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EDUCATION

- 2002 Ed.D. Harvard University, Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA.
Human Development and Psychology
Dissertation: *Hanging out and growing strong: A qualitative study of relationships with adults that foster resilience in adolescence.*
Advisor: Carol Gilligan
- 1991 M.S.S.W. University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work, Austin, TX.
Direct Practice Concentration
- 1987 B.A. Austin College, Sherman, TX
Psychology
Study Abroad, Institute for European Studies, Vienna, Austria 1985-1986
Senior Honors Thesis: *Peer interaction in day care*

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2016- Professor, Human Behavior Department, Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, MA.
Courses Taught: *Qualitative Research Methods* (doctoral level), *Advanced Qualitative Research Methods* (doctoral level), *Mixed Methods Research* (doctoral level)
- 2009-2016 Associate Professor, Human Behavior Department, Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, MA. Courses Taught: *Qualitative Research Methods* (doctoral level), *Advanced Qualitative Research Methods* (doctoral level), *Human Behavior in the Social Environment*
- 2002-2009 Assistant Professor, Human Behavior Department, Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, MA. Courses Taught: *Qualitative Research Methods* (doctoral level), *Clinical Practice with Adolescents in Social Context*; *Human Behavior in the Social Environment I*; *Human Behavior in the Social Environment II*
- 2001 Instructor, Harvard University Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA.
Courses Taught: *Gender in Psychology and Culture: Theory and Method*; *Gender, Culture and Madness: A Relational Perspective on Psychological Health, Distress and Intervention.*
- 1997-2000 Teaching Fellow, Harvard University Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA.
Courses Taught: *Gender Issues in Psychology and Culture*; *The Listening Guide: A Voice-Centered Relational Method*; *Advanced Gender Studies Seminar*; *Children and Adolescents at Risk: A Developmental Perspective on Risk and Resilience*; *A Radical Geography of the Psyche.*

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- 2021- Chair, Human Behavior, Research, and Policy Department, Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, MA.
- 2018-2021 Associate Dean for Research, Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, MA.
- 2010-2018 Chair, Human Behavior Department, Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, MA.
- 2001-2002 Interim Coordinator, Harvard Center on Gender and Education, Harvard University Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022	Fellow, American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare
2022	Legend of Mentoring Award, MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership
2021	Big Sister Boston 70 th Anniversary Honoree
2020	Fellow, Society for Social Work and Research
2017	Ralph & Eve Seelye Charitable Trust Fellowship Award, University of Auckland, New Zealand
2005-2010	William T. Grant Scholar Award
2004	Irene Stiver Dissertation Award, Jean Baker Miller Training Institute, Wellesley College
1990-1991	Phi Kappa Phi Academic Honors Society, University of Texas at Austin
1986-1987	Charles Curtis McKinney Fellow in Psychology, Austin College

EXTERNAL GRANT FUNDING

2022-2025	Co-PI, <i>Character First: Harnessing the Power of Love in Promoting Character Development in YouthBuild Programs</i> (PI: Delmonico, A. B.), Templeton Foundation. Total award: \$1,360,000. BU Sub-contract: \$297,097.
2022-2025	Co-PI, <i>About M-C & Me: A Digital Tool to Support Military-Connected (M-C) Students Moving to a New School District</i> (PI: Cavell, T.), U. S. Department of Defense. Total award: \$750,000. BU sub-contract: \$132,368
2018-2022	PI, <i>School Support, School Connectedness, and the Educational Outcomes of Military-Connected Students: An Exploratory Study of Student Mobility</i> , U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences. Total award: \$1,399,914.
2018-2020	Co-I and PI on BU Subcontract, <i>Connected Scholars: A mixed methods investigation of a social capital intervention for first-generation college students</i> (PI: Schwartz, S.), William T. Grant Foundation. Total award: \$582,150. BU Sub-contract: \$110,976.
2014-2018	Co-PI and PI on BU Subcontract, <i>Developing a Model for Delivering School-Based Mentoring to Students in Military Families</i> (PI: Cavell, T.), U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences. Total award: \$1,332,226. BU Sub-contract: \$322,836.
2014-2018	Co-I (Qualitative Methodologist), <i>Strong Families Strong Forces Prevention Project</i> (PI: Devoe, E.), U.S. Department of Defense. Total award: \$4,434,000.
2013-2016	Co-PI and PI on BU Subcontract, <i>Changing Youth Programs and Settings: An Experimental Evaluation of the Quality Mentoring Systems Initiative</i> . (PI: Keller, T.), William T. Grant Foundation. Total award: \$604,949. BU Sub-contract: \$141,719.
2013-2016	Co-PI and PI on BU Subcontract, <i>Youth Initiated Mentoring: Investigating an Innovative Approach to Mentoring At-Risk Youth</i> . (PI: Rhodes, J. E.), U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Total award: \$499,323. BU Sub-contract \$97,297.
2012-2015	Co-PI and PI on BU Subcontract, <i>Prediction and Prevention of Premature Closures of Mentoring Relationships: A Prospective Study of Participants, Processes, and Program Practices</i> . (PI: Keller, T.), U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Total award: \$499,894. BU Sub-contract \$97,897.
2010-2013	Co-PI and PI on BU Subcontract, <i>Performing Well, Feeling Bad: A Mixed-Method Study of Adolescent Girls, Stress and Psychological Well-Being</i> . (PI: Liang, B.), Laurel School, Shaker Heights, OH. Total award: \$250,000. BU Sub-contract \$18,094.

- 2010-2011 PI, *Parents' Perspectives on Family Strengthening Efforts of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Programs*. Annie E. Casey Foundation, subcontract from Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, \$14,577.
- 2009-2010 PI, *The DREAM Program: Mentor Evaluation Instrument Development*, DREAM Program, South Burlington, VT, \$4,281.
- 2009 PI, *The DREAM Program: Mentor Evaluation Literature Review*, DREAM Program, South Burlington, VT, \$1,275.
- 2007-2009 PI, Supplement to *Understanding the Mentoring Process: A Longitudinal Study of Mentoring Relationships Between Adolescents and Adults* to mentor a junior researcher of color. William T. Grant Foundation Scholar Award Program, \$60,000.
- 2005-2010 PI, *Understanding the Mentoring Process: A Longitudinal Study of Mentoring Relationships Between Adolescents and Adults*. William T. Grant Foundation Scholar Award Program, \$355,000.
- 2003-2005 PI, *Getting to the Heart of the Mentoring Process: An In-Depth Interview Study of Successful and Unsuccessful Mentor Relationships between Adolescents and Adults*. Sponsored by Robert S. and Grace W. Stone Primary Prevention Initiatives Grant Program: Empowering Children for Life, Wellesley Centers for Women, Wellesley College, \$25,000.
- 2001-2002 PI, *Beyond the Now Obvious: Understanding How Relationships with Adults Provide Psychological Protection for Adolescents*, The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Adolescent and Youth Dissertation Award, \$2,500.
- 1998-1999 Spencer Foundation Research Apprenticeship Grant, Harvard University Graduate School of Education, \$10,000.

RESEARCH CONSULTANCIES

- 2014-2015 Consultant, *Cornerstone: Boundary Spanning Case Management and Peer Support for Transition Age Youth with Mental Disorders*, (PI: Munson, M.). National Institutes of Health, R34 Pilot Intervention and Services Research Grant, PAR-12-279.
- 2013-2016 Consultant, *Long-Term Follow-Up on Effects of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Community-Based Mentoring Program*, (PI: DuBois, D.). U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.
- 2008-2012 Qualitative Methods Consultant, *Family Based Intervention with Traumatized Service Members and Their Young Children* (PI: DeVoe, E.). United States Department of Defense.
- 2008-2010 Qualitative Methods Consultant, *Making the Transition: Supportive Relationships, Illness Identity, and Service Use among Transitioning System Youth with Mood Disorders* (PI: Munson, M.). Ohio Department of Public Health.
- 2004-2005 Qualitative Methods Consultant, *The Impact of Natural Mentors on Older Foster Care Youth* (PI: Munson, M.). National Institute of Mental Health, F31, Ruth L. Kirschstein, National Research Service Award.

PUBLICATIONS

*Denotes graduate student co-author

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Spencer, R., Drew, A., Herrera, C., McBeath, B., & Keller, T. E. (Accepted for publication). Ready? Set? Go?: A qualitative examination of readiness for change among youth mentoring programs and state-level supporting organizations engaging in a quality improvement intervention. *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*.
2. Spencer, R., *McCormack, M., Drew, A. L., Gowdy, G., & Keller, T. E. (2022). (Not) minding the gap: A qualitative interview study of how social class bias can influence youth mentoring relationships. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 50, 1579-1596. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jcop.22737>
3. Lund, T.J., Liang, B., Sepulveda, J., White, A.E., Patel, K., DeSilva Mousseau, A.M., Spencer, R. (2022). Parenting and youth purpose: Fostering other-oriented aims. *Youth*, 1, 2013. <https://doi.org/10.3390/youth1010002>
4. van Dam, L., Rhodes, J., & Spencer R. (2021). Youth-initiated mentoring—A scalable approach to addressing mental health problems during the Covid-19 crisis. *JAMA Psychiatry*, 78(8), 817-818. <https://doi.org/10.1001/jamapsychiatry.2021.0490>
5. Gowdy, G., & Spencer, R. (2021). It's who you know that matters: Identifying which type of informal mentor is most likely to promote economic mobility for vulnerable youth. *Journal of Primary Prevention*, 42, 217-238. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10935-021-00630-7>
6. Cavell, T. A., Spencer, R., & McQuillin, S. D. (2021). Back to the future: Mentoring as a means and end in promoting child mental health. *Journal of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology*, 50(2), 281-299. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15374416.2021.1875327>
7. Spencer, R., Drew, A. L., & Horn, J. P. (2021). Program staff perspectives on implementing youth-initiated mentoring with systems-involved youth. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 49(7), 2781-2794. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jcop.22514>
8. Spencer, R., Keller, T. E., *Perry, M., Drew, A. L., *Clark-Shim, H., *Horn, J. P., *Miranda-Diaz, M., *McCormack, M., (2021). How youth mentoring relationships end and why it matters: A mixed-methods, multi-informant study. *Annals of the New York Academies of Science*, 1483 (2021), 67-79. <https://doi.org/10.1111/nyas.14290>
9. Drew, A. L., & Spencer, R. (2021). Mentors' approach to relationship-building and the supports they provide to youth: A qualitative investigation of community-based mentoring relationships. *Children & Youth Services Review*, 121, 1-10. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105846>
10. Ross, A. M., DeVoe, E. R., Steketee, G., Spencer, R., & Richter, M. (2021). "This is not your life...and it becomes your life": A qualitative exploration of deployment-related Stress and support needs in National Guard and Reserve spouses who are mothers of young children. *Family Process*, 60(4), 1364-1380.. <https://doi.org/10.1111/famp.12622>
11. Gowdy, G., Miller, D. P., & Spencer, R. (2021). Helping those who need it the least: A counterfactual and comparative analysis of whether informal mentoring promotes economic upward mobility for low-and middle-income youth. *Youth & Society*, 53(7), 1152-1180.
12. Spencer, R., *Gowdy, G., Herrera, C., Heubach, J., & Slep, A., & Cavell, T. (2020). Web-based training for school-based mentors of military-connected youth: A multi-phase development study. *Journal of Primary Prevention*, 41, 567-583. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10935-020-00616-x>

13. DeVoe, E. R., Ross, A. M., Spencer, R., Drew, A. L., Paris, R., & Jacoby, V. M. (2020). Coparenting across the deployment cycle: Observations from military families with young children. *Journal of Family Issues*, 49 (9), 1447-1469. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0192513X19894366>
14. *Kritikos, T.K., DeVoe, E.R., Spencer, R., Langer, D.A., Nicholson, J., Mufti, F., & Tompson, M.C. (2020). Finding meaning in times of family stress: A mixed methods study of the benefits and challenges amongst home-front parents in military families. *Military Psychology*, 32(4), 287- 299. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08995605.2020.1754122>
15. Drew, A. L., Keller, T. E., Spencer, R., Herrera, C. (2020). Investigating mentor commitment in youth mentoring relationships: The role of perceived program practices. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 48, 2264-2276. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jcop.22409>
16. *AbiNader M., DeVoe, E., Cook-Heffron, L., & Spencer R. (2020). "It's like you gotta fly the plane while you're repairing it at the same time": Supporting rural intimate partner violence victim advocates after the homicide of a client. *Partner Abuse*, 11(2), 158-178. <https://doi.org/10.1891/PA-D-19-00054>
17. Spencer, R., Pryce, J., *Barry, J., Basualdo-Delmonico, A. & Walsh, J. (2020). Deconstructing empathy: A qualitative examination of mentor perspective- taking and adaptability in youth mentoring relationships. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 114, 105043. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105043>
18. *Miranda-Diaz, M., Keller. T. E., *Clark-Shim, H., & Spencer, R. (2020). Determinants of motivation for mentoring among adults volunteering to mentor youth. *Journal of Youth Development*, 15(4), 174-189. <https://doi.org/10.5195/jyd.2020.881>
19. Keller, T. E., *Clark-Shim, Hyun, Drew, A. L., Herrera, C., & Spencer, R. (2020). It's about time: Staff support contacts and mentor volunteer experiences. *Journal of Youth Development*. 15(4), 145-161. <https://doi.org/10.5195/jyd.2020.879>
20. Weiler, L. M., *Scafe, M. Spencer R., & Cavell, T. A. (2020). Caregiver-initiated mentoring: Developing a working model to mitigate social isolation. *Clinical Social Work Journal*, 48, 6-17. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10615-019-00723-1>
21. Keller, T. E., *Perry, M., Spencer, R. (2020). Reducing social isolation through formal youth mentoring: Opportunities and potential pitfalls. *Clinical Social Work Journal*, 48, 35-45. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10615-019-00727-x>
22. *Gowdy, G., Miller, D. P., & Spencer, R. (2020). Expanding and deepening our understanding of which young people are most likely to have an informal mentor. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 108, 104490. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2019.104490>
23. Spencer, R., *Gowdy, G., *Drew, A. L., *McCormack, M., & Keller, T. E. (2020). It takes a village to break up a match: A systemic view of early endings in formal youth mentoring relationships. *Child and Youth Care Forum*, 49, 97-120. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10566-019-09520-w>
24. Spencer, R., *Gowdy, G., *Drew, A. L., & Rhodes, J. E. (2019). "Who knows me the best and can encourage me the most?": Matching and early relationship development in youth-initiated mentoring relationships with system-involved youth. *Journal of Adolescent Research*, 34(1), 3-29. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0743558418755686>
25. Liang, B., Lund, T., Mousseau, A. M. D., White, A., Spencer, R., & Walsh, J. (2018). Adolescent girls finding purpose: The role of parents and pro-sociality. *Youth & Society*, 50(6), 801-817. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0044118X17697850>

26. Spencer, R., *Drew, A. L., *Gowdy, G., *Horn, J. P. (2018). "A positive guiding hand": A qualitative examination of youth-initiated mentoring and the promotion of interdependence among foster care youth. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 93, 41-50. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2018.06.038>
27. Schwartz, S. E. O., Kanchewa, S. S., Rhodes, J. E., *Gowdy, G., Stark, A., *Horn, J. P., Parnes, M., & Spencer, R. (2018). "'I'm having a little struggle with this, can you help me out?': A mixed methods examination of a social capital intervention for first-generation college students. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 61(1-2), 166-178. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ajcp.12206>
28. Spencer, R., *Drew, A. L., Walsh, J., & Kanchewa, S. A. (2018). Girls (and boys) just want to have fun: A mixed methods study of gender differences in youth mentoring relationship duration. *Journal of Primary Prevention*, 39(1), 17-35. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10935-017-0494-3>.
29. Lund, T. J., Williams, K., Liang, B., Mousseau, A. M. D., & Spencer, R. (2018). Associations between stress, psychosomatic complaints, and parental criticism among affluent adolescent girls. *Journal of Child and Family Studies*, 27(5), 1384-1393. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10826-017-0991-2>
30. Spencer, R., Walsh, J., Liang, B., Lund, T. J., & Mousseau, A. M. D. (2018). Having it all?: A qualitative examination of affluent adolescent girls' perceptions of stress and quests for success. *Journal of Adolescent Research*, 33(1), 3-33. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0743558416670990>
31. Spencer, R., *Basualdo-Delmonico, A., *Walsh, J., & *Drew, A. (2017). Breaking up is hard to do: A qualitative interview study of how and why youth mentoring relationships end. *Youth & Society*, 49(4), 438-460. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0044118X14535416>
32. Ben-David, S., Cole, A., Spencer, R., Jaccard, J., Munson, M. R. (2017). Social context in mental health service use decisions among young adults: Source and content of mental health messages. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 43, 85-99. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01488376.2016.1239595>
33. Zilberstein, K. & Spencer, R. (2017). Breaking bad: An attachment perspective on youth mentoring relationship closures. *Child & Family Social Work*, 22, 67-76. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cfs.12197>
34. Mousseau, A. M. D., Lund, T. J., Liang, B., Walsh, J., & Spencer, R. (2016). Stressed and losing sleep: The sleep-stress cycle for affluent adolescent females. *Peabody Journal of Education*, 91(5), 628-644. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0161956X.2016.1227186>
35. Liang, B., Lund, T. J., Mousseau, A. M. D., & Spencer, R. (2016). The mediating role of engagement in mentoring relationships and self-esteem. *Psychology in the Schools*, 53(8), 848-860. <https://doi.org/10.1002/pits.21949>
36. Ahrens, K. R., Spencer, R., Bonnar, M., Coatney, A., & Hall, T. (2016). Qualitative evaluation of historical and relational factors influencing sexually transmitted infection and pregnancy risks in adolescent foster youth. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 61, 245-252. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2015.12.027>
37. Basualdo-Delmonico, A., & Spencer, R. (2016). A parent's place: Parents', mentors' and program staff members' expectations for and experiences of parental involvement in the youth mentoring process. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 61, 6-14. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2015.11.021>
38. De Wit, D. J. DuBois, D. L., Erdem, G., Larose, S., Lipman, E., & Spencer, R. (2016). Mentoring relationship closures in Big Brothers Big Sisters community mentoring programs: Patterns and associated risk factors. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 57 (1-2), 60-72. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ajcp.12023>

39. Spencer, R., *Tugenberg, T., *Ocean, M., *Schwartz, S. E. O., & Rhodes, J. E. (2016). "Somebody who was on my side": A qualitative examination of youth initiated mentoring. *Youth & Society*, 48(3), 402-424. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0044118X13495053>
40. Pryce, J., Giovannetti, S., Spencer, R., Elledge, C., *Gowdy, G., Whitley, M. L., & Cavell, T. (2015). Mentoring in the social context: Mentors' experiences with mentees' peers in a site-based program. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 56, 185-192. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2015.06.015>
41. Munson, M. R., Brown, S., Spencer, R., Edguer, M., & Tracy, E. (2015). Supportive relationships among former foster system youth with mental health challenges. *Journal of Adolescent Research*, 30(4), 501-529. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0743558414554803>
42. Spencer, R., & Rhodes, J. E. (2014). Growth-promoting relationships with children and youth. *New Directions for Youth Development*, 144, 59-72. <https://doi.org/10.1002/yd.20113>
43. Schwartz, S. E. O., Rhodes, J., Sanchez, B., Liang, B., & Spencer, R. (2014). Mentoring in the digital age: Social media use in adult-youth relationships. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 47, 205-213. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2014.09.004>
44. Spencer, R., & *Basualdo-Delmonico, A. (2014). Family involvement in the youth mentoring process: A focus group study with program staff. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 41, 75-82. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2014.03.013>
45. *Schwartz, S. E. O., Rhodes, J. E., Spencer, R., & Grossman, J. B. (2013). Youth initiated mentoring: Investigating a new approach to working with vulnerable adolescents. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 52(1), 155-169. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10464-013-9585-3>
46. Liang, B., Spencer, R., *West, J., & Rappaport, N. (2013). Expanding the reach of youth mentoring: Partnering with youth for social change. *Journal of Adolescence*, 36(2), 257-267. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.adolescence.2012.10.002>
47. *Blattner, M. C. C., Liang, B., *Lund, T. & Spencer, R. (2013). Searching for a sense of purpose: The role of parents and effects on self-esteem among female adolescents. *Journal of Adolescence*, 36(5), 839-848. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.adolescence.2013.06.008>
48. Noonan, A. E., Spencer, R., Belle, D. & *Hewitt, A. (2012). Urban adolescents' understandings of the relationship between background and success. *Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 29(6), 485-498. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10560-012-0270-4>
49. Spencer, R. (2012). A working model of mentors' contributions to youth mentoring relationship quality: Insights from research on psychotherapy. *LEARNING Landscapes*, 5, 295-312. (Invited) <https://doi.org/10.36510/learnland.v5i2.567>
50. Ahrens, K., DuBois, D. L., Garrison, M., Spencer, R., Richardson, L. P., & Lozano, P. (2011). Qualitative exploration of relationships with important non-parental adults in the lives of youth in foster care. *Children & Youth Services Review*, 33, 1012-1023. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2011.01.006>
51. Spencer, R., *Basualdo-Delmonico, A., & *Lewis, T. O. (2011). Working to make it work: The role of parents in the youth mentoring process. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 39(1), 51-59. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jcop.20416>
52. Rhodes, J. E., & Spencer, R. (2010). Structuring mentoring relationships for competence, character and purpose. Invited commentary on M. J. Karcher & M. J. Nakkula (Eds.), *The structure of mentoring*

interactions. A special issue of *New Directions for Youth Development*, 126, 149-152.
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53. Spencer, R., Collins, M. E., *Ward, R., & *Smashnaya, S. (2010). Mentoring for young people leaving foster care: Promise and potential pitfalls. *Social Work*, 55(3), 225-234. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sw/55.3.225>
54. Collins, M. E., Spencer, R. & *Ward, R. (2010). Supporting youth in the transition from foster care: Formal and informal connections. *Child Welfare*, 89(1), 125-143.
55. Munson, M. R., Smalling, S., Spencer, R., Scott, L. D., & Tracy, E. (2010). A steady presence in the midst of change: Natural mentors in the lives of older youth exiting foster care. *Children & Youth Services Review*, 32, 527-535. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2009.11.005>
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<https://doi.org/10.1037/a0015073>
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<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jvb.2007.11.005>
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61. Spencer, R. (2007b). "It's not what I expected": A qualitative study of youth mentoring relationship failures. *Journal of Adolescent Research*, 22(4), 331-354. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0743558407301915>
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<https://doi.org/10.1002/jcop.20124>
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1. Spencer, R., *Nicholson, J., Steggerda, J., Drew, A. L., Herrera, C., Slep, A., Cavell, T. (January, 2022). *Listening Closely to Measure Better: Using Qualitative Data to Build an Inventory of School Supports for Military-Connected Students and Families*. In, *Harnessing the Power of Qualitative Insights for the Development of Inclusive Measurement Instruments*, Chair: Elizabeth Bowen. Symposium paper to have been presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. (Withdrawn due to COVID)
2. *Steggerda, J., Slep, A., *Nicholson, J., Cavell, T., Drew, A., *Scafe, M., Herrera, C., Gaffney, D., Heubach, J., & Spencer, R. (2021, November). *Military-Connected Parents' Perceptions of School Support: Measure*

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3. *Nicholson, J., Spencer, R., Drew, Alison, *Steggerda, J., Herrera, C., Slep, A., Cavell, T. (May, 2021). *Military-connected students and families: Teacher and counselor perspectives on supporting highly mobile students*. Poster presented at the Society for Prevention Research Biennial Meeting. (Online due to COVID).
4. Drew, A. L., *Steggerda, J., Cavell, T., Slep, A., Herrera, C., *Nicholson, J., & Spencer, R. (April, 2021). *Pre-existing parental stress and child behavior predict child and family stress in adjusting during COVID-19*. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Child Development Biennial Meeting. (Online due to COVID).
5. *Steggerda, J.C., Spencer, R., Slep, A., Herrera, C., Cavell, T. C. (2021, April). *School belonging and the psychosocial functioning of military-connected students*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting. (Online due to COVID).
6. Horn, J. P., *Young, A., [±] Conlin, M., Spencer, R., & Schwartz, S. (April, 2021). *Supporting college persistence of under-represented students through a social capital intervention*. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Child Development Biennial Meeting. (Online due to COVID).
7. [±] McMillan, H., *Steggerda, J., Cavell, T., Slep, A., Herrera, C., & Spencer, R. (April, 2021). *Indirect association between military-specific school supports and internalizing symptoms through school belonging in military-connected children*. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Child Development Biennial Meeting. (Online due to COVID).
8. Drew, A., Keller, T. E., Spencer, R., Herrera, C., & *Clark-Shim, H. (2021, January). *How program practices and staff experiences are associated with mentors' experiences and relationships*. Workshop presented at MENTOR National Mentoring Summit. (Online to COVID)
9. Keller, T. E., Spencer, R., *McCormack, M., *Miranda-Diaz, M., *Perry, M., Drew, A., *Clark-Shim, H. (2021, January). *Emotional impact of relationship endings for youth in formal mentoring programs*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. (Online to COVID)
10. Spencer, R. (2021, January). Discussant. *Mentoring relationships for young people aging out of foster care: What they are and how they may promote self-sufficiency*. Chair: Grace Gowdy. Symposium presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research. (Online due to COVID)
11. Keller, T. E., & Spencer, R. (2020, October). *Understanding and addressing match closures in formal youth mentoring*. European Mentoring Summit. Barcelona, Spain. (Changed to online due to COVID)
12. Spencer, R. (2020, June). Discussant. *The Listening Guide: A Voice-centered Relational Method*. Chair: Sue Motulsky. Symposium accepted for the Annual Meeting of the Society for Qualitative Inquiry, Cambridge, MA. (Conference cancelled due to COVID)
13. Spencer, R. (2020, June). Discussant. *Theoretical, Methodological, and Applied Learning: Engaging Doctoral Students in Qualitative Research Training*. Chair: *Catalina Tan Yang. Symposium accepted for the Annual Meeting of the Society for Qualitative Inquiry, Cambridge, MA. (Conference cancelled due to COVID)
14. Spencer, R., Drew, A. L., & Gowdy, G. (2020, March). *Going the distance: A longitudinal qualitative study of formal youth mentoring relationship development*. Paper to be presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA. (Conference cancelled due to COVID)

15. Spencer, R. Roundtable Presenter. (2020, March). *Mapping the mentoring terrain: Examining convergence and complexity in formal and informal youth mentoring relationships*. Moderator: Grace Gowdy. Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA. (Conference canceled due to COVID)
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17. Keller, T. E., Spencer, R., *Miranda-Diaz, M., & *Clark-Shim, H. (2020, March). *You've got personality: Mentor personality factors predict longevity of mentoring relationships with youth*. (Paper presentation) Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA. (Conference cancelled due to COVID)
18. Gowdy, G., Spencer, R., & Miller, D. P. (2020, March). *It doesn't take just anyone: Which type of informal mentor best promotes upward mobility?* (Paper presentation) Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA. (Conference cancelled due to COVID)
19. [±] Wolfson, A., Drew, A., & Spencer, R. (2020, March). *Analysis of the developmental needs of foster care youth in mentoring relationships*. (Poster presentation) Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, San Diego, CA. (Conference cancelled due to COVID)
20. Keller, T. E., & Spencer, R. (2020, January). *Matching strangers: How personal characteristics of mentors and mentees predict match length*. Workshop presented at MENTOR National Mentoring Summit, Washington, D.C.
21. Spencer, R., Gowdy, G. Drew, A. L., & [±]Wolfson, A. (2020, January). *"I know that if she needs me, she will reach out:" A qualitative interview study of youth-initiated mentoring relationship development with systems-involved adolescents*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
22. Gowdy, G. Spencer, R., & Miller, D. (2020, January). *The accessibility and effectiveness of capital mentorship for young people vulnerable to economic immobility*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
23. *Barry, J., Spencer, R., & Pryce, J. (2020, January). *Deconstructing empathy: A qualitative examination of a critical ingredient in successful adult-youth mentoring relationships*. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
24. Bullen, P., Wilder, K., Deane, K., & Spencer, R. (2019, June). *A critical strengths-based approach to understanding high quality mentoring relationships through a caregiver's eyes*. Paper presented at the Society for Community Research and Action Biennial Meeting, Chicago, IL.
25. Spencer, R. (2019, March). Roundtable Presenter. *Implementing effective mentoring interventions: A conversation about challenges, strategies, successes, and future directions*. Moderator: Shannon Varga. Presented at the Society for Research on Child Development Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
26. *Corbell, D., *Sourk, M., *Mapes, A., *Mutignani, L., Spencer, R., Slep, A. Herrera, C, Cavell, T. (2019, March). Teacher and peer support: Moderators between disorganization in the home and military-connected students' academic engagement. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Child Development Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
27. *Sourk, M, *Mapes, A., *Mutignani, L., *Corbell, D., Spencer, R., Slep, A. Herrera, C, & Cavell, T. (2019, March). Peer support and number of family moves as predictors of internalizing symptoms in military-connected students. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Child Development Biennial Meeting,

Baltimore, MD.

28. Spencer, R., Keller, T. E., *McCormack, M., *Gowdy, G., *Drew, A., *Miranda-Diaz, M., *Clark-Shim, H. (2019, January). *(Not) Minding the Gap: How mentors' perceptions of social class differences can affect mentoring relationship quality and duration*. Workshop presented at MENTOR National Mentoring Summit, Washington, D.C.
29. Keller, T. E., Spencer, R., *Miranda-Diaz, M., *Clark-Shim, H., Drew, A., & *McCormack, M. (2019, January). *Participant expectations prospectively predict youth mentoring relationship endings*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
30. Keller, T. E., Drew, A. L., *Clark-Shim, H., Spencer, R., Herrera, C., & McBeath, B. (2019, January). *Improving youth mentoring programs: Findings from a randomized trial of an agency-level quality improvement intervention*. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, San Francisco, CA.
31. Gowdy, G., Spencer, R., Cavell, T., Slep, A., Herrera, C., & Heubach, J. (2018, November). *"He felt a little special:" Military families' experiences with school-based mentoring program*. Poster presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL.
32. Spencer, R., Cavell, T., Slep, A., Herrera, C., *Gowdy, G., *Mutignani, L., & Heubach, J. (2018, May). *It takes a village: Developing a model for delivering school-based mentoring to military-connected students*. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.
33. Cavell, T., Weiler, L., *Sourk, M., *Keyzers, A., & Spencer, R. (2018, May). *Promoting parents' active involvement in finding mentors for their children*. Poster presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Prevention Research, Washington, D.C.
34. Spencer, R., *Drew, A. L., *Gowdy, G., *McCormack, M., *Evans, I., *Horn, J.P., & Keller, T. E. (2018, April) *(Not) minding the gap: Examining the contribution of mentors' perceptions of mentees' family contexts to relationship endings*. Paper presented at the Biennial Conference of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Minneapolis, MN.
35. Spencer, R. (2018, April). Roundtable Presenter. *Beyond the dyad: Relational and developmental systems approaches to the study of adult-youth relationships*. Moderator: Shannon Varga. Presented at the Biennial Conference of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Minneapolis, MN.
36. Spencer, R. (2018, April). Discussant. *The role of adult-youth relationships in supporting adolescent purpose: Understanding the people, processes and practices*. Symposium presented at the Biennial Conference of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Minneapolis, MN.
37. *Drew, A. L. & Spencer, R. (2018, April). *An investigation of how mentors' approach to relationship building contributes to the supports offered to youth in formal mentoring relationships*. Paper presented at the Biennial Conference of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Minneapolis, MN.
38. *Gowdy, G., Miller D. P., & Spencer, R. (2018, April). *Stemming the tide: Informal mentoring and educational mobility*. Paper presented at the Biennial Conference of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Minneapolis, MN.
39. Matyjaszczyk, V., Lund, T. J., Liang, B., & Spencer, R. (2018, April). Here 4 U: The moderating effect of connectedness on the relationship between negative technology experience and girls' depression. Poster presented at the Biennial Conference of the Society for Research on Adolescence, Minneapolis, MN.
40. Keller, T.E., Santiago, E., *Drew, A.L., Spencer, R., & Herrera, C. (2018, January). *Quality Mentoring System:*

Implementing and evaluating a quality improvement initiative. Workshop presented at MENTOR National Mentoring Summit, Washington, D.C.

41. *Drew, A. L., Spencer, R., McBeath, B., Keller, T. E., & Herrera, C. (2018, January). *Ready, set, go?: Examining organizational readiness for change in an intervention with youth mentoring programs.* Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.
42. *Horn, J.P., *Drew, A. L., Spencer, R., *Gowdy, G., & Rhodes, J. E. (2018, January). *Closing the gap: Using youth-initiated mentoring to address service barriers for at-risk and underserved youth.* Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.
43. Spencer, R. (2018, January). Roundtable Presenter. *Bridging the gap: Advancing EBP development and implementation through academic-community partnerships.* Chair: Ruth Paris. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.
44. *Gowdy, G., Miller, D. P., & Spencer, R. (2017, November). *Which youth have an informal mentor? An examination of individual, family and neighborhood predictors.* National Council on Family Relations Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL.
45. Spencer, R., *Drew, A. L., *Gowdy, G., *Horn, J. P., Abrams, E., & Rhodes, J. E. (2017, April). *"Well, that's not how we do things": Staff perspectives on implementing Youth Initiated Mentoring.* Paper presented at the Society for Research on Child Development Biennial Meeting, Austin, TX.
46. Lund, T., Liang, B., Mousseau, A., & Spencer, R. (2017, April). *Parenting youth toward prosocial purpose.* Paper presented at the Society for Research on Child Development Biennial Meeting, Austin, TX.
47. Spencer, R., *Gowdy, G., *Drew, A. L., *McCormack, M., Horn, J. P., & Keller, T. E. (2017, January). *Understanding and preventing premature closures of youth mentoring relationships: Mentor, parent and program staff perspectives.* Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
48. Spencer, R., *Gowdy, G., *Drew, A. L., *Horn, J. P., & Rhodes, J. E. (2017, January). *"It just helps to have someone there:" Youth-initiated mentorship for former foster care youth.* Paper presented in symposium G. Gowdy (Chair), *Natural Mentorship for Foster Care Youth: Prevalence, Impact, and Programmatic Support* at the Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
49. Spencer, R., *Drew, A. L., Walsh, J., & Kanchewa, S. S. (2017, January). *Girls (and boys) just wanna have fun: A mixed-methods examination of the role of gender in youth mentoring relationship duration and quality.* Poster presented at the Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
50. *Miranda-Diaz, M., Keller, T. E., & Spencer, R. (2017, January). *Volunteering for youth: Motivations of adults becoming mentors to youth.* Paper presented at the Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
51. McBeath, B., Keller, T. E., Spencer, R., Herrera, C., & *Drew, A. L. (2017, January). *Determinants of organizational learning among nonprofit youth mentoring programs.* Paper presented at the Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
52. Keller, T. E., Spencer, R., *Drew, A. L., Herrera, C., & McBeath, B. (2017, January). *Youth mentoring relationship quality: Investigating the role of program practices.* Paper presented at the Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.

53. *Drew, A. L., Spencer, R., Keller, T. E., Herrera, C., & McBeath, B. (2017, January). *Quality improvement in youth mentoring programs: Barriers and facilitators to change*. Poster presented at the Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
54. *Drew, A., Spencer, R., *Gowdy, G., & *Horn, J.P. (2016, October). *Mentor engagement and commitment in youth-initiated mentoring relationships for foster care youth*. Paper presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
55. Cavell, T. A., Spencer, R., Slep, A., Herrera, C., Heubach, J., *Gowdy, G., & *Ocampo, M. (2016, October). Supporting military students and families through school-based mentoring. Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New York, NY.
56. Cavell, T. A., Spencer, R., Slep, A., & Heubach, J. (2016, June). *Military student mentoring: Project overview*. Poster presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
57. Spencer, R., Cavell, T. A., Slep, A., *Gowdy, G., *Ocampo, M., Heubach, J., & ± Strathdee, R. (2016, June). *Keeping it safe and fun: Parent perspectives on school-based mentoring for military-connected youth*. Poster presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
58. Spencer, R., Cavell, T. A., Slep, A., *Gowdy, G., *Ocampo, M., Heubach, J., Herrera, C., & ± Strathdee, R. (2016, June). *Mentoring military-connected youth: A survey of program practices*. Poster presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
59. Cavell, T. A., Spencer, R., Slep, A., *Ocampo, M., Herrera, C., *Gowdy, G., & Heubach, J. (2016, June). *Identifying and describing school-based support for military-connected youth: Who and how*. Poster presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
60. Slep, A., Cavell, T. A., Spencer, R., Heubach, J., *Ocampo, M., & *Gowdy, G. (2016, June). *Launching MSM: Year 2 feasibility findings*. Poster presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
61. Spencer, R., *Gowdy, G., *Drew, A., *Abrams, E., Rhodes, J. E. (2016, March). *"Because she understands what I have been through": Youth and mentor perspectives on youth-initiated mentoring*. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
62. Spencer, R., *McCormack, M., *Gowdy, G., *Drew, A., *Abrams, E., & Keller, T. E. (2016, January). *STAR Study: Investigating matching and the relationship development process*. Workshop presented at the National Mentoring Summit, Washington, D.C.
63. Keller, T. E., *Drew, A., Spencer, R., Herrera, C., & McBeath, B. (2016, January). *Research on the National Quality Mentoring System: An Investigation of Programs and Practices*. Workshop presented at the National Mentoring Summit, Washington, D.C.
64. Rhodes, J., Vuong, K., Mastin, K., Manning, C., Preston, J., & Spencer, R. (2016, January). *Youth-initiated mentoring: What factors influence success?* Workshop presented at the National Mentoring Summit, Washington, D.C.
65. *Ocampo, M., Cavell, T., Spencer, R., Gowdy, G., Slep, A., Heubach, J., & Herrera, C. (2015, November). *A descriptive study of schools' efforts to support military-connected students*. Poster presented at the American Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
66. Lund, T., Liang, B., Mousseau, A. M. D., & Spencer, R. (2015, March). *Parental pressures to excel and social-emotional well-being among privileged adolescent girls: A longitudinal study*. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Child Development Biennial Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

67. Spencer, R., Basualdo-Delmonico, A., *Walsh, J. & †Purcell, K. E. (2014, March). *Unpacking empathy: A qualitative examination of mentor perspective taking and adaptability in youth mentoring relationships*. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Austin, TX.
68. Schwartz, S. E. O., Rhodes, J. E., & Spencer, R. (2014, March). *A second chance for vulnerable adolescents: Program impacts and processes in the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program*. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting (L. Youngblade, Paper Discussion Symposium Chairperson), Austin, TX.
69. Spencer, R., Basualdo-Delmonico, A., *Walsh, J., & *Drew, A. (2014, January). *Breaking up is hard to do: What we know about match endings and how agencies can help*. Workshop presented at the National Mentoring Summit, Washington, D.C.
70. *Schwartz, S. E. O., Rhodes, J. E., & Spencer, R. (2013, October). *Youth initiated mentoring: Investigating a new approach to working with vulnerable adolescents*. Paper presented at the University of New Mexico Mentoring Institute's 6th Annual Mentoring Conference, Albuquerque, NM.
71. Spencer, R., & *Basualdo-Delmonico, A. (2013, April). *Practitioners' perspectives on family involvement in youth mentoring programs*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting (N. Deutsch, Poster Symposium Chairperson), Seattle, WA.
72. *Basualdo-Delmonico, A., & Spencer, R. (2013, January). *Family involvement in youth mentoring*. Workshop presented at the National Mentoring Summit, Washington, D.C.
73. *Schwartz, S. E. O., † Cutler, E., *Kanchewa, S., Spencer, R., & Rhodes, J. (October, 2012). *Youth initiated mentoring: Exploring a new model of mentoring in the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Themed Meeting: Transitions from Adolescence to Adulthood, Tampa, FL.
74. *Basualdo-Delmonico, A. & Spencer, R. (2012, October). *The problem with parents: Challenging the deficit discourse around parental involvement in youth mentoring relationships*. Poster presented at the 11th Annual Institute for the Study and Promotion of Race and Culture Diversity Challenge conference, Boston College, Boston, MA.
75. Spencer, R., *Tugenberg, T., *Ocean, M., *Schwartz, S. E. O., & Rhodes, J. (2012, March). *"Somebody who was on my side": A qualitative examination of youth initiated mentoring in the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program*. Symposium paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting (N. Deutsch, Chairperson), Vancouver, Canada.
76. Spencer, R. (2012, March). *Quality of relationship in school-based mentoring programs*. Symposium discussant, Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting (*C. Chan, Chairperson), Vancouver, Canada.
77. *Nam, J. S., *Dhokai, G., Spencer, R. Liang, B., & *Greenberg, E. (2012, March). *Performing well, feeling bad: A qualitative examination of high-performing adolescent girls' experiences of stress and coping*. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Vancouver, Canada.
78. *Schwartz, S. E. O., *Kanchewa, S., Spencer, R., & Rhodes, J. E. (2011, October). *Youth-Initiated-Mentoring as a strategy to support retention of outcomes among high-risk adolescents*. Poster presented at 5th Conference on Emerging Adulthood, Providence, RI.

79. Spencer, R., *Basualdo-Delmonico, A., & *Walsh, J. (2011, March). *The good the bad and the ugly: A qualitative interview study of endings in youth mentoring relationships*. Symposium paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting (R. Spencer, Chairperson), Montreal, Canada.
80. Munson, M. R., Edguer, M. N., Brown, S., Tracy, E. M., & Spencer, R. (2011, January). *Exploring relationships between young adults with mental illness and those that support them*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL.
81. Spencer, R., Martin, N. C., *Basualdo-Delmonico, A., *Walsh, J. & [‡]Jeon, S. M. (2010, November). *Youth mentoring relationships: The role of mentor expectations and characteristics in relationship closeness and duration*. Poster presented at 138th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
82. Spencer, R., Collins, M. E., & *Ward, R. (2010, March). *Supporting youth in the transition from foster care: Formal and informal connections*. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
83. Paris, R., Devoe, E., Spencer, R., & *Ross, A. M. (2010, January). *Military families with young children: Facing the challenges of deployment and reintegration*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
84. *Lederer, J., *Basualdo-Delmonico, A., Spencer, R., & *Wasserman, R. (2009, November). *Barriers, bumps and bridges: How cultural differences shape the youth mentoring process over time*. Paper presented at the 137th American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
85. Spencer, R., *Basualdo-Delmonico, A., & *Lewis, T. O. (2009, October). *The role of parents in youth mentoring relationships: A qualitative interview study*. Symposium paper presented at the 9th Annual Institute for the Study and Promotion of Race and Culture Diversity Challenge conference, (M. Porche, Chairperson), Boston College, Boston, MA.
86. Munson, M. R., Smalling, S., Spencer, R. & Tracy, E. (2009, March). *Natural mentoring relationships among older youth in foster care*. Paper presented at the 22nd Annual Conference: A System of Care for Children's Mental Health, Tampa FL.
87. Spencer, R., *Lewis, T. O., *Basualdo-Delmonico, A. (2009, January). *Mentoring across differences: How race and class shape the youth mentoring process*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
88. Noonan, A. E., Spencer, R., Belle, D., & *Hewitt, A. (2008, August). *"Where I come from": Urban adolescents on background and success*. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Boston, MA.
89. Karcher, M. J., & Spencer, R. (2008, May). *The Study of Mentoring in the Learning Environment (SMILE): Multilevel modeling of setting-level program staff contributions to school-based mentoring program effectiveness*. Poster presented at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
90. Spencer, R., *Lewis, T. O., *Basualdo-Delmonico, A., & [‡]Frederiksen, B. (2008, March). *Parents' perspectives on youth mentoring relationships*. Poster presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Chicago, IL.
91. Spencer, R., *Lewis, T. O., & *Basualdo-Delmonico, A. (2007, October). *Mentoring in a multicultural society: A complex relationship*. Symposium paper presented at the 7th Annual Institute for the Study and Promotion of Race and Culture Diversity Challenge conference, (L. Fortuna, Chairperson), Boston College, Boston, MA.

92. Spencer, R. (2007, March). *Development and Evaluation of Mentoring Programs for Girls: What's gender got to do with it?* Symposium discussant at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting (D. L. DuBois, Chairperson), Boston, MA.
93. Spencer, R. (2007, January). *Understanding relationship failures in youth mentoring programs*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
94. Spencer, R. (2006, January). *Learning from successful mentors: A qualitative interview study*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
95. Spencer, R. (2004, March). *"I'll always keep her in mind": Mentor relationships with adult women that foster positive development for adolescent girls*. Symposium paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting (B. Benjamin, Chairperson), Baltimore, MD.
96. Spencer, R. (2004, March). *Getting close, staying cool: Early adolescent boys' experiences with romantic relationships*. Symposium paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting (N. Way, Chairperson), Baltimore, MD.
97. Spencer, R. (2004, January). *Mentoring for positive youth development: A qualitative study*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
98. Paris, R., Spencer, R., & *Dubus, N. (2004, January). *Home-visiting support for at-risk mothers: The relationship makes it work*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington, D.C.
99. Spencer, R., Roffman, J., & Rhodes, J. E. (2003, November). *Should I stay or should I go?: The role of non-parental adults in rural Midwesterners' transition to adulthood*. Poster presented at the Conference on Emerging Adulthood, sponsored by the American Psychological Association, Cambridge, MA.
100. Spencer, R. (2003, August). *How relationships with male mentors foster resilience for adolescent boys*. Symposium paper presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention (J. Chu, Chairperson), Toronto, Canada.
101. Spencer, R. (2003, June). *Getting to the heart of the mentoring process: An in-depth interview study with adolescents and their adult mentors*. Poster presented at the Family Research Consortium III Fifth Annual Summer Institute, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM.
102. Stein, N., Tolman, D. L., Porche, M. V., Spencer, R. (2001, September). *Gender safety: A new construct for schools*. Paper presented at the National Coalition for Sex Equity in Education Conference, Providence, RI.
103. Tolman, D. L., Porche, M. V., & Spencer, R. (2001, April). *Boys, girls and compulsory heterosexuality: Quantitative and qualitative perspectives*. Symposium paper presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting (J. R. Udry & S. Erkut, Chairpersons), Minneapolis, MN.
104. Tolman, D. L., & Spencer, R. (2001, April). *Femininity ideology and adolescent girls' experiences with romantic relationships*. Symposium paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting (M. V. Porche, Chairperson), Seattle, WA.
105. Tolman, D. L., Spencer, R., Rosen-Reynoso, M., & Porche, M. V. (2001, April). *"He's the man!": Gender ideologies and early adolescents' experiences with sexual harassment in school*. Symposium paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting (N. Stein, Chairperson), Seattle, WA.

106. Tolman, D. L., & Spencer, R. (2000, August). *Narrating intimacy: Early adolescent girls negotiating the cultural script of heterosexuality*. Symposium paper presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention (D. L. Tolman, Chairperson), Washington, DC.
107. Spencer, R. (2000, April). *Getting beyond the now obvious: Understanding how relationships with adults provide psychological protection for adolescents*. Symposium paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting (R. Spencer, Chairperson), New Orleans, LA.
108. Spencer, R. & Tolman, D. L. (2000, April). *"That's just the way it is": Middle school girls' and boys' experiences of gender equity in the classroom*. Symposium paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting (N. Stein, Chairperson), New Orleans, LA.
109. Tolman, D. L., & Spencer, R. (2000, March). *Juliet in the making?: Early adolescent girls negotiate the cultural script of heterosexuality*. Paper presented at the Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Chicago, IL.
110. Spencer, R. (1999, August). *Understanding how relationships with adults provide psychological protection for girls*. Symposium paper presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Convention (D. L. Tolman, Chairperson), Boston, MA.
111. Tolman, D. L., Spencer, R., & Rosen, M. (1999, April). *Narrating intimacy: Early adolescent girls' and boys' experiences with "hooking up."* Symposium paper presented at the American Association of Educational Researchers Annual Conference (D. L. Tolman, Chairperson), Montreal, Canada.
112. Tolman, D. L., & Spencer, R. (1999, March). *Veering from variability: Adolescent girls voice oppression/femininity ideology*. Symposium paper presented at the Association for Women in Psychology Annual Conference (D. L. Tolman, Chairperson), Providence, RI.
113. Spencer, R. (1997, February). *A relational perspective on psychological health and distress*. Symposium paper presented at the Harvard Graduate School of Education Student Research Conference (R. Spencer, Chairperson), Cambridge, MA.
114. Lawler, A., Spencer, R., & Freireich, N. (1994, November). *From "Father Knows Best" to "Murphy Brown": Feminist therapy with women in the '90's*. Paper presented at the Renfrew Foundation Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
115. Lawler, A., Spencer, R., & Freireich, N. (1993, March). *Boundaries, limits and resistance: Redefining the givens*. Paper presented at the Association for Women in Psychology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Invitations - International

1. Spencer, R. (2022, June). Keynote speaker. *Putting the relationship back in youth mentoring relationships*. Navigating the future: A compass for youth policy and practice. UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre, 10th Biennial International Conference, National University of Ireland, Galway.
2. Spencer, R. (2019, October). Keynote speaker. *Mentoring in the real world: How social ecologies influence mentor-youth relationships*. European Center for Evidenced Based Mentoring Short Course, Leeuwarden, Netherlands.
3. Spencer, R. (2017, May). Presenter (Seelye Fellow). *This changes (almost) everything: Youth initiated mentoring*. Ministry of Youth, Wellington, New Zealand.

4. Spencer, R. (2017, May). Presenter (Seelye Fellow). *This changes (almost) everything: Youth initiated mentoring*. New Zealand Youth Mentoring Network and Faculty of Education and Social Work, University of Auckland, New Zealand.
5. Spencer, R. (2017, May). Presenter (Seelye Fellow). *Having it all? Affluent adolescent girls' perceptions of stress and quests for success*, Faculty of Education and Social Work, University of Auckland, New Zealand.
6. Spencer, R. (2017, May). Lecturer (Seelye Fellow). *Role of whānau in youth mentoring relationships*. School of Counselling, Human Services and Social Work, University of Auckland, New Zealand.
7. Spencer, R. (2017, May). Lecturer (Seelye Fellow). *Understanding early endings in youth mentoring relationships*. School of Psychology, University of Auckland, New Zealand.
8. Spencer, R. (2017, May). Guest Lecturer (Seelye Fellow). *Having it all?* School of Learning Development and Professional Practice. University of Auckland, New Zealand.
9. Spencer, R. (2017, May). Guest Lecturer (Seelye Fellow). *Working with families*. School of Learning Development and Professional Practice University of Auckland, New Zealand.
10. Spencer, R. (2017, April). Workshop Presenter (Seelye Fellow). *Qualitative Research Methods*. University of Auckland, New Zealand.
11. Spencer, R. (2016, November). Workshop Presenter. *"Because she understands what I have been through": A qualitative examination of youth-initiated mentoring*. National Mentoring Symposium, Banff, Alberta, Canada.
12. Spencer, R. (2015, November). Workshop Presenter. *Leveraging an untapped resource: Parent involvement in youth mentoring relationships*. Canadian Women's Foundation National Skills Institute, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
13. Spencer, R. (2015, November). Workshop Presenter. *Breaking up is hard to do, but programs can help*. Canadian Women's Foundation Grantee Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
14. Spencer, R. (2014, November). Keynote speaker. *Realizing the promise of youth mentoring*. Mentors in Schools: Research in Action. Sponsored by the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland.
15. Spencer, R. (2014, July). Workshop presenter. *Breaking up is hard to do: What we know about match endings and how agencies can help*. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada National Convention, Toronto, Canada.
16. Spencer, R. (2014, July). Workshop presenter. *No mentoring relationship is an island: Family involvement in youth mentoring relationships*. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada National Convention, Toronto, Canada.
17. Spencer, R. (2013, November). Presenter. *Working to make it work: Family involvement in youth mentoring*. National Mentoring Symposium, Banff, Alberta, Canada.
18. Spencer, R. (2013, May). Presenter. *Mentoring relationship endings*. Webinar sponsored by the Canadian Women's Foundation, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
19. Spencer, R. (2013, April). Presenter. *Mentoring relationships as real relationships*. National Mentoring Research Summit, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada, Indian Harbor, Nova Scotia, Canada.
20. Spencer, R. (2012, November). Keynote speaker. *Realizing the promise of youth mentoring*. Australian Youth Mentoring Conference, Queensland, Australia.

21. Spencer, R. (2012, November). Workshop presenter. *It's not what I expected: Understanding and preventing early relationship endings*. Australian Youth Mentoring Conference, Queensland, Australia.
22. Spencer, R. (2012, November). Presenter. *Current trends and issues in youth mentoring*. New Zealand Youth Mentoring Network, Auckland, New Zealand.
23. Spencer, R. (2012, October). Presenter. *First do no harm: Ethical considerations for youth mentoring relationships*. Pushing the Limits: New Ways to Build Family and Mentor Connections for Vulnerable Youth, United Way Calgary and Area, Alberta, Canada.
24. Spencer, R. (2011, March). Keynote speaker. *Making a difference through mentoring: Current research and best practices*. National Youth Mentoring Conference, National Youth Council, Singapore.
25. Spencer, R. (2011, March). Workshop presenter. *Promoting high quality mentoring relationships from beginning to end*. National Youth Mentoring Conference, National Youth Council, Singapore.
26. Spencer, R. (2011, March). Workshop presenter. *Current research and best practices for youth mentoring relationships*. National Youth Mentoring Conference, National Youth Council, Singapore.
27. Spencer, R. (2010, June). Workshop presenter. *Ethics in mentoring*. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada National Convention, Toronto, Canada.
28. Spencer, R. (2009, June). Workshop presenter. *"It's not what I expected": Understanding and preventing early relationship endings*. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada National Convention, Toronto, Canada.
29. Spencer, R. (2007, September). Keynote speaker. *Promoting high quality youth mentoring relationships: Current research and best practices in the United States*. National Congress of the Netherlands Big Brothers Big Sisters Association, Rotterdam, Netherlands.

Invitations – National

1. Spencer, R. (2022, April). Plenary Panel Speaker. *Youth Mentoring and the Need for Innovative Disruptions*. With T. Cavell, S. McQuillin, N. Hurd, & B. Sanchez. Youth Mentoring Research Symposium, Online due to COVID.
2. Spencer, R. (2022, January). Panelist. *Equipping the mentor toolbox: An introduction to Becoming a Better Mentor*. Workshop presented at the National Mentoring Summit. Online due to COVID.
3. Spencer, R. (2021, October). Discussant. *Voice-centered relational methods: Using the Listening Guide for Social Justice Research*. Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology Virtual Salon.
4. Roberts, H., Spencer, R., & North, D. (2021, April). Webinar presenter. *Family engagement: A key to quality mentoring and social justice*. Collaborative Mentoring Webinar Series. MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership.
5. Spencer, R., Pryce, J., & Erdem, G. (2021, March). Workshop presenter. *Mentoring and system-involved youth: Opportunities and approaches for qualitative research* Workshop presented at the Youth Mentoring Research Symposium. Online
6. Keller, T. E., & Spencer, R. (2020, January). Workshop presenter. *Understanding causes and consequences of mentoring relationship closures: Implications for mentoring research*. Workshop presented at the Youth Mentoring Research Symposium, Washington, DC.

7. Spencer, R. (2019, June). *(Not) Minding the Gap: How mentors' perceptions of social class differences can affect mentoring relationship quality and duration*. Workshop presented at the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America National Convention, Charlotte, NC.
8. Spencer, R. & Keller, T. E. (2017, June). Webinar presenter. *Why and how matches end matters - a lot*. Mentoring Works Washington.
9. Spencer, R. (2017, January). Roundtable Presenter. *Growing Roots through Mentoring*. Research Capacity Development Committee (RCDC) Research Roots & Wings. Chair: Laina Bey-Cheng. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
10. Spencer, R. (2016, November). Workshop presenter. *Can youth pick their own mentors? Mentor, youth and program staff perspectives on youth-initiated mentoring*. Midlands Mentoring Partnership's Annual Mentoring Summit, Omaha, NE
11. Spencer, R. (2016, November). Workshop presenter. *Breaking up is hard to do: Understanding and preventing premature closures of youth mentoring relationships*. Midlands Mentoring Partnership's Annual Mentoring Summit, Omaha, NE.
12. Spencer, R. (2016, August). Workshop Presenter. *It takes a village ... to break up a match*. Summer Institute on Youth Mentoring, Portland State University, Portland, OR.
13. Spencer, R. (2016, August). Workshop Presenter. *It takes a village ... to end a match well*. Summer Institute on Youth Mentoring, Portland State University, Portland, OR.
14. Keller, T. E., Drew, A. L., Spencer, R., Herrera, C., & McBeath, B. (June, 2016). *Evaluation of the National Quality Mentoring System: Update and preliminary findings*. MENTOR State Partnership Annual Caucus, Pittsburgh, PA.
15. Spencer, R. (2016, January). Panel presenter. *What the research says: Understanding formal and informal relationships*. The 6th Annual National Mentoring Summit, Washington, D.C.
16. Spencer R. (2015, July). Workshop Presenter. *Leveraging an untapped resource: Parent involvement in youth mentoring relationships*. Summer Institute on Youth Mentoring, Portland State University, Portland, OR.
17. Spencer R. (2015, July). Workshop Presenter. *Breaking up is hard to do but programs can help*. Summer Institute on Youth Mentoring, Portland State University, Portland, OR.
18. Spencer, R. (2015, June). Webinar Presenter. *They always come, and they never say goodbye:" Healthy closure in mentoring*. Collaborative Mentoring Webinar Series. MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership.
19. Spencer, R. (2015, January). Panel presenter. *What the research says*. The 5th Annual National Mentoring Summit, Washington, D.C.
20. Spencer, R. (2015, January). Workshop facilitator. *Elements of Effective Practice Version 4*. MENTOR/University of Massachusetts, Boston, Center for Evidence Based Mentoring Short Course, Washington, D.C.
21. Spencer, R. (2014, December). Webinar presenter. *Breaking up is hard to do: Mentoring relationship closure*. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Mentoring Enhancement Program Grantee Quarterly Meeting.

22. Spencer, R. (2014, October). Presenter. *Growth-promoting relationships between youth and adults*. Strengthening Links between Formal and Informal Mentoring: Innovative Strategies for Improving Adult-Youth Bonds. Center for Evidence Based Mentoring Short Course, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA.
23. Spencer, R. (May, 2014). Presenter. *Parents as partners: Research and strategies for engaging parents in youth mentoring programs*. Collaborative Mentoring Webinar Series. MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership.
24. Spencer, R. (January, 2014). Panel presenter. *What the research says*. The 4th Annual National Mentoring Summit, Washington, D.C.
25. Spencer, R., & Basualdo-Delmonico, A. (2013, November). Webinar presenter. *Engaging parents/caregivers in youth mentoring*. MANY (Mid-Atlantic Network of Youth and Family Services).
26. Spencer, R. (2013, September). Presenter. *Getting mentoring right for youth in the foster care system*. Mentoring Youth in the Foster Care System: Research to Practice. Center for Evidence Based Mentoring Short Course, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA.
27. Spencer, R. (2013, January). Panel presenter. *What the research says*. The 3rd Annual National Mentoring Summit, Washington, D.C.
28. Spencer, R. (2012, January). Panel presenter. *What the research says*. The 2nd Annual National Mentoring Summit, Washington, D.C.
29. Spencer, R. (2011, November). Keynote speaker. *Making a difference through mentoring: Current research and best practices*. Mentor Michigan 6th Annual Mentoring Conference, Lansing, MI.
30. Spencer, R. (2011, November). Workshop presenter. *It's not what I expected: Understanding and preventing early relationship endings*. Mentor Michigan 6th Annual Mentoring Conference, Lansing, MI.
31. Spencer, R. (2011, October). Keynote speaker. *Doing our best: Is it good enough?* 12th Annual Minnesota Mentoring Conference, St. Paul, MN.
32. Spencer, R. (2011, October). Workshop presenter. *Working to make it work: The role of parents in the mentoring process*. 12th Annual Minnesota Mentoring Conference, St. Paul, MN.
33. Spencer, R. (2011, September). Presenter. *A theoretical framework for mentoring youth in foster care*. Effective Mentoring of Youth in Foster Care: Public/Private Partnerships to Promote Relational Capacity and Healthy Development, convened by Commissioner Bryan Samuels, Administration for Children, Youth and Families, Department of Health & Human Services, Washington, D.C.
34. Spencer, R. (2011, July). Presenter. *Making it work: Lessons learned through in-depth study of community-based youth mentoring relationships*. Summer Symposium on Mentoring Research, Portland State University, Portland, OR.
35. Spencer, R. (2011, May). Presenter. *Mentoring foster care youth*. Webinar sponsored by MENTOR/The National Mentoring Partnership.
36. Spencer, R. (2011, January). Panel presenter. *Mentoring and academic achievement*. National Mentoring Summit, Washington, D.C.
37. Spencer, R. (2011, January). Panel presenter. *Mentoring and juvenile justice*. National Mentoring Summit, Washington, D.C.

38. Spencer, R. (2010, December). Workshop presenter. *The current state of research on youth mentoring*. 2010 Kids Count in Indiana Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
39. Spencer, R. (2010, December). Workshop presenter. Ethics in mentoring. 2010 Kids Count in Indiana Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
40. Spencer, R. (2010, June). Presenter. *Using research to promote high quality mentoring relationships*. MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership States Caucus, Boston, MA.
41. Spencer, R. (2010, May). Discussant. *First do no harm: Ethical principles for youth mentoring relationships*. Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota Quality in Action Webinar Series.
42. Spencer, R. (2010, March). Panel presenter. *Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring, 3rd Edition: Recruitment and Screening Program Standards*. Webinar sponsored by MENTOR/The National Mentoring Partnership.
43. Spencer, R. (2010, January). Keynote speaker. *Promoting high-quality mentoring relationships: Current research and best practices in the United States*. Midlands Mentoring Partnership National Thank Your Mentor Day Mentoring Conference, Omaha, NE.
44. Spencer, R. (2010, January). Workshop presenter. *Mentoring across differences: How race and class shape the youth mentoring process*. Midlands Mentoring Partnership National Thank Your Mentor Day Mentoring Conference, Omaha, NE.
45. Spencer, R. (2009, June). Discussant. *Why youth mentoring relationships end*. Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota Webinar Series.
46. Spencer, R. (2007, July). Presenter. *Promoting and sustaining high quality mentoring relationships*. Summer Institute on Youth Mentoring, Portland State University, Portland, OR.
47. Spencer, R. (2007, July). Presenter. *Understanding and preventing mentoring relationship failures*. Summer Institute on Youth Mentoring, Portland State University, Portland, OR.
48. Spencer, R. (2007, July). Panel presenter. *The next generation of youth mentoring*. Summer Institute on Youth Mentoring Community Panel. Portland State University, Portland, OR.
49. Spencer, R. (2007, April). Presenter. *Why formal youth mentoring relationships end*. MENTOR / National Mentoring Partnership Research and Policy Council meeting, Boston, MA.
50. Spencer, R. (2007, January). Keynote speaker. *Characteristics of high-quality mentoring relationships*. Mentoring: Art or Science?: The 8th Annual Mentoring Conference, sponsored by Friends for Youth, Redwood City, CA.
51. Spencer, R. (2006, September). Plenary speaker. *Promoting high quality mentoring relationships*. Aspire, Achieve, Empower: First National Conference on Mentoring for Youth with Disabilities, Boston, MA.
52. Spencer, R. (2006, September). Presenter. *What makes a successful mentoring relationship*. MENTOR / National Mentoring Partnership Research and Policy Council inaugural meeting, Boston, MA.
53. Spencer, R. (2004, April). Keynote speaker. *Building effective mentoring relationships: Current research and best practices*. Delaware Mentoring Council's Statewide Mentoring Conference, Dover, DE.

54. Spencer, R. (2003, November). Keynote speaker. *Promoting high-quality mentoring relationships*. Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program Grantee Meeting. Department of Health and Human Services, the Administration for Children and Families, Families and Youth Services Bureau, Washington, D.C.
55. Spencer, R. (2003, October). Presenter. *Transtheoretical models of mentoring*. National Research Summit on Mentoring, Kansas City, MO.
56. Spencer, R. (2003, January). Plenary speaker. *The “two-sided” nature of resilience: Mentor relationships as a source of strength for adolescents*. Harvard Medical School Conference, Adolescent Self-Destruction, Boston, MA.
57. Tolman, D. L., & Spencer, R. (2002, November). Workshop presenter. *Dilemmas of desire: A developmental perspective on women’s sexuality*. Austin Women’s Psychotherapy Project, Austin, TX.
58. Tolman, D. L., Spencer, R., & Meyer, H. (2001, January). Workshop presenter. *The “missing discourse” of gender in school safety*. Seventh Annual Conference on Gender Equity for Girls and Boys: Training for K-12 Teachers and Administrators, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA.
59. Porche, M. V., & Spencer, R. (2000, January). Presenter. *That’s just the way it is”: Middle school girls’ and boys’ experiences of gender equity in the classroom*. Workshop for the 6th Annual K-12 Gender Equity in Schools Conference, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA.

Invitations – Regional and Local

1. Spencer, R. (2021, March). *New developments in youth mentoring research*. Big Sister Association of Boston All Staff Meeting, Boston, MA.
2. Spencer, R. (2021, February). *New developments in youth mentoring research*. Big Sister Association of Boston Leadership Team Meeting, Boston, MA.
3. Spencer, R. (2020, May). *Difficult days: Creating Connections in a virtual world*. Webinar. Mass Mentoring Partnership, Boston, MA.
4. Spencer, R. (2020, February). *(Not) Minding the Gap: How mentors’ perceptions of social class differences can affect mentoring relationship quality and duration*. Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Boston, Newton, MA.
5. Spencer, R. (2019, September). *(Not) Minding the Gap: How mentors’ perceptions of social class differences can affect mentoring relationship quality and duration*. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay, Boston, MA.
6. Spencer, R. (2019, May). Panelist. *The Forum: A conversation on girls on and stress*. Dana Hall School, Wellesley, MA.
7. Spencer, R. (2019, March). Presenter. *Making a real difference through mentoring as social work*. Training for Friends of the Children, Boston, MA.
8. Spencer, R. (2017, June). Panelist. *Sharing our stories to advance Outcomes for women and girls in Greater Boston*. Big Sister Association of Greater Boston, Boston, MA.
9. Spencer, R. (2015, June). Presenter. *Mentoring for Girls and women: Why it matters now more than ever*. Boston Women’s Commission, City of Boston, MA.

10. Spencer, R., & Drew, A. (2014, September). Presenter. *Breaking up is hard to do: A qualitative interview study of how and why youth mentoring relationships end*. Big Sister Association of Greater Boston, Boston, MA.
11. Spencer, R. (2011, October). Plenary speaker. *Mentoring for impact*. New England Regional Mentoring Conference, Framingham, MA.
12. Spencer, R. (2011, October). Plenary speaker. *What's new in youth mentoring research*. New England Regional Mentoring Conference, Framingham, MA.
13. Spencer, R. (2011, June). Workshop presenter. *Creating connection in a sea of disconnection: Research informed clinical practice*. Jean Baker Miller Training Institute, Wellesley, MA.
14. Spencer, R. (2010, April). Presenter. Mentoring relationships. *Mentoring as social work: Making a real difference*. Training sponsored by Friends of the Children - Boston and Mass Mentoring Partnership, Boston, MA.
15. Rhodes, J., & Spencer, R. (2010, March). Presenter. *Getting results: Why gender matters in mentoring*. Girls' Coalition Funders' Briefing, Boston, MA.
16. Rhodes, J., Liang, B., & Spencer, R. (2010, January). Panel presenter. First do no harm: Ethical principles for youth mentoring relationships. Massachusetts Mentoring Partnership Annual Youth Mentoring Forum, Boston, MA.
17. Spencer, R. (2009, December). Presenter. *Understanding the youth mentoring process: Lessons learned from a series of qualitative studies*. Faculty Advisors Meeting, Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, MA.
18. Spencer, R. (2009, November). Presenter. *Building and sustaining successful mentoring relationships*. Mentor Orientation Program, Bunker Hill Community College, Boston, MA.
19. Spencer, R. (2009, June). Presenter. *Understanding the mentoring process: Lessons learned from five qualitative studies*. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay, Boston, MA.
20. Spencer, R. (2009, June). Presenter. *"She gives me a break from the world": Female youth mentoring relationships*. Board meeting of the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston, Boston, MA.
21. Spencer, R. (2008, May). Keynote speaker. *Why youth mentoring relationships end*. The 2nd Annual Statewide Mentoring Conference, Burlington, VT.
22. Spencer, R. (2008, March). Presenter. *Youth mentoring: Current research and best practices*. Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County Seminar Series, Boston, MA.
23. Spencer, R. (2008, January). Panel presenter. *Current issues in youth mentoring*. Massachusetts Mentoring Partnership Youth Mentoring Forum, Boston, MA.
24. Spencer, R. (2007, June). Presenter. *Building and sustaining effective mentoring relationships*. Benjamin E. Mays Mentoring Program Summer Institute, Boston College, Boston, MA.
25. Spencer, R. (2006, October). Presenter. *"It's not what I expected": A qualitative study of youth mentoring relationship failures*. Boston University School of Social Work Social Welfare Analysis Colloquium, Boston, MA.

26. Spencer, R. (2006, September). Presenter. *Promoting high quality mentoring relationships: Lessons learned from two qualitative interview studies*. Big Sister Association of Greater Boston, Boston, MA.
27. Spencer, R. (2006, April). Presenter. *Getting to the heart of the mentoring process between adolescents and adults*. Wellesley Centers for Women Luncheon Seminar Series, Wellesley, MA.
28. Spencer, R., Jordan, J. V., & Banks, A. (2004, November). Presenter. *Vital connections: Building better relationships with adolescents and children*. Workshop for the Jean Baker Miller Training Institute, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA.
29. Spencer, R. (2004, September). Presenter. *Untying the Gordian knot: Psychotherapy complexities from three theoretical perspectives – A relational perspective*. Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Social Work Department Continuing Education Series, Boston, MA.
30. Spencer, R. (2003, November). Presenter. *Where there's smoke there's fire - case conference series: A relational perspective*. Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Social Work Department Continuing Education Series, Boston, MA.
31. Spencer R. (2002, October). Presenter. *An ounce of prevention: Growth-fostering relationships between youth and adults*. Wellesley Centers for Women Luncheon Seminar Series, Wellesley, MA.
32. Spencer, R. (2002, October). Panel presenter. *The academic job search: Preparing for a teaching career in higher education* (panel). Harvard University Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA.
33. Spencer, R. (2001, June). Keynote speaker. *A comparison of relational psychologies*. Jean Baker Miller Training Institute Annual Research Network Forum, Wellesley, MA.
34. Spencer, R., & Porche, M. V. (2001, March). Presenter. *Talking about sex, you and me?: The importance of adults for adolescents' healthy sexual development*. Workshop for the Boston Symposium on Youth Development, Mind Your Health: A Focus on Mental Health and Wellbeing, Boston, MA.
35. Spencer, R. (1996, March). Presenter. *Reclaiming the lost voice: Feminist perspectives on women's psychological development and healing from sexual assault*. Annual Conference of the Texas Association against Sexual Assault, Galveston, TX.
36. Spencer, R. (1995, February). Presenter. *Self-in-Relation Theory: Connection and application*. Community Psychiatric Centers Capital Hospital, Austin, TX.
37. Spencer, R. (1995, May). Presenter. *Reclaiming the lost voice: Feminist perspectives on women and depression*. Clinical Forum at Community Psychiatric Centers Capital Hospital, Austin, TX.
38. Spencer, R. (1993, April). Presenter. *The relational model applied to the treatment of eating disorders*. International Association of Eating Disorder Professionals Workshop and Chapter Formation Session, Austin, TX.

NATIONAL MEETINGS

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| 2016 | Attendee, <i>Beating the Odds--Successful Strategies from Schools and Youth Agencies that Build Ladders of Opportunity</i> , The White House, Washington, D.C. |
| 2016 | Attendee, <i>Poverty and the Power of Relationships</i> , America's Promise Alliance and the Center for Promise, Ford Foundation, New York, NY. |
| 2015 | Attendee, <i>Natural Mentoring: A Mini-Conference</i> , Thrive Foundation for Youth and the Center for Evidence Based Mentoring, University of Massachusetts, Boston. |

2015 Attendee, *Mentoring Research Symposium*, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada and MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership, Center for Evidence Based Mentoring, University of Massachusetts, Boston.

EDITORIAL AND REVIEWING ACTIVITIES

2019- Editorial Board Member, *Qualitative Psychology*
 2019 Review Panel Chair, *Prevention, Intervention, and Policy*. Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, 2020.
 2014- Editorial Board Member, *Applied Developmental Science*
 2014 Rapporteur, The Economic and Social Research Council, United Kingdom
 2013 Juried Conference Reviewer, Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial National Conference
 2012 - Feature Editor. The Chronicle of Evidence Based Mentoring, <http://chronicle.umbmentoring.org/>
 2009 - Consulting Editor, *Children & Schools*
 2006-2010 Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*
 2005-2012, Juried Conference Reviewer, Society for Social Work and Research, Annual National Conference
 2014- National Conference
 2004-2009 Book Review Editor, *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*
 2003-2011 Consulting Editor, *Families in Society*
 2001-2002 Student Advisory Board Member, *Psychology of Women Quarterly*.

Ad Hoc Reviewer for Scholarly Journals

American Journal of Community Psychology
American Journal of Criminal Justice
Applied Developmental Science
Child and Youth Care Forum
Child Welfare
Children and Schools
Child & Youth Services
Children and Youth Services Review
Community, Work & Family
Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology
Developmental Psychology
Evaluation and Program Planning
Families in Society
Journal of Adolescence
Journal of Adolescent Health
Journal of Adolescent Research
Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology
Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research
Journal of Community & Applied Social Psychology
Journal of Community Psychology
Journal of Early Adolescence
Journal of Primary Prevention
Journal of Research on Adolescence
Journal of Sex Research
Journal of Youth and Adolescence
Kotuitui: New Zealand Journal of Social Sciences Online
New Directions in Youth Development
Prevention Science
Qualitative Health Research
Qualitative Psychology

Research in Human Development
Review of Educational Research
Social Work in Health Care
Youth & Society

Ad Hoc Reviewer for Academic Publishers

2007 Book Reviewer, Rutgers University Press
 2006 Textbook Reviewer, Prentice-Hall
 2004 Book Prospectus Reviewer, Blackwell Publishing

Grant Proposal Reviewer

2020 National Institute of Justice (NIJ), Research and Evaluation on Victims of Crime Review Panel
 2012 National Research Fund (Fonds National de la Recherche), Luxembourg
 2011 Research Grants Council of Hong Kong
 2010 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
 2006 Canadian Institutes of Health Research

ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

2019- Canadian Mentoring Partnership Research Advisory Committee
 2019- National Mentoring Resource Center (NMRC) Research Board
 2014-2015 MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership, *Elements of Effective Practice*, 4th Edition
 2013- Friends of the Children Research Evaluation and Fidelity Committee
 2010-2011 Friends of the Children National Program Committee
 2009 - Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Research Advisory Council
 2009-2012 TCAM (The Center for the Advancement of Mentoring) National Cadre of Mentoring Researchers
 2008 -2014 Friends of the Children – Boston
 2007-2009 Mass Mentoring Partnership Quality Based Membership Initiative Advisory Committee
 2006-2014 MENTOR / National Mentoring Partnership Research and Policy Council
 2005 MENTOR / National Mentoring Partnership Research Advisory Council

CONSULTATIONS

2021- MENTOR Canada, Principles of Effective Practice for Mentoring
 2021 MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership, National Research Agenda
 2019 MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership, National Quality Mentoring System (NQMS) Working Group
 2013-2015 Research Consultant, Big Brothers Big Sisters Canada, In-School Mentoring Standards Revision and Test Labs
 2012-2014 Expert Review Panel Member. Impact Evaluation of the Young Parents Demonstration Grant, Round I, II, and III, United States Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration
 2011-2013 Advisory Board Member. Understanding parent engagement to enhance mentoring outcomes (PI: Lara Kaye). United States Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.
 2011 Research Consultant, Big Brothers Big Sisters Canada, Operation Street Corner: Improving Volunteer Screening and Match Support
 2010-2011 Research Consultant, Big Brothers Big Sisters Canada, Web-Based Mentor Training Development
 2008-2009 Research Consultant, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, Qualitative Evaluation Project
 2006-2007 Research Consultant, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, Research Roundtable
 2006 Research Consultant, Big Sister Association of Greater Boston, Intentional Mentoring Project

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

2018 Co-Convener, Mentoring Research Seminar, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University

2021- Member, University Appointments, Promotion, and Tenure Committee
 2020- Chair, Boston University Charles River Campus Institutional Review Board (IRB)
 2019-2020 Member, Boston University Charles River Campus Institutional Review Board (IRB)
 2013 Judge, Scholars Day, Boston University

School of Social Work

2021 Faculty Reflector, Equity & Inclusion Speakers Series. Invited Speaker: Tarso Luis Ramos
 2020- Member, Equity and Inclusion Committee
 2020-2021 Member, Strategic Planning Team, School of Social Work
 2020-2021 Member, Faculty Search Committee
 2018-2020 Member, Awards Committee for Outstanding Students
 2018 Member, Senior Grants Administrator Search Committee
 2017 Member, Dean Search Advisory Committee
 2016 Member, Children, Youth and Families Specialization Working Group
 2016 Member, Doctoral Program Committee
 2015-2016 Member, Curriculum Committee
 2015 Member, Faculty Search Committee
 2015 Member, Doctoral Program Committee
 2014-2015 Co-Chair, Mission and Goals Working Group
 2014-2015 Member, Dean's Executive Committee
 2014-2015 Co-Chair, SSW Faculty Meeting
 2013-2014 Member and Diversity Monitor, Faculty Search Committee
 2013- Member, SSW Appointment, Promotion and Tenure Committee
 2012-2013 Chair, Program Assessment Committee
 2011 - Member, Clinical Faculty Promotion Review Committee
 2011 Member, Search Committee for Clinical Department Faculty
 2011 Reviewer of Admissions Applications, MSW Admissions Committee
 2010-2013 Member, Curriculum Committee
 2009-2013 Coordinator, SWRnet (Social Work Research Network)
 2009-2012 Member, Program Assessment Committee
 2008-2009 Member, Search Committee for Human Behavior and Clinical Department Faculty
 2007-2009 Member, Status Review Committee for Disciplinary Review of Students
 2006-2009 Member, Doctoral Advisory Committee
 2005-2006 Chair, Awards Committee for Outstanding Students
 2005-2006 Member, Search Committee for Human Behavior Department Faculty
 2004-2007 Chair, Status Review Committee for Disciplinary Review of Students
 2003-2005 Member, Sexual Harassment Committee
 2003-2004 Member, Status Review Committee for Disciplinary Review of Students
 2002-2003 Member, Committee on Faculty Committee Appointments

DISSERTATION/THESIS ADVISING

Completed Dissertations and Theses – United States

2022 Catalina Tang Yan, BU School of Social Work, 3rd Reader
 2022 Kendall (Johnson) Morris, BU School of Social Work, 2nd Reader

2022	Rachel John, BU School of Social Work, 1 st Reader
2021	Noelle Dimitri, BU School of Social Work, Chair
2021	Jessica Koslouski, BU Wheelock School of Education, Boston, MA, 3 rd Reader
2020	John Paul Horn, BU School of Social Work, Dissertation Director, Dissertation Director
2020	Kelsi Carolan, BU School of Social Work, 2 nd Reader
2020	Sarah Kremer, Notre Dame de Namur University, 3 rd Reader
2019	Millan AbiNader, BU School of Social Work, 4 th Reader
2019	Grace Gowdy, BU School of Social Work, Dissertation Director
2018	Alison Drew, BU School of Social Work, Dissertation Director
2018	Tessa Kritikos, BU Department of Psychology, 4 th Reader
2018	Jalene Tamerat, BU School of Education, 3 rd Reader
2018	Jina Chang, BU School of Social Work, Dissertation Defense Chair
2017	Heather Rheame, BU School of Social Work, 2 nd Reader
2017	Dinh Phan, BU School of Education, 2 nd Reader
2016	Keila L. Viñas, BU School of Education, 3 rd Reader
2016	Fritz Ettl, BU School of Education, 3 rd Reader
2016	Michelle Levine, University of Massachusetts, Boston, Clinical Psychology, 2 nd Reader
2016	Stella Kanchewa, University of Massachusetts, Boston, Clinical Psychology, 3 rd Reader
2015	Abigail Ross, BU School of Social Work, 5 th Reader
2015	Natalie Gentles-Gibbs, BU School of Social Work, 3 rd Reader
2015	Sarah Novick, BU School of Education, 3 rd Reader
2014	Jill Walsh, BU Department of Sociology, 2 nd Reader
2013	Antoinette Basualdo-Delmonico, BU School of Social Work, Dissertation Director
2013	Ignatius Samuel, BU School of Social Work, 3 rd Reader
2012	Terrence Lewis, BU School of Social Work, 3 rd Reader
2012	Sarah Schwartz, UMass Boston Clinical Psychology, 3 rd Reader
2006	Julia Pryce, University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration, Outside Reader
2006	Michelle Strout, BU School of Social Work, Dissertation Defense Chair
2006	Nicole DuBus, BU School of Social Work, 4 th Reader

Completed Dissertations and Theses – International

2021	Lois Schenk, Department of Psychology, Erasmus University Rotterdam – The Netherlands, Outside Reader
2009	Miriam Brooker, Murdoch University School of Education (Perth, Australia), External Examiner

Dissertations in Progress

McKenna Parnes, Clinical Psychology, Suffolk University, Boston, MA, Outside Reader
 Martha McCormack, Portland State University, Outside Reader
 Juliann Nicholson, BU School of Social Work, 3rd Reader
 Megan Smith, BU School of Social Work, 2nd Reader
 Kate Newman, BU Wheelock School of Education, Boston, MA, 3rd Reader
 Corinne Beaugard, BU School of Social Work, 2nd Reader

BOSTON UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES (UROP) FUNDING

2021 Spring	Becks Loo, \$650
2020 Fall	Meghan Conlin \$650
2020 Fall	Amelia Thyen \$650
2019 Summer	Andrea Wolfson, \$2,400
2018 Summer	Melyna Santos, \$3,520
2017 Spring	Melyna Santos, \$880
2016 Fall	Raichel Topale, \$1,000

2016 Spring	Liliane Emralino, \$1,000
2016 Spring	Imogen Evans, \$1,000
2015 Fall	Kelsey Flattery, \$500
2015 Fall	Rachel Strathdee, \$1,000
2015 Summer	Priya Marathe, \$4,200
2015 Summer	Alexander Rocklin, \$4,200
2013 Summer	Helen Chen, \$3,000
2013 Spring	Catherine Tobin, \$1,000
2012 Summer	Belva Dibert, \$4,000
2011 Fall	Nicole Sirianni, \$1,500
2010 Spring	Sae-Mi Jeon, \$800
2009 Fall	Sae-Mi Jeon, \$2,000
2009 Spring	Himali Gandhi, \$500
2007 Fall	Brittni Frederikson, \$2,000
2007 Summer	Brittni Frederikson, \$3,500

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2000-2001	Assistant Project Director, Gender and Sexuality Project, Center for Research on Women at Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA. Principal Investigator: Deborah L. Tolman, Ed.D.
1997-2000	Project Associate, Gender and Sexuality Project, Center for Research on Women at Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA. Principal Investigator: Deborah L. Tolman, Ed.D.
1997	Research Assistant, Harvard Family Development Study, McLean Hospital, Belmont, MA. Principal Investigator: Gil Noam, Ph.D.
1997	Research Assistant, Trauma Clinic, Arbour Health System, Brookline, MA. Principal Investigator: Bessel van der Kolk, M.D.

ADVANCED RESEARCH TRAINING

2004	Participant (Competitive Application), National Institutes of Health Summer Institute: <i>The Design and Conduct of Qualitative and Mixed-Method Research in Social Work and Other Health Professions</i> .
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CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

1996	Consultant, Women's Program, Charter Hospital, Austin, TX.
1994-1996	Program Coordinator, The Women's Program, Capital Hospital, Community Psychiatric Centers, Austin, TX.
1994-1996	Private Practice, Austin, TX.
1994-1996	Field Instructor, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.
1992-1994	Clinical Supervisor, Eating Disorder Services, Pavilion at St. David's Hospital, Austin, TX.
1991-1992	Program Therapist, Eating Disorder Services, Pavilion at St. David's Hospital, Austin, TX.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2020-	Member, Society for Social Work and Research Excellence in Research Award Selection Committee
2015, 2017	Member, Society for Research on Adolescence Awards Selection Committee
2010 -2013	Member, Society for Research on Adolescence Media and Communications Committee
2000-2007	Member, Steering Committee, Jean Baker Miller Training Institute Annual Research Forum
1996	Member, Women's Issues Committee, Texas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers
1992-1996	Founding Member, Austin Women's Psychotherapy Project, Austin, TX

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2019- International Network of Mentoring Researchers
 2004 - Society for Research on Adolescence
 2002 - Society for Social Work and Research
 2001- Society for Research in Child Development
 1999-2008 American Educational Research Association
 1999 - American Psychological Association
 1997 -2007 Jean Baker Miller Training Institute Research Network, Wellesley, MA.
 1991 - National Association of Social Workers

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

1996 - Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW), Massachusetts # 107761
 1994 - Licensed Master Social Worker-Advanced Clinical Practitioner (LMSW-ACP), Texas
 # 18693 (inactive)