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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. *Brown University*, Providence, RI  
Behavioral and Social Health Sciences, May 2022
- M.A. *Hunter College of the City University of New York*, New York, NY  
General Psychology, May 2015
- B.A. *Hunter College of the City University of New York*, New York, NY  
*Magna Cum Laude*, with departmental honors in Psychology, May 2008

## POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

- Fellowship Alcohol Research Group (ARG)  
Public Health Institute, UC Berkeley  
Mentor: Priscilla Martinez, Ph.D. 2022-present

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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| Translation Mechanisms of Behavior Change Science Travel Award           | 2023 |
| Population Reference Bureau Travel Award                                 | 2022 |
| Behavioral and Social Health Sciences Dissertation Research Grant        | 2020 |
| Nora Kahn Piore Research Award   | 2020 |
| 2018 Brown University Alcohol Research Center on HIV (ARCH) Travel Award | 2018 |
| Psi Chi, National Honor Society in Psychology                            | 2008 |
| Golden Key Honor Society   | 2007 |

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Associate Scientist, Alcohol Research Group* 2022 - present  
Public Health Institute, UC Berkely, Emeryville, CA
- Conduct analyses of quantitative and qualitative data.

***Special Projects Coordinator, Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies 2022 - 2022***

Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Brown University, Providence RI

- Develop protocols for data acquisition and analysis.
- Conduct analyses of quantitative and qualitative data.
- Coordinate with the offsite officials and personnel to conduct research in an in carceral setting.
- Collaborate with researchers at offsite healthcare/research institutions to successfully enact study protocols.

***Graduate Research Assistant, Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies 2017 - 2022***

Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Brown University, Providence RI

- Develop protocols for data acquisition and analysis.
- Coordinate with the offsite officials and personnel to conduct research in an in carceral setting.
- Co-develop and implement qualitative research measures for use with sexual and gender minority populations.
- Collaborate with researchers at offsite healthcare/research institutions to successfully enact study protocols.
- Administer Motivational Interviewing to research participants enrolled in alcohol use behavioral interventions.
- Administer standardized behavioral assessment instruments to research participants in NIH funded research programs designed to evaluate efficacy of an experimental clinical intervention to facilitate cigarette smoking cessation.

***Project Coordinator, Hunter HIV/AIDS Research Team***

**2012 - 2017**

Department of Psychology, Hunter College, New York, NY

- Under the supervision of Dr. Sarit Golub, contributed to three NIH-funded projects (R01MH095565; R01AA022067; and R01MH105268)
- Composition of procedural protocols for data acquisition for use by research staff.
- Management of participant tracking databases as well as ongoing participant tracking through phases of research study participation.
- Creation and modification of databases as well as ongoing data integrity monitoring.
- Administer standardized behavioral assessment instruments to research participants in NIH funded research programs designed to test treatment efficacy and experimental health messaging techniques.
- Collaboration with researchers at an offsite research institution to successfully enact study protocols.
- Data analysis and contribution to manuscripts writing and conference presentations.

***Research Assistant, The Neuroimaging of Addiction and Related Conditions***

**2014 - 2015**

Department of Psychiatry, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY

- Administer standardized behavioral assessment instruments to research participants in research programs designed to elucidate neurological and cognitive aspects of clinical disorders.
- Assist with the entering and processing of quantitative research data.

***Project Coordinator, PRIDE Health Research Consortium*** **2011 – 2012**  
***(formerly Center for HIV Educational Studies and Training)***  
 Department of Psychology, Hunter College, New York, NY

- Under the supervision of Dr. Sarit Golub, coordinated R21DA026792 and R01MH095565.
- Composition of procedural protocols for data acquisition for use by research staff.
- Creation and management of participant tracking databases as well as ongoing participant tracking through phases of research study participation.
- Creation and modification of databases as well as ongoing data integrity monitoring.
- Programming and modification of survey administration software.
- Training new employees in the use of assessment tools, continuous monitoring of data collection accuracy, as well as provide ongoing feedback to research staff on data collection skills.

***Research Assistant, PRIDE Health Research Consortium*** **2008 – 2011**  
***(formerly Center for HIV Educational Studies and Training)***

Department of Psychology, Hunter College, New York, NY

- Under the supervision of Dr. Jeffrey Parsons, contributed to three NIH-funded projects (R01DA020366; R01DA023395; R01MH087714)
- Administer standardized mental health, neurocognitive and behavioral assessment and diagnostic instruments to research participants in federally funded HIV and drug abuse trials.
- Provide psychoeducation about substance abuse, HIV self-care and sexual health to research participants enrolled in HIV and drug abuse behavioral interventions.
- Assessing therapist adherence to Motivational Interviewing through the use of treatment fidelity measures such as the Motivational Interviewing Treatment Integrity (MITI); assist in the training and supervision of the CHEST MITI coding team. The CHEST MITI team assesses treatment fidelity on federally funded projects implementing MI at multiple sites around the country.
- Administer and coordinate neurocognitive assessments across research projects. This includes participant tracking, data collection, data management, conversion of the raw data into usable format and training of new employees in assessment.
- Assist with management of the research study Decisions About Risk Taking (DART.) This includes participant tracking, data management, and training of new employees in using the assessment tools.
- Administer structured interviews to collect qualitative data for analyses.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Writing Center Associate,* **2020 - 2022**  
*The Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning,*  
Brown University, Providence RI

- Collaboration with undergraduate/graduate students to successfully revise manuscripts.
- Instructed effectively with students from diverse backgrounds (e.g. English as Second Language [ESL] learners) and academic fields.
- Enabled students to assess their individual writing strengths/weaknesses and implemented plans for improving their writing.

*Teaching Assistant, Brown School of Public Health 2019 - 2020*

Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Brown University, Providence RI

- Proficiently fulfilled the goals of the Behavioral and Social Sciences Department by introducing students to research methodologies.
- Facilitated class discussions.
- Assisted in designing course syllabi and assignments.
- Developed and gave lectures on research methodology.
- Evaluated students' performance through formal assignments and examinations.
- Maintained thorough records of students' attendance/grades.
- Maintained regularly scheduled office hours to advise and assist students.

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS

*Bulletin Writer,* **2022 – present**  
Recovery Research Institute, Mass General Hospital, Boston, MA

- Collaboration with treatment providers and scientists to write synopses of scientific research for lay audiences.

## PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS

Global Certificate in Legal Epidemiology	<b>2023</b>
Population Reference Bureau U.S. Policy Communication Training Program	<b>2020</b>
Variability in Intensive Longitudinal Data: Mixed-Effects Location Scale Modeling (College Park, PA)	<b>2019</b>
Sheridan Course Design Seminar: Principles and Practice (Providence, RI)	<b>2019</b>
Scientific Writing Workshop (Providence, RI)	<b>2018</b>
Research Data Management Workshop (Providence, RI)	<b>2018</b>
Sheridan Teaching Seminar (Providence, RI)	<b>2018</b>
Motivational Interviewing Training (Providence, RI)	<b>2017</b>
HIV testing and pre/Posttest counseling (New York, NY)	<b>2010</b>

OSHA/Bloodborne Pathogens Training (New York, NY) **2009**  
Motivational Interviewing Treatment Integrity (MITI). (New York, NY) **2008**

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

Rhode Island Public Health Association. (2021) Police Data and Public Health.

Rhode Island Public Health Association. (2021) Debunking Vaccine Myths: Covid-19.

## **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Scott, K., Guy, A. A., Zelaya, D. G., Surace, A., Elwy, A. R., Keuroghlian, A. S., Mayer, K. H., Monti P. M., & Kahler, C. W. (2023). Research and engagement considerations for alcohol use telehealth services within HIV care: a qualitative exploration in federally qualified health centers, *AIDS Care*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09540121.2023.2197640>

Guy, A. A., **Surace, A.**, Zelaya, D. G., Flynn, R., Opalo, C., Keuroghlian, A. S., Mayer, K. H., Monti, P. M., & Kahler, C. W. (2023). Transgender and gender diverse adults' reflections on alcohol counseling and recommendations for providers. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1037/ort0000663>

Zelaya, D. G., Guy, A., **Surace, A.**, Mastroleo, N., Pantalone, D., Monti, P., Mayer, K., & Kahler, C. (2022). Modeling the Impact of Race, Socioeconomic Status, Discrimination and Cognitive Appraisal on Mental Health Concerns Among Heavy Drinking HIV+ cisgender MSM. *AIDS & Behavior*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10461-022-03719-0>

**Surace, A.**, Kahler, C. W., & Wray T. B. (2022) Associations between daily discrimination experiences and drinking behavior among men who have sex with men: Results from an Ecological Momentary Assessment study. *Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity*. <https://doi.org/10.1037/sgd0000568>

**Surace, A.**, Zelaya, D., Mastroleo, N. R., Pantalone, D. W., Durst, A., Monti, P. M., Mayer, K. H. & Kahler, C. W. (2022) Examining the Impact of race on motivational interviewing implementation and outcomes with HIV+ heavy drinking men who have sex with men. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*.

Guy, A.A., Zelaya, D.G., **Surace, A.**, Mastroleo, N.R., Pantalone, D.W., Monti, P.M., Mayer, K.H., Kahler, C.W. (2022). Discrimination and alcohol problems among heavy drinking HIV-positive men who have sex with men: the buffering effect of a brief Motivational Intervention to reduce alcohol use. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*.

Restar A, **Surace A**, Adia A, Ogunbajo A, Cu-Uvin S, Operario D. (2022) Characterizing problematic drug use among transgender women and cisgender men during the emerging HIV crisis in the Philippines: Implications for policy research. *AIDS Education and Prevention*.

Restar A, **Surace A**, Adia A, Goedel W, Ogunbajo A, Jin H, Edeza A, Hernandez L, Cu-Uvin S, Operario D. (2022) Characterizing Awareness of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV Prevention in Manila and Cebu, Philippines: Web-Based Survey of Filipino Cisgender Men Who Have Sex With Men *J Med Internet Res* 2022;24(1):e24126 doi: 10.2196/24126

Guy, A.A., **Surace, A.**, Zelaya, D.G., Flynn, R., Opalo, C., Lyman, P., Keuroghlian, A., Mayer, K.H., Monti, P.M., Kahler, C.W. (2022) Transgender and gender diverse adults' reflections on alcohol counseling and recommendations for providers. Manuscript under review.

Kahler, C.W., **Surace, A.**, Durst, A., Pantalone, D.W., Mastroleo, N.R., Miguez, M.J., Bueno, D., Liu, T., Monti, P.M., & Mayer, K.H. (2022). Telehealth interventions to reduce alcohol use in men with HIV who have sex with men: Results of a factorial randomized controlled trial. Manuscript in preparation.

Anthony Surace, Augustine Kang, Christopher W. Kahler & Don Operario (2022) "I'm Gay With an Asterisk": How Intersecting Identities Influence LGBT Strengths, *Journal of Homosexuality*, DOI: [10.1080/00918369.2022.2132579](https://doi.org/10.1080/00918369.2022.2132579)

**Guy, A., Surace, A., Zelaya, D., C. W., Kahler** (2022) Strategies to dismantling barriers to healthcare among transgender and gender non-conforming adults in California: Results of a qualitative analysis. Manuscript under review.

Restar, A. J., Surace, A., Jin, H., Edeza, A., Ogunbajo, A., Goedel, W. C., ... & Operario, D. (2021). Integrating Pre-and Post-exposure Prophylaxes Programs for HIV Prevention Guidelines in Manila, Philippines. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 18(3), 672-681.

Restar, A. J., Jin, H., Ogunbajo, A., Adia, A., Surace, A., Hernandez, L., ... & Operario, D. (2020). Differences in HIV risk and healthcare engagement factors in Filipinx transgender women and cisgender men who have sex with men who reported being HIV negative, HIV positive or HIV unknown. *Journal of the International AIDS Society*, 23(8), e25582.

Winter, T., Riordan, B., **Surace, A.**, Scarf, D., & Jose, P. (2020, November 2). A tutorial on the use of informative Bayesian priors for minority research. <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/pk8j9>

Kahler, C.W., **Surace, A.**, Durst, A., Pantalone, D.W., Mastroleo, N.R., Miguez, M.J., Bueno, D., Liu, T., Monti, P.M., & Mayer, K.H. (2019). Telehealth interventions to reduce alcohol use in men with HIV who have sex with men: Protocol for a factorial randomized controlled trial. *Contemporary Clinical Trials Communications*, 16, 100475.

Restar, A., Jin, H., Breslow, A. S., **Surace, A.**, Antebi-Gruszka, N., Kuhns, L., Reisner, S. L., Garofalo, R., Mimiaga, M. J. (2019) Developmental Milestones in Young

Transgender Women in Two American Cities: Results from a Racially and Ethnically Diverse Sample. *Transgender Health*, 4(1), 162-167.

Restar, A. J., **Surace, A.**, Ogunbajo, A., Edeza, A., & Kahler, C. (2019). The HIV-Related Risk Factors of the Cisgender Male Sexual Partners of Transgender Women (MSTW) in the United States: A Systematic Review of the Literature. *AIDS Education and Prevention*, 31(5), 463-478.

**Surace, A.**, Riordan, B. C., & Winter, T. (2019). Do New Zealand sexual minorities engage in more hazardous drinking than non-sexual minorities? *Drug and alcohol review*.

Winter, T., Riordan, B. C., **Surace, A.**, & Scarf, D. (2019). Association between experience of racial discrimination and hazardous alcohol use among Māori in Aotearoa New Zealand. *Addiction*.

**Surace, A.**, & Riordan, B. C. (2019). It could get better: A response to reports of Sexual Minorities' life satisfaction in New Zealand. *Australian & New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry*, 0004867419887801.

Lelutiu-Weinberger, C., Manu, M., Ionescu, F., Dogaru, B., Kovacs, T., Dorobăntescu, C., Predescu, M., **Surace, A.**, & Pachankis, J. E. (2018). An mHealth Intervention to Improve Young Gay and Bisexual Men's Sexual, Behavioral, and Mental Health in a Structurally Stigmatizing National Context. *JMIR mHealth and uHealth*, 6(11), e183.

Kahler, C.W., **Surace, A.**, Gordon, R.E.F., Cioe, P.A., Spillane, N.S., Parks, A., Bock, B.C., & Brown, R.A (2018) Positive psychotherapy for smoking cessation enhanced with text messaging: Protocol for a randomized controlled trial. *Contemporary Clinical Trials*

Golub, S. A., Lelutiu-Weinberger, C., & **Surace, A.** (2018). Experimental Investigation of Implicit HIV and Preexposure Prophylaxis Stigma: Evidence for Ancillary Benefits of Preexposure Prophylaxis Use. *Jaids Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*, 77(3), 264-271.

Golub, S. A., Gamarel, K. E., & **Surace, A.** (2015). Demographic Differences in PrEP-Related Stereotypes: Implications for Implementation. *AIDS and Behavior* [epub 2015 July 05].

Lelutiu-Weinberger, C., Pachankis, J.E., Gamarel, K., **Surace, A.**, Parsons, J.T., & Golub, S.A. (2015). Feasibility, acceptability and preliminary efficacy of a live-chat intervention to reduce HIV risk among young men who have sex with men. *AIDS and Behavior*, 19(7): 1214-1227.

Golub, S. A., Gamarel, K. E., Rendina, H. J., **Surace, A.** & Lelutiu-Weinberger, C.L. (2013) From efficacy to effectiveness: Facilitators and barriers to PrEP acceptability and motivations for adherence among MSM and transgender women in New York City. *AIDS Patient Care & STDS* (27)4, 248 - 254.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**A. Surace**, A. A. Guy, D. G. Zelaya, C. Opaio, R. Flynn, K. H. Mayer, P. M. Monti, C. W., Kahler (2022, June) "It's easy to reach for alcohol being trans": dapting drinking interventions for transgender/gender diverse populations. Poster presented at Research Society on Alcoholism Meeting Research Society on Alcoholism, Orlando, FL.

A. A. Guy, **A. Surace**, D. G. Zelaya, R. Flynn, C. Opaio, A. S. Keuroghlian, K. H. Mayer, P. M. Monti, C. W., Kahler (2022, June) Recommendations for brief alcohol counseling among transgender and gender diverse adults: Qualitative results from in-depth interviews. Poster presented at Research Society on Alcoholism Meeting Research Society on Alcoholism, Orlando, FL.

**A. Surace**, A. Kang, D. Operario, C. W., Kahler (2021, June) How the loss of gay spaces has impacted alcohol use among sexual minorities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Poster presented at Research Society on Alcoholism Meeting Research Society on Alcoholism, Virtual.

**A. Surace**, T. B. Wray, C. W. Kahler (2021, June) Jeers and beers: the impact of discrimination on alcohol use among heavy drinking men who have sex with men (MSM). Poster presented at Research Society on Alcoholism Meeting Research Society on Alcoholism, Virtual

**A., Surace**, D. Zelaya, N. R. Mastroleo, D. W. Pantalone, A., Durst, P. M. Monti, K. H. Mayer, & C. W., Kahler (June, 2021) The role of discrimination in drinking behavior of HIV positive men who have sex with men (msm) of color. Poster presented at Research Society on Alcoholism Meeting Research Society on Alcoholism, Virtual.

A. A. Guy, D. Zelaya, **A. Surace**, N. R. Mastroleo, D. W. Pantalone, P. M. Monti, K. H. Mayer, C. W. Kahler (June, 2021) A Motivational Intervention buffered the effects of discrimination on alcohol-related problems among heavy drinking men who have sex with men (MSM) living with HIV. Poster presented at Research Society on Alcoholism Meeting Research Society on Alcoholism, Virtual.

D. G. Zelaya, A. A. Guy, **A. Surace**, N. R. Mastroleo, D. W. Pantalone, P. M. Monti, K. H. Mayer, C. W. Kahler (June, 2021) The Impact of Discrimination and Cognitive Appraisal on Mental Health Concerns with heavy drinking HIV+ MSM. Poster presented at Research Society on Alcoholism Meeting Research Society on Alcoholism, Virtual.

**Surace, A.**, & Boyle H. (2020, June) Examination of Relationship Between Alcohol Use Initiation and Suicide Ideation/Attempts for Sexual Minority and Nonsexual Minority Adolescents. Poster presented at the Research Society on Alcoholism Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Winter, T., Surace, A., & Riordan, B. C. (2019, June) Using overseas surveys to produce reliable models of sexual minorities. Oral presentation given at the New Zealands Population Conference 2019 Wellington, NZ.



**Surace, A.**, Riordan, B. C., & Winter, T. (2019, April) Alcohol Use Disparities Among Gender and Sexual Minorities in New Zealand. Poster presented at the 2019 Collaborative Perspectives on Addiction Meeting, Providence, RI,

**Surace, A. W.**, Pantalone, D. W., Monti, P. M., Mayer, K. H., Kahler, C. W. (2018, April) *HIV medication-alcohol interaction beliefs and medication nonadherence among HIV + heavy drinking men who have sex with men*. Poster presented at the Society of Behavioral Medicine 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Scientific Sessions New Orleans, LA.

Golub, S.A., Gamarel, K.E., **Surace, A.**, Lelutiu-Weinberger, C. (2015, Nov). *Importance of sexual history taking in PrEP acceptability and comprehension among young men of color who have sex with men: Implications for technology-based HIV prevention tools*. Oral presentation at the 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition, Chicago, IL

Lelutiu-Weinberger, C., Pachankis, J., Gamarel, K., **Surace, A.**, Parsons, J.T., & Golub, S.A. (November 2014). *HIV risk reduction via Facebook live chat for young men who have sex with men*. Paper presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Golub, S.A, Gamarel, K.E., **Surace, A.**, Boonrai, K., Saboshchuk, I. & Lelutiu-Weinberger, C. (2013, November). *Socioeconomic status differences in PrEP acceptability and comprehension of PrEP messaging: Implications for policies and programs*. Paper presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 2-6, 2013.

Golub, S.A., Gamarel, K.E., **Surace, A.**, & \*Lelutiu-Weinberger, C. (2013, June). *Impact of PrEP messaging factors on comprehension, adherence motivation, and risk compensation intentions*. Paper presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on HIV Treatment Adherence, Miami, FL.

Golub, S.A., Gamarel, K.E., **Surace, A.**, Letutiu-Weinberger, C. (2012, October). *Critical lessons for pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) messaging and program development*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, San Francisco, CA.

Kowalczyk, W., **Surace, A.**, Tomassilli, J., Parsons, J.T., & Golub, S.A. (2011, May). *The impact of executive function on the day level association of methamphetamine and missed medication*. Paper presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on HIV Treatment Adherence, Miami, FL.

## **JOURNAL REVIEWS**

Ad Hoc reviewer: *AIDS and Behavior, AIDS Care, Addictive Behaviors, Drug and Alcohol Dependence, Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology, International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, The Journal of Positive Psychology, Substance Use and Misuse, SSM – Qualitative Research in Health.*

## **UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES**

Antiracism Research Working Group

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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee

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Public Health Institute, UC Berkely, Emeryville, CA

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