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## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### UNDERGRADUATE:

1998-2002	University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA	B.S. (2002) magna cum laude B.A. (2002) magna cum laude	Psychology Africana Studies
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### GRADUATE:

2002-2008	University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA	M.S.W. (2004) M.P.H. (2006) Ph.D. (2008) with distinction	Social Work Health Sciences Social Work
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### POSTGRADUATE:

2008- 2010 Postdoctoral Training Fellow, Clinical Training in Geriatric Psychiatry Program T32 (MH19986), Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (WPIC), Program Director: Dr. Charles F. Reynolds III; Research Mentor: Dr. Charlotte Brown.

### TRAINING PROGRAMS:

03/2019	Advanced Research Institute in Geriatric Psychiatry, Cornell Medical Center, New York, NY
09/2016	NIH Grant Development Training (GUMSHOE) Detroit, MI
03/2016	Diversity Education Training, Tampa, FL
10/2014	Mental Health First Aid Certification/Instructor Certification, DC
9/2012	Minority Faculty Career Development Seminar, Chicago, IL
7/2011	Early Career Women Faculty Professional Development, Washington, DC
9/2009	American Society on Aging New Ventures in Leadership Training Program, Philadelphia, PA
7/2009	Summer Research Institute for Geriatric Psychiatry, University of Michigan, MI
3/2009	Career Development Institute for Psychiatry, Stanford University, CA
3/2009	American Society on Aging New Ventures in Leadership Training, Las Vegas,
6/2007	MCUAAAR Training in Older African American Mental Health

## APPOINTMENTS AND POSITIONS

### ACADEMIC:

- 7/23-Current Professor and Donald M. Henderson Endowed Chair, School of Social Work, Pitt
- 7/23-Current Director, Center on Race and Social Problems, School of Social Work, Pitt
- 7/23-Current Associate Dean for DEI, School of Social Work, Pitt
- 1/21-6/23 Special Assistant to the Dean of CBCS for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, USF
- 6/21-6/23 Chair, Faculty Senate Council on Racial Justice, University of South Florida
- 8/20-6/23 Tenured Associate Professor of Mental Health Law and Policy, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida
- 8/15-6/23 Faculty Affiliate, Lois De La Parte Florida Mental Health Institute
- 8/13-8/20 Assistant Professor of Mental Health Law and Policy, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida
- 6/10-8/13 Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh
- 9/06-8/13 Adjunct Faculty, School of Social Work MSW Program, University of Pittsburgh

### NON-ACADEMIC (Selected):

- 09/22-current Clinical. Director and Provider Training and Outreach Coordinator, Boris L. Henson Foundation, Beverly Hills, CA
- 9/05- 8/13 Individual EAP Therapist, PERSOMA Psychiatric Services, Pittsburgh, PA
- 4/04-9/04 Psychiatric Specialty Counselor and Clinical Supervisor, Kidstep Residential Treatment Program, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, Pittsburgh, PA
- 8/03-4/04 Individual Child and Family Therapist, A Second Chance Incorporated, PA

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## CERTIFICATION and LICENSURE

<b>SPECIALITY CERTIFICATION:</b>	Certificate of Child Welfare	2004
<b>PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE:</b>	Licensed Social Worker State of Pennsylvania SW125195	2004

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## GRANTS AND CONTRACT AWARDS

**(Total funding as PI or Co-I= \$17, 684, 907.00)**

2R25MH119050-06/NIMH

8/1/2025-7/31/2029

*Advanced Research Institute (ARI) in Mental Health and Aging*

Mentorship and training program for early scholars in mental health and Aging. Dr. Conner's role is the specific expertise in health disparities.

**Role: Co-I**

**Award Amount: \$ 1,074,427**

R01/CDC

9/1/2022-8/30/2025

*Developing & Evaluating an Extreme Risk Protection Order Implementation Protocol w/ Impacted Communities*

This research study involves developing and pilot testing a novel extreme risk protection order (ERPO) implementation strategy for impacted communities measuring the acceptability, feasibility, and sustainability of the strategy among stakeholders.

**Role: Co-I**

**Award Amount: \$1,778, 45**

University of South Florida College of Public Health

9/1/2022-8/30/2024

*Implementation Science as a Mechanism for Reducing Disparities in Food Insecurity among Black and Latinx College Students*

This research will utilize an implementation science approach toward addressing food security among under-represented college students at USF and will test the impact of key interventions with the goal of reducing disparities and enhancing equity in food insecurity.

**Role: Co-I**

**Award Amount: \$50,000**

Arts Schools Network Assistance for Arts Education Grants

1/1/2022-12/31/2027

*Race, Equity, Arts, and Cultural History (REACH)*

This project builds a National Arts Learning Laboratory to both strengthen the fiber of arts learning nationally and harness the learning and effectiveness of arts integration as a catalyst for increasing student engagement and reducing disparities in education for students of color.

**Role: Co-I**

**Award Amount: \$8,400,000**

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute

2/1/2021-1/31/2024

*Examination of the Evidence-Based Care Transitions Intervention Enhanced with Peer Support to Reduce Racial Disparities in Hospital Readmissions*

The research will evaluate the effectiveness of a novel transitional care strategy enhanced with peer educators designed to avoid unplanned hospital readmissions and improve patient health outcomes in a racially/ethnically diverse sample of older adults who have been admitted to the hospital because of a chronic health condition and co-occurring psychiatric illness.

**Role: PI**

**Award Amount: \$2, 503, 000**

NEA (National Endowment for the Arts)

4/1/2022-3/31/2024

*Interdisciplinary Collaboration for the Development of a Research Lab in the Arts*

This grant involves multiple pilot projects which will enhance the relationship between the arts and health/mental health outcomes. This funding will lay the foundation for the development of a research lab in the arts and interdisciplinary connections to the social nurses.

**Role: Co-I**

**Award Amount: \$100,000**

RO1/NIMH

1/1/2021-12/31/2026

*“Do More, Feel Better” an Examination of a Volunteer Led Behavioral Activation Intervention for Older Adults Living with Depression.*

This non-inferiority trial is designed to evaluate the ability of volunteer members of senior center communities to be trained to effectively deliver a brief behavioral activation intervention to improve psychosocial outcomes and depression in a sample of older adults with depression as compared to masters trained clinicians.

**Role: Co-I**

**Award Amount: \$2, 500, 000**

Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer’s Disease Research Program

3/1/2019-2/28/21

*The Impact of an African Drumming for Dementia Intervention on Psychosocial Outcomes in African Americans with Alzheimer’s Disease and their Caregivers.*

Open trial methodology to examine the impact of a culturally sensitive music therapy intervention among older African Americans with early stage Alzheimer’s Disease and their caregivers.

**Role: PI**

**Award Amount: \$95,000**

USF Office of Research and Innovation

9/1/2020-8/31/2021

Grants for Understanding Blackness and Anti-Black Racism

*Storytelling Saves Lives: Challenging the Stigma of Mental Illness Through Stories from the Black Community.*

To address mental illness stigma in the Black community, we propose to deliver and evaluate a special series titled “This is My Brave (TIMB): Stories from the Black Community” using a sequential, mixed-methods research design.

**Role: PI**

**Award Amount: \$30,000**

USF Office of Research and Innovation

9/1/2020-8/31/2021

Grants for Understanding Blackness and Anti-Black Racism

*Dismantling Drivers of Racial Disparities (DDoRD)*

The purpose of this pilot study is to develop and evaluate the effectiveness of a new racially-inclusive curriculum for middle school students that dismantles racially-historicized pedagogy. The USF research team plans to assemble and mobilize a collaborative partnership that promotes educational equality, racially-authentic pedagogy, and community impact.

**Role: Co-PI**

**Award Amount: \$30,000**

USF Office of Research and Innovation

9/1/2020-8/31/2021

Grants for Understanding Blackness and Anti-Black Racism

*The Impact of Mentoring on Persistence, Resilience, and Success Outcomes of Black Women Academics*

This research proposal supports an interdisciplinary mixed-method study to explore the success experiences Black women academics who have had successful experiences with programmatic mentoring. Our research seeks to better understand mechanisms by which formal mentoring programs impact success outcomes in this Black community.

**Role: Co-PI**

**Award Amount: \$30,000**

USF Office of Research and Innovation

9/1/2020-8/31/2021

Grants for Understanding Blackness and Anti-Black Racism

*Challenges to Engagement with Parent Education and Early Childhood Programming in a Historically Black Neighborhood*

Using a mixed-method approach our study will examine how Black children and families experience and participate in virtual parent education and developmental playgroups with a focus on the extent to which the service structure minimizes or accentuates anti-Black racism

**Role: Co-I**

**Award Amount: \$30,000**

Retirement Research Foundation

7/1/2019-6/20/21

*Adverse outcomes for people on waiting lists for aging services*

Determine risk factors for death, long-term care placement, and functional decline among older adults screened for aging services, through analyses of administrative data and qualitative interviews in a five-county Area Agency on Aging in west central Florida.

**Role: Co-I**

**Award Amount: \$158,030**

Pandemic Response Research Network

08/26/2020-08/25/2021

*A Decentralized Digital ID for Pandemics*

The project supports the development of a secure decentralized Digital Identity (DID) system to provide essential services during pandemics such as access to reliable information, optimal patient care, first necessity goods, and privacy-preserving proofs of immunity.

**Role: Co-I**

**Award Amount: \$25,000**

NSF Innovation Corps (I-Corps)

9/1/2019-11/30/2019

*Evaluation of the Instrumix Wellness Program for Older adults with Dementia.*

**Role: PI**

**Award Amount: \$3,000**

NSF Innovation Corps (I-Corps)

9/1/2019-11/30/2019

*Encouraging Mental Health Conversations with Primary Care Physicians Using Waiting Room Televisions*

**Role: Co-I**

**Award Amount: \$3,000**

College of Public Health Internal Award

1/16/19-1/16/20

*Exploring Factors that Influence Cost of Care Conversations Among the Elderly*

This study will examine incidence, preference and outcomes of cost of care conversations in different ethnic groups with the intent to better understand and address the burden of rising healthcare costs in the US.

**Role: Co-I**

**Award Amount: \$20,000**

Humana Foundation

1/1/2018-6/1/2019

*Community-Based Chronic Disease Self-Management Program*

This community-based wholistic health and wellness program will examine the impact of this 6 week health and wellness education program on the physical, psychological and nutritional health of community-dwelling older adult African Americans at risk for chronic medical disease.

**Role: Program Evaluator**

**Award Amount: \$150,000**

CBCS Internal Award

1/1/2016-12/31/2017

*Enhancing the Care Transitions Intervention to Facilitate Wellness and Reduce Hospital Re-Admissions among Older Adults with a Co-occurring Mental Health Diagnosis.*

This pilot project utilized randomized controlled trial methodology to examine the benefit of adding Peer Education supports to the Community Care Transitions Program (CTI), an evidence-based intervention designed to transition older adults from the hospital to home.

**Role: PI**

**Amount Awarded: \$20,000**

K23 MH090151

05/10/2010-03/31/2015

NIMH

*Enhancing Mental Health treatment Engagement and Retention Among Older Adults with Depression.*

This research examined the impact of a motivation interviewing engagement strategy led by depression peer educators to help engage and retain depressed older adults in mental health treatment.

**Role: PI**

**Amount Awarded: \$500,000**

LRP

01/1/2010-12/31/2015

NIMHD

*Examination of the Mental Health Service Utilization Disparities Facing Older Adults of Color Living with Mood Disorders.*

This research utilized mixed methodology to identify potentially modifiable barriers and challenges to mental health service utilization facing older African Americans with depression.

**Role: PI**

**Amount Awarded: \$60,000**

P30MH071944

NIA

9/1/2005 – 2/28/2010

*“Advanced Center for Interventions & Services Research Late-Life Mood Disorders”*

The aim of the ACISR/LLMD Principal Research Core is to facilitate the testing of interventions (preventive, rehabilitative, and treatment) in elderly persons at high risk for depression and in those already living with mood disorders.

**Role: Research Network Development Core Investigator**

**Amount Awarded: \$6, 717, 431**

Staunton Farm Foundation

11/1/2007-11/1/2009

*Peer Educators: Bridges to Improved Depression Care in Black Primary Care Patients*

This research will examine the impact of Peer Education on improving attitudes about mental health treatment among older adult African American primary care patients.

**Role: Co-I**

**Amount Awarded: \$150,000**

The John A. Hartford Foundation

10/1/2006-9/30/2008

*Treatment Seeking Among Older Adults with Depression: The Impact of Stigma and Race*

This mixed-methods research examined the impact of stigma and race on the utilization of mental health services among depressed African American and white older adults.

**Role: PI**

**Amount Awarded: \$75,000**

University of Pittsburgh

7/1/2005 – 6/30/2006

*Depression Stigma, Race, and Treatment Seeking Behavior and Attitudes*

This research utilized a representative sample of adults with depression to examine the nature of the relations among public stigma of depression, internalized stigma of depression, treatment seeking behaviors, and race.

**Role: Co-I**

**Amount Awarded: \$50,000**

**Funding Currently Under Review**

National Institute of Minority Health Disparities (R01)

*Reducing Maternal and Child Health Disparities using a Novel Doula Intervention*

This research will utilize a randomized controlled trial to examine the impact of a novel group led doula intervention to reduce disparities in maternal and child health.

**Amount Requested: \$2, 500,000**

RO1 Supplement/NIMH

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*“Do More, Feel Better” an Examination of a Volunteer Led Behavioral Activation Intervention for Older Latino/Hispanic Adults Living with Depression.*

This non-inferiority trial is designed to evaluate the ability of volunteer members of senior center communities who identify as Latino/Hispanic to be trained to effectively deliver a brief behavioral activation intervention in Spanish to improve psychosocial outcomes and depression in a sample of older adults with depression as compared to masters trained clinicians.

**Amount Requested: \$500,000**

## PUBLICATIONS

**Refereed Journal Articles** (\* Indicates mentee)

DeBate, R., Jarvis, J., Jones, R., Dumford, A.D., Himmelgreen, A.D., **Conner, K.O.**, Stern, M. (In Press). Perceived Self- and Social Stigma among Campus-based Food Pantry Users. *Journal of American College Health*

Vest JR, Wu W, **Conner K** (In Press). Clusters of health-related social needs among adult primary care patients. *Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine*.

**Conner, K.**, Kosyluk, K., Tran, J., Anderson, E.\*, Davis-Cotton, D., & Hill, A (In Press). The impact of a storytelling intervention for reducing stigma and enhancing attitudes about mental health treatment. *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease*.

**Conner, K.**, Fischer, T., Nemhard, K.\*, Rosado, S.\*, & Cobb-Roberts, D. (In Press). The Impacting of mentoring on the success of Black women in the academy. *Harvard Education Review*.

Kosyluk, K., **Conner, K.O.**, & Ming, J. (In Press). Pilot Study of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Peer-to-Peer Program with a Predominantly Latinx Sample. *American Journal of Psychiatric Rehabilitation*.

Kosyluk, K., Kenneally, R. G., Tran, J. T., Cheong, Y. F., Bolton, C., & **Conner, K.** (2022). Overcoming stigma as a barrier to children’s mental health care: The role of empowerment and mental health literacy. *Stigma and Health*, 7(4), 432–442. <https://doi.org/10.1037/sah0000402>

**Conner, K.**, Wiltshire, J., Orban, B., Garcia, E., Anderson, E.\*, Carrion, I. (2022). Racial and Ethnic Differences in Cost-of-care Conversations Among Older Adults. *Journal of Communication in Healthcare*, 15:3, 178-188, DOI: [10.1080/17538068.2022.2072165](https://doi.org/10.1080/17538068.2022.2072165)

\*Kennyly, R., \*Tran, J, Bolton, C., **Conner, K.**, Cheoung, Y.F., & Kosyluk, K. (2022). Overcoming Stigma as a Barrier to Children’s Mental Healthcare: The Role of Empowerment



and Mental Health Literacy. *Stigma and Health*, 7(4), 432–422.  
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Jimenez, D.E., Park, M., Rosen, D., Joo, J.H., Martinez Garza, D., Weinstein, E.R., **Conner, K.**, Silva, C., & Okereke, O. (2022). Centering Culture in Mental Health: Differences in Diagnosis, Treatment, and Access to Care Among Older People of Color. *American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*. Volume 30, issue 11, 1234-1251.

Wiltshire, J., Garcia Colato, E., **Conner, K. O.**, Anderson, E., & Orban, B. (2022). Health care Affordability and Associated Concerns Among Adults Aged 65 and above in Florida. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 41(4), 1120-1130. DOI: 10.1177/07334648211039314

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Gum, A., Green, O., Conner, **K.O.**, & Schonfeld, L (2022). A Pilot Study of Brief, Stepped Behavioral Activation for Primary Care Patients with Depressive Symptoms. *J Clin Psychol Med Settings*, 27:1–11. doi: 10.1007/s10880-022-09864-x.

Schonfeld, L., Bell, J., Goldsworthy, M., Kip, K., Gum, A. M., **Conner, K. O.**, Green, O., Wagoner, F., Parkinson, K., Melling, K. A., & Markwood, S. (2022). Screening and priority-setting to determine home- and community-based aging services for older Floridians. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. Advanced online publication, <https://doi.org/10.1177/07334648211012508>

**Conner, K.O.**, Gum, A., Schonfeld, L., Kosyluk, K., \*Baker-Douglin, J., Meng, H., Beckstead, J., Brown, C., & Reynolds, C. (2021) Enhancing care transitions intervention with peer support to improve outcomes among older adults with co-occurring clinical depression: a pilot study, *Home Health Care Services Quarterly*, 40:4, 324-339,  
DOI: [10.1080/01621424.2021.1967249](https://doi.org/10.1080/01621424.2021.1967249)

Hall, C., **Conner, K.O.**, & Jones, K. (2021). The Strong Black Woman versus Mental Health Utilization: A Qualitative Study, *Health & Social Work*, 46 (1): 33–41  
<https://doi.org/10.1093/hsw/hlaa036>

Meng, H., Marino, V. R., **Conner, K. O.**, Sharma, D., Davis, W. S., & Glueckauf, R. L. (2021). Effects of in-person and telephone-based cognitive behavioral therapies on health services use and expenditures among African-American dementia caregivers with depressive symptoms. *Ethnicity & health*, 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13557858.2019.1590536>

Zhang, B., **Conner, K. O.**, Meng, H., Tu, N., Liu, D., & Chen, Y. (2021). Social support and quality of life among rural family caregivers of persons with severe mental illness in Sichuan Province, China: mediating roles of care burden and loneliness. *Quality of Life Research*, 30(7), 1881-1890. doi.org/10.1007/s11136-021-02793-6

Kosyluk, K.A., **Conner, K.O.**, Al-Khouja, M., Bink, A., Buchholz, B., Ellefson, S., ... Corrigan, P.W. (2021). Factors predicting help seeking for mental illness among college students. *Journal of Mental Health* 19, 1-8. doi: 10.1080/09638237.2020.1739245.

Rouse, H., Hueluer, G., Torres, M., Du, Y., **Conner, K.**, & Meng, H. (2021). Music Engagement and Episodic Memory among Middle-Aged and Older Adults: A National Longitudinal Analysis. *Innovation in Aging*, 5(Suppl 1), 702.  
[https://academic.oup.com/innovateage/article/5/Supplement\\_1/702/6467077](https://academic.oup.com/innovateage/article/5/Supplement_1/702/6467077)

**Conner, K.O.**, \*Patterson-Price, J., Faulkner, N., & Young, K (2021). "African Dance is My Therapy": Perspectives on the Unique Health Benefits of West African Dance. *Journal of Dance Education*. doi: [10.1080/15290824.2019.1678751](https://doi.org/10.1080/15290824.2019.1678751)

Cadet, T., Burke, S. L., Mitchell, J., **Conner, K. O.**, & Nedjat-Haiem, F. (2021). Does Perceived Loneliness Matter for Diverse Older Men and Their Prostate-Specific Antigen Testing Behaviors?. *Social Work Research*, 45(2), 117-128. <https://doi.org/10.1093/swr/svab002>

Kosyluk, K.A., Marshall, J., Rivera Macias, D., Macias, S., **Conner, K.O.**, Beekman, B.M., Her, J. (2021). Challenging the Stigma of Mental Illness through Creative Storytelling: A Randomized Controlled Trial of This Is My Brave. *Community Mental Health Journal*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10597-020-00625-4>

Liu, Y., Meng, H., **Conner, K. O.**, Qiao, M., & Liu, D. (2021). The Influence of Health Literacy and Social Support on Loneliness among Patients with Severe Mental Illness in Rural Southwest China. *Frontiers in psychology*, 3894. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2021.564666>

**Conner, K.O.**, Meng, H., \*Marino, V., & Burton T. (2020). Individual and Organizational Factors Associated with Hospital Readmission Rates: Evidence from a US National Sample. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. 39(10):1153-1158. doi: 10.1177/0733464819870983.

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**Conner, K.O.**, Rigg, K., Yu, L., Meng, H., Pilkonis, P., & Brown, C. (2018). Psychometric properties of the attitudes toward seeking mental health treatment scale. *Journal of Cultural Diversity*, 25(1), 23-31.

**Conner, K.O.**, Cadet, M., Brown, M., & \*Barnett, J. (2018). The impact of peer support on risk of future hospital readmissions among older adults with a medical illness and co-occurring depression. *Social Sciences*, 7(9), 156. doi:10.3390/socsci7090156

**Conner, K.O.**, \*McKinnon, S., \*Roker, R., Ward, C. & Brown, C. (2018). Mitigating the stigma of mental illness among older adults with depression: The Benefit of Contact with a Peer Educator. *Stigma and Health*, 3(2), 93-101. doi:10.1037/sah0000076

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**Conner, K.O.** (10/7/22). *Giving Voice to Silenced Populations: The needs of Older Black LGBTQ+ Communities*. Oral Presentation (Keynote Address) at the In My Mind Annual Conference in New York, NY.

Davis-Cotton, D., **Conner, K.O.**, Kosyluk, K., & Tran, J\*. (10/27/22). *REACH: Arts Integration to Reduce Disparities in Education and Enhance Mental Health*. Oral Presentation (Symposium) at the Arts Schools Network Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV.

**Conner, K.O.** (10/25/22). *Comparative Effectiveness Research as a Strategy to Enhance Health Equity*. Oral Presentation and Moderator (Virtually) for the Annual Meeting of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), Washington, DC.

Davis-Cotton, D., **Conner, K.O.**, Kosyluk, K., & Tran, J. (5/28/22). *Intersectional Mental Health Stories: The Impact of Black and APIDA Voices*. Oral Presentation (Symposium) at the Association for Psychological Sciences Annual Conference in Chicago, IL.

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**Conner, K.O.,** & Bugos J. (02/14/2019). *African Drumming for Dementia: Strategies for Initiation of Culturally Sensitive Intervention to Impact Behavioral Outcomes*. Keynote Presentation at the Vascular Dementia Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

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**Conner, K.O. (04/18/2014).** *Peer Education in the African American Community* (Poster Presentation). National Association for Developmental Disabilities (NADD) conference, Orlando, FL.

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**Conner, K.O., & Brown, C. (12/2/2014).** *Peer Education: A Culturally Relevant Strategy for Reducing Internalized Stigma with Mental Illness* (Poster Presentation). Minority Health and Health Disparities Conference. National Harbor, MD.

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presentation). The Society for Advancement of Hispanics/Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS), Los Angeles, CA.

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**Conner, K.O.** (10/15/2013). *Internalized Stigma and Treatment Seeking Among Depressed African Americans*. The Internalized Stigma of Mental Illness Conference, Baltimore, MD.

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**Conner, K.O.**, Brown, C., McMurray, M., Lee, B., Reynolds, C. (4/13/2010). *Giving Back to Their Communities: Updates on the Depression Peer Educator Project*. Quality of Behavioral Health Annual Conference, Clearwater, FL.

**Conner, K.O.** Copeland, V., Grote, N., Rosen, D., Koseke, G., Reynolds, C., & Brown, C. (1/27/2009). *The Impact of Living With Depression in the Black Community on Mental Health Treatment Seeking Among African American Older Adults*. Oral Presentation at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

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Brown, C., **Conner, K.O.**, Mayers, V. N., Robinson, D., Lee, B. (8/19/2009). *Training Peer Educators to Improve Engagement in Depression Treatment in Community Based Primary Care Settings*. (Poster Presentation) NACHC Community Health Institute and Expo, Chicago, IL.

Kasckow, J., Ingram, E., Brown, C., Tew, J., **Conner, K.O.**, Morse, J., Haas, G., Reynolds, C., Oslin, D. (12/27/2009). *Treatment Preferences Between Subsyndromally Depressed African American and Caucasian Primary Care Veterans*. APA Institute for Psychiatric Services meeting, Boston, MA.

**Conner, K.O.** Copeland, V., Grote, N., Rosen, D., Koseke, G., Reynolds, C., & Brown, C. (10/8/2008). *Barriers to Treatment and Cultural Coping Strategies for African American Older Adults With Depression*. Poster Presentation at the University of Pittsburgh Institute on Aging, Pittsburgh, PA.

**Conner, K.O.** Copeland, V., Grote, N., Rosen, D., Koseke, G., Reynolds, C., & Brown, C. (12/17/2008). *Barriers to Treatment and Cultural Coping Strategies for African American Older Adults With Depression*. (Poster Presentation), NIH Summit: The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities, National Harbor, Maryland.

Castillo, E., **Conner, K.O.**, & Brown, C. (12/17/2008). *Racial Identification and the Impact of Stigma*. Poster Presentation at the NIH Summit: The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities, National Harbor, Maryland.

**Conner, K.O.**, Rosen, Daniel. (1/13/2007). *“You’re Nothing But a Junkie”: Multiple Experiences Of Stigma in an Aging Methadone Maintenance Population*. Oral Presentation at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

**Conner, K.O.**, Rosen, Daniel (3/24/2007). *The Multiple Experiences of Stigma on Older Adult Opiate Addicts*. Oral Presentation at the American Society on Aging Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

\* Recipient of ASA’s Graduate Student Research Award\*

**Conner, K.O.**, Mayers, V. N., Robinson, D., Lee, B., & Brown, C. (6/27/2007). *Bridges To Improved Depression Care Among Older African American Primary Care Patients*. Oral Presentation at the National Mental Health of America Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

**Conner, K.O.**, Mayers, V. N., Robinson, D., Lee, B., & Brown, C. (7/24/2007). *Beliefs About Depression and Depression Treatment Among Older African Americans*. Poster Presentation at the National Institute of Mental Health, Mental Health Services Research Conference, Washington, DC.

Mayers, V. N., **Conner, K.O.**, Robinson, D., & Brown, C. (10/28/2007). *Training Graduate Students to Conduct Mental Health Research in Community Settings*. Oral Presentation at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

**Conner, K.O.**, Mayers, V. N., Robinson, D., & Brown, C. (10/29/2007). *Development and Evaluation of a Protocol to Train Older African American Peer Educators*. Oral Presentation at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

**Conner, K.O.**, Mayers, V. N., Robinson, D., & Brown, C. (11/19/2007). *Treatment Preferences Among Older African Americans with Depression*. Oral Presentation at the Gerontological Society of American Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

**Conner, K. O.**, Koeske, G., Brown, C. (10/11/2006). *Racial Differences in Attitudes Toward Seeking Mental Health Treatment*. (Poster Presentation) University Of Pittsburgh Institute on Aging Poster Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

\* Recipient of Graduate Student Presenter Award\*

**Conner, K. O.**, Davis-Jones, L., Singer, J. B. (10/28/2006). Incorporating social justice into transformative multicultural education. Oral Presentation at the 52nd annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Chicago, Illinois

Singer, J.B., Maguire, L., **Conner, K.O.** (10/28/2006) *How to Hire and Recruit New Faculty: Utilizing Students in the Process*. Oral Presentation at the 52nd annual program meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, Chicago, Illinois.

### **DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION PRESENTATIONS & TRAININGS**

**Conner, K.O.** (2022) *Addressing Mental Health in the Black Community*. Tampa Black Leadership Institute, Tampa, FL.

**Conner, K.O.** (2022) *Exploring the Intersection of Race, Mental Health and Criminal Justice*. Criminal Justice Symposium, USF.

**Conner, K.O.** (2022) *Using Community Based Participatory Research to Address Disparities in Communities of Color*. Translational Science Research Institute Conference, USF.

**Conner, K.O.** (2022) *Addressing Disparities in Maternal Morbidity and Mortality*. DEI speaker series, Eckerd College.

**Conner, K.O.** (2022) *Racism is a Public Health Crisis*. Keynote Speaker, Envision Racism Community Presentation, Tampa, FL.

**Conner, K.O.** (2021) *Understanding and Addressing Race-Based Trauma*. Keynote Speaker, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Atlanta, GA.

**Conner, K.O.** (2021) *Addressing Race-Based Trauma in Clinical Settings* (2-part training series). Cognitive Behavior Institute, LLC, Philadelphia, PA.

**Conner, K.O.** (2020) *Diversity, Equity and Antiracism Training* (4-part series). The Spring of Tampa Bay, Tampa, FL.

**Conner, K.O.** (2020) *Code-Switching and Its Impact on Black Employees*. Centene Corporation, Tampa, FL.

**Conner, K.O.** (2020) *Exploring the Intersections of Historical Trauma, Race and Criminal Justice* (2-hour training). Technical Assistance Center, Tampa, FL.

**Conner, K.O.** (2020) *Exploring the Intersections of Historical Trauma, Race and Child Welfare* (2-hour training). Child Welfare Center, Tampa, FL.

**Conner, K.O.** (2020). *Exploring the Intersections of Historical Trauma, Race and Mental Health* Presentation at the Virtual Youth Mental Health Summit, National Event.

**Conner, K.O.** (2020). *Why Should we Celebrate Juneteenth?* Keynote address and training for Wellcare (Centene Corporation), Tampa, FL.

**Conner, K.O.** (2020). *Cultural Competency Training* (level 2:3-hour training for staff). Early Jail Diversion Program, Tampa, FL.

**Conner, K.O.** (2020). *Cultural Competency Training* (level 2:3-hour training for administrators and leadership). Early Jail Diversion Program, Tampa, FL.

**Conner, K.O.** (2019). *Understanding the Intersection of Race and Health*. Training for Wellcare (Centene Corporation), Tampa, FL.

**Conner, K.O.** (2019). *Cultural Competency Training* (level 1:4-hour training). Early Jail Diversion Program, Tampa, FL.

**Conner, K.O.** (2019). *Mental Health and the Black Community*. Keynote presentation at the Black History Month Research event, New College, Sarasota, FL.

**Conner, K.O.** & De Jesus, E. (2016). *How to Reduce Anger among Older Adults living with Depression*. Hillsborough Housing Authority, Tampa, FL.

**Conner, K.O.** (2015). *How to Reduce Stigma among Individuals Living with Mental Illness*. Stigma: A Summit on Mental Health, Miami, FL.

**Conner, K.O.** (2015). *Culture and Mental Illness: The Role of Race and Ethnicity in Behavioral Health Disparities*. Presentation at the Institute on Black Life Speaker Series, Tampa, FL.

**Conner, K.O.** (2014). *The Impact of Stigma on Health*. Presentation to the Mood and Emotional Lab, Department of Psychology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

**Conner, K.O.** (2014). *How to complete an Effective Community Based Research Proposal*. Presentation to the New Ventures in Leadership Incoming Class. American Society on Aging Annual, San Francisco, CA.

**Conner, K.O.** (2014). *The Paradox of the African Women*. Presentation at the Institute on Black Life Speaker Series, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

**Conner, K.O.** (2013). *Obamacare and the Black Community*. Presentation to the Business Council at the White House, Washington, DC.

**Conner, K.O.** (2012). *Giving Back to Their Communities: Peer Educators as a Civic Engagement Opportunity for Depressed African American Older Adults*. Presentation to Center on Race and Social Problems Mental Health Research Group, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, Pittsburgh, PA.

**Conner, K.O.** (2011). *Health and Mental Health Disparities among LGBTQ Persons of Color: The Impact of Race*. Lecture given at the First National POC LGBT Aging Convention, Washington, DC.

## **GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING**

### **Graduate Courses**

Community-Based Participatory Research and Evaluation (MHS 6742) Doctoral course, USF

Human Growth and Development, Rehabilitation Counseling (MHS 5480), USF

Directed Research in Behavioral and Community Sciences (MHS 6915), USF

Couples Therapy, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh

Models of Intervention, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh

Cognitive Behavioral Theory, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh

Interpersonal Psychotherapy, School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh

### **Undergraduate Courses**

Cultural Diversity, Health and Behavioral Health (MHS 3063), MHLP, USF

Mental Health and Addictive Disorders (MHS 2031), MHLP, USF in London

Behavioral Health and the Family (MHS 4434), MHLP, USF

Mental Health First Aid (3 weeks during MHS 3411), MHLP, USF

Cultural Diversity and Health Disparities Special Topics (MHS 4931), MHLP, USF

### **Study Abroad**

Summer 2022 USF in London

Summer 2019 USF in London

Summer 2018 USF in London

Summer 2017 USF in London

### **TV AND MEDIA APPEARANCES**

2022- Spectrum News 9 (social Justice Series) Interview, *The Crown Act*

2021- Spectrum News 9 interview, *This is My Brave: Stories from the Black Community*

2021- Spectrum News 9 (social Justice Series) Interview, *The rise of Black Santa*

2020- Spectrum News 9 interview, *How to Reduce Disparities in Communities of Color*

2020- Spectrum News 9 interview, *The Impact of New Legislation on Health Disparities*

2020- Spectrum News 9 interview, *Significance of the New Purple Alerts*

### **THESIS AND DISSERTATION COMMITTEES**

2022- Dissertation Committee Member, Alexandra Albizou-Jacob, PhD student in the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, USF

2021- Dissertation Committee Chair, Ana Aluisy, PhD student in the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, USF

2020- Dissertation Committee Chair, Erica Anderson, PhD student in the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, USF

2020-2023 Dissertation Committee Chair, Juanita Patterson-Price, PhD student in the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, USF

- 2019- 2022     Dissertation Committee Member, Sarah Scheffield, PhD student in the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, USF
- 2019-2021     Dissertation Committee Member, Joshua Barnett, PhD student in the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, USF
- 2019-2021     Dissertation Committee Member, Amanda Weston, PhD student in the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, USF
- 2017-2018     Chair-Honors Thesis, Megan Trout, candidate for a BA in Psychology, University of South Florida, St Petersburg, FL Thesis Title: A Systematic Review of HIV/AIDS in the Deaf Community.
- 2016-2017     Chair- Honors Thesis, Tiffany O'Brian, candidate for a BS in Behavioral Healthcare, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. Thesis Project: The Development of a Wellness Guide for Families/Children with Chronic Illness.
- 2015- 2016     Chair- Honors Thesis, Semhal Redda, candidate for a BS in Psychology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. Thesis title: International Perspectives on Cultural Differences in Mental Illness.
- 2014-2018     Dissertation Committee Member, Rosalyn Roker, MS, PhD candidate in Aging Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. Dissertation Title: Perspectives of Older Blacks and Whites living with Serious Mental Illness about Outpatient Mental Health Services.
- 2014            Dissertation Defense Chair, Tiffany Young, PhD in Aging Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. Dissertation title: "Having Our Say": Exploring the Processes and Feasibility of a Community-Based Participatory Intergenerational Physical Activity Program for Grandparents and Grandchildren.
- 2011-2014     Masters Committee Member, Stephanie Vigil, BS; Masters Degree candidate in Public Health, University of Pittsburgh. MPH Thesis title: Giving Young Females a Voice: Perspectives of Somali Bantu Refugees Participating in a Wellness and Leadership Development Program

### **MENTORSHIP PROGRAMS**

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| McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Mentorship Program<br>(Mentee: Allahon Bailey)           | 2022-current |
| Research, Innovation & Scholarly Endeavors (RISE) Team, USF<br>(Mentee: Meera Ratini) | 2022         |
| Research, Innovation & Scholarly Endeavors (RISE) Team, USF                           | 2022         |



(Mentee: Tameka Guillaume)

McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Mentorship Program 2019-current  
(Mentee: Erica Anderson)

Academic Mentors, Black Faculty and Staff Association Mentor-Ship program 2019  
(Mentee: Aldenise Ewing)

Academic Mentor, Black Faculty and Staff Association Mentor-Ship program 2016  
(Mentee: Alaina Branford)

Research Mentor, Summer Research Institute at University of South Florida 2016  
(Mentee: Angela Johnson)

Research Mentor, Summer Research Institute at University of South Florida 2014  
(Mentee: Symone McKinnon)

### **Research Mentorship:**

2021-Current Kayla Nemhard, Doctoral Student School of Public health, USF

2021-Current Ana Aluisy, Doctoral Student CBCS, USF

2019-Current Nicole Crawford, Doctoral candidate School of Public Health, USF

2018-Current Erica Anderson; Doctoral student CBCS, USF

2017-2023 Juanita Patterson Price; Doctoral student CBCS, USF

2016-2023 Helenda Davis; Candidate for a BS in Behavioral Healthcare, USF

2016-2023 Tiffany Obrien; Candidate for a BS in Behavioral Healthcare, USF

2016-2023 Angela Johnson; Candidate for a BS in Psychology, Mary Baldwin University,

2015-2018, Semhal Redda; Candidate for a BS in Psychology, USF

2014-2018 Rosalyn Roker; PhD Candidate in Aging Studies, USF

2014-2018 Stephanie A. McKinnon; Summer Research Institute Mentee, University of San Diego, CA.

### **Clinical Mentorship:**

2020-2022 Nathalie Marecelin, MSW Candidate in Social Work, USF, Tampa, FL

2016-2018 Elenor DeJesus, BS Candidate in Behavioral Healthcare, Tampa, FL

2012-2015 Jackie Peters, LSW, Pittsburgh, PA

2012-2015 Alicia Haley, LSW, Pittsburgh, PA  
 2012-2015 Gena Burke, LSW, Pittsburgh, PA  
 2012-2015 Jasmine Wilson, LSW, Pittsburgh, PA  
 2012-2015 Curtis Miller, LSW, Pittsburgh, PA

**SERVICE**

2022-current Chair, Faculty Senate Council on Racial Justice, USF  
 2022-current Faculty Senate Executive Committee Member, USF  
 2022-current Member, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, CBCS, USF  
 2022-current Presidential Advisory Committee on Mental Health, USF  
 2022-current Member, Diversity Equity and Inclusion Council, USF  
 2021-current Advisory committee, Vice President for Research and Innovation, USF  
 2021-current MHLP Liaison to the CBCS PhD in Behavioral Healthcare Program  
 2021-2022 IPEP Task Force on Racial Bias and Diversity Task Force  
 2021-current Board Member, This Is My Brave, Inc.  
 2021-current Ad-Hoc Reviewer for NIH, Dementia Grants Programs  
 2020-2021 Ad-Hoc Reviewer Florida Criminal Justice Reinvestment Grants  
 2019-current Board Member, Partnership for Arts Integrated Teaching (PAINT)  
 2019-current American Psychiatric Association, Technical Expert Panel member  
 2019-2021 Mental Health Law and Policy Governance Council Member  
 2018 Ad-Hoc Reviewer for NIH, Mental Health Services Division  
 2018-2021 Vice President National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Board of Directors, for the State of Florida  
 2017 MHLP Hiring Committee  
 2016-2018 Member, Faculty Senate, Undergraduate Council  
 2015-2018 Member-Diversity Committee, College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, University of South Florida  
 2015-2021 State Liaison- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Hillsborough  
 2014-2021 Board Member- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) FL  
 2014-2018 Chair- Education Committee, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)  
 2014-2015 MHLP department member of College Tenure & Promotion committee  
 2014-2015 Member-College of Behavioral and Community Studies PhD Program development committee  
 2014-2015 Board Member- Tampa Heights Junior Civic Association  
 2013-2015 Member-USF Internationalizing the curriculum Faculty Service committee  
 2013-2015 Faculty Sponsor USF Dance Organization  
 2012-2015 Member of the Diversity Task Force, Institute for Clinical Research Education, University of Pittsburgh, PA  
 2012-2015 Board Member of the Career Education and Enhancement for Health Care Research Diversity (CEED) program, Pittsburgh, PA  
 2012-2015 New Ventures in Leadership Re-Development Task Force  
 2011- 2013 MSW Student Advisor and Field Liaison (10 students)  
 2010-2013 Board of the New Ventures in Leadership Program (ASA)  
 2006-2008 President of the Social Work Doctoral Student Organization  
 2005-2008 Doctoral Student Representative for the Doctoral Faculty committee

2005-2008                      Doctoral Student Representative for the Academic Integrity and Review Committee

**Other Research Related Service Activities:**

Ad hoc Writer for Psychology Today  
Editorial Board, Global Scientific Research Journals, Geriatrics and Psychiatry  
Ad hoc reviewer for the Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice  
Ad hoc reviewer for the International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry  
Ad hoc reviewer for the Journal of Internal Medicine

**MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES**

National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI)	2013-
American Society on Aging (ASA)	2009-
Association for Gerontology Education in Social Work (AGE-SW)	2006-
National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW)	2004-
Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)	2004-

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**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2022	School of Social Work Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Pittsburgh
2022	Community Partner Award, Tampa Heights Junior Civic Association, Tampa, FL
2021-2022	Chancellors Award For Excellence in Civic and Community Engagement, USF
2020-2021	Outstanding Black Faculty Member of the Year, USF
2018-2019	McKnight Junior Faculty Fellowship Award
2018	College of Behavioral and Community Sciences International Travel Award
2015-2016	Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, USF
2013	Travel Award to attend the Advanced Research in Geriatric Psychiatry Institute
2012	Travel Award to attend the ASCP Randomized Controlled trial workshop, NY
2011	Travel Award to attend the Early Career Women Faculty Professional Development Seminar, Washington, DC
2009	Travel Award to attend the Summer Research Institute for Geriatric Psychiatry, University of Michigan
2009	Travel Award to attend the Career Development Institute for Psychiatry, Stanford University, CA
2009-2016	NIH Loan Repayment Program Recipient
2009	Scholarship for the ASA New Ventures in Leadership Program
2008	GI Aging Fellowship Award

2008 Graduation with Departmental Honors, Dissertation passed with Distinction  
2006-2008 Recipient of the Hartford Doctoral Fellows Award  
2007 Travel Award to attend the MCUAAAR Training Fellow in Older African  
American Mental Health, University of Michigan  
2006-2007 Recipient of the ASAgging Graduate Student Research Award  
2006 Institute on Aging Graduate Student Presenter Award  
2005-2006 Recipient of the Hartford Doctoral Pre-Dissertation Award  
2005-2006 Recipient of the CSWE Minority Research Fellowship Award