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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2020-** Department of Sociology, California State University, East Bay
Assistant Professor
- 2019-2020** Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Boston University
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
- 2013–2018** Institute for Health Equity & Social Justice Research, Northeastern University
Graduate Research Fellow

EDUCATION

- 2018** Ph.D. Sociology, Northeastern University, Boston, MA
Dissertation: *Recovery and Reentry: Professionalizing and Resisting Stigmas in Forensic Peer Support*
Concentrations: Medical Sociology; Deviance & Social Control
- 2011** M.P.H. Community Health Education, California State University Northridge (CSUN), Northridge, CA
Honors with Distinction
- 2004** B.A. Gender & Women's Studies, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

- 2023 Adams, Wallis E., Ryan Duquette, Anneliese de Wet, and E. Sally Rogers. "Competing Allegiance in an Unclear Role: Peer and Non-Peer Understanding of Peer Support in Massachusetts, United States." *SSM – Mental Health*. doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmmh.2023.100245
- 2023 Adams, Wallis E., E. Sally Rogers, Lauren McKnight, and David Lynde. "Examination of Adaptations to the Evidence-Based Supported Employment Model: Individual Placement and Support." *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*. 50:644-657.
- 2022 Adams, Wallis E., E. Sally Rogers, Emily Lord, Jonathan P. Edwards and Martha Barbone. "Peer Support Specialist Work and Experiences During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A National Longitudinal Study." *Psychiatric Services*. doi: 10.1176/appi.ps.202100718
- 2022 Adams, Wallis E., E. Sally Rogers, Jonathan P. Edwards, Emily Lord, Lauren McKnight and Martha Barbone. "The Impact on COVID-19 on Peer Support Specialists in the US: Findings from a Cross-Sectional Online Survey." *Psychiatric Services*. 73(1):9-17.
- 2021 Adams, Wallis E. and Alisa K. Lincoln. "Barriers to and Facilitators of Implementing Peer Support Services for Criminal-Justice Involved Individuals." *Psychiatric Services*. 72(6):626-632.
- 2021 Lincoln, Alisa K., Mara Eyllon, Christopher C. Prener, Suzanne Garverich, John Griffith, Wallis E. Adams... and Michael Paasche-Orlow. "Prevalence and Predictors

- of Limited Literacy in Public Mental Health Care.” *Community Mental Health Journal*. 57:1175-1186.
- 2020 **Adams, Wallis E.** “Unintended Consequences of Institutionalizing Peer Support Work in Mental Healthcare.” *Social Science and Medicine*. 262:113249.
- 2020 **Adams, Wallis E.** and Alisa K. Lincoln. “Forensic Peer Specialists: Training, Employment and Lived Experience.” *Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal*. 43(3):189-196.
- 2020 Scoglio, Arielle, **Wallis E. Adams** and Alisa K. Lincoln. “Meaning and Management of Multiple Medications among Public Mental Health Services Users.” *Community Mental Health Journal*. 56(2):313-321.
- 2017 Lincoln, Alisa K., **Wallis E. Adams**, Mara Eyllon... and Kim Hopper. “The Double Stigma of Limited Literacy and Mental Illness: Examining barriers to recovery and participation among public mental health services users.” *Society and Mental Health* 7(3):121-141.
- 2017 Guzzardo, Mariana, **Wallis E. Adams**, Irina Todorova and Luis Falcon. “Harmonizing traditional beliefs with new realities: Social support experiences of Puerto Ricans with disabilities.” *Sage Open*. 7(2).
- 2017 Guzzardo, Mariana, **Wallis E. Adams**, Irina Todorova and Luis Falcon. “Resonating sentiments on Puerto Rican identity through poetry: Voices of the diaspora.” *Qualitative Inquiry* 22(5):428-443.
- 2016 Guzzardo, Mariana, Irina Todorova, **Wallis E. Adams** and Luis Falcon. “‘Half here, half there’: Dialogical selves among older Puerto Ricans of the diaspora.” *Journal of Constructive Psychology*. 29(1):51-65.
- 2016 Lincoln, Alisa K. and **Wallis E. Adams**. “Understandings of Community among People using Publicly Funded Community Mental Health Services.” Pp. 147-174 in *Advances in Medical Sociology, Vol. 17: 50 Years after Deinstitutionalization: Mental Illness in Contemporary Communities*, edited by Brea Perry. Doi: 10.1108/S1057-629020160000017019
- 2015 **Adams, Wallis E.**, Irina Todorova, Mariana Guzzardo, and Luis Falcon. “‘The problem here is that they want to solve everything with pills’: Medication use and identity among Mainland Puerto Ricans.” *Sociology of Health and Illness*. 37(6):904-919.
- 2015 **Adams, Wallis E.**, Irina Todorova and Luis Falcon. “Puerto Rican Victimization and Crime on the Mainland: The Role of Acculturation.” *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*. 37(1):59-74.
- 2015 Todorova, Irina, Mariana Guzzardo, **Wallis E. Adams** and Luis Falcon. “Gratitude and Longing: Meanings of Health in Aging for Puerto Rican Adults in the Mainland.” *Journal of Health Psychology*. 20(12):1602-1612.
- 2013 George, Sheba, Robert Phillips, Bryce McDavitt, Wallis E. Adams, and Matt Mutchler. “The cellular generation and a new risk environment: Implications for texting-based sexual health promotion interventions among minority young men who have sex with men.” *AMIA Annual Symposium Proceedings*. 2012: 247-56.

Public Reports & Publications:

- 2023 **Adams, Wallis E.**, Sally E. Rogers, and Jonathan P. Edwards. “Peer Support during the Pandemic: Changes, Challenges, and Silver Linings.” Chapter 13 in *What it Takes: Wisdom from Peer Support Specialists and Supervisors*. National Association of Peer Supporters (NAPS). ISBN: 9798367242355
- 2020 **Adams, Wallis E.**, E. Sally Rogers, Martha Barbone and Jonathan P. Edwards. “The Impact of COVID-19 on Peer Support Specialists: Findings from a National Survey.” Available on following websites: [Mental Health America](#), [Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation](#), and [National Association of Peer Supporters](#) (as of 8/22/22).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Sociology Department, California State University, East Bay

Assistant Professor

Spring 2024	SOC390: Research Methods SOC413: Medical Sociology SOC491: Professional Development
Fall 2023	SOC383: Sociology of Mental Health SOC413: Medical Sociology
Spring 2023	SOC383: Sociology of Mental Health SOC413: Medical Sociology SOC491: Professional Development
Fall 2022	SOC383: Sociology of Mental Health SOC492: Capstone Support SOC499: Capstone Project
Spring 2022	SOC390: Research Methods SOC499: Capstone Project
Fall 2021	SOC365: Deviance & Social Control SOC390: Research Methods
Spring 2021	SOC383: Sociology of Mental Health SOC413: Medical Sociology

Sociology Department, Northeastern University

Adjunct Lecturer (Instructor of Record)

Summer 2017	SOC321: Research Methods in Sociology
Spring 2016	SOC205: Law and Social Justice

Sociology Department, Boston University

Adjunct Lecturer (Instructor of Record)

Fall 2017	SO434: Sociology of Mental Illness
Spring 2014	SO434: Sociology of Mental Illness

Sociology and Criminology Department, Framingham State University

Adjunct Lecturer (Instructor of Record)

Spring 2015	CRIM270: Social Deviance
Fall 2014	CRIM270: Social Deviance

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & FUNDING

Research Funding (Grants, Fellowship & Awards)

2022	“Shared Lived Experience: Racial/ Ethnic Concordance in Peer Mental Health Services” (\$7,000) Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (RSCA) Grant, CSUEB
2022	“Examination of Adaptations to the Evidence-Based Supported Employment Model: IPS” (\$2,500) Summer Research Appointments, College of Letters, Arts, and Social Science (CLASS), CSUEB
2021	“Meaning of the Peer Role on Inter-professional Mental Health Teams” (\$2,500) Summer Research Appointments, CLASS, CSUEB

- 2019 “A Qualitative Case Study of Peer Support Specialists’ Role Clarity and Integration in Mental Health Care Organizations” (\$7,000) Dudley Allen Sargent Research Fund, Boston University College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences: Sargent College
- 2018 “Recovery and Reentry: Multiple Stigmas and Professionalization Within Forensic Peer Support” (\$12,500) Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Northeastern University Office of the Provost
- 2017 Graduate Dissertation Research Grant; College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Northeastern University (\$2,750)
- 2016 Graduate Student Research Award; Brudnick Center on Conflict and Violence, Northeastern University (\$2,000)
- 2016 Summer Research Grant; Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Northeastern University (\$2,000)

Principal Investigator

- 2022-23 “Shared Lived Experience: Racial/ Ethnic Concordance in Peer Mental Health Services” (Faculty Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity grant) California State University, East Bay
- 2020-21 “Impacts of COVID-19 on Peer Specialists in the US” (NIDILRR, ARRT grant #90AREM0001) Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Boston University
- 2019-20 “A Qualitative Case Study of Peer Support Specialists’ Role Clarity and Integration in Mental Health Care Organizations” (Dudley Allan Sargent Research Fund) Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Boston University

Co-Investigator

- 2019-20 “Project R-2: Development of a typology of provider-generated adaptations to IPS” (PI: Rogers; NIDILRR RRTC) Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Boston University.

Postdoctoral & Graduate Research Fellow

- 2019-20 Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training Program (PI: Russinova & Rogers; NIDILRR, ARRT grant #90AREM0001) Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Boston University.
- 2015-18 “Recovery and Reentry: Professionalizing and Resisting Stigmas in Forensic Peer Support” Dissertation Research (Chair: Alisa K. Lincoln)
- 2013-16 ‘The Meaning and Impact of Limited Literacy in the Lives of People with Serious Mental Illness’ (PI: Lincoln; NIMH funded RO1) Institute on Urban Health Research and Practice, Northeastern University.
- 2012-14 ‘Social and Environmental Context of Cardiovascular Risk in Puerto Rican Adults’ (Co-PI: Falcon; NHLBI funded P50) Boston Puerto Rican Health Study, University of Massachusetts Lowell.
- 2010-11 ‘Sex-Drugs & HIV’ (PI: Mutchler; NIDA funded RO3); ‘Evaluating the acceptability of cell phone-based sexual health communication’ (PI: Mutchler; Charles Drew Univ. funded) AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) Community Based Research Program, California State University Dominguez Hills.

PRESENTATIONS

Mentored Student Presentations:

- 2023 Alex Wyse. “Impacts of Punitive Measures for Relapse” Social Science Student Symposium (S4), SSRIC, Camarillo, CA
- 2023 Jessica Marquez. “Perception of Music Among Young Adults” Pacific Sociological Association (PSA), Bellingham, WA
- 2022 Kionna Borie. “Psychosocial Stressors and Pet Ownership During the COVID-19 Pandemic” PSA, Sacramento, CA

- 2022 Arleth Ruiz. "Social Factors that Influence the Decline in Marriage for Ages 18-40." PSA, Sacramento, CA
- 2022 Brighton Kinney. "The Effects of Socioeconomic Status, Family Influence, and Race on College Athletic Recruitment." PSA, Sacramento, CA

Invited Presentations & Public Talks:

- 2022 "The Peer Support Specialist Workforce During Covid-19 " (Webinar)
Making Sense of Employment Research, Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Boston University
- 2020 "Impacts of COVID-19 on Peer Specialists in the US" (Zoom presentation)
Supported Employment Working Group, US Department of Labor
- 2017 "Forensic Peer Specialists" (Workshop)
Massachusetts Department of Mental Health

Academic Conference Presentations (Select):

- 2023 **Adams, W.** "Not Hugely Clear: Peer and Non-Peer Understanding of Peer Roles and Tasks in Traditional Mental Healthcare Organizations." Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference, Bellevue, WA. [Unable to attend]
- 2021 **Adams, W.,** Edwards, J., Rogers, S.E. "Impacts of COVID-19 on Peer Specialists in the US: Results of Longitudinal Surveys in 2020." National Association of Peer Supporters Annual Conference. (Virtual)
- 2021 **Adams, Wallis E.** "Educating or Advocating: Peer Providers in Clinical Spaces." Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. (Virtual)
- 2020 **Adams, W.** "Often our role butts heads with other peoples' roles": Promoting recovery in clinical institutions." Society for the Study of Social Problems San Francisco, CA. (Canceled due to COVID-19)
- 2019 **Adams, W.** and Legere, L. "Where is the Peer Support in Peer Support?" International Association of Peer Supporters, San Diego, CA.
- 2019 **Adams, W.,** Lincoln, A., Marshall, I., Brown, P., Draine, J. "Contextualizing and Managing Multiple Stigmas Related to Mental Illness and Criminal Justice System Involvement." American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- 2019 **Adams, W.,** Lincoln, A., Marshall, I., Brown, P., Draine, J. "The Complexities of Professionalizing Peer Support." Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA.
- 2018 **Adams, W.** "Understanding Experiences of Forensic Peer Support Training and Work." American Public Health Association, San Diego, CA.
- 2018 **Adams, W.** "I'm a Professional Drug Addict and Drunk?: Peer Support's Challenge to Professionalism and Expert Knowledge." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 **Adams, W.,** Arford, T., Eyllon, M., Garverich, S., Prener, C., Lincoln, A. "Multiple Stigmas: The co-occurrence of stigma associated with mental illness and limited literacy." American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2016 Lincoln, A., Garverich, S., Paasche-Orlow, M., Rosenfeld, L., Griffith, J., Eyllon, M., Prener, C., Nykiel, S., **Adams, W.,** and Hopper, K. "Examining Limited Literacy in the Lives of People with Mental Illness: Unexamined barriers to treatment, recovery and participation." Special Session presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2016 **Adams, W.,** Garverich, S., and Lincoln, A. "Meaning and Management of Psychiatric Medication Among Public Mental Health Service Users." Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.
- 2015 Garverich, S., Prener, C., **Adams, W.,** Lincoln, A., "Examining literacy among public urban mental health service users." Institute on Psychiatric Services conference, New York, NY.

- 2014 **Adams, W.**, Prener, C., Garverich, S., Arford, T., Lincoln, A. “Understandings of Community and Subjective Social Status Among People Using Public Community Mental Health Centers.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 **Adams, W.**, Todorova, I., Guzzardo, M., and Falcon, L. “‘The problem here is that they want to solve everything with pills’: Differentiating and integrating multiple meanings of medication.” British Sociological Association, Leeds, UK.
- 2013 Guzzardo, M., Todorova, I., **Adams, W.**, and Falcon, L. “‘I don’t have any complaints’”: Meanings of health in aging for Puerto Rican adults in the US Mainland.” Poster presented at the American Public Health Association’s Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- 2013 **Adams, W.** “Crime and Puerto Ricans on the Mainland: The Role of Acculturation and Mental Health.” American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- 2012 George, S., Philips, R., McDavitt, B., **Adams, W.** and Mutchler, M. “The Cellular Generation and a New Risk Environment: Implications for Texting-Based Sexual Health Promotion Interventions among Minority Young Men Who Have Sex with Men” American Medical Informatics Association Annual Symposium, Chicago, IL.
- 2012 Mutchler, M., George, S., McDavitt, B., Philips, R., and **Adams, W.** “Sleeping and texting with my phone: Implications for mental health and sexual health promotion among black and Latino young men who have sex with men.” Second International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

HONORS, AWARDS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Honors & Awards:

- 2022 Fellow, Center for Health Equity Research Institute
California State University, Long Beach
- 2018 Howard Kaplan Award in Medical Sociology
American Sociological Association
- 2013 Betty J. Cleckley Minority Issues Research Award (Honorable Mention)
Aging and Public Health Section, American Public Health Association
- 2010 Barbara A. Cooley Scholarship in Health Education, Graduate Level
American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

Professional Development:

- 2023 Equity-Minded Pedagogy (California State University, Office of the Chancellor)
- 2023 Media & Presentation Training (MediaWorks & CSUEB)
- 2023 Care Work: Dreaming Disability Justice (Office of Faculty Development, CSUEB)
- 2022 Understanding Grade Inequities and Links to Course Design (Office of Faculty Development, CSUEB)
- 2022 Center for Health Equity Research Institute Fellow (CHER Institute, CSULB)
- 2022 NIH Grant Writing Workshop (iMERS, SJSU)
- 2019 Implementation Research, Harvard Catalyst Education Program

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSION

California State University, East Bay

- Committee on Research, Academic Senate (2023 – 2025)
- Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology (2022-24)
- Assessment Committee, Department of Sociology (2021-22)
- Disability Justice Working Group, CSUEB (2020-23)
- Departmental Manual Committee, Department of Sociology (2021-2022)

Student Scholarship Committee (Chair), Department of Sociology (2020-2024)

Journal Reviewer

Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research

Journal of Mental Health

Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal

Psychiatric Services

Social Science and Medicine

Society and Mental Health

Sociology of Health and Illness

Grant Reviewer

NIDLIRR: Switzer Research Fellowship – Alternate (2022)

NSF: Law and Science Dissertation Grant (2021)

NIDLIRR: 2021 RRTC on Interventions to Promote Community Living among People with Disabilities (2021)