

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Post-doctoral Research Fellow Center for the Study of Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking and Health, School of Nursing University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan	2019 – 2021
Doctor of Philosophy School of Social Work University of Windsor Windsor, Ontario Dissertation Title: <i>Factors Affecting Healthcare Access Among Transgender People in the U.S.</i> Dissertation Advisor: Kevin M. Gorey, PhD	2016 – 2019
Master of Social Work (With Distinction) Faculty of Social Work Wilfrid Laurier University Waterloo, Ontario	1994 – 1995
Graduate Diploma in Social Administration Faculty of Social Work Wilfrid Laurier University Waterloo, Ontario	1995 – 1995
Bachelor of Social Work, Honors School of Social Work University of Windsor Windsor, Ontario	1990 – 1994

Licensure

Licensed Master of Social Work, Michigan (ID Number: 680-107-6788)

Citizenship

United States of America
Canada

Employment History

2021 – Present	Assistant Professor School of Social Work Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
2016 –2019	Part-Time Faculty Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
2016 – 2019	Project Specialist Seasons Hospice Foundation, Rosemont, Illinois
2014 – 2016	Vice President of Operations & Program Development Seasons Hospice Foundation, Rosemont, Illinois
2011 – 2014	Director of Supportive Care Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care, Madison Heights, Michigan
2009 – 2011	Hospice Social Worker Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care, Madison Heights, Michigan
2008 – 2011	Social Worker Interdisciplinary Faculty Compassionate Allies Program, Center to Advance Palliative-Care Excellence, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
2006 – 2009	Project Specialist II Maggie Allesee Center for Quality of Life, Hospice of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan
2004 – 2005	Hospital Social Worker St. Joseph Mercy of Macomb, Clinton Township, Michigan
2002 – 2004	Geriatric Program Facilitator Oakland Family Services, Rochester Hills, Michigan
2001 – 2005	Psychotherapist Oakland Family Services, Rochester Hills, Michigan

- 1998 – 2001 EAP Affiliate Counselor
Canadian Mental Health Association (Employee Assistance Program),
Windsor, Ontario
- 2000 – 2001 Consulting Social Worker
Versa Care Windsor Place, Windsor, Ontario
- 1998 – 2000 Social Worker/Case Manager
Glengarda Child and Family Services, Windsor, Ontario
- 1998 – 1999 After Hours Crisis Worker
Sexual Assault Crisis Centre, Windsor, Ontario
- 1995 – 1999 Part-Time Caseworker
House of Sophrosyne, Windsor, Ontario
- 1995 – 1998 Social Worker
Versa Care Windsor Place, Windsor, Ontario
- Winter 1995 Research Assistant
Faculty of Social Work, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario
- Summer 1994 Settlement Social Worker
Multicultural Council of Windsor & Essex County, Windsor, Ontario
- 1993 – 1994 Teaching Assistant
School of Social Work, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario

Scholarly and Professional Contributions

Refereed Published Journal Articles

Hicks, D.L., Pasma, E., O'Shay, S., **Kcomt, L.**, & Resko, S. (In press). Experiences of families bereaved by drug-related death. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*.

Kcomt, L., Evans-Polce, R.J., Engstrom, C.W., Takahashi, J., Matthews, P.A., Veliz, P.T., West, B.T., & McCabe, S.E. (2024). Social ecological influences on nicotine/tobacco use among gender-varying and gender-stable adolescents and adults in the USA. *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, 58, 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1093/abm/kaad066>

Evans-Polce, R. J., **Kcomt, L.**, Boyd, C. J., Veliz, P. T., & McCabe, S. E. (2023). Associations of sexual identity change and identity-attraction discordance with symptomatic alcohol

and other drug use. *Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology*.

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s00127-023-02600-2>

Lee, G., Hicks, D.L., Sabol, B.M., Ellis, J.D., Brown, S., **Kcomt, L.**, Agius, E., & Resko, S.M. (2023). Binge drinking and cannabis use among transgender and gender-diverse young adults in Michigan. *Health and Social Work, 48*(4), 231-239. <https://doi.org/10.1093/hsw/hlad021>

Kcomt, L., Boyd, C.J., Evans-Polce, R.J., Veliz, P.T., Engstrom, C.W., West, B.T., & McCabe, S.E. (2023). Ethnic discrimination, sexual orientation discrimination, and DSM-5 alcohol use disorder among US Latino or Hispanic adults. *Journal of Homosexuality*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00918369.2023.2217516>

Evans-Polce, R.J., Veliz, P.T., **Kcomt, L.**, Boyd, C.J., & McCabe, S.E. (2023). Examining sexual identity stability and change over time and associations with tobacco use in a nationally representative sample. *Addictive Behaviors, 121*, 107661. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.addbeh.2023.107661>

Evans-Polce, R. J., Schuler, M. S., **Kcomt, L.**, McCabe, V. V., & McCabe, S. E. (2023). Sexual identity differences in tobacco (re)uptake: Testing mediation by internalizing and externalizing symptoms. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine, 64*(6), 824-833. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amepre.2023.01.017>

Shires, D.A., **Kcomt, L.**, Kattari, L., Liroff, M., & Lee, R. (2023). Emergency clinicians' comfort levels in caring for transgender patients. *Transgender Health, 8*(3):246-253. <https://doi.org/10.1089/trgh.2021.0031>

Dahlem, C., Schepis, T., McCabe, S.E., Rank, A., **Kcomt, L.**, McCabe, V., & Voepel-Lewis, T. (2022). Prescription opioid misuse in older adult surgical patients: Epidemiology, prevention, and clinical Implications. *Journal of Addictions Nursing, 33*(4), 218-232. <https://doi.org/10.1097/JAN.0000000000000488>

Evans-Polce, R.J., **Kcomt, L.**, Veliz, P.T., Boyd, C.J., & McCabe, S.E. (2022). Mental health-related quality of life by sex and sexual identity among U.S. adults with alcohol and tobacco use disorder. *Journal of Psychiatric Research, 149*, 136-144. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpsychires.2022.02.025>

McCabe, S.E., Hughes, T.L., Fish, J.N., Hoak, S., **Kcomt, L.**, Evans-Polce, R.J., Engstrom, C., Leary, K., Veliz, P., West, B.T., McCabe, V.V., & Boyd, C.J. (2022). Is it all in the family? Sexual identity differences in DSM-5 alcohol and other drug use disorders and associations with alcohol and other drug misuse history among parents, offspring, and other relatives. *Substance Abuse, 43*(1), 1277-1285. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08897077.2022.2095080>.

- Kcomt, L.,** Evans-Polce, R.J., Engstrom, C.W., Boyd, C.J., Veliz, P.T., West, B.T., & McCabe, S.E. (2022). Tobacco use among gender-varying and gender-stable adolescents and adults living in the U.S. *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, 24(9), 1498-1503.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/ntr/ntac098>
- McCabe, S.E., Hughes, T.L., Beal, S., Evans-Polce, R.J., **Kcomt, L.,** Engstrom, C., West, B.T., Veliz, P., Leary K., McCabe V.V., & Boyd C.J. (2022). Sexual orientation differences in childhood sexual abuse, suicide attempts, and DSM-5 alcohol, tobacco, other drug use, and mental health disorders in the U.S. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 123, 105377.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2021.105377>
- McCabe, S.E., Engstrom, C.W., **Kcomt, L.,** Evans-Polce, R., & West, B.T. (2022). Trends in binge drinking, marijuana use, illicit drug use, and polysubstance use by sexual identity in the United States (2006-2017). *Substance Abuse*, 43(1), 194-203.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/08897077.2021.1913696>
- Evans-Polce, R.J., Veliz, P.T., **Kcomt, L.,** Boyd, C. J., & McCabe, S.E. (2021). Nicotine and tobacco product use and dependence symptoms among U.S. adolescents and adults: Differences by age, sex, and sexual identity. *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, 23(12), 2065-2074.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/ntr/ntab127>
- Kcomt, L.,** Gorey, K.M., Barrett, B.J., Levin, D., Grant, J., & McCabe, S.E. (2021). Unmet healthcare need due to cost concerns among U.S. transgender and gender-expansive adults: Results from a national survey. *Health & Social Work*, 46(4), 250-259.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/hsw/hlab029>
- Kcomt, L.,** Evans-Polce, R.J., Engstrom, C.W., West, B.T., Boyd, C.J., & McCabe, S.E. (2021). Moderate-to-severe tobacco use disorder and discrimination among U.S. sexual minority older adults. *The Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, 76(7), 1400-1407.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gbab067>
- Kcomt, L.,** Evans-Polce, R.J., Engstrom, C.W., West, B.T., & McCabe, S.E. (2021). Discrimination, sexual orientation discrimination, and severity of tobacco use disorder in the United States: Results from the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions-III. *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, 23(6), 920-930.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/ntr/ntaa197>
- Kcomt, L.,** Gorey, K.M., Barrett, B.J., & McCabe, S.E. (2020). Healthcare avoidance due to anticipated discrimination among transgender people: A call to create trans-affirmative environments. *SSM-Population Health*, 11, 100608.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2020.100608>

Kcomt, L., Evans-Polce, R.J., Boyd, C.J., & McCabe, S.E. (2020). Association of transphobic discrimination and alcohol misuse among transgender adults: Results from the U.S. Transgender Survey. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 215, 108223.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2020.108223>

Kcomt, L., Evans-Polce, R.J., Veliz, P.T., Boyd, C.J., & McCabe, S.E. (2020). Use of cigarettes and e-cigarettes/vaping among transgender people: Results from the 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 59(4), 538-547.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amepre.2020.03.027>

Evans-Polce, R.J., **Kcomt, L.,** Veliz, P.T., Boyd, C.J., & McCabe, S.E. (2020). Alcohol, tobacco, and comorbid psychiatric disorders and associations with sexual identity and stress-related correlates. *The American Journal of Psychiatry*, 177(11), 1073-1081.
<https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.ajp.2020.20010005>

Kcomt, L. & Gorey, K. (2020). Chinese enclave protections among married Chinese American women: Exploratory secondary analysis of colon cancer survival. *Ethnicity and Health*, 25(8), 1089-1102. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13557858.2018.1493432>

Kcomt, L. (2019). Profound health care discrimination experienced by transgender people: Rapid systematic review. *Social Work in Health Care*, 58(2), 201-219.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00981389.2018.1532941>

Kcomt, L. & Gorey, K. (2017). End-of-life preparations among lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people: Integrative review of prevalent behaviors. *Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life and Palliative Care*, 13(4), 284-301.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15524256.2017.1387214>

Journal Articles Under Review

Schepis, T.S., Veliz, P.T., West, B.T., McCabe, V.V., Hulsey, E., **Kcomt, L.,** & McCabe, S.E. (Under review). US children exposed to parental DSM-IV and DSM-5 substance use disorder in the home. *Pediatrics*.

Evans-Polce, R. J., Dickinson, K., Giang, C., Gurnik, H., Hess, I., Truchan, J., **Kcomt, L.,** & McCabe, S. E. (Under review). Associations of parental death and parental substance use problems with DSM-5 substance use disorders and mental health outcomes in a US national sample. *Journal of Psychiatric Research*.

McCabe, S.E., Dickinson, K., Engstrom, C.W., **Kcomt, L.,** Veliz, P.T., Boyd, C.J., Parra, L., & Evans-Polce, R.J. (Revise and resubmit, minor revisions). A national longitudinal study of sexual orientation discordance/concordance, sexual identity fluidity/stability, and alcohol and other drug use disorder symptoms. *The American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*.

Boyd C.J., McCabe S.E., Evans-Polce R.J., **Kcomt L.**, Para, L., & Veliz P.T. (Under review). Sexual orientation discordance, discrimination, and substance use disorder: Data from a national sample of U.S. adults. *Annals of LGBTQ Public and Population Health*.

Veliz, P.T., **Kcomt, L.**, Boyd, C.J., McCabe, S.E., & Evans-Polce, R.J. (Under review). Assessing the association between respiratory symptoms, nicotine and cannabis use via traditional and e-product devices in the United States. *AJPM Focus*.

Journal Articles in Preparation

Kcomt, L., McCabe, S.E., Engstrom, C.W., & Evans-Polce, R.J. (In preparation). Structural stigma and alcohol misuse among gender-varying and gender-stable adolescents and adults in the USA. *Stigma and Health*.

Evans-Polce, R.J., **Kcomt, L.**, Casey, L., Boyd, C.J., McCabe, S.E., Veliz, P.T., Conlin, C., & Parra, L.A. (In preparation). Associations of sexual orientation and state-level antidiscrimination policy protections with alcohol and mental health outcomes in a U.S. sample of sexual minorities. *Social Science and Medicine*.

Presentations at Refereed Conferences

Kcomt, L., McCabe, S.E., Engstrom, C.W., & Evans-Polce, R.J. (June 2024). Alcohol misuse among gender-varying and gender-stable adolescents and adults in the USA. Research Society on Alcohol, 47th Annual Scientific Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (Accepted for Poster Presentation).

Evans-Polce, R.J., Dickinson, K., Engstrom, C.W., **Kcomt, L.**, Veliz, P.T., Boyd, C.J., Parra, L., & McCabe, S.E. (June 2024). Associations of sexual orientation discordance and sexual identity fluidity with alcohol and other drug use disorders in a national U.S. sample. College on Problems of Drug Dependence, 86th Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. (Accepted for Poster Presentation).

Evans-Polce, R.J., Veliz, P.T., Boyd, C.J., **Kcomt, L.**, & McCabe, S.E. (March 2024). Associations of sexual identity change and discordance with tobacco use in a nationally representative sample of U.S. adolescents and adults. Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco 2024 Annual Meeting, Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom. (Poster Presentation).

Evans-Polce, R.J., Veliz, P., **Kcomt, L.**, Boyd, C.J., & McCabe, S.E. (June 2023). Associations of sexual identity change and sexual identity-attraction discordance with incident alcohol use disorder symptom onset: Findings from a nationally representative sample. Research Society on Alcohol Scientific Meeting, Bellevue, Washington. (Poster Presentation).

- Evans-Polce, R. J., Schuler, M. S., **Kcomt, L.**, & McCabe, S. E. (March 2023). Prospective associations of sexual identity and tobacco use in a nationally representative sample: Mediation by internalizing and externalizing symptoms. Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco 2023 Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas. (Poster Presentation).
- Kcomt, L.**, Evans-Polce, R.J., & Krueger, E. (March 2023). Methodological Considerations in Tobacco Research among SGM Populations. Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco 2023 Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas. (Oral Presentation at Preconference Workshop).
- Kcomt, L.**, Evans-Polce, R.J., Engstrom, C.W., Matthews, P.A., Veliz, P., West, B.T., & McCabe, S.E. (June 2022). Social Ecological Influences on Nicotine/Tobacco Use Among Gender-Fluid and Gender-Stable Adolescents and Adults in the U.S. The College on Problems of Drug Dependence 84th Annual Scientific Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota. (Oral Presentation).
- Kcomt, L.**, Evans-Polce, R.J., Engstrom, C.W., Boyd, C.J., Veliz, P.T., West, B.T., & McCabe, S.E. (March 2022). Nicotine/tobacco use among gender-fluid and gender-stable adolescents and adults living in the U.S. Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco 2022 Annual Meeting. (Poster Presentation).
- Evans-Polce, R.J., **Kcomt, L.**, Veliz, P.T., Boyd, C.J., & McCabe, S.E. (March 2022). Changes in sexual identity over time and increases in tobacco use. Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco 2022 Annual Meeting. (Oral Presentation).
- Boyd, C.J., McCabe, S.E., Evans-Polce, R.J., **Kcomt, L.**, & Veliz, P.T. (March 2022). Sexual minorities at higher risk for tobacco use disorder: A latent variable approach to sexual orientation discordance and its association to discrimination and tobacco use disorder severity. Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco 2022 Annual Meeting. (Poster Presentation).
- Boyd, C. J., McCabe, S.E., Evans-Polce, R.J., **Kcomt, L.**, & Veliz, P.T. (2021). Latent variable approach to sexual orientation concordance and its association to substance use disorder severity. The College on Problems of Drug Dependence 83rd Annual Scientific Meeting, Virtual Conference. (Poster Presentation).
- Kcomt, L.** & Sherman, N. (2021). Understanding and respecting sexual and gender diversity at the end-of-life. Social Work Hospice & Palliative Care Network Summit, Virtual Conference. (Oral Presentation).
- Kcomt, L.**, Boyd, C.J., Evans-Polce, R.J., Veliz, P.T., Engstrom, C., West, B.T., Dean, F., & McCabe, S.E. (2021). Ethnic discrimination, sexual orientation discrimination, and DSM-5 alcohol

- use disorder among U.S. Latinx/Hispanic sexual minority adults. 2021 University of Michigan School of Nursing Research Day Virtual Conference. (Poster Presentation).
- McCabe, S.E., Hughes, T.L., Fish, J., Hoak, S., **Kcomt, L.**, Evans-Polce, R.J., Veliz, P.T., Engstrom, C., West, B.T., & Boyd, C.J. (2021). Is it all in the family? Sexual identity differences in alcohol and other drug use history among offspring and other relatives. 2021 University of Michigan School of Nursing Research Day Virtual Conference. (Poster Presentation).
- Kcomt, L.**, Evans-Polce, R.J., Engstrom, C.W., West, B.T., Boyd, C.J., & McCabe, S.E. (2021). Age differences in moderate-to-severe tobacco use disorder as a function of discrimination among U.S. sexual minorities. Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco 2021 Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference. (Poster Presentation)
- Kcomt, L.**, Evans-Polce, R.J., Boyd, C.J., & McCabe, S.E. (2021). Association of transphobic discrimination and alcohol misuse among transgender adults: Results from the U.S. Transgender Survey. Society for Social Work Research 25th Annual Conference Anniversary Celebration, Virtual Conference. (Oral Presentation)
- Kcomt, L.**, Evans-Polce, R.J., Veliz, P.T., Boyd, C.J., & McCabe, S.E. (2020). Use of cigarettes and e-cigarettes/vaping among transgender people: Results from the 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey. The College on Problems of Drug Dependence 82nd Annual Scientific Meeting, Virtual Conference. (Poster Presentation)
- Evans-Polce, R.J., **Kcomt, L.**, Veliz, P.T., Boyd, C.J., & McCabe, S.E. (2020). Comorbid alcohol, tobacco, and other psychiatric disorders and associations with sexual orientation and minority stress. The College on Problems of Drug Dependence 2020 Scientific Meeting, Virtual Conference. (Oral Presentation)
- Ryan, J., Veliz, P.T., McCabe, S.E., **Kcomt, L.**, & Boyd, C.J. (2020). Health differences in a nationally representative sample of sexual minorities & medical cannabis users. The College on Problems of Drug Dependence 2020 Scientific Meeting, Virtual Conference. (Oral Presentation)
- McCabe, S.E., West, B.T., Evans-Polce, R.J., **Kcomt, L.**, Veliz, P.T., Kahle, E., McCabe, V.V., & Boyd, C.J. (2020). ACEs high: Sexual orientation, adverse childhood experiences and DSM-5 alcohol use disorder. American Society on Addiction Medicine, Denver, Colorado. (Poster Presentation)
- Kcomt, L.** (2019). Advance care planning among LGBT People: An integrative review and analysis. The Gerontological Society of America 2019 Annual Scientific Meeting, Austin, Texas. (Oral Presentation)

Kcomt, L. (2014). Camp Kangaroo: The design and implementation of a new model for children's bereavement camps. National Alliance for Grieving Children Symposium, Atlanta, Georgia. (Poster Presentation)

Zalenski, R. & **Kcomt, L.** (2010). Seeking immortality: Helping hospice patients define their legacy. British Pain Society, United Kingdom. (Oral Presentation)

Invited Presentations

Kcomt, L., (2023). Trajectories of tobacco use, stress and health among U.S. transgender youth and adults. CAStoR Pilot Project Program Lightning Talk Sessions. Center for the Assessment of Tobacco Regulations. (Virtual Presentation)

Kcomt, L. & Sherman, N. (2020). Sexual and Gender Diversity at the End of Life: Ensuring Quality Care. Funeralcity, Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana

Kcomt, L. (2019). Toward transgender affirmative health care. Faculty of Nursing Summer Institute, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario.

Kcomt, L. (2018). Ethics at the end-of-life. Institute of Gerontology, Wayne State University, Sterling Heights, Michigan.

Kcomt, L. (2018). Ethics at the end-of-life. Institute of Gerontology, Wayne State University, Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Kcomt, L. (2013). The role of the social worker in hospice and palliative care. Madonna University, Livonia, Michigan.

Kcomt, L. & Paletta, M. (2008). Clinical approach to pain management in long term care. Long Term Care Alliance, Dearborn, Michigan.

Teaching

Courses Taught

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| Winter 2024 | Diversity, Oppression, and Social Justice (SW 3110)
School of Social Work, Wayne State University |
| Winter 2023 | Diversity, Oppression, and Social Justice (SW 3110)
School of Social Work, Wayne State University |
| Fall 2022 | Human Behavior in the Social Environment (SW 3510)
School of Social Work, Wayne State University |
| Winter 2022 | Integrative Seminar (SW 4997) |

School of Social Work, Wayne State University

Fall 2021	Human Behavior in the Social Environment (SW 3510) School of Social Work, Wayne State University
Fall 2018	Palliative Care and Elder Law (SW 7770) School of Social Work, Wayne State University
Fall 2017	Palliative Care and Elder Law (SW 7770) School of Social Work, Wayne State University
Winter 2016	End of Life Issues (NUR 7515; SOC 5020; SOC 7020; ANT 7430) College of Nursing, Wayne State University

Course or Curriculum Development

2020	Substance Use and Misuse Center for the Study of Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking, and Health, University of Michigan
2016	Palliative Care and Elder Law (SW 7770) School of Social Work, Wayne State University

Dissertation Advisement

Year	Trainee Name	Role, Title of Project, and Location
2020 – 2022	Laura Bruns (PhD student)	External Dissertation Committee Member. <i>Perimortem Rhetoric: A Rhetoric of Death and Dying</i> . Wayne State University, Department of Communication (Dissertation Defended July 2022)

Directed Independent/Group Study

Year	Trainee Name	Title of Course and Location
Winter 2022	Julius Johnson (MSW student)	<i>Substance Use among Sexual and Gender Minority Populations</i> . Wayne State University, School of Social Work

Funding

Research Grants

Year	Research Grant Title Role Funding Body	Amount
March 2024 Under Review	<i>Changes in Gender Identity and CVD Risk Factors</i> Co-PI: Veliz, P.T. & Arslanian-Engoren, C.; Co-I: Kcomt	\$450,000

	National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities	
February 2024 Under Review	<i>Sexual Orientation and Longitudinal Associations with Tobacco Use Disorder Symptoms, Relapse, and Cessation Trajectories</i> PI: Evans-Polce, R.J.; Co-I: Kcomt, L. National Cancer Institute	\$2,048,115
September 2023 Under Review	<i>Understanding and Building Resilience for Bereaved Children of Parental Drug Overdose Death</i> Co-PI: Kcomt, L. & McCabe, S.E. (Administrative Core) Co-PI: Kcomt, L. & Voepel-Lewis (Project 3) Co-I: Kcomt, L. (Project 2) National Institute on Drug Abuse	\$8,353,115
April 2023 Unfunded Application	<i>Hope HQ</i> Co-PI: Kcomt, L. & McCabe, S.E. Michigan Health Endowment Fund	\$500,000
February 2023 Unfunded Application	<i>Changes in Gender Identity And CVD Risk Factors</i> Co-PI: Veliz, P.T. & Arslanian-Engoren, C.; Co-I: Kcomt National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities	\$437,435
February 2023 Approved	<i>Smoking and Cancer-Related Health Disparities among Sexual and Gender Minority Adults</i> PI: Veliz, P.T.; Co-I: Kcomt National Cancer Institute	\$2,880,456
October 2022 Unfunded Application	<i>Hope HQ: A Community, Healthcare, and Academic Partnership to Build Resilience Among Opioid and Other Drug Overdose Loss Survivors</i> Co-PI: Kcomt, L. & McCabe, S.E. State of Michigan	\$474,046
August 2022 Approved	<i>Hope HQ: Building a Community-based Program for Southeast Michigan Families</i> Co-PI: Kcomt, L. & McCabe, S.E. Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan	\$75,000
August 2022 Unfunded Application	<i>Longitudinal Changes in Gender Identity and Trajectories of Tobacco and Nicotine Use Among U.S. Adolescents and Adults</i> PI: Kcomt, L. National Cancer Institute	\$424,090

June 2022 Unfunded Application	<i>Sexual Identity Changes and Longitudinal Associations with Tobacco Use and Tobacco Use Disorder Symptoms</i> PI: Evans-Polce, R.J.; Co-I: Kcomt, L. National Cancer Institute	\$1,217,512
May 2022 Unfunded Application	<i>Hope HQ: A Community, Healthcare, and Academic Partnership to Build Resilience Among Opioid and Other Drug Overdose Loss Survivors</i> Co-PI: Kcomt, L. & McCabe, S.E. State of Michigan	\$2,993,563
April 2022 Unfunded Application	<i>Camp Hope</i> Co-PI: Kcomt, L. & McCabe, S.E. Michigan Health Endowment Fund	\$500,000
March 2022 Approved	<i>E-Cigarette Use among U.S. Adolescents and Young Adults: Longitudinal Associations with Tobacco Use and Health and Dimensions of Risk and Protection</i> PI: Evans-Polce, R.J.; Co-I: Kcomt, L. National Cancer Institute	\$1,082,244
February 2022 Unfunded Application	<i>Smoking and Cancer-Related Health Disparities among Sexual and Gender Minority Adults</i> PI: Veliz, P.T.; Co-I: Kcomt, L. National Cancer Institute	\$2,714,588
October 2021 Unfunded Application	<i>Gender Fluidity and Trajectories of Tobacco Use among U.S. Youth and Adults</i> PI: Kcomt, L. National Cancer Institute	\$403,321
October 2021 Approved	<i>Sexual Fluidity and Longitudinal Changes in Alcohol Misuse and Associated Health Consequences</i> PI: Evans-Polce, R.J.; Co-I: Kcomt, L. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	\$853, 402
June 2021 Unfunded Application	<i>E-Cigarette Use among U.S. Adolescents and Young Adults: Longitudinal Associations with Tobacco Use and Health and Dimensions of Risk and Protection</i> PI: Evans-Polce, R.J.; Co-I: Kcomt, L. National Cancer Institute	\$1,053,000

2021 – 2023 Approved	<i>Trajectories of Tobacco Use, Stress, and Health among U.S. Transgender Youth and Adults</i> PI: Kcomt, L. Center for the Assessment of Tobacco Regulations; National Cancer Institute and the Food and Drug Administration Center for Tobacco Products (U54CA229974).	\$39,936
2021 – 2022 Approved	<i>Do Differences in Wording Matter? Sexual Identity, Gender Identity, and Substance Use Behaviors</i> Co-PI: Veliz, P.T. & Kcomt, L. Population Dynamics and Health Program Pilot Project Seed Grant, University of Michigan	\$3,000
March 2021 Unfunded Application	<i>Longitudinal Changes in Identity, Tobacco Use, and Health Disparities among Sexual and Gender Minority Populations</i> PI: McCabe, S.E.; Co-I: Kcomt, L. National Cancer Institute (R01CA212517)	\$1,270,022
March 2021 Unfunded Application	<i>Sexual Fluidity and Longitudinal Changes in Alcohol Misuse and Associated Health Consequences: Individual, Community, and Policy Influences</i> MPI: McCabe, S.E., Evans-Polce, R.J.; Co-I: Kcomt, L. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (R01AA025684)	\$1,090,795

Program Grants

Year	Program Title Author, Institution Sponsor or Funder	Amount
2015 – 2025	<i>Camp Erin Milwaukee</i> (Bereavement Camp) Kcomt, L., Seasons Hospice Foundation The Moyer Foundation	\$100,000
2017 – 2019	<i>Rainbow of Hope Program: Bereavement Support for Homeless Youth</i> Kcomt, L., Seasons Hospice Foundation New York Life Foundation	\$50,000
2018	<i>Seasons Hospice Foundation Program Support</i> Kcomt, L., Seasons Hospice Foundation Westlake Health Foundation	\$50,000
2018	<i>Camp Kangaroo Michigan</i> (Bereavement Camp) Kcomt, L., Seasons Hospice Foundation	\$15,000

Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation

2018	<i>Camp Kangaroo Southern California</i> (Bereavement Camp) Kcomt, L., Seasons Hospice Foundation Inland Empire 4 Wheelrs	\$2,500
2018	<i>Camp Kangaroo Southern California</i> (Bereavement Camp) Kcomt, L., Seasons Hospice Foundation Smart & Final Charitable Foundation	\$300
2018	<i>Camp Kangaroo Miami</i> (Bereavement Camp) Kcomt, L., Seasons Hospice Foundation Enterprise Holdings Foundation	\$3,000
2017	<i>Seasons Hospice Foundation Program Support</i> Kcomt, L., Seasons Hospice Foundation Westlake Health Foundation	\$30,000
2017	<i>Camp Kangaroo Michigan</i> (Bereavement Camp) Kcomt, L., Seasons Hospice Foundation Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation	\$15,000
2016	<i>Camp Kangaroo Maryland</i> (Bereavement Camp) Kcomt, L., Seasons Hospice Foundation Newman's Own Foundation	\$10,000
2016	<i>Camp Kangaroo Southern California</i> (Bereavement Camp) Kcomt, L., Seasons Hospice Foundation San Manuel Band of Mission Indians	\$3,200
2016	<i>Camp Kangaroo Michigan</i> (Bereavement Camp) Kcomt, L., Seasons Hospice Foundation Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation	\$15,000
2016	<i>Camp Kangaroo Illinois</i> (Bereavement Camp) Kcomt, L., Seasons Hospice Foundation Lauri S. Bauer Foundation	\$10,000
2015	<i>Camp Kangaroo Michigan</i> (Bereavement Camp) Kcomt, L., Seasons Hospice Foundation Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation	\$15,000
2015	<i>Camp Kangaroo Illinois</i> (Bereavement Camp) Kcomt, L., Seasons Hospice Foundation	\$10,000

Lauri S. Bauer Foundation

2015 *Camp Kangaroo Massachusetts* (Bereavement Camp) \$1,000
Kcomt, L., Seasons Hospice Foundation
Eastern Bank Foundation

Honors, Scholarships & Awards

Year	Scholarship or Award Title Funder	Amount
2023	Manuscript entitled, "Social Ecological Influences on Nicotine/Tobacco Use Among Gender-Varying and Gender-Stable Adolescents and Adults in the USA" was selected as Editor's Choice Annals of Behavioral Medicine	
2021	2021 CPDD Travel Award for Early Career Investigators The College on Problems of Drug Dependence	Conference Registration
2021	Travel Award Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco	Conference Registration
2020	2020 Primm-Singleton Minority Award The College on Problems of Drug Dependence	Conference Registration
2020	2020 Canadian Association for Graduate Studies/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Awards University of Windsor	Nomination
2020	Governor General's Gold Medal University of Windsor	Nomination
2019—2020	Ontario Graduate Scholarship University of Windsor	\$15,000
2016 – 2020	Doctoral Entrance Scholarship University of Windsor	\$24,000
2018 – 2019	Ontario Graduate Scholarship University of Windsor	\$15,000
2017 – 2018	Ontario Graduate Scholarship University of Windsor	\$15,000

2017	Excellence in Teaching Award School of Social Work, Wayne State University	Nomination
2016 – 2017	Ontario Graduate Scholarship University of Windsor	\$15,000
1994 – 1995	Graduate Scholarship Wilfrid Laurier University	
1993	Dean Ruth Scholarship School of Social Work, University of Windsor	
1993 – 1994	Dean’s List Faculty of Social Science, University of Windsor	
1990 – 1994	President’s Roll University of Windsor	
1992 – 1993	In-Course Scholarship University of Windsor	
1992	Margaret Alsobrook McManus Prize School of Social Work, University of Windsor	
1990	Ontario Scholar Award Ministry of Education	

Service

Journal Reviewer

2024	American Journal of Preventive Medicine
2023	SSM Mental Health
2023	Substance Use and Misuse
2023	Acta Psychologica
2023	Journal of Homosexuality
2022	Journal of Racial & Ethnic Health Disparities
2022	Journal of Substance Use
2022	Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment
2022	Discover Social Science and Health
2021	Nicotine & Tobacco Research
2020	Nicotine & Tobacco Research
2020	The Journal of Sexual Medicine

2020 Substance Use and Misuse
2019 Critical Social Work
2018 Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine

University Service

2023 – Present Faculty Organizer, The Edith Harris Endowed Memorial Lecture Series
School of Social Work, Wayne State University

2022 – Present Member, School of Social Work Faculty Hearing Panel
School of Social Work, Wayne State University

2022 – 2023 Peer Mentor, Post-doctoral Research Fellow Network
School of Social Work, Wayne State University

2022 Moderator, Transgender Health Equity and the Law Symposium
School of Social Work and Law School, Wayne State University

2022 Strategic Plan Research & Discovery Working Group
School of Social Work, Wayne State University

2020 Faculty and Staff of Color Workgroup
School of Nursing, University of Michigan

2020 LGBTQ+ Faculty Network
School of Nursing, University of Michigan

2017 – 2018 Brehler Manuscript Review Committee Member
Elizabeth N. Brehler Scholars Program, School of Social Work, Wayne State
University

2016 – 2017 Ad Hoc Curriculum Committee Member
School of Social Work, Wayne State University

1993 – 1994 Career Fair Committee Member
School of Social Work, University of Windsor

1993 – 1994 Multicultural Task Force
School of Social Work, University of Windsor

1993 Harassment Committee Member
School of Social Work, University of Windsor

1992 – 1994 Undergrad Representative
School of Social Work, University of Windsor

Membership in Professional Associations

Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT)

The College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)

The Gerontological Society of America (GSA)

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

Committee, Organizational, and Volunteer Service

- 2024 -- Present Bereavement Group Facilitator
Ele's Place, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- 2023 – Present Member
Sexuality Relationships Gender Research Collective
- 2022 Session Co-chair, Full-Oral Communication: Sexual Minority Health
The College on Problems of Drug Dependence 84th Annual Scientific Meeting
- 2020 – 2022 Chairperson
Professional Advisory Committee, Funeralocity Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2019 – 2022 Board Member
Oneday Dreams Foundation, Windsor, Ontario
- 2007 – 2009 Member
Bereavement Focus Group, AllScripts (formerly MISYS)
- 2006 – 2009 Facilitator
Hospice Foundation of America Teleconference Planning Committee,
Hospice of Michigan
- 2007 Project Leader
Health and Safety Competency Workgroup, Hospice of Michigan
- 2006 – 2007 Project Leader
Bereavement Enhancements in MISYS Workgroup, Hospice of Michigan
- 1996 – 1998 Treasurer
Ontario Association of Social Workers, Southwestern Branch
- 1997 Professional Development Committee Chairperson

Ontario Association of Social Workers, Southwestern Branch

1993 – 1994 Student Representative
Ontario Association of Social Workers, Southwestern Branch

1997 Facilitator
Multidisciplinary Study Group, Windsor

Media Appearance

July 17, 2023 [Warriors in the Community](#)

March 31, 2023 [Hope HQ: Social Work assistant professor launches new program for grieving children and caregivers impacted by drug overdose loss](#)

November 14, 2022 [Social Work faculty works to reduce alcohol-related health disparities among sexual minority individuals](#)

September 10, 2022 [LGBTQ people don't see tobacco use as most imminent threat, but it's a smoldering issue](#)

June 8, 2022 [Texas threatens trans youth rights, WSU Social Workers fight back](#)

October 12, 2020 [Transgender patients brace for poorer health outcomes](#)

September 16, 2020 [Transgender patients brace for poorer health outcomes](#)

April 2, 2018 [Lost someone to an overdose? Camp Kangaroo promotes 'unconventional' healing](#)