Student Research & Creativity Conference Faculty Sponsor:** Imon Allen (2025)



## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Senator, Graduate/Professional Programs, Faculty Staff Senate, College of Arts & Sciences, Seattle University	2024 - current
Co-Organizer, Name & Gender Marker Change Clinic, co-sponsored by Social Work & Law, Seattle University	2025
Member, AI Subcommittee, SU Social Work Department	2024 - 2025
Reviewer, MSW Admissions Committee, SU Social Work Department	2024 - 2025
Member, Graduate Celebration Planning Committee	2023 - 2025
Reviewer, Summer Faculty Research Fellowships Committee, SU College of Arts & Sciences	2025
Reviewer, Student Assistant Awards Committee, SU College of Arts & Sciences	2024
Member, Search Committee for Social Work Field Director, Seattle University	2024
MSW Admissions Committee, Portland State University SSW	2020 - 2022
MSW Student Mentor, Indiana University SSW	2020 - 2022
Member, Anti-Oppressive Education Committee, Indiana University SSW	2018 - 2019
Faculty Advisor, Social Work Student Association, Indiana University SSW	2018 - 2019

## **AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS**

Outstanding Scholarship Award, College of Arts & Sciences, Seattle University	2025
Advancing Inclusion in Campus Life Award, MOSAIC Center, Seattle University	2025
College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Research Fellowship (\$7,000), Seattle University	2024
Student Assistantship Award (\$900), College of Arts & Sciences, Seattle University	2023 - 2024
Engaged Department Planning Grant (\$9,733), Sunborg Center for Community Engagement, Seattle University	2023 - 2024
Community Engaged Learning Faculty Fellowship (\$2,000), Sunborg Center for Community Engagement, Seattle University	2023 - 2024
PSU School of Social Work Student Travel Grant (\$250)	Spring, Fall 2022
PSU School of Social Work Office of Graduate Studies Dean's Award \$5,000	2019 - 2020

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Council on Social Work Education	2020 - current
Society for Social Work & Research	2020 - current
Core Member, Social Welfare History Group	2022 - current
Core Affiliate Board Member, Carceral Studies Consortium, U of Oklahoma	2022 - current
National Organization of Forensic Social Work	2022 - 2023
American Historical Association	2021 - 2023
Social Science History Association	2021 - 2023
Society for the Study of Social Problems	2021 - 2023
Social Welfare Action Alliance	2020 - 2023
National Association of Social Workers	2012 - 2013