

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME	POSITION TITLE	INSTITUTION
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EDUCATION/TRAINING

<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

Professional and Research Interests: policy, LGBTQ youth health, civic engagement, mixed methods.

Professional Experience:

08/23 – present	Endowed Provost Fellow, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
08/19 – 08/23	Teaching/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

Peer-Reviewed Publications

5. **O'Brien, R.P.**, Rhoades, H., Cabrera, J.R., Jr., Parra, L.A., Rusow, J., Schragar, S.M., Goldbach, J.T. (*In press*). Associations between state legislative activity, minority stress, and suicide attempt among sexual minority adolescents. *Annals of LGBTQ Public and Population Health*.
4. Goldbach, J.T., Parra, L.A., **O'Brien, R.P.**, Rhoades, H., & Schragar, S.M. (2022). Explaining behavioral health differences in urban and rural sexual minority adolescents. *Journal of Rural Health*: 1-10.
3. **O'Brien, R.P.** & Bloisnich, J.R. (2022). Refusal rates to sexual orientation and gender identity items in the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2014-2019. *American Journal of Public Health*, 112(3): 443-452.
2. Parra, L.A., **O'Brien, R.P.**, Schragar, 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*.
1. **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.

Chapters, Reports, and other Publications

4. Walker, P.M., **O'Brien, R.P.**, & Taylor, M. (2022). *Journey Together: The Annual State of LGBTQ Communities, 2021*. #Out4MentalHealth: Sacramento, CA.
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.
2. 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.
1. **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

9. Green, D., **O'Brien, R.P.**, Parra, L.A., Schrager, S.M., & Goldbach, J.T. (2023, October). Mental health service use among a nationally representative sample of sexual minority youth. Oral presentation at the Council of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
8. **O'Brien, R.P.**, Blossnich, J.R., Parra, L.A., Schrager, S.M., Goldbach, J.T. (2022, November). Effects of county- and state-level structural stigma on minority stress and anxiety and depressive symptoms in a nationwide sample of sexual minority adolescents. Oral presentation at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Boston, MA.
7. Green, D., Parra, L.A., **O'Brien, R.P.**, Schrager, S.M., & Goldbach, J.T. (2022, January). School climate and mental health service use among sexual minority adolescents: Adolescent Stress Experiences over Time Study (ASETS). Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work Research 26th Annual Conference.
6. **O'Brien, R.P.**, Rhoades, H., Rusow, J., Schrager, 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 25th Annual Conference.
5. **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.
4. Rusow, J., Green, D., **O'Brien, R.P.**, Goldbach, J.T., & Schrager, S.M. (2020, November). Comorbidity of minority stress experiences with dating violence, sexual assault, and forced intercourse among sexual minority adolescents in the US. Oral presentation at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. Virtual.
3. **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.
2. **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.
1. **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.

Academic Teaching Experience

Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Spring 2023	Co-Instructor, <i>SOWK 627: Policy & Macro Practice in Child, Youth, and Family Services</i>
Fall 2021	Teaching Assistant, <i>SOWK 627: Policy & Macro Practice in Child, Youth, and Family Services</i>
February 2023	Guest Lecturer, <i>SOWK 790a: Research</i>
March 2023	Guest Lecturer, <i>SOWK 790b: Research</i>
April 2021	Guest Lecturer, <i>SOWK 696: LGBT Psycho/Social/Political Issues</i>

Women's and Gender Studies Department, American University, Washington, DC

Fall 2014	Instructor, <i>WGSS 125: Gender in Society</i>
Spring 2016	Instructor, <i>WGSS 496: Transgender Studies</i>
Fall 2016	Instructor, <i>WGSS 350.1: Anti-Violence Interventions</i>

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*)

Fellowships, Scholarships, and Honors

2023-2024	Oakley Endowed Fellowship, University of Southern California Graduate School
2023	Summer Research & Writing Grant, University of Southern California Graduate School
2022	Walter J. Lear Outstanding Student Abstract Award, LGBTQ Health Caucus, American Public Health Association
2019-2021	Diversity, Inclusion, and Access Fellowship, University of Southern California Graduate School
2019	Northern California Scholarship Foundation Alumni Aid Award
2018	California State Legislature Assembly Certificate of Recognition, 46 th District, Asm. Adrin Nazarian
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

Certifications and Trainings

2022-24	Student Trainee, International Partnership for Queer Youth Resilience (INQYR)
2023	Future Faculty Certificate, University of Southern California Center for Excellence in Teaching
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	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)

Professional and Community Service

2022-2023	Student Liaison, Public Health Social Work Section American Public Health Association
2019-2021	Councilor, Health Data Advisory Council Office of Health Equity, Los Angeles Department of Public Health