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Curriculum Vitae

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**EDUCATION**

***University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia***

Major: Developmental & Community Psychology  
Degree: Ph.D., 2014  
Degree: M.A., 2010

***Adelphi University, Garden City, New York***

Major: General Psychology  
Degree: M.A., 2005

***State University of Stony Brook, Stony Brook, New York***

Major: Psychology  
Minor: Women's Studies  
Degree: B.A., 2003

**HONORS/AWARDS**

2020 Alumni Society Excellence in Teaching Award in College of Health and Human Development, Pennsylvania State University  
2019-2022 Ann Atherton Hertzler Early Career Professorship in Health and Human Development, Pennsylvania State University  
2019 APS Rising Star, Association for Psychological Science, Pennsylvania State University  
2018 Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Equity (CLGBTQE) Academic Achievement Award, Pennsylvania State University  
2014 Huskey Research Exhibition 3<sup>rd</sup> place Poster Presentation, University of Virginia  
2013 The Raven Society, Elected member, University of Virginia's oldest honor society  
2013 Jeffrey L. Reider & Charles F. Otis LGBTQ Endowed Scholarship, University of Virginia  
2012 Distinguished Teaching Fellowship, University of Virginia  
2012 Rebecca Boone Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Virginia  
2012 Student Choice Colloquium Speaker, University of Virginia  
2012 Association for Psychological Science Student Travel Award  
2012 Society of Fellows Travel Fellowship, University of Virginia  
2011 All-University Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, University of Virginia  
2011 Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, University of Virginia  
2011 American Psychological Association Student Travel Award

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Family Psychology; Sexual Orientation & Gender Diversity; Social Development in Diverse Families; Parenting among Sexual & Gender Minority Populations; Developmental Psychology

## **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

**Tornello, S. L.** (2021). Relationship functioning of sexual minority people of color. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity* 3(8), 314-327.  
<http://doi.org/10.1037/sgd0000521>

Feinberg, M., Gedaly, L., Mogle, J., Hostetler, M. L., Cifelli, J. A., **Tornello, S. L.**, Lee, J., & Jones, D E. (2021). Building long-term family resilience through universal prevention: 10-year parent and child outcomes during the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Family Process*, 1-15. <http://doi.org/10.1111/famp.12730>

Feinberg, M. E., Mogle, J., Lee, J., **Tornello, S. L.**, Hostetler, M. L., Cifelli, J., Hotez, E., & Bai, S. (2021). Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on parent, child, and family functioning. *Family Process*, 1-14. <http://doi.org/10.1111/famp.12649>

Puckett, J. A., **Tornello, S. L.**, Mustanski, B., & Newcomb, M. E. (2021). Gender variations, generational effects, and mental health of transgender people in relation to timing and status of gender identity milestones. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*. Advance online publication. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/sgd0000391>

**Tornello, S. L.** (2020). Division of labor among transgender and gender non-binary parents: Association with individual, couple, and child behavioral outcomes. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 11(15), 1-12. <http://dx.doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2020.00015>

\*\*van Houten, J., **Tornello, S. L.**, Hoffenaar, P. J., Bos, H. M. (2020). Understanding parenting intentions among childfree gay men: A comparison with lesbian woman and heterosexual men and women. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 11, 430, 1-10.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2020.00430>

Goldberg, A., **Tornello, S. L.**, Farr, R. H., Smith, J. Z., & Kahn, E. (2020). Barriers to adoption and foster care and openness to child characteristics among trans adults. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 109, 104699. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2019.104699>

**Tornello, S. L.**, & Mastick, J. L. (2019). Do actions speak louder than words?: Perceptions of women's and men's branched and coincident configurations of sexual identities and behaviors. *Psychology & Sexuality*, 11, 180-197.  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/19419899.2019.1666298>

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- \*\*Simon, K. A., Tornello, S. L., & Bos, H. M. W. (2019).** Sexual minority women and parenthood: Perceptions of friendship among childfree and new parents. *Journal of Lesbian Studies*, 23(4), 476-489. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10894160.2019.1634994>
- Tornello, S. L., Riskind, R. G., & Babic, A. (2019).** Exploration of transgender and gender non-binary parents' pathways to parenthood. *Journal of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*, 6 (2), 232-241. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/sgd0000323>
- \*Bodnar, K., & Tornello, S. L. (2018).** Does sex education help everyone?: Sex education exposure and timing as predictors of sexual health among lesbian, bisexual, and heterosexual young women. *Journal of Educational and Psychological Consultation*, 29, (1), 8-26. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10474412.2018.1482219>
- LaDage, L. D., **Tornello, S. L.**, Vallejera, J. M., **\*Baker, E. E.**, **\*Yan, Y.**, & **\*Chowdhury, A.** (2018). Variation in behavioral engagement during an active learning activity leads to differential knowledge gains in college students. *Advances in Physiology Education*, 42, 99-103. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1152/advan.00150.2017>
- \*\*Simon, K. S., Tornello, S. L., Farr, R. H., & Bos, H. M. W. (2018).** Envisioning parenthood among bisexual, lesbian, and heterosexual women. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*, 5, 253-259. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/sgd000026>
- Tornello, S. L. & Patterson, C. J. (2018).** Adult children of gay fathers: Parental disclosure and parent-child relationship. *Journal of Homosexuality*, 65, 1152-1166. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00918369.2017.1406218>
- Tornello, S. L., Ivanova, K., & Bos, H. M. W. (2017).** Same-sex and mixed-sex couples in the Netherlands: Life satisfaction, relationship functioning, and conflict. *Journal of Family Issues*, 39, 1443-1464. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/0192513X17710771>
- Riskind, R. G., & **Tornello, S. L. (2017).** Sexual orientation and future parenthood in a 2011-2013 nationally representative United States sample. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 31, 792-789. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/fam0000316>
- Tornello, S. L., & Bos, H. M. W. (2017).** Parenting intentions among transgender individuals. *LGBT Health*, 4, 115-120. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1089/lgbt.2016.0153>
- Tornello, S. L., & Patterson, C. J. (2016).** Gay grandfathers: Intergenerational relationships and mental health. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 30, 543-551. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/fam0000193>

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- Farr, R. H., & **Tornello, S. L.** (2016). The transition to parenthood and early child development in families with same-sex parents. *International Journal of Birth and Parent Education*, 3, 17-22.
- Hu, Y. Q., Xu, Y., & **Tornello, S. L.** (2016). Stability of self-reported same-sex and both-sex attraction from adolescence to young adulthood. *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 45, 651-659. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10508-015-0541-1>
- Tornello, S. L.**, Sonnenberg, B., & Patterson, C. J. (2015). Division of labor among gay fathers: Associations with parent, couple, and child adjustment. *Journal of Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*, 2, 365-375. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/sgd0000109>
- Tornello, S. L.**, \*Kruczkowski, S., & Patterson, C. J. (2015). Division of labor and relationship quality among male same-sex couples who became fathers via surrogacy. *Journal of GLBT Family Studies*, 11, 375-394. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1550428X.2015.1018471>
- Tornello, S. L.**, & Patterson, C. J. (2015). Timing of parenthood and experiences of gay fathers: A life course perspective. *Journal of GLBT Family Studies*, 11, 35-56. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1550428X.2013.878681>
- Riskind, R. G., **Tornello, S. L.**, Younger, B. C., & Patterson, C. J. (2014). Sexual identity, partner sex, and sexual health among adolescent girls in the United States. *American Journal of Public Health*, 104, 1957-1963. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2014.302037>
- Emery, R., & **Tornello, S. L.** (2014). Rejoinder to Millar and Kruk (2014): Who assumes the burden of proof when there's no neutral null hypothesis? *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 76, 237- 240. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12070>
- Tornello, S. L.**, Riskind, R. G., & Patterson, C. J. (2014). Sexual orientation and sexual and reproductive health among girls and young women in the United States. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 54, 160- 168. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jadohealth.2013.08.018>
- Tornello, S. L.**, Emery, R., Rowen, J., Potter, D., Ocker, B., & Xu, Y. (2013). Overnight custody arrangements and the attachment and adjustment of very young children. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 75, 871-885. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12045>
- Tornello, S. L.**, Johnson, S., & O'Connor, E. (2013). Relationship quality among lesbian mothers in planned families. *Journal of GLBT Family Studies*, 9, 346-363. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1550428X.2013.801008>
- \*Lick, D. J., **Tornello, S. L.**, Riskind, R. G., Schmidt, K. M., & Patterson, C. J., (2012). Social climate for sexual minorities predicts well-being among heterosexual offspring of lesbian and gay parents. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 9, 99-112. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s13178-012-0081-6>

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**Tornello, S. L., & Patterson, C. J.** (2012). Gay Fathers in mixed orientation relationships: The experiences of those who stay in their marriage and of those who leave. *Journal of GLBT Family Studies*, 8, 85-98. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1550428X.2012.641373>

**Tornello, S. L., Farr, R. H., & Patterson, C. J.** (2011). Predictors of parenting stress among gay adoptive fathers in the United States. *Journal of Family Psychology*, 25, 591- 600. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/a0024480>

Patterson, C. J., & **Tornello, S. L.** (2011). Gay fathers' pathways to parenthood: International perspectives. *Zeitschrift für Familienforschung (Journal of Family Research)*, 7, 103 - 116. <http://dx.doi.org/10.2307/J.CTVDF0CSB.11>

### **CHAPTERS IN EDITED BOOKS/COLLECTIONS**

Farr, R. H., & **Tornello, S. L.** (in press, 2022). The transition to parenthood and early child development in families with sexual and/or gender minority parents. In M. Nolan and S. Gore (Eds.), *Contemporary Issues in Perinatal Education: A Handbook of content and practice* (pgs. XX). Abingdon, Oxon: Taylor & Francis/Routledge.

**Tornello, S. L.** (2021). Adoption and foster care. In Abbie Goldberg & Genny Beemyn (Eds.), *The Sage Encyclopedia of Trans Studies*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

**Tornello, S. L.** (2021). Decisions to parent. In Abbie Goldberg & Genny Beemyn (Eds.), *The Sage Encyclopedia of Trans Studies*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

**Tornello, S. L.** (2020). Mental health issues for sexual and gender minority couples and families. In E. Rothblum (Ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Sexual and Gender Minority Mental Health* (pp. 357-368). New York, NY: Oxford University Press. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190067991.013.32>

**Tornello, S. L.** (2016). Mixed orientation marriages. In Abbie Goldberg (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of LGBTQ Studies*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

**Tornello, S. L., \*\*Blanchfield, B. V., & \*\*Sumontha, J.** (2016). LGBTQ romantic relationships. In Dana S. Dunn (Ed.), *Oxford Bibliographies in Psychology*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Johnson, S., O'Connor, E., & **Tornello, S. L.** (2016). Gay and lesbian parents and their children: Research relevant to custody cases. In Leslie Drozd and Michael Saini (Eds.), *Parenting Plan Evaluations: Applied Research for the Family Court* (pp. 514-532). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

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Patterson, C. J., Blanchfield, B. V., **Tornello, S. L.**, & Riskind, R. G. (2015). Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender relationships and family lives. Makadon, J. Potter, K. Mayer, & H. Goldhammer (Ed.), *The Fenway guide to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender health* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.)(pp. 105-132). American College of Physicians Press.

Patterson, C. J., Riskind, R. G., & **Tornello, S. L.** (2014). Sexual orientation and parenting: A global perspective. In A. Abela & J. Walker (Ed.), *Contemporary issues in family studies: Global perspectives on partnership, parenting, and support in a changing world* (pp. 189-202). New York, NY: Wiley Blackwell.

**Tornello, S. L.**, Riskind, R., & Farr, R. H. (2011). Sexual minority parenting. *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Psychology*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/OBO/9780199828340-0028>

### **PUBLIC POLICY STATEMENTS/REPORTS**

**Tornello, S. L. et al.**, (2020). Sexual orientation, gender identity, parents, and children APA policy statement. Policy revision of resolution for Council of Representatives 2004 by the American Psychological Association. Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Pennsylvania State University. Retrieve from <https://www.apa.org/pi/lgbt/resources/policy/sexual-orientation>

### **MEDIA COVERAGE/INTERVIEWS**

March 2018 Pennsylvania State University News, “Psychology Colloquium Series to discuss: The Diverse Experiences of Gay Fathers”  
<https://news.psu.edu/story/508952/2018/03/07/public-events/psychology-colloquium-series-discuss-diverse-experiences-gay>

March 2021 BBC: Worklife, “Why LGBTQ couples split household tasks more equally”  
<https://www.bbc.com/worklife/article/20210309-why-lgbtq-couples-split-household-tasks-more-equally>

April 2021 Pennsylvania State University News, “COVID-19 pandemic may have increased mental health issues within families”  
[https://news.psu.edu/story/654147/2021/04/13/research/covid-19-pandemic-may-have-increased-mental-health-issues-within?utm\\_source=newswire&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=654696\\_HTML&utm\\_content=04-14-2021-08-47&utm\\_campaign=Penn%20State%20Today](https://news.psu.edu/story/654147/2021/04/13/research/covid-19-pandemic-may-have-increased-mental-health-issues-within?utm_source=newswire&utm_medium=email&utm_term=654696_HTML&utm_content=04-14-2021-08-47&utm_campaign=Penn%20State%20Today)

January 2021 Pennsylvania State University News, “Feinberg to evaluate family conflict during COVID-19” <https://hhd.psu.edu/covid-19-grant-feinberg>

**PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS/CONFERENCES**

- Tornello, S. L.** (2021). Relationship functioning of sexual minority people of color. In Franco Dispenza (co-chair) & Nadine Nakamura (co-chair), *Emerging Directions: Exploring the Revised Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Sexual Minority Persons*, American Psychological Association.
- Tornello, S. L.**, Goldberg, A., Farr, R., H., & Smith, J. (July, 2021-COVID-19 delay). Barriers to adoption and foster care and openness to child characteristics among trans adults in the US. In Rachel H. Farr (chair), *Challenges in Navigating the Adoption Process for LGBTQ+ Parents*, International Conference on Adoption Research 7, Virtual (COVID-19).
- Riskind, R. G., & **Tornello, S. L.** (2021). “Too early to know”: Transgender and gender nonbinary parents’ reports of their child’s gender identity. Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Conference, Virtual (COVID-19).
- \*\*Bishop, R. B., High, A. C., & **Tornello, S. L.** (2020). Social support among sexual minorities: Applying the support gap framework to examine the differential quality of support received from partners and family members. National Communication Association's 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Virtual (COVID-19).
- Tornello, S. L.**, & Smith, R. (2020). Sexual minority mothers: A dyadic exploration of stigma, identity, support, and parental wellbeing. In Samantha L. Tornello (chair), *Expectations to Actuality: Marriage and Parenthood Among Sexual Minority People*, American Psychological Association, Virtual (COVID-19).
- \*\*Simon, K. A., **Tornello, S. L.**, & Bos, H. M. W. (2019). Comparisons of friendship among LGBTQ+ future parents. In Rachel Farr (chair), *LGBTQ Families & New Frontiers: Future Parents, Birth & Adoption, Gender Expression, and Growing Up*, Symposium, American Psychological Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- \*Bass, C. L., \*Floyd, C., \*Esposito, G. A., \*\*Simon, K., Farr, R. H., **Tornello, S. L.**, & Bos, H. (2019). So you’re gay and you want a baby: A thematic analysis of LGBTQ perceptions of future parenthood. Poster Symposium, Showcase of Undergraduate Scholars, Lexington, KY.
- \*Esposito, G. A., \*Floyd, C., \*Bass, C. L., \*\*Simon, K., Farr, R. H., Bos, H., & **Tornello, S. L.** (2019). Perceptions of friendships among LGBTQ intended parents. Poster Symposium, Showcase of Undergraduate Scholars, Lexington, KY.
- \*\*Lu, Z., **Tornello, S. L.**, \*\*Dagistan, S., & \*\*Kim, Y. (2019). Gender minority parents: Distal rejection and perceived social support predicts current well-being. Poster Symposium, Pennsylvania State University Graduate Exhibition, University Park, PA.

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- Tornello, S. L.** & Riskind, R. (2019). Behavioral adjustment, emotional adjustment, and gender development of children with transgender and nonbinary parents. In Rachel Riskind (chair), *Rainbow Connections: Parent Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, Child Development, and Family Dynamics*, Symposium, Society for Research in Child Development, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Tornello, S. L.** (2018). The division of household and childcare labor among transgender and gender non-binary parents. In Henny Bos (chair), *Diversity among LGBT Families and Its Impact on Parenting and Child Development*, Poster Symposium, National Council on Family Relations, San Diego, California.
- \*\*Sumontha, J., Patterson, C. J., & Tornello, S. L.** (2018). Stigmatization and parenting stress among gay fathers: An examination of the mediational role of relationship quality. In Henny Bos (chair), *Diversity among LGBT Families and Its Impact on Parenting and Child Development*, Poster Symposium, National Council on Family Relations, San Diego, California.
- \*\*van Houten, J. T., Bos, H. M. W., & Tornello, S. L.** (2018). Gay prospective parents: Motivations and predictors of family formation. In Henny Bos (chair), *Diversity among LGBT Families and Its Impact on Parenting and Child Development*, Poster Symposium, National Council on Family Relations, San Diego, California.
- Matsick, J. L., Wardecker, B. M., **Tornello, S. L.**, & **\*\*Salomaa, A.** (2018). Research as resistance: Recruiting and incorporating LGBTQ samples to diversify psychological science. Symposium presentation, Association for Women in Psychology Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- \*Smith, A., & Tornello, S. L.** (2018). Attitudes towards transgender people in the Military. Poster presentation, Eastern Psychological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- \*Bodnar, K., & Tornello, S. L.** (2017). Sexual education exposure and timing as predictors of sexual health among lesbian, bisexual, and heterosexual young women. Poster Presentation, Women's Health Research Day (WHRD), State College, Pennsylvania.
- Tornello, S. L., Riskind, R. G., & Babic, A.** (2017). Pathways to parenthood among transgender individuals, Families negotiating identities and orientations across contexts, Poster Symposium, National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, Florida.
- \*\*Simon, K. S., Tornello, S. L., Farr, R. H., & Bos, H. M. W.** (2017). Envisioning parenthood among bisexual, lesbian, and heterosexual women. Families negotiating identities and orientations across contexts, Poster Symposium, National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, Florida.

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Bos, H., **Tornello, S. L.** & **\*\*Brewaeys, M.** (2017). Childless gay men and their intention to have children. In Michael Lamb (chair), LGBT families across the lifespan. Symposium conducted at the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

**Tornello, S. L.** & Patterson, C. J. (2017). Adult children of gay fathers: Parental disclosure and parent-child relationship. In Michael Lamb (chair), LGBT families across the lifespan. Symposium conducted at the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.

\*Bodnar, K., & **Tornello, S. L.** (2017). Predicting sexual health: Exposure and timing of sexual education among lesbian, bisexual, and heterosexual young women. Poster Presentation, Association for Psychological Science, Boston, Massachusetts.

\*Mohammed, S., & **Tornello, S. L.** (2017). A holy shroud: The association between religiosity and sexual attitudes. Poster Presentation, Annual Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Fair, Altoona, PA.

\*Baker, E. E., LaDage, L. D., **Tornello, S. L.**, & Vallejera, J. M. (2017). The short- and long-term effects of self-directed learning in undergraduate students. Poster Presentation, Annual Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Fair, Altoona, PA.

\*Leri, J. & **Tornello, S. L.** (2017). Social distance, psychotropic medication, and mental illness exposure. Poster presentation, Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, Massachusetts.

Riskind, R. G. & **Tornello, S. L.** (2016). Sexual orientation, parenting intentions, and parenting desires in a 2011-2013 national U.S. sample. Poster presentation, American Psychological Association, Denver, Colorado.

**Tornello, S. L.** & Patterson, C. J. (2016). Gay grandfathers: Intergenerational relationships and mental health. In Walter Boot (chair), Meeting the needs of LGBT individuals across the lifespan. Symposium conducted at the American Psychological Association, Denver, Colorado.

Van Rijn-van Gelderen, L., Bos, H.M.W., & **Tornello, S. L.** (2016). Childless gay men: Predictors of their intentions to have children. Symposium conducted at the International Congress of Psychology, Yokohama, Japan.

Blanchfield, B., **Tornello, S. L.**, & Patterson, C. J. (2016). Millennial women's adolescent housing instability: Sexual minority and racial minority health outcomes. Poster presentation, Association for Psychological Science, Chicago, IL.

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- Tornello, S. L.** (2016). Gay fathers: Family formation, division of labor, and parental well-being. In Anthony R. D'Augelli (moderator), Researching developmental challenges for LGBT populations: Sexual expression, family functioning, and gender identity expression at work. Symposium conducted at the Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Equity (CLGBTE) LGBT Interdisciplinary Academic Symposium, State College, PA.
- \*Leri, J., & **Tornello, S. L.** (2016). Depression diagnosis, antidepressants, and the self. Poster Presentation, Eastern Psychological Association, New York, NY.
- \*Leri, J., & **Tornello, S. L.** (2016). Social distance, psychotropic medication, & mental illness exposure". Poster Presentation (First place winner in Social Sciences Division), Annual Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Fair, Altoona, PA.
- Riskind, R. G. & **Tornello, S. L.** (2015). Sexual orientation and gender identity: Creating an affirmative, informed classroom. Poster Presentation, Association for Psychological Science, New York, NY.
- Tornello, S. L.**, Sonnenberg, B., & Patterson, C. J. (2014). Division of labor among gay fathers: What predicts who is doing what? Poster Presentation, National Council on Family Relations, Baltimore, MD.
- Tornello, S. L.**, Riskind, R. G., & Patterson, C. J. (2014). Sexual and reproductive health among sexual minority female youth in the United States. Oral Research Presentation, GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality, Baltimore, MD.
- Riskind, R. G., **Tornello, S. L.**, Younger, B. C., & Patterson, C. J. (2014). Sexual identity, partner sex, and sexual health among adolescent girls in the United States. Poster presentation, Society for Research on Adolescence, Austin, Texas.
- \*Pillow, W. S., **Tornello, S. L.**, & Patterson, C. J. (2013). Sexual risk-taking among heterosexually-identified men who have sex with women and men. Poster presentation. Association for Psychological Science, Washington D. C.
- Tornello, S. L.**, Riskind, R. G., & Patterson, C. J. (2013). Sexual and reproductive health among bisexual female youth in the United States. In Anna Gassman-Pines, *Contexts of adolescent health behavior*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, Washington.
- Xu, Y., Hu, Y. Q., & **Tornello, S. L.** (2013). Development of same-sex sexual attraction and romantic relationships from adolescence to adulthood. Poster presentation. Society for Research in Child Development, Seattle, Washington.

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- Tornello, S. L., & Patterson, C. J. (2012).** The division of labor and individual well-being among gay fathers. In Abbie E. Goldberg. *The division of labor and family processes in diverse family contexts*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, Arizona.
- Patterson, C. J., & **Tornello, S. L. (2012).** Gay father families in the USA. In Charlotte J. Patterson. Diversity among lesbian and gay parent families on four continents. International Congress of Psychology, Cape Town, Africa.
- \*Kruczkowski, S., **Tornello, S. L. & Patterson, C. J. (2012).** Division of labor among surrogate gay fathers. Poster presentation, American Psychological Association, Orlando, Florida.
- Tornello, S. L., Emery, R., Rowen, J., Ocker, B., & Xu, Y. (2012).** Child custody and overnight contact with fathers: Attachment and child behavior outcomes. Poster presentation, Association for Psychological Science, Chicago, Illinois.
- \*Lick, D. J., **Tornello, S. L., Riskind, R. G., & Patterson, C. J. (2012).** Community climate predicts psychological adjustment among adult children of gay fathers. Poster presentation, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Diego, California.
- Tornello, S. L., & Patterson, C. J. (2011).** Gay Fathers in mixed orientation marriages. Poster presentation, American Psychological Association, Washington D. C.
- Tornello, S. L., & Patterson, C. J. (2011).** Age, life pathways, and experiences of gay fathers. Poster presentation, American Psychological Association, Washington D. C.
- Tornello, S. L., Farr, R. H., & Patterson, C. J. (2011).** Predictors of parenting stress among gay fathers with adopted children. In Kristine Freeark (chair 1) and Katherine L. Rosenblum (chair 2), *Make room for daddy: Adoptive fathers and parenting*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Society for Research in Child Development, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Tornello, S. L., & Patterson, C. J. (2010).** Gay fathers' age and pathways to parenthood Poster presentation, International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Psychology Institute, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Farr, R. H., **Tornello, S. L., & Patterson, C. J. (2010).** Transracial adoption in gay father families. Poster presentation, International Conference on Adoption Research, Leiden University, Netherlands.
- Tornello, S. L., Farr, R. H., & Patterson, C. J. (2010).** Predictors of parenting stress among adoptive gay fathers in the U.S. Poster presentation, International Conference on Adoption Research, Leiden University, Netherlands.
- Tornello, S. L., & Patterson, C. J. (2010).** Generational changes in pathways to parenthood among gay fathers. Poster presentation, Association for Psychological Science, Boston, Massachusetts.

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS/TALKS**

Riskind, R. G., & **Tornello, S. L.** (2021). Families headed by transgender or nonbinary parents: Family processes and child outcomes. Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC.

**Tornello, S. L.** (2021). Sexual minority and gender minority parents & their children. Guest lecture at Human Development and Family Studies Course, HDFS 525: Introduction to Family Studies. Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.

**Tornello, S. L.** (2021). Introduction to the experiences of sexual and gender minority people. Guest lecture at Human Development and Family Studies Course, HDFS 411: Introduction to Counseling Skills. Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.

Feinberg, M. E., Mogle, J., Lee, J., **Tornello, S. L.**, Hostetler, M. L., Cilfelli, J., Hotez, E., & Bai, S. (2021). Early family prevention programming provides long-term benefits for parents and children during the COVID-19 pandemic. Guest lecture by Mark Feinberg at Edna Bennett Pierce Prevention Research Center, Symposium: PRC Researchers Respond to COVID-19 (Part I). Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.

**Tornello, S. L.** (2020). Sexual minority and gender minority parents & their children. Guest lecture at Human Development and Family Studies Course, HDFS 525: Introduction to Family Studies. Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.

**Tornello, S. L.** (2020). Introduction to the experiences of sexual and gender minority people. Guest lecture at Human Development and Family Studies Course, HDFS 411: Introduction to Counseling Skills. Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.

**Tornello, S. L.** (2019). Providing LGBTQ+ friendly maternal & child healthcare. Maternal Child Symposium, UPMC Altoona Foundation, Altoona, PA.

**Tornello, S. L.** (2019). Introduction to the experiences of sexual and gender minority people. Guest lecture at Human Development and Family Studies Course, HDFS 411: Introduction to Counseling Skills. Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.

**Tornello, S. L.** (2019). Gender minority parents: Family creation, child outcomes, and couple dynamics. Population Research Institute PRI Brown Bag, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.

**Tornello, S. L.** (2019). Sexual and gender minority emerging adults & future parenthood. Keynote speaker, American Psychological Association Preconference presentation, Chicago, IL.

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- Tornello, S. L.** (2019). LGBTQI health disparities. Guest lecture at Biobehavioral Health Course, BBH 302: Diversity and Health. Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.
- Tornello, S. L.** (2018). The diverse experiences of gay fathers. Pennsylvania State University-Erie.
- Tornello, S. L.** (2016). Rights and polices of sexual and gender minorities. Inauguration Day Micro-Conversations. Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.
- Tornello, S. L.** (2016). Sexual orientation, gender, and family. Guest lecture at Pennsylvania State University-Altoona Psychology Club, Altoona, PA.
- Tornello, S. L.** (2016). Gay fathers and their families. Human Development and Family Studies Course, HDFS 250: Sexual Identity over the Life Span. Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.
- Tornello, S. L.** (2016). Providing friendly healthcare: Sexual orientation and gender diversity. UPMC residents training, Altoona, PA.
- Tornello, S. L.** (2016). Same-sex parenting and the law: One family's story. Human Development and Family Studies Course, HDFS 431: Family Stress and Coping, Pennsylvania State University – Altoona, Altoona, PA.
- Tornello, S. L.** (2016). The diverse experiences of gay fathers. Pennsylvania State University-Colloquium, State College, PA.
- Riskind, R. G., **Tornello, S. L.**, Younger, B. C., & Patterson, C. J. (2016). Sexual identity, partner sex, and sexual health among adolescent girls in the United States. Poster presentation, Institute for Feminist Academic Psychologists, Pittsburgh, PA
- Tornello, S. L.**, Riskind, R. G., & Patterson, C. J. (2016). Sexual orientation and sexual and reproductive health among adolescent young women. Poster presentation, Institute for Feminist Academic Psychologists, Pittsburgh, PA
- Tornello, S. L.** (2016). Diverse experiences of gay fathers. Pennsylvania State University-Altoona Faculty Colloquium, Altoona, PA.
- Tornello, S. L.** (2015). Providing friendly healthcare: Sexual orientation and gender diversity. UPMC residents training, Altoona, PA.
- Tornello, S. L.** (2015). Safe zone 101: Fundamentals of LGBTQ+ identity, Pride Club meeting. Pennsylvania State University – Altoona, Altoona, PA.

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- Tornello, S. L.** (2015). Sexual orientation and gender diversity. First Friday Student Discussion, Pennsylvania State University – Altoona, Altoona, PA.
- Tornello, S. L.** (2015). Coming out week: Discussion of sexual orientation and gender diversity. Pennsylvania State University – Altoona, Altoona, PA.
- Tornello, S. L.** (2015). Same-sex parenting and the law: One family's story. Human Development and Family Studies Course, HDFS 431: Family Disorganization and Stress, Pennsylvania State University – Altoona, Altoona, PA.
- Tornello, S. L.** (2014). Parental sexual orientation and children's development. Guest lecture at Pennsylvania State University-Altoona Psychology Club, Altoona, PA.
- Tornello, S. L., & Patterson, C. J.** (2014). Division of labor among gay fathers. Poster Presentation at University of Virginia for Huskey Research Exhibition, Charlottesville, VA.
- Tornello, S. L.** (2013). Division of labor among gay fathers: Associations with parent, couple, and child adjustment. Presentation at University of Virginia for Developmental Psychology area meeting, Charlottesville, VA.
- Tornello, S. L.** (2013). Parental sexual orientation and children's development. Guest lecture at University of Virginia for Child Development course, Charlottesville, VA.
- Tornello, S. L.** (2012). Diversity among gay fathers. Presentation at University of Virginia for Department of Psychology Colloquium Series, Charlottesville, VA.
- Tornello, S. L., Riskind, R. G., & Patterson, C. J.** (2012). Sexual orientation and sexual and reproductive health among girls and young women in the United States. Presentation at University of Virginia for Developmental Psychology area meeting, Charlottesville, VA.
- Kruczkowski, S., **Tornello, S. L.** & Patterson, C. J. (2012). Division of labor among surrogate gay fathers. Poster Presentation at University of Virginia for L. Starling Reid Undergraduate Psychology Conference, Charlottesville, VA.
- Tornello, S. L., & Patterson, C. J.** (2012). Sexual orientation and sexual and reproductive health among girls and young women in the United States. Presentation at University of Virginia for Youth-Nex Research meeting. Charlottesville, VA.
- Tornello, S. L., & Patterson, C. J.** (2012). Age, life pathways, and experiences of gay fathers. Poster presentation. Poster Presentation at University of Virginia for Huskey Research Exhibition, Charlottesville, VA.

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- Tornello, S. L., & Patterson, C. J. (2011).** Age, life pathways, and experiences of gay fathers: A life course perspective. Presentation at University of Virginia for Developmental Psychology area meeting, Charlottesville, VA.
- Tornello, S. L., & Patterson, C. J. (2011)** Age, life pathways, and experiences of gay fathers: A life course perspective. Presentation at University of Virginia for Community Psychology area meeting, Charlottesville, VA.
- Tornello, S. L., Farr, R. H., & Patterson, C. J. (2011).** Predictors of parenting stress among gay fathers with adopted children. Poster presentation at University of Virginia for Huskey Research Exhibition, Charlottesville, VA.
- Tornello, S. L., & Patterson, C. J. (2009).** Gay fathers and their children. Presentation at University of Virginia for Developmental Psychology area meeting, Charlottesville, VA.
- Farr, R. H., & **Tornello, S. L. (2009).** Research on LGBT issues in psychology. Presentation for Queer student union meeting, Charlottesville, VA.

#### **GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

##### **Awarded, Internal**

- 2020            Pennsylvania State University, Population Research Institute Emergency Research Funding, “Gender Diverse Parents Study: Families and COVID-19/Coronavirus Research Support” \$3,000, PI: Samantha L. Tornello
- 2020            Pennsylvania State University, Department of Health and Human Development Research Grant “Gender diverse parents study: Families and COVID-19/coronavirus” \$7,800, PI: Samantha L. Tornello
- 2020            Pennsylvania State University, Social Science Research Institute and Huck Institutes for the Life Sciences Grant “The impact of COVID-19 and social distancing on children and families.” \$50,000, PI: Mark Feinberg; Consult: Samantha L. Tornello
- 2018            Pennsylvania State University, Social Science Research Institute Level 1 Grant “Identifying couple’s experiences with sexual orientation stigma and social support during the family creation process and early parenthood” \$4,500, PI: Samantha L. Tornello
- 2016            Pennsylvania State University-Altoona, Research Development Grant “Gender Diverse Parent Study” \$4,000, PI: Samantha L. Tornello
- 2015            Pennsylvania State University-Altoona, Undergraduate Research Grant “Intended Parent Study” \$1,500, PI: Samantha L. Tornello.
- 2014            Pennsylvania State University-Altoona, Research Development Grant “Intended Parent Study” \$3,741, PI: Samantha L. Tornello

## **RESEARCH MENTORSHIP**

### **Graduate Students**

2021- present T Berry  
2021- present Casey Cunningham

### **Undergraduate Independent Research Projects**

2021-2022 Emily Laird, Pennsylvania State University, Human Development and Family Studies Independent Study Research Project, TBD

2019-2020 Marissa Scopinich, Pennsylvania State University, Human Development and Family Studies Independent Study Research Project, “Transgender and non-binary parents: A review of the literature”

2016-2017 Ashley Smith, Pennsylvania State University-Altoona, Psychology Capstone Thesis, “Attitudes towards transgender people in the military”

2015-2016 Kaitlin Bodnar, University of Pittsburg, University Honors College Experience Thesis, “Does sexual education help everyone?: Sexual education exposure and timing as predictors of sexual health among lesbian, bisexual, and heterosexual young women”

2014-2015 John Leri, Pennsylvania State University-Altoona, Psychology Capstone Thesis, “Social distance from individuals with depression: Social dominance orientation, stigma, & mental illness exposure”

### **Undergraduate Research Assistants**

Pennsylvania State University

Spring 2022	Julia Chan
Fall 2021- present	Emily Trimino
Fall 2021- present	Natilie Bjorklund
Spring 2021-present	Deborah Grace
Summer 2019-Spring 2022	Shandi Folmar
Fall 2021	Julianna Amore
Fall 2021	MaryGrace Brizendine
Fall 2020- Fall 2021	Isabella Taffera
Spring 2021-Fall 2021	Catherine Rizzotti
Spring 2021	Victoria Rosado
Spring 2021	Karyn Capotorto
Fall 2020-Spring 2021	Devan Walker
Spring 2020-Spring 2021	Rachael Hobbs
Spring 2020- Spring 2021	Tierney Smith
Fall 2020	Claire Martin



Fall 2020	Emma Woehr
Fall 2020	Niamh Fox
Fall 2020	Laura Hurtado
Fall 2020	Olivia Taylor
Fall 2020	Gitza Padilla
Fall 2020	Kelsey Reese
Fall 2020	Elana Lindner
Spring 2020	Ashlie Dykeman
Fall 2019-Fall 2020	Shannon Lavelle
Fall 2019-Spring 2020	Angel Moulton
Fall 2019-Fall 2021	Emily Thibault
Fall 2019-Spring 2020	Taylor Owen
Fall 2019	Desola Ayoola
Fall 2019	Megane Muluh
Fall 2019	Colleen McKenna
Spring 2019-Fall 2020	Megan Stoddard
Spring 2019-Summer 2020	Lauren Whitley
Spring 2019-Fall 2019	Leah Hutchinson
Spring 2019	Erika Russo
Spring 2019	Kelsey Poirier
Spring 2019	April Lee
Fall 2018-Fall 2020	Cara Scipioni
Fall 2018-Spring 2020	Autumn Williams
Fall 2018-Fall 2019	Arianna Hall
Fall 2018-Summer 2019	Sidney Abili
Spring 2018-Fall 2018	Elizabeth Foster
Fall 2017-Summer 2019	Olivia Perone
Fall 2017-Summer 2018	Irem Guner
Fall 2017-Summer 2018	Melissa Armitage
Fall 2017-Spring 2018	Jimik Ligon

**Dissertation Committee member**

2019-2020	Erik Layland, Pennsylvania State University, Human Development & Family Studies Department, Completed June 2020
2019-2020	Anna Salomaa, Pennsylvania State University, Psychology and Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, Completed July 2020

**Doctoral Candidacy Exam Committee Member**

2018-2019	Erik Layland, Pennsylvania State University, Human Development & Family Studies Department, June 2020
2018-2019	Anna Salomaa, Pennsylvania State University, Psychology and Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, July 2020
2018-2021	Julie Wood, Pennsylvania State University, Human Development & Family Studies Department, June 2021

**Doctoral Comprehensive Exam Committee Member**

2018-2019 Julie Wood, Pennsylvania State University, Human Development & Family Studies Department, June 2019.

2020-2021 Nina Romö, Pennsylvania State University, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Linguistics, and Neuroscience, Comprehensive Exam, September 2021.

**Master's Thesis Review Committee member**

2019 Lindsey Palmer, Pennsylvania State University, Psychology Department, Master's Thesis

**EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES**

**Editorial Board**

Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity (2016-present)

Journal of Lesbian Studies (2020-present)

Journal of Personality and Social Psychology Review (2022-present)

**Ad hoc/guest reviewer**

Child Development

Culture, Health, & Sexuality

Developmental Psychology

Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Studies

Fathering

GLBT Family Studies

International Journal of Transgenderism

Journal of Adolescent Health

Journal of Family Issues

Journal of Family Psychology

Journal of GLBT Family Studies

Journal of Homosexuality

Journal of Lesbian Studies

Journal of Marriage & Family

Journal of Research on Adolescence

Journal of Men & Masculinities

Journal of Sexuality Research & Public Policy

Pediatrics

Perspectives of Sexual & Reproductive Health

Psychology & Sexuality

**Book reviews**

2019 Creating Families: A Guide for Prospective LGBTQ Parents by Abbie Goldberg

2017 Diverse Pathways to Parenthood: Translating Research into Practice by Damien Riggs  
2016 Exploring Lifespan Development 4<sup>th</sup> edition by Laura Berk

### **TEACHING DEVELOPMENT**

2020-2021 Developing diversity content specific to sex, gender, and sexual orientation to integrate into existing Human Development and Family Studies undergraduate curriculum,

#### **Courses of focus:**

- HDFS 229: Infant & Child
- HDFS 239: Adolescence
- HDFS 249: Adult Development

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **Graduate Courses**

##### **Pennsylvania State University-University Park**

HDFS 540: Parenting: Theory, Research and Intervention

HDFS 597: Sexual and Gender Minority Couples & Families

#### **Undergraduate Courses**

##### **Pennsylvania State University-University Park**

HDFS/WMNST 250: Sexual and Gender Identity over the Lifespan

HDFS 299: Infant and Child Development

##### **Pennsylvania State University–Altoona**

PSYCH 100: Introductory Psychology

PSYCH 212: Introduction to Developmental Psychology

PSYCH 231: Introduction to Psychology of Gender

PSYCH 422: Human Sexuality

PSYCH 410: Child Development

##### **University of Virginia**

PSYC 4559: Contemporary Parenthood

##### **Piedmont Virginia Community College**

PSY 200: Principles of Psychology

##### **Dowling College**

PSY 1001A: General Psychology I

PSY 1001B: General Psychology II

PSY 2120A: Social Psychology

PSY 2016A: Developmental Psychology II-Adolescent Psychology

PSY 3165A: Physiological Psychology

PSY 3001A: Mind and Behavior

PSY 2150A: Interpersonal Adjustment

**TEACHING INTERESTS**

Family Psychology; Contemporary Parenthood; Fatherhood; Introduction to Psychology; LGBT Lifespan; Introduction to Developmental Psychology; Psychology of Gender; Human Sexuality; Child/Adolescent/Adult Development

**TEACHING MENTORSHIP**

Fall 2021 Haeun Kim, Graduate Student, HDFS 229  
Spring 2021 Griselda Martinez, Graduate Student, HDFS 229  
Spring 2020 Sydnie Koetje-Simin, Undergraduate Student, HDFS 250  
Fall 2019 Ashlee Depaul, Undergraduate Student, HDFS 250  
Fall 2019 Julie Wood, Graduate Student, HDFS 229  
Fall 2019 Junyan Tian, Graduate Student, HDFS 229  
Spring 2019 Ashley Ryan, Undergraduate Student, HDFS 250  
Fall 2018 Madison Kovalick, Undergraduate Student, HDFS 250  
Spring 2018 Julie Wood, Graduate Student, HDFS 250  
Spring 2018 Melissa Armitage, Undergraduate Student, HDFS 250

**PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

2017-present Assistant Professor of Human Development and Family Studies, Pennsylvania State University  
2014-2017 Assistant Professor of Psychology & Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, Pennsylvania State University – Altoona.  
2016 Examination Judge, College Board Advanced Placement Psychology Reader, Educational Testing Services  
2013-2014 Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia  
2013 Undergraduate Competency Assessment Scorer, University of Virginia  
2012 Adjunct Lecturer, University of Virginia  
2012 Adjunct Professor, Piedmont Virginia Community College  
2008-2011 Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia  
2008-2011 College Board Advanced Placement Psychology Reader, Educational Testing Services  
2007-2008 Psychology Student Tutor, Dowling College  
2007-2008 Learning Skills Specialist, Dowling College  
2006-2008 Adjunct Lecturer, Dowling College  
2006-2008 Research Associate, Center for Essential Management  
2001-2003 Research Assistant, State University of New York Stony Brook  
2001-2002 Teaching Assistant, State University of New York Stony Brook

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

- 2019 Sexual & Gender Minority (SGM) Health Research Listening Session, Webinar
- 2019 Regional Workshop of Students, Postdoc, and Early Investigators Interested in Sexual & Gender Minority Health Research, Philadelphia, PA
- 2019 Challenges and Opportunities in Advancing: LGBTQ Health Policy in the Trump Administration, Webinar
- 2018 Maximizing Productivity for Early Career Scientists: Strategies for Building a Program of Research While Maintaining Productivity in Writing, Webinar
- 2018 How to Develop a Federal Grant Budget, Webinar
- 2018 Overview of Sexual and Gender Minority-Related Activities and Training Opportunities at NIH, Webinar
- 2017 The Transgender Training Institute, Philadelphia, PA
- 2016 Transgender Health and HIV/AIDS, Webinar
- 2016 Institute for Feminist Academic Psychologists, Pittsburg, PA
- 2016 Symposium for Teaching & Learning with Technology, Pennsylvania State University, PA
- 2015 Missing Values, SEM, & Growth Curves using Stata, Webinar
- 2014 Safe Space Training the Trainer, Pennsylvania State University, PA
- 2012 Fragile Families Summer Data Workshop, Columbia University, NY
- 2011 Modeling Diary Data with HLM, University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA
- 2010-2011 Graduate Teaching Training Program, University of Virginia, VA

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Psychological Association (APA)
- Association for Psychological Science (APS)
- Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD)
- National Council on Family Relations (NCFR)
- APA Division 35-Society of the Psychology of Women
- APA Division 44- Society for the Psychological Study of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Studies
- APA Division 51- Men and Masculinity
- Psychologists Affirming their Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Family (AFFIRM)

**UNIVERSITY/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/SERVICE**

- 2018-present Member of The Committee for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Pennsylvania State University
- 2017-present Co-founder & Member of the Sexual & Gender Minority Health Special Interest Group, Pennsylvania State University
- 2020-2021 Member of ad-hoc committee for the Editorial Board to Enhance Diversity the Journal of Family Relations: Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Family Science, National Council of Family Relations

- 2019-2020 Faculty Search Committee for Human Development and Family Studies, Pennsylvania State University
- 2019-2020 Member of the Leadership Academy Exploratory Committee, American Psychological Association, Division 44: Psychological Study of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity
- 2018-2019 American Psychological Association Annual Meeting: Division 44 (Society for the Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity) Program Chair, Chicago, IL
- 2019 Graduation Attendee for the Human Development and Family Studies Department, Pennsylvania State University
- 2018 Graduation Attendee for the Human Development and Family Studies Department, Pennsylvania State University
- 2017-2018 American Psychological Association Annual Meeting: Division 44 (Society for the Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity) Suite Coordinator, San Francisco, CA
- 2017-2018 Faculty Search Committee for Human Development and Family Studies, Pennsylvania State University
- 2017-2018 Co-chair, Curricular Integration Committee, Presidential Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Equity, Pennsylvania State University
- 2017-2018 Appointed member, Presidential Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Equity, Pennsylvania State University
- 2016-2017 Associate member, Presidential Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Equity, Pennsylvania State University – Altoona
- 2016 Committee member, Peer Review of Teaching Committee for Lindsey Lilienthal, Pennsylvania State University – Altoona
- 2016 Faculty judge, Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities Fair, Pennsylvania State University – Altoona
- 2015-2017 Co-advisor to Undergraduate Student Pride Club (AKA Gay, Straight Alliance), Pennsylvania State University – Altoona
- 2015-2017 Moderator of the Undergraduate LGBTQA+ discussion groups, Pennsylvania State University – Altoona
- 2015-2016 Affiliate member, Presidential Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Equity, Pennsylvania State University – Altoona
- 2015 Faculty judge, Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities Fair, Pennsylvania State University – Altoona
- 2015 Panelist, Psychology Professor Panel, Pennsylvania State University – Altoona
- 2015 Attendee, Altoona meeting of the Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Equity, Pennsylvania State University – Altoona
- 2014-2017 Member, Coalition on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, Pennsylvania State University – Altoona Representative
- 2014 Faculty Search Committee for Psychology Department, Pennsylvania State University – Altoona
- 2013 Panelist, Curry School of Education, SEEDS for Change: “Preparing Educators for Diverse Populations: Supporting LGBTQ Students in Schools”

2013 Panelist, Graduate Student Committee, GRADdays: “Out in the Academy”  
2012-2014 Diversity Committee Member, Psychology Graduate Representation