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EDUCATION

- 2027
(anticipated) **Doctoral Candidate** **University of Michigan School of Social Work**
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Joint PhD Program in Social Work and Sociology
Dissertation Chairs: Karen Staller, PhD (Social Work); Rachel Best, PhD (Sociology)
Dissertation Committee: Paige Sweet, PhD (Sociology); Renee Anspach, PhD (Sociology); Addie Weaver, PhD (Social Work)
Dissertation Title: *The Ethics of Influence: Political Neutrality and Moral Authority in Contemporary Psychotherapy*
- 2023 **M.S.W.** **University of Michigan School of Social Work**
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Concentration: Interpersonal Practice in Integrated Health, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse
Comprehensive Exam: *Connecting Therapy and Politics: A Theoretical, Empirical, and Practical Investigation*
- 2023 **M.A.** **University of Michigan College of Literature, Science, and the Arts**
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Comprehensive Exam: *Knowledge and Culture*
- 2016 **B.S.** **Shimer College**
Chicago, Illinois
Double major in Humanities and Social Sciences; magna cum laude

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

Licensed Social Worker, State of Illinois, License No. 150.119166

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Politicization of mental health professions; clinical mental health practice; Black mental health; mental health assessment and diagnostics; social theory; cultural sociology

TEACHING AND PRACTICE INTERESTS

Social welfare policy; social work history; program evaluation; clinical practice; social theory; cultural sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed manuscripts:

Rubyan, M.J., Weaver, A., Tang, X., Gorton, S., Kim, S., Bodie, N., **Harris, E.**, Landry, C., Long, B., Whitted, R., Zhang, A., & Himle, J.A. (2025). Perinatal WIC client perceptions of a technology-assisted, entertaining, evidence-based depression treatment program tailored for perinatal people. *Families in Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10443894251357635>.

Zheng, H., **Harris, E.**, Elliott, W., & O'Brien, M. (2023). The role of children's savings accounts in promoting savings for college among welfare recipients: The case of Harold Alford College Challenge (HACC). *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*. 44(2), 285-296. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10834-022-09837-0>.

Manuscripts under review & in preparation:

Merle, J., **Harris, E.**, Sharma, A., Ross, B., Smith, J., & Smith, M. A qualitative process evaluation of remotely implemented virtual reality job interview training within IPS supported employment. *Psychiatric Services* [under review].

Boyd, D.T., Durkee, M.I., Weaver, A., Nhan, E., Pokowitz, E., **Harris, E.**, & Himle, J. Resilience and resistance: Understanding help-seeking intentions and mental health among young Black men facing racial discrimination. *Adversity and Resilience Science* [under review].

Meehan, P., **Harris, E.** The impact of race on mortgage denials: The view from Detroit. *Journal of Real Estate Research* [under review].

Ellis, K., Smith, M., **Harris, E.**, & Vincent, C. Barriers and facilitators for proband communication of genetic counseling results [in preparation].

Harris, E. Therapeutic neutrality and political discourse: Clinicians' perspectives on the Israel-Palestine conflict [in preparation].

Community Engaged Research

"Detroit dreams deferred: Thousands mortgage ready but many miss out." Research Brief. 2021. <https://ssw.umich.edu/sites/default/files/2025-01/detroit-dreams-deferred-report.pdf>.

"Domestic violence court in Cook County: Innovation without integration." Research Brief. 2026. <https://www.chicagoappleseed.org/2026/04/01/domestic-violence-court-in-cook-county-innovation-without-integration/>

"Still punishing fear: The devastating impacts of the war on gun possession in Chicago." Research Brief. 2026. <https://www.chicagoappleseed.org/research/> [in preparation].

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Harris, E. (2025, August). *Talking politics: How clinicians navigate political discourse in practice*. Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.

Meehan, P., & **Harris, E.** (2023, November). *Race and mortgage denials: 21st century discrimination and the need for reform*. Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Atlanta, GA.

Meehan, P., & **Harris, E.** (2023, January). *Race and mortgage denials: 21st century discrimination and the need for reform*. Poster presentation at the 27th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Phoenix, AZ.

Route, I. E., **Harris, E.**, & Hong, S. (2023, January). *Advancing ecological systems theory in social work theory and practice: Integrating history and place into an ecological framework*. Roundtable presentation at the 27th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Phoenix, AZ.

Watson, H., **Harris, E.**, McCrea, K. T., & Richards, M. (2020, January). *Exploring the utility of ecomaps for practice and research with youth in high crime, high poverty communities*. Poster presentation at the 24th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, DC.

Dusing, C., & **Harris, E.** (2019, March). *Impact of cross-age peer mentoring on mentors' internalizing symptoms: Role of relationship strength and gender*. Poster presentation at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Baltimore, MD.

INVITED TALKS

Harris, E. (2023). The role of platformed mental health discourses in shaping Black subjectivity. Invited presentation at the Graduate Writing Workshop, University of Michigan School of Social Work, Ann Arbor, MI.

Harris, E. (2022). SOUL first-gen graduate school panel. Panelist at Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2026	Rosemary Sarri Endowed Scholarship School of Social Work, University of Michigan; \$9,500
2025	Irene and William Gambrill Fellowship School of Social Work, University of Michigan; \$4,500
2025	John Longres Award in Psychology or Sociology School of Social Work, University of Michigan; \$10,000
2024	Dusseau Brevoort Scholarship Center for Education of Women, University of Michigan; \$8,000
2024	School of Social Work Conference Dean Fund School of Social Work, University of Michigan; \$400
2023	Social Work Fellowship School of Social Work, University of Michigan; \$12,400
2023	Rackham Predoctoral Research Grant Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan; \$1,500

2022	School of Social Work Conference Dean Fund School of Social Work, University of Michigan; \$400
2022	Rackham Travel Grant Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan; \$500
2022	Vivian A. and James L. Curtis Endowed Scholarship School of Social Work, University of Michigan; \$8,250
2021	Rackham Travel Grant Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan; \$500
2021	Social Work Fellowship School of Social Work, University of Michigan; \$24,000
2020	Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Diversity Fellowship Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan; \$3,000
2019	Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy and Practice Scholarship Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy and Practice, University of Chicago; \$25,000
2016	Shimer Montaigne Scholarship Shimer Great Books College, Chicago, Illinois; \$36,000

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record:

Fall 2024 **SW 508: Essentials of Social Welfare Policy**
School of Social Work, University of Michigan
Graduate Level

Winter 2024 **SW 678: Program Evaluation**
School of Social Work, University of Michigan
Graduate Level

Exam Tutor:

2022 – present **Sociology Knowledge and Culture Preliminary Exam**
Department of Sociology, University of Michigan
Graduate Level

Guest Lecturer:

Fall 2025 *The Courtroom Gaze: What Judges See – Appearance, Affect, and Bias in Moot Court Advocacy.* Guest Lecture for the International Law and Phillip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition at the University of Chicago Law School. Lecturer: Talin Hitik. Chicago, IL. November 17, 2025

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Committee Positions

2024 – 2025 University of Michigan School of Social Work Curriculum Committee; *Student Representative*
2022 – 2024 University of Michigan School of Social Work Supervisory Committee; *Student Representative*
2020 – 2022 University of Michigan School of Social Work Graduate Employees Organization (GEO Local 3550); *Social Work Steward*

Mentorship and Workshops

- 2023 – 2025 University of Michigan Department of Sociology Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program; *Mentor*
- 2023 – 2024 University of Michigan’s Sociology Leadership Program (SOUL); *Mentor*
- 2022 – 2023 University of Michigan Department of Sociology Graduate Social Theory Workshop; *Student Co-Coordinator*

Ad Hoc Reviewer

Current Sociology

SELECT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2025 – present **Intern**
Punishing Fear, Gun Possession Court Watching Research Project; Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts. Co-Executive Directors: Naomi Johnson, MSW; Stephanie Agnew
Responsibilities: Conduct interviews with key stakeholders, including Chicago journalists and individual defendants; facilitate court-watching focus groups; code qualitative data; contribute to policy brief development
- 2024 – present **Lab Member**
Kindred Research Team on Genetic Counseling Project; University of Michigan School of Social Work. Principal Investigator: Katrina Ellis, PhD
Responsibilities: Conduct literature reviews on genetic counseling experiences; code qualitative data from four focus groups with Black Detroit residents participating in genetic counseling
- 2020 – present **Research Assistant**
College Savings Survey Study; University of Michigan School of Social Work. Principal Investigator: William Elliott, PhD
Responsibilities: Conduct quantitative analyses of Child Development Account interventions; co-produce publications on study findings
- 2023 – 2024 **Research Assistant**
Inequality Tales; University of Michigan Department of Sociology. Principal Investigator: Erin Cech, PhD
Responsibilities: Supported study recruitment and conducted qualitative interviews; coded qualitative interview data from 100 participants
- 2023 – 2024 **Research Assistant**
The Archbishop’s Black Male Leadership Project; University of Michigan Department of Sociology. Principal Investigator: Alford Young, Jr., PhD
Responsibilities: Coded qualitative data from a longitudinal dataset spanning 20 years; produced qualitative briefs summarizing findings
- 2021 – 2023 **Graduate Student Research Assistant**
Grow Detroit’s Young Talent; Center for Equitable Family and Community Wellbeing, University of Michigan School of Social Work. Principal Investigator: Trina Shanks, PhD

Responsibilities: Conducted interviews with youth participants on banking habits and financial literacy

2021 – 2023

Graduate Student Research Assistant

The Detroit Housing Counseling and Homeownership Project; Center for Equitable Family and Community Wellbeing, University of Michigan School of Social Work.

Principal Investigator: Trina Shanks, PhD

Responsibilities: Evaluated Detroit's first-time homebuyer housing counseling program; co-led symposiums to present findings to community stakeholders

2019 – 2020

Research Assistant

Work Scheduling Study; University of Chicago Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice. Principal Investigator: Susan Lambert, PhD

Responsibilities: Conducted literature reviews on corporate work scheduling practices; cleaned quantitative corporate administrative data; coded qualitative telephone survey data from managers regarding staffing and scheduling strategies

2017 – 2020

Lab Member

Saving Lives, Inspiring Youth; Risk and Resilience Lab, Loyola University School of Social Work. Principal Investigator: Maryse Richards, PhD

Cleaned quantitative data from educational records and psychoanalytic assessments; conducted interviews and focus groups with youth participants in Chicago-area schools and community organizations on peer mentorship interventions

PROFESSIONAL AND CLINICAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

2024 – present

Fellow

Chicago Center for Psychoanalysis, Chicago, IL. Supervisor: Nancy Peltzman, LCSW, MA.

Responsibilities: Participate in monthly trainings and group clinical supervision and consultation on psychodynamic treatment modalities and psychoanalytic theory.

2020 – 2023

Intern (MSW Field Placement)

Treatment, Innovation, Dissemination and Research Group, University of Michigan School of Social Work, Ann Arbor, MI. Supervisor: Addie Weaver, PhD.

Responsibilities: Trained in administration of the Mini-International Neuropsychiatric Interview (M.I.N.I.). Delivered weekly virtual CBT sessions to postpartum mothers in rural areas.

2020– 2021

Intern (MSW Field Placement)

WorkIt Health Treatment Center, Ann Arbor, MI. Supervisor: Lisa McLaughlin.

Responsibilities: Provided individualized counseling tailored to members' needs, including one-on-one video or audio sessions and text-based counseling, supporting engagement, goal-setting, and mental health outcomes. Oversaw drug testing and medication-assisted treatment, including Suboxone and Naltrexone, for diverse populations in Michigan.

2018 – 2020

Case Worker

Adult Protective Services, Metropolitan Family Services, Chicago, IL. Supervisor: Tiara Winston.

Responsibilities: Conducted case intake and documentation; performed in-home visits to investigate elder abuse and neglect; managed caseloads, including maintaining accurate records and detailed case notes.

2017 – 2020

Staff

Risk and Resilience Lab, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL. Supervisor: Maryse Richards, PhD.

Responsibilities: Administered the Major Depression Inventory (MDI) to adolescent participants and provided brief, protocol-based cognitive behavioral therapy interventions.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Social Work and Research

Council on Social Work Education

American Psychological Association Division 29 (Society for the Advancement of Psychotherapy)

American Psychological Association Division 39 (Society for and Psychoanalytic Psychology)

Chicago Center for Psychoanalysis Fellow

American Sociological Association

Association of Black Sociologists

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2025 – present	Chicago Appleseed Center for Fair Courts, Chicago, IL. Court Observer (Volunteer)
2017 – present	A Just Harvest, Chicago, IL. (Volunteer)
2023 – 2024	Howard Brown Health Center, Chicago, IL. Mental Health Practice (Volunteer)
2016 – 2017	Risk and Resilience Lab, Loyola University, Chicago, IL. (Volunteer)