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EDUCATION

2015 - 2021	Doctor of Philosophy	Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work University of Toronto
2011	Master of Social Work	York University, Toronto, Ontario
2010	Bachelor of Social Work	York University, Toronto, Ontario

AWARDS and GRANTS

2020 - 2021	University of Toronto Doctoral Completion Award	\$10,000
2016 - 2020	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowship	\$80,000
2015 - 2019	University of Toronto Academic Fellowship	\$20,000
2018	School of Graduate Studies Conference Grant	\$700
2015 - 2016	University of Toronto Academic Fellowship	\$15,000
2010 - 2011	Ontario Graduate Scholarship	\$15,000
2010- 2011	York Graduate Scholarship	\$15,000
2008 - 2010	York University Continuing Student Scholarship	\$8,000

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2022 - present	Sessional Instructor	School of Social Work University of Windsor
2019 - present	Sessional Instructor	Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work University of Toronto
2018 - present	Sessional Instructor	School of Social Work Trent University, Peterborough
2018	Sessional Instructor	Social Services Program Durham College, Oshawa
2017	Guest Lecturer	Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work University of Toronto
2017 - 2019	Rater - Objective Structured Clinical Exam (OSCE)	Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work University of Toronto
2015 - present	Research Assistant	Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work University of Toronto
2011 - 2014	Guest Lecturer	School of Social Work York University, Toronto

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CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2013 - present	Social Worker Adult Mental Health Program	Ross Memorial Hospital Lindsay, Ontario
2014 - present	Social Worker Private Practice	Lock 33 Counseling Lindsay, Ontario
2014 - 2015	Social Worker Residential Crisis Unit	Canadian Mental Health Association Peterborough, Ontario
2011 - 2013	Social Worker Addictions Counselor	Four County Addiction Services Peterborough, Ontario

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2018 - present	Council for Social Work Education (CSWE)
2017 - present	Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)
2011 - present	Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers (OCSWSSW)
2011 - present	Ontario Association of Social Workers (OASW)

TEACHING

Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work (MSW Program) University of Toronto

2021 (fall)	SWK 4604 Social Work Practice in Mental Health
2019 (fall)	SWK 4604 Social Work Practice in Mental Health

School of Social Work (MSW Program for Working Professionals) University of Windsor

2022 (winter)	SWRK 8680 Advanced Internship Seminar
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School of Social Work (BSW Program) Trent University, Peterborough

2022 (winter)	SWRK 3000Y Social Work Field Education Placement
2020 (winter)	SWRK 3000Y Social Work Field Education Placement
2019 (winter)	SWRK 3000Y Social Work Field Education Placement
2018 (fall)	SWRK 3001H Communication
2018 (winter)	SWRK 3000Y Social Work Field Education Placement

School of Health and Community Services (SSW Program) Durham College, Oshawa

2018 (spring)	PSYC 2501 Abnormal Psychology
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GUEST TEACHING AND LECTURING

Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work (MSW Program)

University of Toronto

- 2017 SWK 4064 Social Work Practice in Mental Health – Motivational Interviewing
- 2017 SWK 6006 Theory and Practice Teaching Social Work – Teaching Reflective Practice

School of Social Work (MSW Program)

York University, Toronto

- 2014 SOWK 5212 Mental Health Perspectives - The Role of Family in Mental Health Recovery
- 2012 SOWK 5150 Critical Perspectives in Social Work – Critical Social Work Practice in Hospital Settings
- 2012 SOWK 5250 Graduate Research Seminar – Qualitative Research
- 2011 SOWK 5212 Mental Health Perspectives - Understanding Family-Centered Care in Mental Health

School of Social Work (BSW Program)

York University, Toronto

- 2014 SOWK 3041 Communication – Motivational Interviewing
- 2014 SWK 6006 Theory and Practice Teaching Social Work – Teaching Reflective Practice

TEACHING CERTIFICATION

- 2016 Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Online Training Program - University of Massachusetts Medical School
- 2014 Teaching Assistant Certificate (Staff and Educational Development Association) - York University Teaching Commons, Toronto
- 2013 Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP) Facilitator Training - Copeland Centre for Wellness and Recovery, Brattleboro, VT

SOCIAL WORK SUPERVISION, TRAINING & MENTORING

- 2013 - present BSW & MSW student field education
Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay, Ontario
- 2017 - 2019 Objective Structured Clinical Exam (OSCE) Rater
Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications (N=8)

1. **McNeil, S.** (2021). Epistemology, social work, and substance use. *British Journal of Social Work*, 51(1), 357-374. [https://doi: 10.1093/bjsw/bcaa128](https://doi.org/10.1093/bjsw/bcaa128)
2. **McNeil, S.** (2021). Understanding substance use stigma. *Journal of Social Work Practice in the Addictions*, 21(1), 83-96. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1533256X.2021.1890904>
3. Mishna, F., Sanders, J., **McNeil, S.**, Fearing, G., & Kalenteridis, K. (2020). "If somebody is different": A critical analysis of parents', teachers' and students' perspectives on bullying and cyberbullying. *Children and Youth Services Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105366>
4. Kourgiantakis, T., Hussain, A., Ashcroft, R., Logan, J., **McNeil, S.**, & Williams, C. (2020). Recovery-oriented social work practice in mental health and addictions: A scoping review protocol. *BMJ Open*. 10:e037777. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2020-037777>
5. Kourgiantakis, T., Sewell, K., **McNeil, S.**, Lee, E., Logan, J., Kuehl, D., McCormick, M., Adamson, K., & Kirvan, A. (2020). Social work education and training in mental health, addictions, and suicide: A scoping review. *Journal of Social Work Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10437797.2020.1773363>
6. Kourgiantakis, T., Sewell, K., **McNeil, S.**, Logan, J., Lee, E., Adamson, K., McCormick, M. & Kuehl, D. (2019). Mental health, addictions, and suicide risk assessment in social work education and training: A scoping review protocol. *BMJ Open*, 9(6), 1-5.
7. Fang, L. & **McNeil, S.** (2017). Is there a relationship between adverse childhood experiences and problem drinking behaviors? Findings from a population-based sample. *Public Health*, 150, 34-42.
8. **McNeil, S.** (2013). Understanding family-centered care in the mental health system: Perspectives from family members caring for relatives with mental health issues. *Social Work In Mental Health*, 11(1), 55-74.

Submitted for Review (N=3)

1. **McNeil, S.** Recovery rhetoric: A critical discourse analysis of substance use recovery in Canada. *Critical Discourse Studies*.
2. **McNeil, S.** Resisting recovery rhetoric: A critical discourse analysis and counter perspectives from people with substance use issues in rural Ontario. *Critical Social Work*.
3. **McNeil, S.** Recovery, identity, resistance: Exploring substance use stigma in rural Ontario. *Journal of Progressive Human Services*.

Technical Reports

Kourgiantakis, T., **McNeil, S.**, Fang, L., Sanders, J. & Pont, L. (2017). Understanding risk and protective factors in adolescent problem gambling: A scoping review. Final report submitted to Gambling Research Exchange Ontario (GREO) as part of the KTE project *Developing and Promoting a Prevention Guide for Parents on Adolescent Problem Gambling*.

Other Publications

Kourgiantakis, T., Sanders, J., Pont, L., **McNeil, S.** & Fang, L. (2017). *Adolescent problem gambling: A prevention guide for parents*. Toronto, ON: CAMH Publications.

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (N=11)

1. **McNeil, S.**, Kourgiantakis, T., Sewell, K., Logan, J., Lee, E. (2020, January). *Social work education in mental health, addictions, and suicide: A scoping review*. Poster presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington, DC.
2. **McNeil, S.**, Kourgiantakis, T., Sewell, K., Logan, J., Lee, E., Kirvan, A., McCormick, M., Kuehl, D., Adamson, K. (2019, November). *Social work education in addictions, mental health, and suicide: A scoping review*. Poster presentation at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting, Denver, Colorado.
3. Fearing, G. & **McNeil, S.** (2018, November). *Learning to Co-Facilitate a Psychoeducational Group for Families Using Simulation: An interactive workshop*. Workshop Presentation at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting.
4. Kourgiantakis, T., Sewell, K., **McNeil, S.**, et al. (2018, November). *Mental Health, addictions, and suicide risk assessment in social work education and training*. Poster presented at Ontario Association of Social Workers (OASW) Provincial Conference 2018 Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON.
5. Kourgiantakis, T., Sewell, K., Sanders, J. & **McNeil, S.** (2018, November). *Teaching students to conduct an addiction and mental health assessment using simulation: An interactive workshop*. Workshop Presentation at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Annual Program Meeting.
6. Fang, L. & **McNeil, S.** (2018, January). *Adverse childhood experiences and heavy and binge alcohol use*. Poster Presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington, DC.
7. Fang, L., & **McNeil, S.** (2017). *Adverse childhood experiences and heavy and binge alcohol use*. Poster presented at American Public Health Association (APHA) 2017 Annual Meeting and Expo, Atlanta, Georgia.

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8. **McNeil, S.** (2014). *Changing relationships in family-centered care*. Paper presented at Refocus on Recovery, International Recovery Conference, King's College, University of London.
9. **McNeil, S.** (2013). *A brief overview of family-centered care in mental health*. Paper presented at Pathways to Client-Centered Care, International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.
10. **McNeil, S.** (2013). *Understanding family-centered care in the mental health system: Perspectives from family members caring for relatives with mental health issues*. Paper presented at Working with Families: Whole and Parts, World Family Therapy Conference, Orlando, Florida.
11. **McNeil, S.** (2013). *A family focus on discrimination and recovery*. Poster presentation at Mental Health Recovery and Wellness Approaches, Kitty Lundy Memorial Lecture, York University, Toronto, Ontario.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (N=5)

1. **McNeil, S.** (2020, Sept 18). *Conducting a Critical Discourse Analysis*. School of Social Work, York University, Student Research Team, Principal Investigator: Dr. Maria Liegghio, Toronto, Ontario.
2. **McNeil, S.** (2014). *Group theory and peer support groups*. Full day volunteer training. Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay, Ontario.
3. Thompson, A. & **McNeil, S.** (2011). *The recovery model: Paradigm shifts and the impact of wellness recovery on mental health and addictions services*. Two-day training. Lakeridge Health and Pinewood Centre, Oshawa, Ontario.
4. **McNeil, S.** (2011). *A critical analysis of family-centered care*. Paper presented at Family-Centered Care Working Group and Annual Mental Health Staff Meeting, Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay, Ontario
5. **McNeil, S.** (2011). *Anti-discriminatory service provision in mental health*. Paper presented at Canadian Mental Health Association, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Branch, Lindsay, Ontario.

RESEARCH

Doctoral Dissertation

2015 - 2021 Recovery, identity, resistance: Exploring substance use stigma in rural Ontario
Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto
Supervisor: Dr. Lin Fang

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Research Coordinator

- 2021 - present Service providers' perceptions of cannabis use and mental health in youth: Strengthening policies and practice guidelines. The Richard B. Splane Applied Social Policy and Social Innovation Fund
- 2015 - 2016 Mental health day program evaluation
Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay, Ontario

Research Assistant

- 2019 - present Recovery-oriented social work practice in mental health and addictions: A scoping review
Primary Investigator: Dr. Toula Kourgiantakis
- 2018 - 2020 Teaching and learning practices in social work focused on mental health, addictions, and suicide risk: A scoping review
Primary Investigator: Dr. Toula Kourgiantakis
- 2016 - 2020 "If Somebody is Different": A critical analysis of parents', teachers' and students' perspectives on bullying and cyberbullying
Primary Investigator: Dr. Faye Mishna
- 2016 - 2017 Is there a relationship between adverse childhood experiences and problem drinking behaviors? Finding from a population-based sample
Primary Investigator: Dr. Lin Fang
- 2017 Developing and promoting a prevention guide for parents on adolescent problem gambling
Primary Investigator: Dr. Toula Kourgiantakis
- 2017 Understanding risk and protective factors in adolescent problem gambling: A scoping review
Primary Investigator: Dr. Toula Kourgiantakis
- 2015 - 2016 Couneline: Online and onsite counselling research project
Principal Investigator: Dr. Faye Mishna; Co-investigator: Dr. Marion Bogo

Master's Thesis

- 2010 - 2011 Understanding Family-Centered Care in the Mental Health System: Perspectives from Family Members Caring for Relatives with Mental Health Problems
School of Social Work, York University
Supervisor: Dr. Amy Rossiter

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RESEARCH RELATED ACTIVITIES

2021	Advanced Training in Qualitative Health Research Methodology, Dalla Lana School of Public Health	Certificate
2021	Addiction Research & Theory	Reviewer
2019	The Field Educator	Reviewer
2019	Substance Abuse	Reviewer
2014	Social Work in Mental Health	Reviewer

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2014 - 2015	Community Advisory Board, Member	Central East Correction Centre, Lindsay, Ontario
2012 - 2013	Stigma Reduction Committee, Member Youth & Substance Use Committee, Member	Peterborough Drug Strategy, Peterborough, Ontario
2011	Social Work Council, Member Family Council, Member	Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences, Whitby, Ontario
2010 - 2011	Family-Centered Care Working Group	Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay, Ontario
2006 - 2014	TeleCare, Volunteer	Lindsay, Ontario
2007 - 2008	Women's Resources, Volunteer	Lindsay, Ontario
1993 - 1997	Hospice, Volunteer	Lindsay, Ontario

REFERENCES

Dr. Toula Kourgiantakis, PhD, RSW, CCFT

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Simulation Coordinator
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