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EDUCATION

Expected 2017	Ph.D.	Social Welfare , University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice Dissertation: "Natural and Formal Mentors Among Youth in Foster Care: Does Mentor Type Explain Variance in the Quality of the Mentoring Relationship?" (Chair: Johanna Greeson)
2008	M.S.S.	Social Service , Bryn Mawr College Community Practice, Policy, and Advocacy Concentration
2003	B.S.W.	Social Work , Cairn University

AWARDS, HONORS, AND LICENSURES

2009-Present	Licensed Social Worker, Pennsylvania, License #SW127354
2016	Competitively selected to attend the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect Summer Research Institute of Cornell University
2015	Heyer Foundation Fellowship awardee, University of Pennsylvania
2008-2009	Tuition Award, Bryn Mawr College, Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research
2003	Outstanding Social Work Leadership Award, Cairn University
2003	Graduated Summa Cum Laude and Honors Program Participant, Cairn University
2000-2003	Presidential Scholarship, Cairn University

GRANTS AND RESEARCH SUPPORT

2016	University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy & Practice Summer Research Fellowship: \$6,200.00
2016	Fahs-Beck Scholar Doctoral Dissertation Grant: \$4,998.00

- 2013-2015 A randomized controlled pilot of Caring Adults 'R' Everywhere (CARE): A natural mentoring intervention for older youth in foster care
 Role: Research Assistant to Dr. Johanna Greeson
 Funding Mechanism: Administration on Children, Youth, & Families Planning Grant to Develop a Model Intervention for Youth/Young Adults with Child Welfare Involvement At-Risk of Homelessness (HHS-2013-ACF-ACYF-CA-0636)
 Amount: \$57,631.13 (PhD stipend for 4 semesters & 2 summers)
- 2015 Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Travel Grant: \$535.00

PUBLICATIONS

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

1. **Thompson, A.E.**, Greeson, J.K.P., & Brunsink, A.M. (2016). Natural mentoring among older youth aging out of foster care: A systematic review. *Children and Youth Services Review, 61*, 40-50.
2. Greeson, J.K.P. & **Thompson, A.E.** (*in press*). Development, feasibility, and piloting of a novel natural mentoring intervention for older youth in foster care. *Journal of Social Service Research*.
3. Greeson, J.K.P., Weiler, L., **Thompson, A.E.**, & Taussig, H.N. (2016). A first look at natural mentoring among preadolescent foster youth. *Journal of Community Psychology, 44*, 586-601.
4. Garcia, A.R., Greeson, J.K.P., Kim, M., **Thompson, A.E.**, & DeNard, C. (2015). From placement to prison revisited: Do mental health services disrupt the delinquency pipeline among Latino, African American, and Caucasian youth in the child welfare system? *Journal of Adolescence, 45*, 263-273.
5. Greeson, J.K.P., **Thompson, A.E.**, Evans-Chase, M., & Ali, S. (2015). Child welfare professionals' attitudes and beliefs about child welfare-based natural mentoring for older youth in foster care. *Journal of Social Service Research, 41*, 93-112.
6. Greeson, J.K.P., **Thompson, A.E.**, Ali, S., & Wenger, R.S. (2015). It's good to know that you got somebody that's not going anywhere: Attitudes and beliefs of older youth in foster care about child welfare-based natural mentoring. *Children and Youth Services Review, 48*, 140-149.
7. Greeson, J.K.P., Garcia, A.R., Kim, M., **Thompson, A.E.**, & Courtney, M.E. (2015). Development & maintenance of social support among aged out foster youth who received independent living services: Results from the multi-site evaluation of foster youth programs. *Children and Youth Services Review, 53*, 1-9.

Manuscripts Under Review & In Preparation in Peer-Reviewed Journals

8. **Thompson, A.E.** & Greeson, J.K.P. (*revise and resubmit*). Determinants of Natural Mentoring Relationships Among Older Youth At Risk of Aging Out of Foster Care.
9. Greeson, J.K.P., **Thompson, A.E.**, & Xue, J. (*under review*). Mentoring youth who age out of foster care: Does mentor type matter?
10. Greeson, J.K.P., **Thompson, A.E.**, An, S., Xue, J., & Guo, C. (*under review*). Tweeting social justice? How social work academics use Twitter.
11. **Thompson, A.E.** & Greeson, J.K.P. (*in preparation*). What is permanency? A critical look at legal, relational, and spatial permanence among older youth in foster care.
12. Garcia, A.R., Greeson, J.K.P., DeNard, C., & **Thompson, A.E.** (*in preparation*). Adverse childhood experiences (ACE) among a nationally representative sample of youth referred to the child welfare system: The moderating role of mental health service use.

Invited Book Chapters

1. Greeson, J.K.P. & **Thompson, A.E.** (*in preparation*). Caring Adults 'R' Everywhere (C.A.R.E.)©: Leveraging the power of relationships to change the lives of foster youth. In V. Mann-Feder & M. Goyette (Eds.) *Leaving care & the transition to adulthood: International contributions to theory, research, & practice*. New York: Oxford University Press.
2. Greeson, J.K.P. & **Thompson, A.E.** (*in press*). Foster care, then where? Why independent living is getting it all wrong. In J. Jackson (Ed.), *Top ten policy issues*. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press.
3. Greeson, J.K.P. & **Thompson, A.E.** (2015). Aging out of foster care in emerging adulthood. In J.J. Arnett (Ed.), *Oxford handbook of emerging adulthood*. (pp. 559 – 577). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

1. **Thompson, A.E.** & Greeson, J.K.P. (2015). Legal and relational permanence in older foster care youths. *Social Work Today*, 15, 24-26.
2. Greeson, J.K.P., **Thompson, A.E.**, & Kinnevy, S. (2014). Natural mentoring of older foster care youths. *Social Work Today*, 14, 11-13.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **Thompson, A.E.**, Greeson, J.K.P., & Brunsink, A.M. (2016 November). *Natural mentoring among youth aging-out of foster care: A systematic review*. Paper accepted for presentation at the 2016 Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
2. Greeson, J.K.P. & **Thompson, A.E.** (2016 September). *Development, feasibility, and piloting of a novel natural mentoring intervention for older youth in foster care in the U.S.A.* Paper presented at the XIV International Conference EUSARF, Oviedo, Spain.
3. Greeson, J.K.P., Garcia, A.R., Kim, M., **Thompson, A.E.**, & Courtney, M.E. (2016 January). *Development & maintenance of social support among aged out foster youth who received independent living services: Results from the multi-site evaluation of foster youth programs*. Paper presented at the 2016 Society for Social Work and Research 20th Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
4. **Thompson, A.E.**, Greeson, J.K.P., & Mann-Feder, V. (2015 October). *Social support among older youth aging out of foster care*. Discussion session at the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood 2015: The 7th Conference on Emerging Adulthood, Miami, FL.
5. **Thompson, A.E.**, Greeson, J.K.P., & Kinnevy, S. (2015 June). *Attitudes and beliefs of child welfare stakeholders about child welfare based natural mentoring for older youth in foster care*. Paper presented at The Field Center's One Child, Many Hands Multidisciplinary Conference on Child Welfare, Philadelphia, PA.
6. **Thompson, A.E.** (2015 April). *Stakeholders' reactions toward child welfare-based natural mentoring*. Paper presented at the 6th Biennial National Conference for Clinician-Scholars in the Social Sciences & Humanities: Policies and Politics of Care, Philadelphia, PA.
7. Greeson, J.K.P., & **Thompson, A.E.** (2015 March). *Attitudes and beliefs of child welfare stakeholders about child welfare based natural mentoring for older youth in foster care*. Paper presented at the 28th Annual Research & Policy Conference: Child, Adolescent, and Young Adult Behavioral Health, Tampa, FL.
8. **Thompson, A.E.**, Greeson, J.K.P., & Kinnevy, S. (2014 August). *Promoting growth-fostering relationships with caring adults: Natural mentoring for youth transitioning out of foster care*. Oral presentation at the National Pathways to Adulthood Convening 2014, Philadelphia, PA.
9. Powers, A.P., **Thompson, A.E.**, & Kinnevy, S. (2013 April). *The quality service review: Organizational learning for system improvement*. Oral presentation at the 2013 Child Welfare League of America National Conference, Washington D.C.
10. Borish, L., Schott, J., Richards, J., Maldonado, S., & **Thompson, A.E.** (2011 July). *Continuous quality improvement: Our desired future state*. Oral presentation at the 19th Annual Pennsylvania Permanency Conference, Lancaster, PA.

11. Clapier, B., **Thompson, A.E.**, & Kinnevy, S. (2011 June). *The quality service review: Organizational learning for system improvement*. Oral presentation at the University of Pennsylvania's Field Center's One Child Many Hands, A Multidisciplinary Conference on Child Welfare, Philadelphia, PA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016 *University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice, Philadelphia, PA*
Policies for Children and Their Families (Spring 2016)
- 2010-Present *Cairn University, School of Social Work, Langhorne, PA*
Social Science Statistics (Fall 2016)
- Child Welfare Policy (Fall 2010 & 2012)
- Strategic Grant Writing (Spring 2013)

SERVICE

Editorial Service (Reviewer) for Professional Journals

- 2016-Present Child Welfare Journal (Child Welfare)
- 2016-Present Emerging Adulthood (EA)
- 2015-Present Children and Youth Services Review (CYSR)
- 2015-Present Revista Internacional de Sociología (RIS)

Abstract Reviewer for Professional Conferences

- 2015-Present Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood (SSEA)

Positions Held with Professional Societies

- 2014-2016 Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood (SSEA), Emerging Scholar Co-Chair,
Topic Network on Youth Aging Out of Care

University

University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice

- 2014-2016 Co-Chair, Doctoral Student Steering Committee
- 2014-2015 Co-Editor of *The Fellow*, Doctoral Student Newspaper

Cairn University

- 2002-2003 Student President, School of Social Work
- 2001-2002 Treasurer, Cultural Awareness Association

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2015-Present Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)
2014-Present Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood (SSEA)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Fellow, *University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice* 2013-Present
Managed research-related activities for the development of a child welfare-based natural mentoring intervention and its testing as a randomized control trial. Research activities included IRB preparation, stakeholder interviews and qualitative data analysis, participant recruitment and enrollment, online survey data collection and quantitative analyses, and writing of results. Additional activities include the conceptualization of quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods studies, data collection and analyses, and manuscript preparation for studies investigating the role of social support and natural mentoring among youth in foster care.

Consultant, *New York City Administration for Children's Services* 2016-Present
Hired to attend and write summary reports for ACS' ChildStat and Child Fatality Review processes.

Project Associate, *Philadelphia Department of Human Services, Research Unit* 2012-2013
Served as a research project associate. Responsibilities included the conceptualization of research designs, methodologies, analyses, and technical writing. Papers included "Exploring the Transmission of Intergenerational Child Maltreatment" and "The Quality Service Review: Organizational Learning for System Improvement."

RFP Reviewer, *Philadelphia Department of Human Services* 2009-2013
Reviewed proposals submitted for the City of Philadelphia's Out of School Time, Quality Visitation Review, and In-Home Protective Services.

Program Evaluation Project Manager, *Philadelphia Department of Human Services, Quality Improvement Unit* 2009-2012
Project manager for Philadelphia's Quality Service Review (QSR). Responsibilities included program evaluation, design work for Pennsylvania's QSR Protocol and Manual; developing and delivering state-wide QSR training; designing and implementing Philadelphia's local QSR process; conducting data analysis and writing all Philadelphia QSR reports. Member of Sustaining Change, a subcommittee of Pennsylvania's DPW Program Improvement Plan workgroup.

RFP Writer, *Philadelphia Department of Human Services and Philadelphia's Family Court* 2010
Wrote a funded proposal to participate in Georgetown University's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform and Casey Family Program's Breakthrough Series Collaborative (BSC) for Cross-Over Youth.

- M.S.S. Intern, *Philadelphia Department of Human Services, Commissioner's Office* 2008-2009
 Developed a compliance-based case file review process to measure the fidelity of the Safety Model of Practice. The process included a review tool, feedback mechanism, database, aggregate reporting, and a plan for local sustainability. Conducted an evaluability assessment for the Safety Model of Practice.
- Senior Case Manager, *Alpha Care* 2006-2008
 Used strengths-based methods to help clients identify goals and problem solve to overcome barriers/challenges related to parenting; hired, trained, and supervised B.S.W. staff and interns; designed a data collection system to track program outcomes to increase funding opportunities.
- Child Advocate Social Worker, *Defender Association of Philadelphia* 2003-2006
 Assisted in the representation of dependent children and youth in Philadelphia's Family Court. Responsibilities included conducting independent assessments of clients and working with child welfare professionals to access services; testifying in Family Court; conducting home visits and evaluations; collaborating with educational, medical, and mental health partners; and advocating across systems on behalf of children and youth during individual and family planning meetings.
- Social Work Intern, *Hope* 2001-2002
 Provided social, emotional, and physical support to a diverse group of individuals with HIV/AIDS. Acted as a liaison for Hope at a Philadelphia-based hospice center servicing clients with AIDS.