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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Connecticut , Storrs, Connecticut	
Associate Director, Center for Research on Sexual Violence and Empowerment	2024–
Associate Professor, Faculty of Human Development & Family Sciences	2021–
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Human Development & Family Sciences	2016–2021
University of British Columbia , Vancouver, Canada	
Post-Doctoral Research & Teaching Fellow	2014–2016

EDUCATION

University of Arizona , Tucson	
Ph.D., M.S., Family Studies & Human Development	2014, 2012
University of California, Los Angeles	
B.A., Psychology; Political Science	2009

COMPETITIVE RESEARCH FUNDING

Awarded Extramural Research Funding

Principal Investigator , “ <i>PrEP and substance use among sexual minority young adults</i> ”	2019–2025
National Institutes of Health—National Institute on Drug Abuse, Career Development Award K01DA047918; PI: R. Watson (75%); 4/1/2019 – 3/31/2025; Total: \$952,225	
Consultant , “ <i>Adolescent health at the intersections of sexual, gender, and racial/ethnic identities</i> ”	2021–2024
National Institutes Health – National Institute on Minority Health Disparities (R01) R01MD015722; PI: M. Eisenberg; 2/1/2021 – 12/31/2024; Total: \$2,522,666	
Consultant , “ <i>Supplementary study of HIV/AIDS preventive behaviors</i> ” (R01 supplement)	2021–2024
National Institutes Health – National Institute on Minority Health Disparities (R01 Supplement Award) R01MD015722-01S1; PI: M. Eisenberg; 10/1/2021 – 12/31/2024; Total: \$691,420	
Principal Investigator , “ <i>SGM youth substance use: Subgroup differences and protective factors</i> ”	2019–2022
National Institutes of Health—National Institute on Drug Abuse (R03) R03DA046827; MPIs: R. Watson (14%), J. Fish; 9/15/2019–8/31/2022; Total: \$182,051	
Co-Investigator , “ <i>Multilevel protective factors in the lives of LGB youth in North America</i> ”	2014–2016
National Institutes of Health—National Institute for Child and Human Development R01HD078470, PI: M. Eisenberg, Co-Is: E. Saewyc, R. Watson; Total: \$2,070,810	

Awarded Internal Research Funding

Co-Investigator , “ <i>Tuned In! A mindfulness program to address the mental health of SGM youth</i> ”	2021-2022
Office of the Vice President for Research, UConn – Research Excellence Program; Total: \$50,000 Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy, UConn – Seed Grant; Total: \$15,000	
Co-Principal Investigator , “ <i>An intersectionality approach: Health of LGBTQ youth</i> ”	2017–2018
Vice President for Research Seed Grant, UConn; Total: \$39,825	
Principal Investigator , “ <i>LGBTQ+ sexual health: Improving health and well-being</i> ”	2017–2018
Scholarship Facilitation Fund Seed Grant, UConn; Total: \$2,000 Department of Human Development & Family Studies research grant, UConn; Total: \$4,000	
Principal Investigator , “ <i>Addressing the concerns and needs of UConn trans students</i> ”	2017–2018
Public Discourse Project Seed Grant, UConn; Total: \$7,000 Scholarship Facilitation Fund Seed Grant, UConn; Total: \$2,000	

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SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Overview: First-author = 33; Trainee first-author = 62; Google Scholar i10-index = 102; h-index = 40

undergraduate, **graduate, and *postdoctoral trainees at time of initial submission*

165. **Watson, R.J.**, **McCauley, P.S., Taylor, A., Morgan, E., Jacka, B., & Eaton, L.A. (in press) Aging concerns related to sexuality and gender: HIV prevention and healthy aging. *AIDS & Behavior*. doi:10.1007/s10461-023-04218-6
164. Lawrence, S. E., **Renley, B. M., Eaton, L. A., Csizmadia, A., & **Watson, R. J.** (in press). An investigation into disability status and mental health indicators among sexual and gender diverse youth. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*.
163. **Line, E.C., Zubizarreta, D., Budge, S.L., **Watson, R.J.**, Gordon, A. R., Austin, S.B., & Katz-Wise, S. (in press). Minority stress and protective factors for body image concerns and disordered eating among a cohort of transgender and nonbinary youth: A preliminary longitudinal study. *International Journal of Transgender Health*. doi: 10.1080/26895269.2025.2452185
162. **McCauley, P., Eaton, L.A., Puhl, R., & **Watson, R.J.** (in press). Support from school personnel and LGBTQ in-school resources jointly moderate the association between identity-based harassment and depressive symptoms among sexual and gender diverse youth. *Journal of Educational Psychology*. doi:10.1037/edu0000945
161. ***Lee, H., Abramson, J. R., Bhoja, A., **Watson R. J.**, & Mereish, E. H. (in press). Mental health and care utilization among sexual and gender minority youth by race and ethnicity. *Journal of Adolescent Health*. doi:10.1016/j.jadohealth.2024.12.2023
160. ***Burson, E., **Renley, B.M., ***Layland, E.K., **Rathus, T., **Caba, A.E., ***Simon, K.A., Eaton, L.A. & **Watson, R.J.** (in press). Associations between state-level structural stigma and sexual and gender minority youth mental health. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*. doi:10.1007/s13178-024-01073-5
159. **Hannah-Walker, V., Lefkowitz, E., & **Watson, R.J.** (in press). A Latent Profile Analysis of religious parents' responses to their SGD child. *Journal of Homosexuality*. doi:10.1080/00918369.2024.2398552
158. **Salafia, C., **Renley, B.M., ***Simon, K.A., ***Brousseau, N., Eaton, L.A., & **Watson, R.J.** (in press). Biased-based bullying among sexual and gender minority youth living with disabilities. *Annals of LGBTQ Public and Population Health*. doi:10.1891/LGBTQ-2023-0033
157. **Hanna-Walker, V., **Caba, A.E., Simon, K.A., **Renley, B.M., Lefkowitz, E.S., & **Watson, R.J.** (in press). Identity outness to family among gender diverse sexual minority youth: A latent profile analysis. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*. doi:10.1037/sgd0000713
156. ***Simon, K. A., **Caba, A. E., **Renley, B.M., Eaton, L. A., & **Watson, R.J.** (in press). Evidence of differences in gender-affirming school experiences in a sample of transgender and gender diverse youth. *Annals of LGBTQ Public and Population Health*. doi:10.1891/LGBTQ-2023-0006
155. Forrest, L.N, Bennett, B. L., Beccia, A., Puhl, R., & **Watson, R.J.** (in press). Prevalence of disordered eating behaviors among sexual and gender minority youth varies at the intersection of gender identity and race/ethnicity. *International Journal of Eating Disorders*. doi:10.1002/eat.24352
154. Iacono, G., Holle, L., Loveland, E.K, Wu, E., Pan, C., Haggerty, T., Craig, S.L., **Watson, R.J.**, Smith, J., & Beitsch, B. (in press) Supporting sexual and gender diverse young people: Exploring the potential benefit of the Tuned In! Intervention. *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*. doi:10.1007/s10560-024-01004-8
153. Abreu, R. L., Barrita, A., Sostre, J. P., Parmenter, J. G., & **Watson, R. J.** (in press). Interest in PrEP, cyberbullying, internalized stigma, and parental acceptance among Latinx sexual and gender diverse youth. *Health Psychology*.
152. Mereish, E.H., Abramson, J.R., Lee, H., & **Watson, R.J.** (in press). Intersectional oppression-based stress, drinking to cope motives, and alcohol use and hazardous drinking among sexual and gender minority adolescents of color. *LGBT Health*. doi:10.1089/lgbt.2024.0023

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151. Pacey, M., **Watson, R.J.**, Fish, J., Clayton, J., Ramseyer Winter, V., Kattari, S., & Walter, S. (in press). The relationship between the family environment and community context on LGBTQ+ youth's disordered eating behaviors. *Families in Society*. doi:10.1177/10443894231194800
150. **Watson, R.J.**, Lawrence, S.E., **McCauley, P.S., Wheldon, C.W., Fish, J.N., & Eaton, L.A. (2025). Examining tobacco use at the intersection of gender, sexual orientation, race, and ethnicity using national U.S. data of sexual and gender diverse youth. *Addictive Behaviors*, *163*, 108246. doi:10.1016/j.addbeh.2025.108246
149. **Moran, S.A., ***Bishop, M.D., **Watson, R.J.**, & Fish, J.N. (2025). LGBTQ+ youth policy and mental health: Indirect effects through school experiences. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, *35*, e13052. doi:10.1111/jora.13052
148. **Harvey, T., **Watson, R. J.**, & Clark, K. (2024). Arrest history and health among U.S. sexual gender minority youth, 2022. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, *67*, 548-557. doi:10.1016/j.amepre.2024.06.003
147. **Watson, R.J.**, **Caba, A.E., ***Lawrence, S., **Renley, B., **McCauley, P., Wheldon, C.W., Eaton, L.A., Russell, S.T., & Eisenberg, M.E. (2024). Examining mental health and bullying concerns at the intersection of sexuality, gender, race, and ethnicity among a national sample of sexual and gender diverse youth. *LGBT Health*, *11*, 20-27. doi:10.1089/lgbt.2023.0072
146. **Wiginton, J.M., Eaton, L.A., Earnshaw, V., **Watson, R.J.**, & Kalichman, S. (2024). Socio-cognitive facilitators of ART-adherence among predominantly Black sexual and gender minoritized persons living with HIV: A latent profile analysis. *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*, *47*, 1012-1017. doi:10.1007/s10865-024-00510-5
145. **Caba, A., Fish, J.N, Wheldon, C.W., & **Watson, R.J.** (2024). The association of stigma, school, and family factors with patterns of substance use among LGBTQ youth. *Prevention Science*, *25*, 948-962. doi:10.1007/s11121-024-01703-9
144. **Caba, A.E., **Christophe, K., **Renley, B.M., ***Simon, K.A., Feinstein, B.A., Eaton, L.A., & **Watson, R.J.** (2024). Measurement invariance of the LGBT People of Color Microaggressions Scale among LGBTQ+ youth. *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, *34*, 759-775. doi:10.1111/jora.12937
143. Abreu, R. L., Lefevor, G. T., Gonzalez, K. A., Teran, M., & **Watson, R.J.** (2024). Parental support, depressive symptoms, and LGBTQ adolescents: Main and moderation effects in a diverse sample. *Journal of Clinical Child & Adolescent Psychology*, *53*, 767-782. doi:10.1080/15374416.2022.2096047
142. Valente, P.K., Neupane, R., Eaton, L., & **Watson, R.J.** (2024). Linear and synergistic associations between psychosocial syndemic burden, sexual behaviors, and engagement in HIV prevention care among a large online sample of sexual and gender minority youth, United States, 2022, *114*, 892-902. *American Journal of Public Health*. doi:10.2105/AJPH.2024.307753
141. ***Bishop, M.D., **Caba, A.E., **Watson R.J.**, & Fish, J.N. (2024). Chest binding: Sociodemographic characteristics among a national sample of LGBTQ+ adolescents. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, *74*, 1256-1259. doi:10.1016/j.jadohealth.2024.01.013
140. **Babcock, N., *Zarate, J., **Wang, S., **Watson, R.J.**, Eaton, L.A., & Snapp, S. (2024). How LGBTQ+ young adults navigate personal risk in app-based hookups: The Safety Spectrum Theory. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, *53*, 2347–2359. doi:10.1007/s10508-024-02864-y
139. **Renley, B.M., Argenyi, M.S., Mereish, E., & Watson, R.J. (2024). Experiences of stress and social safety among sexual and gender minority youth by disability status. *Disability and Health Journal*, *17*, 101614. doi:10.1016/j.dhjo.2024.101614
138. **Pitcher, K., Smith, R., & **Watson, R.J.** (2024). Outness and social–emotional adjustment among asexual and demisexual adolescents. *Journal of LGBT Youth*, *21*, 507-525. doi:10.1080/19361653.2023.2200385
137. **Renley, B.M., **Salafia, C., Simon, K.A., **Caba, A.E., Argenyi, M.S., Eaton, L.A., & **Watson, R.J.** (2024). Disability status and associations with family social support and identity disclosure among gender minority youth. *LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, *30*, 233-245. doi:10.1080/27703371.2024.2327048
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135. **Caba, A.E., Mallory, A.B., ***Simon, K.A., **Renley, B.M., **Rathus, T., & **Watson, R.J.** (2024). Sexual identity disclosure and alcohol experiences among LGBTQ+ adolescents. *Behavioral Medicine, 50*, 170-180. doi:10.1080/08964289.2023.2190078
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130. ***Lawrence, S.E., **Watson, R.J.**, Eadeh, H., Brown, C., Puhl, R.M., & Eisenberg, M. (2024). Bias-based bullying, self-esteem, queer identity pride, and disordered eating behaviors among sexually and gender diverse adolescents. *International Journal of Eating Disorders, 57*, 303-315. doi:10.1002/eat.24092
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127. Eaton, L.A., Huedo-Medina, T., Earnshaw, V.A., Kalichman, M., **Watson, R.J.**, Driver, L., Chandler, C., Kalinowski, J., & Kalichman, S.C. (2024). Randomized clinical trial of stigma counseling and HIV testing access interventions to increase HIV testing among Black sexual minority men and transwomen. *Prevention Science, 25*, 650-660. doi:10.1007/s11121-023-01603-4
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ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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152. Lawrence, S. E., Pacey, M. S., & **Watson, R. J.** (July, 2025). *Disordered eating disparities: Considering adolescents' intersecting identities and parent education*. Poster presentation at the UConn Training Institutes, National Harbor, MD.
151. ***Bishop, M.D., Layland, E.K., **Watson, R.J.**, & Fish, J.N. (May, 2024). *The developmental timing of sexual and gender minority identity milestones: A latent profile analysis among a national sample of transgender and gender diverse adolescents*. Paper to be presented at the Society for Research on Child Development, Minneapolis, MN.
150. **Niels, A., Scheer, J., & **Watson, R.J.** (April, 2025). *Therapy engagement among LGBTQ+ adolescents: The role of school safety and protective factors*. Poster presentation at the Society of Pediatric Psychology Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.
149. **Idiong, C., Palmer, L., Bannor, R., Goetz, J., Xu, R., **Watson, R.J.**, Panza, E. and Pagoto, S. (March, 2025). *Obesity, physical activity and strength training disparities among sexual minority women: Secondary data analysis of the Health Information National Trends Survey*. Society of Behavioral Medicine. San Francisco, CA.
148. *Sun, N. Y., Gower, A. L., Lee, H., Eisenberg, M. E., Felipe, L., **Watson, R. J.**, Nadal, K., Jegraj, A., & Rider, G. N. (March, 2025). *Alcohol use among Asian American sexual and gender minoritized youth enrolled in 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades in California: A quantitative intersectional analysis*. Poster presentation at the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine annual meeting, Baltimore, MD.
147. *Sun, N., Lessard, L., **Caba, A., Pacey, M., Eaton, L., & **Watson, R.J.** (March, 2025). *Latent profiles of disordered eating behaviors among sexual and gender diverse youth in the United States*. Poster presentation at the Society of Behavioral Medicine, San Francisco, CA.
146. Gower, A., Eisenberg, M.E., **Caba, A.E., **Watson, R.J.**, Lawrence, S.W., *Sun, N.Y., Jegraj, A., & Rider, G.N. (March, 2024). *Online versus school bias-based bullying and associations with depressive symptoms, coping motives for substance use and hopefulness among LGBTQ+ adolescents across the United States*. Poster presentation at the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine annual meeting, Baltimore, MD.
145. Lawrence, S., Eaton, L.A., & **Watson, R.J.** (November, 2024). *Examining experiences of sexual violence at the intersection of gender, sexual orientation, race, and ethnicity using national U.S. data among sexual and gender diverse youth*. Poster presentation at the Annual Conference of The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, San Diego, CA.
144. Walters, T., Clark, A., **Hanna-Walker, V., Lawrence, S., **Renley, B., & **Watson, R.J.** (November, 2024). *"And That's My Issue, We're Not Taught A Damn Thing": Sexually and gender diverse adolescents' recollections of LGBTQ+-specific school sexuality education*. Oral presentation at the Annual Conference of The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, San Diego, CA.
143. Cutri, J., Lavner, J.A., Mereish, E., & **Watson, R.J.** (November, 2024). *Sexual stigma and dating patterns among sexual minority adolescents*. Poster presentation at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies conference, Philadelphia, PA.
142. **Skidmore, S. J., Parmenter, J. G., Abreu, R. L., **Watson, R. J.**, & Barrita, A. M. (August, 2024). *Synthesis on diverse LGBTQ+ individuals' well-being and resilience*. Oral symposium presentation at the American Psychological Association Conference, Seattle, WA.
141. **Watson, R.J.**, Albright, N., Eaton, L.A., & Morgan, E. (July, 2024). *Aging concerns and relations with HIV prevention strategies among individuals aged 50 or older in the United States*. Poster presentation at the International AIDS Society Meeting, Munich, Germany.
140. *Sun, N., **McCauley P.S., **Del Farno A.J., Eaton L.A., & **Watson R.J.** (April, 2024). *Parental support moderates the relationship between SOGIE-based harassment and depressive/anxiety symptoms in LGBTQ Asian-American youth*. Presentation at Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL.

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139. **Caba, A.E., Eaton, L., Lefkowitz, E., & **Watson R. J.** (April, 2024). *Examining direct and indirect effects between cyberbullying, positive identity, and mental health among sexual and gender diverse youth.* Poster presentation at Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL.
138. **Renley, B. M., Argenyi M. S., Mereish E. H., & **Watson R. J.** (April, 2024). *Disparities in multiple forms of stress and social safety among sexual and gender minority youth by disability status.* Poster presentation at Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL.
137. **McCauley, P.S., Lessard, L.M., **Babcock, N., *Sun, N., Eaton, L.A., & **Watson, R.J.** (April, 2024). *Sexual and gender diverse youth reporting SOGIE-based harassment to adults at school: School safety and adult support at school as moderators.* Poster presentation at Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL.
136. **Del Farno, A. **Watson, R.J.**, & Eaton, L.A. (April, 2024). *Social influences on the relationship between gender identity and body appreciation in transgender youth.* Poster presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL.
135. **Babcock, N., **McCauley, P, Eaton, L, & **Watson, R.J.** (April, 2024). *The associations between intragroup experiences of LGBTQ+-specific racial microaggressions and substance abuse among sexual and gender diverse youth of color.* Poster presentation at Society for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL.
134. ***Sherwood, S.H., Meng, H., Yoshikawa, H., Russell, S.T., **Watson, R.J.** (April, 2024). *Examining the factor structure of the Outness Inventory with a sample of sexual and gender minority youth.* Paper accepted for presentation at the Meeting of the Social for Research on Adolescence, Chicago, IL.
133. Rider, G. N., Gower, A. L., Felipe, L., Nadal, K., Simon, K. A., Ip, K. I., Nguyen, N. P., Brightly-Brown, S., Thomas, D., Alley, R., **Watson, R. J.**, & Eisenberg, M. E. (April, 2024). *Suicidal ideation among Asian American and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander sexual and gender diverse youth enrolled in Minnesota schools.* Presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence Meeting, Chicago, IL.
132. Gower, A., Parchem, B., Rider, N., Eadeh, H., **Watson, R.J.**, Lawrence, S., Thomas, D., & Eisenberg, M. (April, 2024). *Youth development opportunities among sexual and gender diverse youth: Who's being reached and who's left out?* Presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence Meeting, Chicago, IL.
131. **Watson, R.J.**, Lawrence, S.E., **McCauley, P.S., Wheldon, C.W., Fish, J.N., & Eaton, L. (March, 2024). *Examining tobacco use at the intersection of gender, sexual orientation, race, and ethnicity using national U.S. data of sexual and gender diverse youth.* Oral presentation at the annual Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco, Edinburgh, Scotland.
130. Eaton, L.A., Wheldon, C.W., & **Watson, R.J.** (March, 2024). *Sleep health and well-being as correlates of nicotine addiction among Black sexual minority men in the United States.* Poster presentation at the annual Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco, Edinburgh, Scotland.
129. Parchem, B., Poquiz, J., Rahm-Knigge, R.L., Panetta, E., **Watson, R.J.**, & Rider, G.N. (March, 2024). *Participation in organized physical activity and discomfort with locker rooms among racial, sexual, and gender diverse youth.* Poster presentation at the Society for Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.
128. Bishop, M.D., **Caba, A.E., **Watson R.J.**, & Fish, J.N. (March, 2024). *Sociodemographic characteristics of chest binding in a national sample of LGBTQ+ adolescents.* Poster presentation at the Society for Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.
127. Iacono, G., Bietsch, B., Lin, H., Smith, J., & **Watson, R.J.** (January, 2024). *Understanding overeating patterns among sexual and gender minority youth: An exploratory analysis of factors.* Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research conference, Washington DC.
126. **Harvey, T.D., **Watson, R.J.**, & Clark, K.A. (November, 2023). *Investigating associations among arrest history, sexual and gender minority stressors, and mental and behavioral health outcomes: Evidence from the 2022 National LGBTQ+ Teen Survey.* Presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA.
125. **Watson, R.J.**, **Caba, A.E., Lawrence, S., **Renley, B.M., McCauley, P.S., Wheldon, C.W., Eaton, L.A., Russell, S.T., & Eisenberg, M.E. (November, 2023). *Intersecting social positions and health disparities among sexual, gender, racially, and ethnically diverse LGBTQ+ youth in the United States.* Poster at the annual Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality conference, New Orleans.

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124. Wheldon, C.W., & **Watson, R.J.** (November, 2023). *Beyond LGB: Sexual orientation identity diversity among sexual and gender minority youth in the U.S.* Poster presentation at the annual Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality conference, New Orleans.
123. Moran, S., Bishop, M., **Watson, R.J.**, & Fish, J.N. (October, 2023). *State policy climate and mental health among sexual and gender minority youth: The mediating role of school climate and safety.* Poster presentation at the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science conference, Baltimore.
122. **Harvey, T.D., **Watson, R.J.**, & Clark, K.A. (September, 2023). *The role of arrest history and minority stress in mental and behavioral health outcomes in a national sample of LGBTQ+ youth.* Poster presentation at GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ+ Equality Annual Conference on LGBTQ+ Health, Virtual.
121. Forrest, L. N., Gioia, A. N., Bennett, B. L., Puhl, R., & **Watson, R. J.** (September, 2023). *Intersectional prevalence of eating disorder behaviors based on gender identity and race among a sample of sexual and gender minority youth.* Paper presentation at the Eating Disorders Research Society Annual Meeting, Boston.
120. Wheldon, C.W., & **Watson, R.J.** (September, 2023). *Understanding tobacco use in LGBTQ youth: The role of minority stress and social norms.* Presentation at the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco conference, London, UK.
119. **Mas, M., **McCauley, P., Russell, B., & **Watson, R.J.** (August, 2023). *LGBTQ family support influence on queer youth resilience: Significant impacts on positive outlook.* Poster presentation at the American Psychological Association, Washington DC.
118. **Watson, R.J.**, Kalichman, M.O., Driver, R., Kalinowski, J., Kalichman, S., & Eaton, L.A. (July, 2023). *Opioid use and HIV prevention related outcomes among Black sexual diverse men: Assessing an understudied priority area of HIV research.* Poster presentation at the International AIDS Society conference.
117. Eaton, L.A., & **Watson, R.J.** [co-presenters] (July, 2023). *Testing the impact of stigma focused interventions on PrEP use and mental health by age groups among Black sexual diverse men.* Poster presentation at the International AIDS Society conference, Brisbane, Australia.
116. Moody, R. L., Eaton, L., & **Watson, R. J.** (June, 2023). *Identifying the need for brief polydrug use interventions among Black and Hispanic sexual minority men.* Paper presentation at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence Annual Scientific Meeting, Denver, CO.
115. ***Driver, L., Eaton, L.A., Moody, R., & **Watson, R.J.** (April, 2023). *Stigma focused interventions to improve HIV testing and pre exposure prophylaxis use among sexual minority men.* Paper presentation at the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Phoenix, AZ.
114. Eaton, L.A., & **Watson, R.J.** (April, 2023). *Stigma focused interventions to improve HIV testing and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis use among sexual minority men.* Poster presentation at the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Phoenix, AZ.
113. Moody, R., **Watson, R.J.**, & Eaton, L.A. (April, 2023). *Intersecting internalized stigma, medical mistrust, and anticipated healthcare stigma among Black sexual minority men.* Paper presentation at the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Phoenix, AZ. ****Recognized by program committee as a "Citation Abstract"**
112. **Caba, A. E., Christophe, N. K., **Renley, B. M., Simon, K. A., Feinstein, B. A., & **Watson, R. J.** (April, 2023). *Measurement invariance of the LGBT People of Color Microaggressions Scale in a sample of sexual and gender minority youth of color.* Flash talk at the Society for Research on Adolescence, San Diego, CA.
111. **Renley, B. M., **Salafia, C., Simon, K. A., **Caba, A. E., Argenyi, M. S., Eaton, L., **Watson, R.J.** (2023, April). *Family support, identity disclosure, and stress among gender minority youth living with disabilities.* Poster presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence, San Diego, CA.
110. **Hanna-Walker, V., **Caba, E. A., Simon, K. A., **Renley, B. M., Lefkowitz, E. S., & **Watson, R. J.** (April, 2023). *Identity outness to family among gender diverse sexual minority youth: A latent profile analysis.* Poster presentation at the Society of Research on Adolescence, San Diego, CA.
109. Simon, K. A., **Caba, A. E., **Renley, B. M., Eaton, L. A., & **Watson, R. J.** (March, 2023). *Evidence of differences in gender-affirming school experiences in a diverse sample of transgender youth.* Flask talk at the Society for Research on Adolescence, San Diego, CA.

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108. Beischel, W., **Watson, R.J.**, Lemelin, J. (March, 2023). *Minority stress and sleep quality among gender minority adolescents*. Paper presentation at the Society for Research on Child Development, Salt Lake City.
107. Mallory, A.B., ****Caba, A.E., & Watson, R.J.** (March, 2023). *Assessing the association between minority stress and depression among sexual and gender diverse adolescents: A latent class analysis approach*. Paper presentation at the Society for Research on Child Development Meeting, Salt Lake City.
106. Pacey, M., McGeough, B., **Watson, R.J.**, Fish, J.N., Riquino, M., Diaz, A., Pearson, J., & Hamor, L. (March, 2023). *LGBTQ+ youth in Kansas: Relationships between disordered eating and family, school, & community contexts*. Poster presentation to the Society for Research on Child Development Meeting, Salt Lake City.
105. ****Pitcher, K. J., Smith, R. L., & Watson, R. J.** (March, 2023). *Experiences with racial microaggressions among LGBTQIA+ racial minority youth and associations with wellbeing*. Poster presentation at the Society for Research on Child Development Biennial Meeting, Salt Lake City.
104. ****Pitcher, K. J., Smith, R. L., & Watson, R. J.** (March, 2023). *Age of identity realization among asexual and non-asexual LGB youth and associations with wellbeing*. Paper presentation at the Society for Research on Child Development Biennial Meeting, Salt Lake City.
103. **Watson, R.J.**, Menry, W., Fish, J.N., Wheldon, C.W., & Eaton, L.A. (November, 2022). *Sexual/gender identity youth-specific state laws: Implications for substance use and mental health among a national sample of LGBTQ youth*. Paper presentation at the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality conference, Vancouver.
102. *****Simon, K.A., Ross, C., **Rathus, T., **Caba, A., **Renley, B., Eaton, L. A., & Watson, R. J.** (November, 2022). *"I didn't have anyone to turn to: Sexual education and behavior among LGBTQ+ youth with adoptive or kinship caregivers*. Paper presentation at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference.
101. **Watson, R.J., **Renley, B., & Eaton, L.A.** (August, 2022). *Youth-specific LGBTQ+ state-level policies' associations with pronoun, name, and bathroom use among gender minority youth in a US national sample*. Paper presented at the European Association for Research on Adolescence conference, Dublin, Ireland.
100. Smith, E.C., Zubizarreta, D., Budge, S. L., **Watson, R. J.**, Gordon, A. R., Austin, S. B., & Katz-Wise, S. L. (August, 2022). *Risk and protective factors related to body image and disordered eating in a longitudinal study of transgender and nonbinary adolescents*. Poster presentation for the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Minneapolis, MN.
99. McHugh, M.M., Mastrili, N., Feinstein, B., Schneider, K.L., Miranda, L. & **Watson, R.J.** (August, 2022). *Barriers to team sport participation in sexual and gender minority youth*. Poster presentation at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Minneapolis, MN.
98. Mastrili, N., McHugh, M., Feinstein, B., Schneider, K., Miranda, L. & **Watson, R.J.** (August, 2022). *Team sports participation promotes well-being and physical activity among SGM youth*. Poster presentation at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Minneapolis, MN.
97. **Watson, R.J.**, Hirshfield, S., & Eaton, L. (July, 2022). *PrEP experiences and stigma among bisexual racially and ethnically diverse men*. Poster presentation at the International Academy of Sex Research, Iceland.
96. ****Caba, A. E., **Rathus, T., ***Burson, E., Chan, P. A., Eaton, L. A., & Watson, R. J.** (June, 2022). *Determinants of on-demand versus daily pre-exposure prophylaxis use among Black and Hispanic/Latino emerging adults*. Mentored student paper presentation at the Society for Prevention Research, Seattle, WA.
95. Abreu, R., Lefevor, T., Barrita, A., & **Watson, R.J.** (June, 2022). *Latinx SGM youth and bullying, depression, and parental acceptance*. Presentation at the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Puerto Rico.
94. Pacey, M. S., **Watson, R. J.**, Fish, J. N., McGeough, B., Riquino, M., & Greenwood, E. (June, 2022). *The relationship between family, school, and community context and disordered eating among LGBTQ+ youth: A national and regional examination*. Poster presentation at the LGBTQ Research Symposium.
93. Iacono, G., ****Loveland, E., & Watson, R.J.** (June, 2022). *Movement as an avenue to joy: Examining physical activity and stress in sexual and gender minority youth from an intersectional lens*. Poster presentation at the LGBTQ Research Symposium.
92. Iacono, G., ****Loveland, E., & Watson, R.J.** (June, 2022). *Exploring the relationship between binge eating, coping and stress among LGBTQIA+ youth*. Poster presentation at the LGBTQ Research Symposium (online).

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91. Smith, E.C., Zubizarreta, D., Budge, S. L., **Watson, R. J.**, Gordon, A. R., Austin, S. B., & Katz-Wise, S. L. (June, 2022). *Longitudinal associations of risk and protective factors on body image and disordered eating among transgender and nonbinary youth*. Presentation at the International Conference of Eating Disorders (online).
90. **Watson, R.J.**, ***Simon, K., **Caba, A.E., **Renley, B., & Eaton, L.A. (May, 2022). *Gender-affirming school experiences among transgender/non-binary youth in the United States*. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Child Development Construction of the Other Conference, Puerto Rico, US.
89. **Clark, V., Eaton, L., & **Watson, R.J.** (April, 2022). *Marginalized populations: Outness as a moderator for the mediation between resilience, medical trust, and HIV testing stigma*. Research spotlight presentation at Society of Behavioral Medicine, Baltimore, MD.
88. ***Moody, R.L., Eaton, L., & **Watson, R.J.** (April, 2022). *Internalized stigma and pre-exposure prophylaxis among Black and Latino sexual minority men with a history of drug use*. Poster presentation at Society of Behavioral Medicine, Baltimore, MD.
87. **Watson, R.J.**, Gower, A.G. Rider, N., Thomas, D., Russell, S.T., & Eisenberg, M.E. (March, 2022). *Intersections of social identities and alcohol use among youth: Application of a novel method*. Paper presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence, New Orleans, LA.
86. Pacey, M., Fish, J.N., & **Watson, R.J.** (March, 2022). The relationship between the family environment and community context on sexual and gender minority youth's disordered eating behaviors. Poster presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence, New Orleans, LA.
85. **Rathus, T., **Caba, A., **Renley, B., & **Watson, R.J.** (March, 2022). *Exploring school social transition factors and lifetime marijuana use among transgender adolescents*. Poster presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence, New Orleans, LA.
84. ***Simon, K. A., Hawthorne, H. M., Clark, A. N., **Renley, B. M., Farr, R. H., Eaton, L. A., & **Watson, R. J.** (March, 2022). *Contextualizing the well-being of asexual youth: Evidence of differences in family, health, and school outcomes*. Data blitz presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence, New Orleans, LA.
83. Fish, J.N., **Watson, R.J.**, & Denary, W. (March, 2022). *Differences in depression severity and substance use comorbidity by state-level LGBTQ youth policy contexts*. Poster presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence, New Orleans, LA.
82. Lefkowitz, E. S., Caba, A., Hanna-Walker, V., Lindsay, S., & **Watson, R. J.** (March, 2022). *Correlates of sexual orientation and gender identity disclosure to parents among LGBTQ+ college students*. Poster presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence, New Orleans, LA.
81. Iacono, G., **Bietsch, B., & **Watson, R. J.** (January, 2022). *Exploring the intersections of minority stress and resilience among sexual and gender minority youth of color*. Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference. Washington, DC.
80. **Bietsch, B., Iacono, G., & **Watson, R. J.** (January, 2022). *Binge eating as a coping mechanism for LGBTQ+ teens dealing with stress: Exercise as a moderator*. Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference. Washington, DC.
79. **Watson, R.J.**, Eaton, L., & Wheldon, C.W. (November, 2021). *Way more than just LGBT: Expansive identity labeling among contemporary sexual and gender diverse youth*. Poster presentation at The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Puerto Rico.
78. Lawrence, S. E., Puhl, R. M., Schwartz, M., **Watson, R. J.**, & Foster, G. D. (November, 2021). *"The most hurtful thing I've ever experienced": A qualitative examination of the nature of family weight stigma*. Paper presentation at the National Council on Family Relations Virtual Conference.
77. Csizmadia, A., **Renly, B., & **Watson, R.J.** (November, 2021). *LGBTQ identity-based family acceptance and depressive symptoms among biracial LGBTQ adolescents: A within-group approach*. Poster presentation at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.
76. **Tomlinson, K. V., **Watson, R. J.**, Smith-Bynum, M., & Fish, J. N. (November, 2021). *Family support, rejection, and connectedness: Family context and SGM youth mental health and substance use*. Poster presentation at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD.

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75. **Chang, C.J., Feinstein, B.A., Meanley, S., Flores, D., & **Watson, R.J.** (November, 2021). *The role of LGBTQ identity pride in the associations among discrimination, social support, and depression in a sample of LGBTQ adolescents.* Symposium at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Conference, New Orleans.
74. Renteria, R., Feinstein, B., Dyar, C.E., & **Watson, R.J.** (November, 2021). *Gender identity outness, gender-based bullying, and substance use among transgender and nonbinary youth.* Poster at the annual Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Conference, New Orleans, LA.
73. Roberts, S. R., Maheux, A. J., **Watson, R. J.**, Puhl, R., & Choukas-Bradley, S. (November, 2021). *LGBTQ-specific factors related to sexual and gender minority adolescents' disordered eating.* Symposium at the annual meeting for the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New Orleans, LA.
72. **Rathus, T., & **Watson, R.J.** (September, 2021). *Masculinity as an impediment to HIV prevention and treatment among young men who have sex with men in the United States.* Paper presentation at the GLMA Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality annual conference, New Orleans, LA.
71. Scheer, J. R., Edwards, K. M., Helminen, E. C., & **Watson, R. J.** (August 2021). *Victimization typologies among a large national sample of sexual and gender minority adolescents.* Paper presented at the 129th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, virtual.
70. **Caba, A.E., **Rathus, T., Kalinowski, J., Eaton, L., & **Watson, R.J.** (June, 2021). *Changes in access to Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis among Black and Latinx MSM during the COVID-19 pandemic.* Poster presentation at the Society for Prevention Research conference (online).
69. **Kiekens, W., Baams, L., Fish, J.N., & **Watson, R.J.** (June, 2021). *Associations of relationship experiences, dating violence, sexual harassment, and assault with alcohol use among sexual and gender minority adolescents.* Paper presentation at the LGBTQ Research Symposium, Kansas University.
68. Scheer, J.R., Edwards, K.M., Sheinfil, A.Z, Dalton, M.R., Firkey, M.K., & **Watson, R.J.** (May, 2021). *Interpersonal victimization, substance use, and mental health among sexual and gender minority youth: The role of cognitive mechanisms.* Poster presented at the National LGBTQ Health Conference, Northwestern.
67. **Caba, A.E., Mallory, A.B., ***Simon, K.A., **Rathus, T., & **Watson, R.J.** (May, 2021). *Complex outness patterns among sexual and gender minority youth: A latent class analysis.* Poster presentation at the virtual National LGBTQ Health Conference, Northwestern University.
66. **Rathus, T., & **Watson, R.J.** (April, 2021). *The family environment and its relation to health and well-being among sexual and gender minority youth.* Presentation at Society of Behavioral Medicine virtual meeting.
65. ***Lessard, L., **Watson, R.J.**, Schacter, H., & Puhl, R. (April, 2021). *Health risks of weight-based bullying among LGBTQ adolescents: Effects of legislation as a prevention strategy.* Paper presentation at the Society of Research on Child Development virtual meeting.
64. **Watson, R.J.**, Fish, J.N., Poteat, V.P, & Rathus, T. (March, 2021). *Sexual and gender minority youth alcohol use: Within-group differences in associations with internalized stigma and victimization.* Paper presentation at the Society of Research on Adolescence virtual meeting.
63. Mereish, E. H., **Watson, R. J.**, & Fish, J. N. (August, 2020). *Intersectional minority stress and depression among sexual and gender minority adolescents of color.* Paper presentation virtually at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
62. **Rentería, R., Feinstein, B. A., Dyar, C., & **Watson, R. J.** (August, 2020). *Sexual orientation as a moderator of the associations between outness and well-being among LGBTQ youth.* Paper presentation at the American Psychological Association conference, Washington, DC.
61. **Floyd, S., **Simon, K., Farr, R., & **Watson, R.J.** (June, 2020). *Aced it: Comparisons of mental and emotional health, academic outcomes, and identity acceptance among asexual and other sexual minority adolescents.* Paper at the 8th Annual LGBTQ Research Symposium, IL. [conference cancelled due to COVID-19]
60. **Watson, R.J.**, Eaton, L., & Earnshaw, V. (April, 2020). *Sexual orientation and identity disclosure: Implications for PrEP and substance use experiences among Black men who have sex with men.* Poster accepted for the Society of Behavioral Medicine conference, San Francisco, CA. [conference cancelled due to COVID-19]

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59. *Miranda, M., Snapp, S., & **Watson, R.J.** (March, 2020). *How do LGBTQ youth protect themselves from sexually transmitted infections during hookups?* Mentored student poster accepted for the Society for Research on Adolescence conference, San Diego, CA. [conference cancelled due to COVID-19]
58. **McKay, T. & **Watson, R.J.** (March, 2020). *Depression, sexual orientation disclosure, and therapist/counselor presence among sexual and gender minority youth.* Mentored student paper accepted for the Society for Research on Adolescence conference, San Diego, CA. [conference cancelled]
57. **Rathus, T. & **Watson, R.J.** (March, 2020). *Parental socioeconomic status as a predictor of psychological outcomes among LGBTQ youth.* Mentored student paper accepted for the Society for Research on Adolescence conference, San Diego, CA. [conference cancelled due to COVID-19]
56. Eisenberg, M., Gower, A., **Watson, R.J.**, Porta, C., & Saewyc, E. (March, 2020). *LGBTQ youth-serving organizations: What do they offer and do they protect against emotional distress among LGBQ youth?* Paper accepted for the Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine conference, San Diego. [conference cancelled]
55. Saewyc, E., **Watson, R.J.**, Park, M., Taylor, A., Fish, J., & Eisenberg, M. (March, 2020). *Supportive communities are linked to lower substance use risk among sexual minority adolescents in Canada.* Poster accepted for the Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine conference, San Diego. [conference cancelled]
54. Gamarel, K., **Watson, R.J.**, **Mouzon, R.L., Wheldon, C.W., Fish, J.N., & Fleischer, N. (March, 2020). *Family rejection and cigarette smoking among sexual and gender minority youth.* Paper presentation at the Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco conference, New Orleans, LA.
53. **Gallik, C., & **Watson, R.J.** (November, 2019). *Examining the relationship between minority stress experiences and feelings of self-worth in transgender youth.* Mentored student poster presentation at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies conference, Atlanta, GA.
52. Fish, J.N., Russell, B., **Watson, R.J.**, & Russell, S.T. (November, 2019). *Prospective associations between adolescent same-sex attraction, parent-child relationship quality, and alcohol abuse in adulthood.* Paper presentation at the National Council on Family Relations, Fort Worth, TX.
51. **Watson, R.J.**, Eaton, L., Fish, J.N., & Poteat, V.P. (October, 2019). *Internalized stigma's link to alcohol use in a US national sample of LGBTQ youth.* Poster presentation at Together Against Stigma, Singapore.
50. Eaton, L., **Watson, R.J.**, ***Maksut, J., ***Rucinski, K., & Earnshaw, V. (October, 2019). *Rethinking stigma focused messaging for HIV testing uptake among Black gay/bisexual men.* Poster presentation at Together Against Stigma conference, Singapore.
49. **Miller, K., **Watson R.J.**, & Eisenberg, M. (October, 2019). *Intersection of family acceptance and religion on the mental health of LGBTQ youth.* Poster presentation at American Academy of Pediatrics, New Orleans.
48. Jaffee, K., Takrani, A. & **Watson, R.J.** (October, 2019). *Social predictors of health status among transgender and gender non-conforming youth.* Paper presentation at the American Academy of Pediatrics conference.
47. Eaton, L., ***Maksut, J., & **Watson, R.J.** (July, 2019). *Stigma barriers to HIV testing among Black same gender loving men: An unaddressed challenge impacting the PrEP care cascade.* Paper presentation at the AIDS Impact conference, London, UK.
46. ***Maksut, J., Eaton, L., & **Watson, R.J.** (July, 2019). *Depressive symptoms as a predictor of HIV seroconversion among young adult African-American/Black men and transgender women who have sex with men in the Southeastern United States.* Poster presentation at the International AIDS Society, Mexico City.
45. Grzanka, P. R., **Watson, R. J.**, & Spengler, E. S. (June, 2019). *Structural intersectional social change and LGBTQ youth.* Paper presentation at the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, San Diego.
44. Wheldon, C., **Watson, R.J.**, Fish, J., & Gamarel, K. (March, 2019). *Cigarette smoking among youth at the intersection of sexual orientation/gender identity.* Poster presented at Society for Behavioral Medicine, DC.
43. Saewyc, E.M., Wu, A., Marshall, S., Li, G., **Watson, R.J.**, & Adjei, J. (March, 2019). *Long-term effects of Gay Straight Alliances on perceived school safety among LGB youth in Western Canada, using a novel analytical method.* Paper presentation at the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, Washington DC.
42. **Watson, R.J.**, Wheldon, C.W., & Puhl, R. (March, 2019). *Diverse identities in a national sample of sexual and gender minority youth.* Paper presented at the Society for Research on Child Development, Baltimore.

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41. Pollitt, A., Fish, J., & **Watson, R.J.** (March, 2019). *Being out matters for the measurement equivalence of family acceptance for LGBTQ youth*. Paper presentation at the Society for Research on Child Development.
40. **Watson, R.J.**, & Miranda, L. (November, 2018). *Important variabilities in lived experiences among a racially diverse large national sample of transgender youth in the United States*. Poster presentation at the annual World Professional Association for Transgender Health meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
39. **Watson, R.J.** (November, 2018). *Transgender youth: Health and resiliency*. Invited moderator at the annual World Professional Association for Transgender Health meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
38. **Gallik, C., **McKay, T., & **Watson, R.J.** (November, 2018). *Examining the relationship between minority stress experiences and depression symptoms in transgender youth*. Mentored student paper presentation at the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapists conference in Washington DC.
37. **Greenspan, S., Griffith, C., & **Watson, R.J.** (August, 2018). *A comprehensive content analysis of LGBTQ adolescents' experiences in sports*. Mentored student poster presentation at APA in San Francisco, CA.
36. **Allen, A., **Watson, R.J.**, & Eaton, L. (April, 2018). *To be or not to be religious: How religiosity is associated with sexual health among Black bisexual men*. Poster at the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Atlanta, GA.
35. *Luna, J., *Moreno, V., *Procopio, M., *Clark, N., *Covarrubias, J., *Gonzalez, S., *Nhial, N., Snapp, S., & **Watson, R.J.** (April, 2018). *How does the use of dating and hookup applications influence the sexual health choices of LGB people?* Poster presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Minneapolis, MN.
34. *Clark, N., *Nhial, N., *Gonzalez, S., *Covarrubias, J., *Luna, J., *Moreno, V., *Procopio, M., Snapp, S., & **Watson, R.J.** (April, 2018). *Does it stop at sexual gratification? Hookup motives of LGB late adolescents*. Mentored student poster presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Minneapolis, MN.
33. Saewyc, E., Li, G, Gower, A., **Watson, R.J.**, Erickson, D., Corliss, H., & Eisenberg, M. (April, 2018). *LGBTQ-supportive community environments predict lower suicidality and emotional distress among sexual minority youth in Canada*. Paper presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Minneapolis, MN.
32. **Watson, R.J.**, Snapp, S., & **Wang, S. (April, 2018). *Hookups among sexual minority populations: A review and new research agenda*. Paper presentation at Society for Research on Adolescence, Minneapolis, MN.
31. **Watson, R.J.** (April, 2018). *Substance use among transgender youth: Risk and protective factors from probability profiles*. Paper and symposium chair presentation at Society for Research on Adolescence, MN.
30. **McKay, T., & **Watson, R.J.** (April, 2018). *Mental health issues among LGB school students in Canada*. Mentored student poster presentation at the American Educational Research Association conference, NY.
29. **Watson, R.J.**, & Miranda, L. (January, 2018). *Results from the 2017 HRC/UCONN LGBTQ+ Teen National Survey*. Workshop and presentation at the annual Human Rights Campaign conference, Orlando, FL.
28. **Watson, R.J.** (November, 2017). *Sexual and romantic relationships for sexual minority emerging adults*. Invited pre-conference panel member at the annual Emerging Adulthood conference, Washington DC.
27. Russell, B., Gordon, M., & **Watson, R.J.** (November, 2017). *Associations between adolescent depression and public health concerns in early adulthood: Family influences for sexual minority youth*. Poster presentation at the National Council of Family Relations, Orlando, FL.
26. **Watson, R.J.** (October, 2017). *Better understanding transgender health: Multi-method and cross-national investigations into well-being and protective factors*. Symposium (chair) at the Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health biennial conference, Vancouver, Canada.
25. **Watson, R.J.**, Veale, J.F., & Saewyc, E. (October, 2017). *Protective factors & disordered eating for transgender youth*. Paper presentation at the Canadian Professional Association for Transgender Health, Vancouver.
24. **Watson, R.J.** (April, 2017). *An international examination of bullying based on sexual orientation and gender in school*. Symposium discussant at the Society for Research on Child Development, Austin, TX.
23. Mehus, C., **Watson, R.J.**, & Porta C.M. (November, 2016). *Living as an LGBTQ adolescent and a parent's child: Examining degrees of overlap*. Poster at the National Council of Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.
22. **Watson, R.J.**, Goodenow, C., & Saewyc, E. (September, 2016). *School bullying among sexual minority youth*. Paper presentation at the European Association for Research on Adolescence, Cádiz, Spain.
21. *Shahin, Y., & **Watson, R.J.** (March, 2016). *Hookup initiation among lesbian, gay and bisexual young adults and associated outcomes*. Mentored student poster presentation Making Waves in Psychology, Victoria, BC.

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20. **Watson, R.J.**, Adjei, J., & Saewyc, E. (March, 2016). *Trends in school experiences are linked to the presence and length of gay-straight alliance networks*. Symposium chair and paper presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, MD.
19. **Watson, R.J.**, Adjei, J., & Saewyc, E. (March, 2016). *There are widening disparities in disordered eating for sexual minorities*. Paper presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, MD.
18. Adjei, J., **Watson, R.J.**, & Saewyc, E. (March, 2016). *Sexual health behaviors among sexual minority and heterosexual youth*. Paper presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Baltimore, MD.
17. Goodenow, C., **Watson, R.J.**, & Saewyc, E. (March, 2016). *Suicide-related ideation and behaviors among sexual minority and heterosexual youth*. Paper presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence.
16. **Watson, R.J.**, Saewyc, E., Adjei, J., & Rose, H. (November, 2015). *Changes in family and parent relations for sexual minority adolescents in British Columbia since 1998: A trend analysis*. Paper presented at the National Council of Family Relations (NCFR), Vancouver, Canada.
15. Saewyc, E., **Watson, R.J.**, & Adjei, J. (November, 2015). *Positive family and parent relationships decrease the odds of problem substance use for sexual minority adolescents*. Paper at NCFR Vancouver, Canada.
14. Adjei, J., Saewyc, E., **Watson, R.J.**, & Rose, H. (November, 2015). *Challenges of being a sexual minority teen parent: Does sexual orientation matter?* Paper at the biennial meeting of NCFR, Vancouver, Canada.
13. Clark, B., **Watson, R.J.**, Veale, J., Saewyc, E., & Travers, R. (November, 2015). *Are family relationships of Canadian transgender youth similar to those of cisgender youth?* Paper at NCFR, Vancouver, Canada.
12. **Watson, R.J.**, & Russell, S.T. (April, 2015). *LGBT families and their interactions with schools*. Invited roundtable and paper talk at the American Educational Research Association conference, Chicago, IL.
11. **Watson, R.J.**, McDonald, D., & Carter, R. (March, 2015). *Reducing youth risk behaviors through interactive theatre*. Poster presented at Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA.
10. McDonald, D., Carter, R., **Watson, R.J.**, Russo, J., & Steele, J. (November, 2014). *Examining the effectiveness of a youth theater intervention*. Poster presentation at the CALS Research Poster Forum.
9. **Watson, R.J.**, Wichstrøm, L., & Russell, S.T. (September, 2014). *Comparing sexual minorities across cultures: Norway and the United States*. Symposium chair and paper presentation at the European Association for Research on Adolescence conference, Izmir, Turkey.
8. **Watson, R.J.**, & Wichstrøm, L. (September, 2014). *Social support's and depression for sexual minorities in Norway*. Paper presentation at the European for Research on Adolescence conference, Izmir, Turkey.
7. **Watson, R.J.**, Russell, S.T., & Grossman, A.H. (May, 2014). *Social support and self-esteem amongst minority youth*. Paper presentation at Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA
6. **Watson, R.J.**, Grossman, A.H., & Russell, S.T. (March, 2014). *Sources of social support and depression for sexual minority youth*. Poster presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Austin, TX.
5. **Watson, R.J.**, & Russell, S.T. (April, 2013). *The importance of school engagement for LGBT youth psychosocial outcomes*. Paper presentation at Society of Research on Child Development (SRCD), Seattle.
4. **Watson, R.J.**, Grossman, A. H. & Russell, S.T. (April, 2013). *Different forms of victimization and self-mutilation behaviors and the role of protective factors for LGBT youth*. Poster presentation at SRCD, Seattle.
3. **Watson, R.J.**, & Russell, S.T. (August, 2012). *The impact of interpersonal relationships on educational outcomes for sexual minority youth*. Symposium chair and paper presentation at the biennial meeting of the European Association for Research on Adolescence, Spetses, Greece.
2. **Watson, R.J.**, Licon, A., & Russell, S.T. (May, 2012). *The prevalence and implications of bullying in Tucson schools for youth*. Paper presentation at the New Directions Conference, Tucson, AZ.
1. **Watson, R.J.**, Sinclair, K.O., & Russell, S.T. (March, 2012). *The effects of being out on academic achievement*. Poster presentation at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Vancouver, Canada.

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INVITED PRESENTATIONS

“Overcoming the challenges of contemporary data collection to examine SGD youth” Invited talk at the Population Research Center at the University of Texas	2025
“Sexual and gender diverse health disparities: Using national data to examine intersectionality” Invited talk at Wayne State University	2024
“Health disparities across adolescence and youth adulthood” Adelaide University Seminar Series; Australia	2023
“Using large existing datasets to quantify SGM health disparities” Northwestern University NIH training in Translational Science, HIV and SGM Health	2023
“Shadow selves/Imposter syndrome - Normalizing failure in the academy” Invited co-moderator for the Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA) 2022 Biennial Meeting	2022
“A day in the life of a researcher” Invited lecture for UConn UNIV 1820: Entering the World of Health Research	2022
“The ubiquitous and undermining nature of stigma on health care access” Invited University-wide research talk at Yale – National University of Singapore	2019
“Sexual orientation and identity disclosure: MSM PrEP and substance use” Invited presentation at the NIH Collaborative Research on Addiction meeting, Bethesda, MD	2019
“Family acceptance and rejection of LGBTQ+ youth in a national U.S. sample” Invited talk and discussion for Center for the Study of Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection	2018
“Sexual, gender, and ethnoracial minority youth across the US: 2017 LGBTQ National Survey” Brown for Psychology—UConn; Webinar talk for Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (40 school sites)	2018
“Sexual and gender minority youth: Preliminary national findings” Invited talk and discussion for Center for the Study of Culture, Health, and Human Development	2017
“Findings from the 2017 LGBTQ national teen survey” Invited speaker at the Human Rights Campaign Headquarters; Washington DC	2017
“Families matter: Parent support, acceptance, and autonomy-granting for sexual minorities” Invited talk and discussion for Center for the Study of Interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection	2017
“Cross-national investigation of health indicators among sexual minorities” Invited talk and discussion for Center for the Study of Culture, Health, and Human Development	2016
“The importance of GSAs for reducing victimization in British Columbia” Presentation at the annual meeting of the CRBC Gay Men’s Health Summit; Vancouver, Canada	2015
“Making it better: What helps lower odds of suicidality among gay boys?” Invited talk at the annual meeting Pacific AIDS Network; Vancouver, Canada	2015
“What’s happening in LGB youth health over time in British Columbia?” Talk at annual meeting of Queer U Conference; University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada	2015
“Comparisons of the sexual minority experience across Norway and the US” Invited lecture, University of Arizona: https://lgbt.arizona.edu/news/deepdish_watson	2014
“Development across the lifespan for sexual minority individuals in the US” Invited lecture, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway	2013

HONORS & AWARDS

Faculty Research Award , University of Connecticut HDFS	2024
Early Career Excellence in Research Award , American Association of University Professors (UConn)	2020
Early Career Research Award , Society for Research on Adolescence	2020
Junior Faculty Research Excellence Award , Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, & Policy	2019

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Distinguished Faculty Research Award , UConn Rainbow Center	2019
Finalist, Article of the Year for Informing Treatment , Journal of Eating Disorders	2019
Robert H. Durant Award for Statistical Rigor in Adolescent Health Research	2019
Invited Speaker/Research Award (\$2060) , Connecticut Institute for Clinical and Translational Sciences	2018
Big Brothers Big Sisters/MENTOR , LGBTQ curriculum working group member	2018
Trainee Travel Award , Canadian Institutes of Health Research (\$1,475)	2016
Emerging Scholar Spotlight , Society for Research on Adolescence	2015
Pre-Doctoral Fellow , National Science Foundation	2010–2014
Junior Scholar , Selected to attend EARA / SRA International Summer School, Utrecht, Netherlands	2014
1st place: Interdisciplinary Research Award , Graduate College: University of Arizona	2014
International Research Fellow , National Science Foundation; Research Council of Norway	2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Connecticut, Human Development & Family Sciences

Instructor: HDFS 3103 – Adolescent Development (Undergraduate) Spring 2025	2025—
Instructor: HDFS 5277 – Human Sexuality (Graduate) Fall 2022	2022—
Instructor: HDFS 5003 – Research Methods in HDFS (Graduate) Fall 2025; Fall 2020; Fall 2019	2019—
Instructor: HDFS 5269 – Gender Role Transitions Over the Lifespan (Graduate) Fall 2018	2018—
Instructor: HDFS 1060 - Intimate Relationships across the Lifespan (Undergraduate) Spring 2026; Fall 2025; Fall 2023 (339 students); Fall 2021 (298 students); Fall 2018 (309 students); Fall 2017 (314 students); Spring 2017 (91 students)	2017—
Instructor: HDFS 3277 - Issues in Human Sexuality (Undergraduate) Fall 2017 (65 students); Spring 2017 (60 students); Fall 2016 (60 students)	2016—

University of British Columbia, Psychology

Instructor: PSYCH 350A - Psychological Aspects of Human Sexuality (Undergraduate) Winter 2016 (184 students); Summer 2016 (187 students); Summer 2015 (118 students)	2015–2016
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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal Editorships

Editorial Board Member , <i>Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology</i>	2020—
Editorial Board Member , <i>LGBT Health</i>	2020—
Editorial Board Member , <i>AIDS & Behavior</i>	2019—
Editorial Board Member , <i>Journal of Research on Adolescence</i>	2017—
Editor, Special Issue , <i>International Journal of Transgenderism</i>	2017

Grant Reviewing

Yale University – Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS , K99/R00 reviewer	2022
National Institutes of Health (NIMHD) , Career Development (K) award panel, ZMD1 DRI O1	2021
National Institutes of Health (NIMHD) , Special Emphasis Panel R21 Reviewer, RFA-MD-20-005	2020
American Psychological Association (Division 44) , Malyon-Smith Grant Award Reviewer	2016–2021

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External Tenure Reviewer

University of North Carolina	2024
Brown University	2023
The Pennsylvania State University	2022
University of Kentucky	2021

National Service

Program Committee , Society of Research on Adolescence	2022—2026
Biennial Meeting Program Co-Chair , Meeting of the Society of Research on Adolescence	2023-2024
Senior Leader , Society of Research on Child Development 2023 conference	2023
Treasurer (elected), Society of Research on Child Development SOGI Caucus	2021—2023
Early Career & Memorial Awards Committee Member , Society for Research on Adolescence	2021, 2023
Abstract Reviewer (Panels #7 and 19) , Society of Research for Child Development	2016, 2020, 2022
Finance Committee Member , Society for Research on Adolescence	2014—2019
LGBTQ National Advisory Council Member , Big Brothers Big Sisters of America	2017—2019
Senior Scholar Mentor , Society for Research on Adolescence	2017—2018
Emerging Scholar Committee , European Association for Research on Adolescence	2014—2018
Emerging Scholar Committee , Society for Research on Adolescence	2014—2018
Symposium Reviewer , Society for Research on Adolescence	2015—2017
LGBT Caucus Student Mentor , American Public Health Association	2017
Student Poster Award Reviewer , Society for Research on Adolescence	2016
Ad-hoc Reviewer: <i>AIDS & Behavior, American Journal of Men's Health, American Journal of Public Health, Archives of Sexual Behavior, Child Development, Drug and Alcohol Dependence, Emerald Studies in Media and Communication, International Journal of Sexual Health, International Journal of Transgender Health, Journal of Adolescent Health, Journal of Adolescent Research, Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology, Journal of Child and Family Studies, Journal of Family Psychology, Journal of Family Violence, Journal of HIV/AIDS and Social Services, Journal of Homosexuality, Journal of LGBT Youth, Journal of Research on Adolescence, Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, Journal of Sex Research, LGBTQ+ Family: An Interdisciplinary Journal, LGBT Health, Media & Society, Psychology & Sexuality, Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity, Research in Social Stratification & Mobility, SAGE Open, Sexuality Research and Social Policy, Sex Roles, Scandinavian Journal of Psychology, Social Problems, Social Science & Medicine, Stigma and Health, Substance Use & Misuse, The Counseling Psychologist, Transgender Health, Youth & Society</i>	

University/Department Service

Chair (selected) , UConn HDFS Undergraduate Scholarship and Awards committee	2025
Member (selected) , UConn College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Research Advisory Committee	2023—2025
Member (selected) , UConn Dean of Students search committee	2024
Member (elected) , UConn HDFS Promotion and Tenure Committee	2023—2024
Faculty Member (selected) , UConn IRB Advisory Committee	2021—2023
Chair (elected) , UConn HDFS merit committee	2021—2023
Faculty Advisor , UConn Family Sciences Undergraduate Council	2017—2023
Chair (selected) , HDFS Health Disparities Faculty Search Committee	2022—2023
Member (selected) , UConn Career Center Faculty Advisory Committee	2019—2022
Member (selected) , HDFS faculty search committee	2020
Member (selected) , UConn College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Strategic Planning Committee	2019—2020

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STUDENT AND TRAINEE SUPERVISION

Supervised Full-Time Postdoctoral Trainees

Kay Simon, PhD; now faculty at University of Minnesota	2020—2022
Marcie Berman, PhD; now faculty at Central Connecticut State University	2020

Supervised Part-Time Postdoctoral Trainees

Esther Burson; now faculty at Smith College	2020—2022
Eric Layland; now faculty at University of Delaware	2020—2022

Supervised PhD Students (Major Advisor)

Peter McCauley, UConn HDFS PhD student	2022—
Benton Renley, UConn HDFS PhD student	2021—
Antonia Caba, UConn HDFS PhD student	2020—2024
Taylor Rathus, UConn HDFS PhD student	2018—2023
Connor Gallik, UConn Clinical Psychology PhD student (co-major advisor)	2017—2021
Timothy McKay, UConn HDFS PhD student	2017—2021

PhD/Master's Student Committee Advisement

Rui Wi, UConn HDFS PhD student (committee member)	2024—
Sawyer Adams, Georgia State University Psychology PhD student (committee member)	2024—
Christie Idiong, UConn Allied Health Sciences PhD student (committee member)	2024—
Nikole Babcock, UConn HDFS PhD student (co-advisor)	2023—
Madison Mas, UConn HDFS PhD student (committee member)	2023—
Debra Tomasino, UConn HDFS PhD student (committee member)	2019—
Alex Del Farno, UConn HDFS Master's student (committee member)	2022—2024
Noelle Mastrili, Rosalind Franklin University PhD student (committee member)	2022—2024
Veronica Hanna-Walker, UConn HDFS PhD student (committee member)	2021—2024
Azure Zheng, University of Maryland Master's student (committee member)	2023—2024
Jessie Gentilella, UConn HDFS Master's student (committee member)	2022—2024
Alyssa Clark, UConn HDFS PhD student (committee member)	2019—2023
Hank Sherwood, New York University PhD student (committee member)	2021—2023
Samantha Lawrence, UConn HDFS PhD student (committee member)	2020—2022
Christopher Ceccolini, Boston College Counseling Psychology PhD student (committee member)	2019—2022
Katelyn Pitcher, UConn Psychology Master's student (committee member)	2020—2021
Katherine Tomlinson, University of Maryland PhD student (committee member)	2020—2021
Rachel Taylor, UConn HDFS Master's student (committee member)	2019—2020
Cristina Knowles, UConn HDFS Master's student (committee member)	2018—2019
Steve Garcia Cisneros, University of Chicago at Illinois PhD student (committee member)	2018
David Lanza, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid PhD student (committee member)	2016—2017

Other Supervised and Mentored Graduate and Undergraduate Students

Makayla Dawkins, Casey Cunningham, Ethan Wang, Anna Francisco, Malcolm Patel (Honors thesis advisor), Cassandra Zwarycz, Alejandra Botia, Blake Hawkins, Skyler Wang, Bianca Gomez, Nicholas Bennett, Steven Lee, Levi Green, Anna Babbin (Honors thesis advisor), Ace Ricker, Mia Yona, Steven Feldman, Alex Molaver, Qianxia Jiang, Sydney Beck, Cassandra Zwarycz, Hilal Kuscul, Jeanine Dalessio, Taylor Mangini, Terence Ching, Aerielle Allen, Jessica Maksut, Yousef Shahin, Catherine Shaffer, Claire Pitcher, Max Ferguson, Emily Hirst, Shevonne Hothi, Hakim Almakadma, Basel Bazerbachi, Huda Akef, Stephanie Shen, Sarah Warkyas, Alyssa Clark

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AWARDED COMPETITIVE TRAINING FUNDING

Canadian Institutes of Health Research Post-Doctoral Fellowship Competition rank: 64/1018; Total: \$90,000	2016
Michael Smith Research Post-Doctoral Fellowship Total applicants: 154; Total: \$83,000	2016
National Science Foundation (NSF) Pre-Doctoral Fellow DGE-1143953; PI: R. Watson; Total: \$130,000	2011–2014
NSF Pre-Doctoral Fellow International Training Dissertation Grant , Trondheim, Norway National Science Foundation (\$5,000); Research Council of Norway (\$14,670), Total: \$19,670	2013
NIH Fenway Institute Trainee , Summer Institute in LGBT Population Health, Boston, Massachusetts HD064426 (R-25) NIH funded; PI: Judith Bradford, Total: \$168,483	2012

MEDIA COVERAGE

“New study reveals relationship between HIV risk factors for LGBTQ+ youth” Quoted and research featured in UConn Today: https://shorturl.at/00VZT	2024
“UConn study: Why being outed as LGBTQ is bad for youth mental health” Research featured and mentored grad student quoted in CT Insider: https://shorturl.at/ckoZ7	2024
“Report finds Black LGBTQ+ youth hardships easing a bit” Quoted and research featured in Public News Service: https://shorturl.at/dCMXY	2024
“National LGBTQ+ survey finds many teens out to family, hopeful for future” Quoted and research featured in UConn Today: https://shorturl.at/7jZpY	2023
“States are banning LGBTQ+ subjects in schools” Quoted and research featured in The 19 th : https://rb.gy/etvwy	2023
“State laws restricting rights of LGBTQ+ youth are hurting their mental health, poll shows” Quoted and research featured in The 19 th : https://19thnews.org/2023/01/lgbtq-mental-health-youth-laws/	2023
“Young people need us to see them as they are, and adults are off the mark, a study says” Quoted in CNN; https://www.cnn.com/2022/03/21/health/student-gender-identity-wellness/index.html	2022
“National survey seeks experiences of 17,000 sexual and gender diverse teens” Research highlighted in UConn Today; https://tinyurl.com/ckjsmc22	2022
“Anti-trans bills hurt mental health for two-thirds of LGBTQ+ youth in 2021” Quoted by The 19 th News; https://tinyurl.com/42pfey6r	2022
“School districts have begun banning Pride flags as political speech” Research quoted by The 19 th News; https://tinyurl.com/muudu2pm	2021
“First openly gay active NFL player Carl Nassib could be a turning point for male sports” Research collaboration with Human Rights Campaign featured by NBC News; https://tinyurl.com/753e7prj	2021
“The Agony of Youth: UConn researchers hope a groundbreaking study will lead to progress” Program of Research Covered by CT Voice: https://tinyurl.com/yc5o6j4q	2020
“Study: 91 Percent of LGBTQ+ Teens Are Bullied in Trump's America” Research covered by The Advocate: https://tinyurl.com/y7sp8gyb	2020
“Gay, lesbian teens at high odds for physical, sexual abuse” Research covered by US News: https://bit.ly/2IGh0lh	2020
“Community support leads to decrease in substance abuse of LGBTQ youth” Research featured in the Daily Campus newspaper, UConn: https://tinyurl.com/ua77xm2	2020
“Toys began being marketed for gender in the 1940s, now a movement is pushing back” Research covered by CNN, https://tinyurl.com/y6xjr4pv	2019

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- “Disparities in access to HIV prevention tools”** 2019
Research featured on UConn Collaboratory on School and Child Health podcast: <https://tinyurl.com/r8lsb4b>
- “LGBTQ Youth and Substance Abuse”** 2019
Research featured on UConn Collaboratory on School and Child Health podcast: <https://tinyurl.com/uvo732d>
- “Experts weigh in on how to talk (or not talk) politics and identity this holiday season”** 2019
Research featured on Hartford Courant Capital Watch podcast
- “Supportive families and schools help prevent substance use among transgender youth”** 2019
Research covered by UBC News: <https://tinyurl.com/y2strtyl>
- “UConn study: Weight-related bullying leads to poor health outcomes for LGBTQ youth”** 2019
Research covered by CT Post: <https://tinyurl.com/y5xobch4>
- “Substance abuse seen among LGBTQ victims of weight bullying”** 2019
Research covered by UConn Today: <https://tinyurl.com/y3uz4k3>
- “Transgender teens in schools with bathroom restrictions are at higher risk of sexual assault”** 2019
Research covered by CNN: <https://cnn.it/2ZXWN0S>
- “Many LGBTQ youth don’t identify with traditional sexual identity labels”** 2019
Research featured by UConn Today; <https://goo.gl/vugfcQ>
- “LGBTQ teens face high rate of weight-based bullying”** 2019
Research featured by UConn Today; <https://goo.gl/zcLUD4>
- “UConn researchers: LGBT youth vulnerable to weight-based bullying”** 2019
Research featured by NPR; New Hampshire Register; CT post; News Times; The Hour; Stamford Advocate
NPR: <https://goo.gl/FdqAm7>; Connecticut Post: <https://goo.gl/JfGQbu>
- “Are LGBTQ students any safer in schools today?”** 2018
Research featured by North Country Public Radio (NPR); <https://goo.gl/9g11D3>
- “Among thousands of LGBTQ teens, a survey finds anxiety and fears about safety”** 2018
Research covered by and Watson quoted in *Boston Globe*; *Washington Post*, <https://goo.gl/6dTPGi>
Research covered by *University of Connecticut Today*, <https://goo.gl/MzdZmw>
Press release and coverage by the *Human Rights Campaign*, <https://goo.gl/7UVVBH>
- “Why I had a hard time calling my transgender child ‘they’ — and why I’m doing it anyway”** 2018
Research featured by Washington Post; <https://goo.gl/Typmmq>
- “When LGBTQ youth come out: Consequences, benefits, possibilities”** 2018
Research covered by ETR; <https://goo.gl/Azs3PK>
- “New study on HPV has bad news for queer folks”** 2017
Research covered by *Huffington Post* (LGBT Health Link), <https://goo.gl/RcA12H>
- “LGBTQ definitions every good ally should know”** 2017
Research featured/quoted in *USA Today*, <https://goo.gl/43mNvm>
- “Researchers launch national study on the lives of LGBTQ teens”** 2017
Research covered by *University of Connecticut Today*, <https://goo.gl/jJlucb>
- “HRC launches major new survey of LGBTQ teens”** 2017
Human Rights Campaign Press Release, <https://goo.gl/dxepFt>
- “A Q&A with human sexuality Professor Dr. Ryan Watson”** 2017
Interview with University of Connecticut: The Daily Campus, <http://goo.gl/8yfpqX>
- “Transgender youth as likely to become pregnant as other adolescents”** 2016
University of British Columbia News Room; <http://www.goo.gl/hq4fSu>
- “Sexual minority youth have higher rates of disordered eating behaviors: UBC study”** 2016
University of British Columbia News Room, July 21, 2016: <http://goo.gl/svB6fx>
CBC News Highlight: <http://goo.gl/TbFZNO>, Live on 4 radio stations, incl. CBC: <http://goo.gl/Vrm132>

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- “Graduate student attends international summer school in adolescent development”** 2014
McClelland Institute Family Link Fall 2014: <https://goo.gl/cxELLF>
- “The USA and Norway offer unique perspectives into the lives of LGBTs”** 2014
LiveScience.com: Behind the Scenes: <http://goo.gl/YG60Ya>
- “PhD student visits the Norwegian University for Science and Technology”** 2014
McClelland Institute Family Link Spring 2014: <https://goo.gl/xrr3Gg>
- “Bullying is pervasive in Tucson, but educational efforts can help”** 2012
Guest Column in Arizona Daily Star newspaper: <http://goo.gl/eRbFVH>
- “Bullying problem must be reduced, prevented”** 2012
Letter to the Editor in Arizona Wildcat newspaper: <http://goo.gl/IWNwMK>
- “More than 40% of Tucson students are bullied”** 2012
Appearance on Fox nightly news: <http://goo.gl/ZsVxOq>