

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Education

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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

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Licensed Master of Social Work, Michigan

### Citizenship

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United States of America  
Canada

## Employment History

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2021 – Present	Assistant Professor School of Social Work Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
2019 – 2021	Post-doctoral Research Fellow Center for the Study of Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking and Health Department of Health Behavior and Biological Sciences School of Nursing University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 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

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### Refereed Published Journal Articles

- Kcomt, L.**, Gorey, K.M., Barrett, B.J., Levin, D., Grant, J., & McCabe, S.E. (In press). Unmet healthcare need due to cost concerns among U.S. transgender and gender-expansive adults: Results from a national survey. *Health & Social Work*.
- Dahlem, C.H., Schepsis, T.S., Voepel-Lewis, T., Rank, A.L., Teter, C.J., **Kcomt, L.**, McCabe, V. & McCabe, S.E. (In press). Prescription Opioid Misuse in Older Adult Surgical Patients: Epidemiology, Prevention and Clinical Implications. *Journal of Addictions Nursing*.
- 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*. doi: 10.1093/geronb/gbab067

- Evans-Polce, R.J., Veliz, P.T., **Kcomt, L.**, Boyd, C. J., & McCabe, S.E. (2021). Nicotine/tobacco product use and dependence symptoms among U.S. adolescents and adults: Differences by age, sex, and sexual identity. *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*. doi: 10.1093/ntr/ntab127
- McCabe, S.E., Engstrom, C.W., **Kcomt, L.**, Evans-Polce, R., & West, B.T. (2021). Trends in alcohol, tobacco, illicit drug, and polysubstance use by sexual identity in the United States (2006-2017). *Substance Abuse*. doi: 10.1080/08897077.2021.1913696
- Kcomt, L.**, Evans-Polce, R.J., Engstrom, C.W., West, B.T., & McCabe, S.E. (2020). Racial/ethnic 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*. doi: 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*. doi: 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*. doi: 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*. doi: 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*. doi: 10.1176/appi.ajp.2020.20010005
- Kcomt, L.** (2019). Profound health care discrimination experienced by transgender people: Rapid systematic review. *Social Work in Health Care*, 58(2), 201-219. doi: 10.1080/00981389.2018.1532941
- Kcomt, L.** & Gorey, K. (2018). Chinese enclave protections among married Chinese American women: Exploratory secondary analysis of colon cancer survival. *Ethnicity and Health*. doi: 10.1080/13557858.2018.1493432

**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. doi: 10.1080/15524256.2017.1387214

## Journal Articles Under Review

Evans-Polce, R.J., **Kcomt, L.**, Boyd, C.J., McCabe, S.E. (Under review). Sexual identity and three domains of mental functioning across the continuum of DSM-5 alcohol use disorder severity. *Social Science & Medicine*.

McCabe, S.E., Hughes, T.L., Beal, S., Evans-Polce, R.J., **Kcomt, L.**, Engstrom, C.W., West, B.T., Veliz, P.T., Leary, K., McCabe, V.V., & Boyd, C.J. (Under review). Childhood sexual abuse, suicide attempts, DSM-5 alcohol, tobacco, other substance and mental health disorders among sexual orientation subgroups in the U.S. *Child Abuse & Neglect*.

Shires, D.A., **Kcomt, L.**, Kattari, L., Lee, R., Liroff, M., & Hope, J. (Under review). Emergency clinicians' comfort levels in caring for transgender patients. *Transgender Health*.

Ryan, J.E., McCabe, S.E., Boyd, C.J., **Kcomt, L.**, & Veliz, P.T. (Under review). Medical Cannabis Use and Health Status in a Nationally Representative Sample of Sexual Minorities. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*.

## Journal Articles in Preparation

**Kcomt, L.**, Engstrom, C.W., West, B.T. Veliz, P.T. McCabe, S.E. (In preparation). DSM-5 Alcohol Use, Other Substance Use, and Mental Health Disorders Associated with Having a Spouse or Partner with Alcohol Problems by Sexual Orientation. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*.

**Kcomt, L.**, Boyd, C.J., Evans-Polce, R.J., Veliz, P.T., Engstrom, C., West, B.T., & McCabe, S.E. (In preparation). Ethnic Discrimination, Sexual Orientation Discrimination, and DSM-5 Alcohol Use Disorder among U.S. Latinx/Hispanic Adults. TBD.

McCabe, S.E., Hughes, T.L., Fish, J., **Kcomt, L.**, Evans-Polce, R.J., Engstrom, C.W., Leary, K., Veliz, P.T., West, B.T., & Boyd, C.J. (In preparation). Is it all in the family? Sexual identity differences in DSM-5 substance use disorders and associations with alcohol and other drug use history among parents, offspring, and other relatives. *Addiction*.

## Presentations at Refereed Conferences

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 83<sup>rd</sup> 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. (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 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 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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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., **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.** (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

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### Courses Taught

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
2020	Sexual and Gender Diversity at the End of Life: Ensuring Quality Care Funeralocity, Inc.
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	Laura Bruns	Dissertation Committee Member. <i>The "Dying" as a Marginalized Population</i> . Wayne State University, Department of Communication

## Funding

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### Research Grants

Year	Research Grant Title Role Funding Body	Amount
2021 – 2022 Approved	<i>Do Differences in Wording Matter? Sexual Identity, Gender Identity, and Substance Use Behaviors</i> MPI: Veliz, P.T., Kcomt, L. Population Dynamics and Health Program Pilot Project Seed Grant, University of Michigan	\$3,000
2021 – 2022 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	\$39,936
Under Review	<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
Under Review	<i>Sexual Fluidity and Longitudinal Changes in Alcohol Misuse and Associated Health Consequences: Individual, Community, and Policy Influences</i>	\$1,090,795



MPI: McCabe, S.E., Evans-Polce, R.J.; Co-I: Kcomt, L.  
 National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism  
 (R01AA025684)

## Program Grants

<b>Year</b>	<b>Program Title Author, Institution Sponsor or Funder</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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 Children’s Hospital of Michigan Foundation	\$15,000
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 Lauri S. Bauer Foundation	\$10,000
2015	<i>Camp Kangaroo Massachusetts</i> (Bereavement Camp) Kcomt, L., Seasons Hospice Foundation Eastern Bank Foundation	\$1,000

## Academic Scholarships & Awards

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Scholarship or Award Title</b> <b>Funder</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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	Nomination

	University of Windsor	
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

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### Journal Reviewer

2020	Nicotine and Tobacco Research
2020	The Journal of Sexual Medicine
2020	Substance Use and Misuse
2019	Critical Social Work
2018	Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine

### University Service

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

The Gerontological Society of America (GSA)

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

The College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)

## Committee, Organizational, and Volunteer Service

2020 – Present	Chairperson, Professional Advisory Committee, Funeralcity
2019 – Present	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

October 12, 2020	<a href="https://sciencebuffs.org/2020/10/12/transgender-patients-brace-for-poorer-health-outcomes/">https://sciencebuffs.org/2020/10/12/transgender-patients-brace-for-poorer-health-outcomes/</a>
September 16, 2020	<a href="https://www.nasw.org/article/transgender-patients-brace-poorer-health-outcomes">https://www.nasw.org/article/transgender-patients-brace-poorer-health-outcomes</a>
April 2, 2018	<a href="https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/2018/04/02/lost-someone-to-an-overdose-camp-kangaroo-promotes-unconventional-healing/">https://www.clickondetroit.com/news/2018/04/02/lost-someone-to-an-overdose-camp-kangaroo-promotes-unconventional-healing/</a>