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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Expected 2018	Ph.D., Ecological-Community Psychology Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
Expected 2015	M.A., Psychology Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
May 2010	B.S., Psychology, B.A., Criminology University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM Summa cum laude

Research Interests / Research Profile

I am interested in understanding the experience of immigrants (especially undocumented), particularly what contributes to successful youth outcomes and integration; consequences or alternatives when unsuccessful integration occurs. In addition, my research concerns the intersections of migration and structures such as legal, health, and education systems.

Awards, Distinctions and Fellowships

Spring 2015	ISS Teaching Excellence Award recipient (\$500)
Fall 2014	Graduate Student Multicultural Research Grant (\$300) Awarded by the Consortium for Multicultural Psychology Research, for thesis study on intersexuality of immigration status and service referral and access
Summer 2014	American Psychological Association's Advanced Training Institute Research Methods with Diverse Racial and Ethnic Groups; full week of methodological training for use with community based research with diverse groups
Summer 2008	Signature Program in Child Health Research Apprenticeship Created research topic, analyzed data, wrote research paper titled "A Qualitative Exploration of the Effectiveness of Mutual

Learning and Advocacy in a Mental Health Intervention Model with African Child and Adolescent Refugees” under mentorship of Dr. Jessica Goodkind

Fall 2005-Spring 2009

Amigo Scholarship
Based on academic merit

Publications

Hess, J.M., Isakson, B., Roché, N., **Vadnais, K.**, Parker, D.P., & Goodkind, J. (2014). Reducing mental health disparities through transformative learning: A social change model with refugees and students. *Psychological Services, 11*(3), 347-356. doi:10.1037/a0035334

Goodkind, J., Hess, J.M., Isakson, B., LaNoue, M., Githinji, A., Roché, N., **Vadnais, K.**, & Parker, D.P. (2013). Reducing refugee mental health disparities: A community-based intervention to address post-migration stressors with African adults. *Psychological Services, 11*(3), 333-346. doi:10.1037/a0035081

Presentations

Gleason, K., Rodriguez, R., **Clements, K. V.**, Guerrant, M. (2015, June). Research advocating for social justice among immigrant populations in the U.S. *Unpacking “URM status” and its implications for service access in a local community.* Symposium conducted at the 2015 Society for Community Research and Action Biennial, Lowell, MA.

Clements, K. V., Birman, D., Haarlammert, M., Chicco, J., Sladkova, J., Dutta, U., & Brabeck, K. (2015, June). *An interdisciplinary conversation about efforts to understand and support unaccompanied youth and refugee minors.* Roundtable conducted at the 2015 Society for Community Research and Action Biennial, Lowell, MA.

Mills, K. J., **Clements, K. V.**, Alsaman, M. (2014, March). *Leaving home: The transition experiences of international students and the role of social support.* Poster presented at the 2014 Graduate Academic Conference, East Lansing, MI.

Mills, K. J., **Clements, K. V.**, Polk, E. (2013, October). Supporting systems change locally. *Stories of successful collaborative practicum experiences.* Symposium conducted at the 2013 Midwest ECO Conference, Chicago, IL.

Parker, K., McAlindon, K., Polk, E., **Clements, K. V.**, Lawlor, J. (2013, June). *Strengthening a thriving sense of community in academia.* Roundtable conducted at the 2013 Society for Community Research and Action Biennial, Miami, FL.

Clements, K.V., Mills, K.J., VanDyke, E., Lawlor, J. (2012, October) *Bridging the gap: Preparing undergraduates for graduate work in community psychology.* Poster

presented at the 2012 Midwest Ecological-Community Psychology Annual Conference, Hickory Corners, MI.

Vadnais, K., Goodkind, J. (2010, April) *A qualitative exploration of the effectiveness of mutual learning and advocacy in a mental health intervention model with African child and adolescent refugees.* Poster presented at University of New Mexico Hospital Pediatrics Research Week, Albuquerque, NM.

Vadnais, K., Goodkind, J. (2009, April) *A qualitative exploration of the effectiveness of mutual learning and advocacy in a mental health intervention model with African child and adolescent refugees.* Poster presented at University of New Mexico Annual Psychology Research Day, Albuquerque, NM

Research Experience

2014-present **Graduate Research Assistant**, Michigan State University System Exchange
Supervisor: Pennie Foster-Fishman, Ph.D.
Community-based research addressing systems change around the U.S.

2014-present **Graduate Research Assistant**, Michigan State University Chinese International Students workgroup
Supervisor: Desiree Qin, Ph.D.
Understanding the adaptation and well-being of Chinese international college students

2008-2010 **Research Assistant**, University of New Mexico Refugee Well-being Project
Supervisor: Jessica Goodkind, Ph.D.
University-community intervention for recently resettled refugee families

Teaching Experience

Spring 2013,
Fall 2013,
Spring 2014 **Teaching Assistant**, Michigan State University
PSY 395: Research Design and Measurement in Psychological Research

Summer 2013,
Summer 2014 **Teaching Assistant**, Michigan State University
PSY 244: Developmental Psychology
PSY 320: Health Psychology
ISS 318: Lifespan Development across Cultures

Fall 2012 **Teaching Assistant**, Michigan State University
PSY 295: Data Analysis in Psychological Research

Fall 2008-Spring 2010

Co-instructor, University of New Mexico
PSY 450: Refugee Health and Development

Organizational Memberships

Society for Community Research and Action (APA Division 27)

Society for the Psychology of Women (APA Division 35)

Society for the Study of Culture, Ethnicity, and Race (APA Division 45)

Midwestern Psychological Association

Community Involvement / Administrative Activity

April 2014, 2015

University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum
Graduate Student Evaluator *Michigan State University*

March 2015

Diversity, Inclusivity, and Sensitivity Workshop
Council of Graduate Students *Michigan State University*

Spring 2014

Prospective Student Visiting Weekend,
Graduate Student Organizing Committee *Michigan State University*

July 2013-present

Refugee Youth Program Development Support Staff,
Lutheran Social Services of Michigan *Lansing, MI*

Spring 2013

Program Development Intern, Lutheran Social Services of
Michigan *Lansing, MI*

2010-2012

Refugee Community Advisory Council *Albuquerque, NM*

2010-2012

Association of Burundian Americans of New Mexico,
Board of Advisors *Albuquerque, NM*

2011-2012

PB&J Family Services
Chair, Ethics Committee *Albuquerque, NM*