

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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NAME	POSITION TITLE	INSTITUTION
<b>Rory P. O'Brien</b> <a href="mailto:rpobrien@usc.edu">rpobrien@usc.edu</a>	<b>Ph.D. Student</b>	<b>University of Southern California</b> <b>Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work</b>

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### EDUCATION/TRAINING

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<u>INSTITUTION AND LOCATION</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>FIELD OF STUDY</u>
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA	Ph.D.	In-Progress	Social Work
Washington University, St Louis, MO	M.S.W.	2015	Social Work
Washington University, St Louis, MO	M.P.H.	2015	Public Health
Willamette University, Salem, OR	B.A.	2012	Women's and Gender Studies, French

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**Professional and Research Interests:** policy evaluation, LGBTQ youth health, mixed methods

### Professional Experience

08/19 – present	Research Assistant, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
09/17 – 08/19	Program Coordinator, Cal Voices, Sacramento, CA
05/17 – 09/17	Kinship Family Approval Social Worker, Lilliput Families, Citrus Heights, CA
06/16 – 05/17	Program Associate, Polaris Project, Washington, DC

### Honors and Other Activities

2019-2021	USC Diversity, Inclusion, and Access Fellowship
2019	Northern California Scholarship Foundation Alumni Aid Award
2018	California State Legislature Assembly Certificate of Recognition, 46 <sup>th</sup> District, Asm. Adrin Nazarian
2015	Certificate in Violence and Injury Prevention, Centers for Violence and Injury Prevention, Washington University in St. Louis
2015	Outstanding Display of Qualitative, Theory, & Mixed Methods Research, George Warren Brown School Research Without Walls Student Symposium
2014	James M. Holobaugh Honor for LGBTQ Community Service
2013–2015	Institute Fellowship, American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, & Therapists
2012–2015	George Warren Brown School Memorial Scholarship
2012	Willamette University Senior Certificate
2010–2011	Willamette Compass Scholarship
2011	George Neuner Scholarship
2011	New York Community Trust-Annette Kade Scholarship
2008–2012	Northern California Scholarship Foundation Scholarship

### Academic Teaching Experience

09/21 – 12/21	Teaching Assistant, University of Southern California School of Social Work, Los Angeles, CA
08/15 – 12/16	Adjunct Faculty, Women's and Gender Studies, American University, Washington, DC

### Publications

5. Parra, L.A., **O'Brien, R.P.**, Schragger, S.M., & Goldbach, J.T. (2021). COVID-19-related household job loss and mental health in a US national sample of sexual minority adolescents. *Behavioral Medicine*.
4. **O'Brien, R.P.**, Parra, L.A., & Cederbaum, J.A. (2021). "Trying my best": Sexual minority adolescents' self-care during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Adolescent Health, 68*(6): 1053-1058.
3. Bakko, M., Kattari, L., & **O'Brien, R.P.** (2020). TNB affirming policy: Current landscape, issues, and change practices. In S.K. Kattari, M.K. Kinney, L. Kattari, & E.N. Walls (Eds.), *Social Work and Health Care*

*Practice with Transgender and Nonbinary Individuals and Communities: Voices for Equity, Inclusion, and Resilience.* Routledge.

- Walker, P. M., Scanlan, N., McAllister-Wallner, A., Taylor, M., **O'Brien, R.P.**, Parra, L.A., Israel, T., & Esopo, K. (2019). *Surveying the Road to Equity: The Annual State of LGBTQ Communities, 2019.* #Out4MentalHealth: Sacramento, CA.
- O'Brien, R.P.**, Walker, P.M., Poteet, S.L., Wallner, A., & Taylor, M. (2018). *Mapping the Road to Equity: The Annual State of LGBTQ Communities Report.* #Out4MentalHealth: Sacramento, CA.

### Conference Presentations

- O'Brien, R.P.**, Rhoades, H., Rusow, J., Schrage, S.M., & Goldbach, J.T. (2021, January). Associations between policy and minority stress: Early findings from the Adolescent Stress Experiences over Time Study (ASETS). Poster presentation at the virtual Society for Social Work Research 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.
- O'Brien, R.P.** & Blossnich, J.R. (2020, November). Decreasing item refusal over time: Evidence supporting continuation of sexual orientation and gender identity in federal health surveys. Oral presentation at the virtual annual meeting of the American Public Health Association.
- O'Brien, R.P.** & Walker, P.M. (2018, November). We count: The policy, research, & practice of counting LGBTQ people in California. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. San Diego, CA.
- O'Brien, R.P.** & Walker, P. (2018, May). "What if my child is LGBTQ?" What to know & how to respond. Training provided to parents at the annual conference of the California Mental Health Advocates for Children & Youth (CMHACY). Monterey, CA.
- O'Brien, R.P.**, Saah, D., & Stiritz, S. (2014, October). "School's interfering with my education!" Bibliotherapy to intervene in cultural competency failures. Presented with a panel at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Tampa, FL.

### Professional Memberships

Member, American College Health Association (2020 – *current*)  
Member, Society for Social Work and Research (2019 – *current*)  
Member, American Public Health Association (2018 – *current*)  
Alumni, Northern California Scholarship Alumni Association (2012 – *current*)

### Certifications and Trainings

2019 Emerging Leader, NextGen LGBTQ Emerging Leadership Program  
2018 Field Instructor, California State University, Sacramento Division of Social Work  
2017 National Adoption Competency Mental Health Training Initiative Certificate  
2017 Structured Analysis Family Evaluation (SAFE) Certificate  
2017 Standard Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Certificate  
2016 Labor & Postpartum Doula Training, Doula Trainings International  
2016 Planned Parenthood & Community Outreach Group Organizer Training  
2015 Certificate in Violence & Injury Prevention, Brown School of Social Work  
2014 Relationship Status: It's Complicated – Teens, Technology, & Relationships  
2014 Moving Towards Safety: Empowering Clients in Abusive Relationships to Develop Holistic Safety Plans  
2013 Assessing & Managing Suicide Risk, Suicide Prevention Resource Center  
2013 Teen Outreach Program Certified Facilitator (2013)