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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Social Work, 2023
School of Social Work, Boston University, Boston, MA
Dissertation: In-Routes and "On the Outs": Dually-Involved Black and Latino Youth and Young Adults' Transition Experiences from the Child Welfare System to the Juvenile Legal System and During Reentry
Received the Society for Social Work and Research 2022 Doctoral Fellows Award
Committee: Linda Sprague Martinez (Chair), Astraea Augsburg (first reader), Thomas Byrne, Rob Eschmann, Laura Abrams

M.A., Child Study and Human Development, 2018
Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Study and Human Development, Tufts University, Medford, MA
Concentration: Child and Family Policy and Programs
Thesis: The Relation Between Adolescent Mothers' Trauma, Emotional Availability, and Children's Emotion Regulation

B.A., Neuroscience, *cum laude*, 2015
B.A., Psychology and Philosophy, *cum laude*, 2015
College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University, Boston, MA

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025-	Assistant Professor School of Social Work Boston University
2023-2025	Assistant Professor The School of Social Policy and Practice University of Pennsylvania
Spring 2025	Visiting Assistant Professor Perelman School of Medicine University of Pennsylvania

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Juvenile and criminal legal systems; child welfare system; child welfare-criminal legal crossover; reentry; youth and emerging adults; youth engagement and Youth Participatory Action Research; social theory; mixed methods and qualitative methods

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

EXTERNAL

- 2025- Principal Investigator, An Evaluation of the Emerging Adults Reentry Initiative (EARI), UTEC Inc. and the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, \$78,000
- 2023- Co-Investigator, (Principal Investigators: Amy Castro, Stacia West, Laura Abrams, Elizabeth Barnert), LA County BREATHE Expansion for Youth Aged out of Foster Care, County of Los Angeles, \$175,000
- 2023- Co-Investigator, 15% Effort, (Principal Investigator: Paul Heaton, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School), Evaluation of Collaborative Public Defense, Arnold Ventures, \$408,482
- 2022 Fellow, Ford Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, \$28,000
- Selected from a competitive national pool, representing the top 4-5% of advanced doctoral student applicants.
- 2022 Fellow, Society for Social Work and Research Doctoral Fellows Award, \$3,000
- Selected from a competitive pool of applicants as the Society for Social Work and Research Doctoral Fellow in recognition of “the significance of the problem addressed in [my] research, the rigor of the analysis, and its contribution to social work and social welfare knowledge.”
- 2021, 2022 Trainee, Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research
- 2020 Fellow, Rappaport Institute Public Policy Fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, \$7,000

INTERNAL

- 2024-2025 Principal Investigator, Examining the Contribution of Public Defender Teams in Supporting Multisystem Young Adults and Reducing Pathways to Incarceration, University Research Foundation Grant, University of Pennsylvania, \$42,849
- 2021 Fellow, Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future, Boston University, “On the Outs”: Examining Dually-Involved Black, Indigenous, and Youth of Color’s Reentry Experiences in Massachusetts, \$6,000
- 2021 Principal Investigator, Boston University Initiative on Cities Early-Stage Urban Research, Examining Dually-Involved Black, Indigenous, and Youth of Color’s Reentry Experiences in Massachusetts, \$10,000
- 2017 Fellow, Tisch College of Civic Engagement Scholar Fellowship, Tufts University, \$7,000

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| 2016 | Awardee, Tufts Child Development Graduate Scholarship, Tufts University, \$15,000 |
| 2016 | Investigator, Boston University Undergraduate Research Opportunity Award, Boston University, \$4,000 |
| 2015 | Fellow, School of Arts and Sciences Karbank Philosophy Fellowship, Boston University, \$3,500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awarded for designing an innovative project aimed at increasing diverse student engagement in the study of philosophy, with an emphasis on social and political welfare. |

AWARDS

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| 2024 | Excellence in Teaching Award, Full Time Faculty, University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice |
| 2020 | Awardee, Graduate Research Award, Center for Antiracist Research, Boston University, \$4,000 |
| 2015 | Awardee, Boston University Fitzgerald Translation Award, Boston University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognized for excellence in translating an Arabic poetry piece that promotes dialogue on enduring cross-cultural themes. |

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED

1. Eschmann, R., Pousman, B., Belkin-Martinez, D., Reeder, K. G.**, **Toraif, N.**, & Stevenson, M. K. (2025). Storytelling for social change: Using emerging technology to develop antioppressive social work training and practice. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1037/ort0000861>
2. Washington, D.**, **Toraif, N.**, Guz, S. (2025). Beyond reform in youth justice: conceptualizing carceral seepage across youth-serving systems. *Families in Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10443894251332014>
3. Eschmann, R., Nkemka, A., **Toraif, N.**, Ortiz, S. M. (2025). Online resistance: The past, present and future of challenging racism with digital tools. In: D. A. Christakis & L. Hale (Eds.), *Children and Screens: A Handbook on Digital Media and the Development, Health, and Well-being of Children and Adolescents*. Springer. (Peer Reviewed)
4. Young, A.**, **Toraif, N.**, Le, C.*, Gergen Barnett, K., & Augsberger, A. (2024). Facing power: navigating power dynamics in a youth participatory action research project situated within a healthcare setting. *Journal of Community Practice*, 32(3), 315-336. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10705422.2024.2385624>
5. **Toraif, N.** & Frisella, A**. (2024). Abolitionist Perspectives in Social Work. In E. Mullen (Ed.), *Oxford Bibliographies in Social Work*. Oxford University Press. (Peer Reviewed)

6. Eschmann, R., Grundy, S., Harbaugh, A. G., Guo, L., **Toraif, N.**, & Groshek, J. (2023). Digital Rage: Testing “the Obama Effect” on Internet-Based Expressions of Racism. *Social Media+ Society*, 9(4), 20563051231205592. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/20563051231205592>
7. **Toraif, N.**, Mueller, J. (2023). Making policing obsolete: The harms of policing and an abolitionist social work response. In *Social Work, White Supremacy, and Racial Justice: Reckoning with Our History, Interrogating our Present, Re-Imagining our Future*. Oxford University Press. (Peer Reviewed)
8. **Toraif, N.**, Gondal, N., Paudel, P.**, & Frisella, A.** (2023). From colorblind to systemic racism: Emergence of a rhetorical shift in higher education discourse in response to the murder of George Floyd. *PLoS one*, 18(8), e0289545. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0289545>
9. **Toraif, N.**, Mueller, J. (2023). Abolitionist Social Work. In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Social Work*. Oxford University Press. (Peer Reviewed)
10. Augsberger, A., Young, A., **Toraif, N.**, Morris, M., & Barnett, K. G. (2023). Youth engagement to achieve health equity: Are healthcare organizations and leaders prepared?. *American Journal of Community Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/ajcp.12656>
11. Eschmann, R., Thompson, J.G., **Toraif, N.** (2022). Tweeting towards transformation: Prison abolition and criminal justice reform in 140 characters. *Sociological Inquiry*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/soin.12503>
12. Augsberger, A., **Toraif, N.**, Young, A., Dimitri, N., Pierre, J.*, Bautista, R.*, Le, C.*, Idahor, O.*, Sprague Martinez, L., Gergen-Barnett, K. (2022). COVID-19 shines a light on health inequities in communities of color: A youth-driven photovoice inquiry. *The Journal of Community Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jcop.22866>
13. **Toraif, N.**, Augsberger, A., Young, A.**, Murillo, H.***, Bautista, R.*, Garcia, S.* , ... Gergen Barnett, K. (2021). How to be an antiracist: Youth of color’s critical perspectives on antiracism in a youth participatory action research context. *Journal of Adolescent Research*, 36(5), 467-500. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1177/07435584211028224>
14. Augsberger, A., Zeitlin, W., Rao, T., Weisberg, D., **Toraif, N.** (2020). Examining a child welfare parenting intervention for parents with intellectual disabilities. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 31(1), 65-74. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1049731520958489>
15. Eschmann, R., Groshek, J., Li, S., **Toraif, N.**, Thompson, J. G. (2020). Bigger than sports: Identity politics, Colin Kaepernick, and concession making in #BoycottNike. *Computers in Human Behavior*, 114, 106583.
16. Zeitlin, W., Augsberger, A., Rao, T., Weisberg, D., **Toraif, N.** (2020). Measuring parenting skills: Validating the skills assessment for parents with intellectual disability. *Journal of Evidence-Based Social Work*, 18(2), 235-248. <https://doi.org/10.1080/26408066.2020.1830909>

17. Augsberger, A., **Toraif, N.**, Springwater, J., Hilliard-Koshinsky, G., Sprague Martinez, L. (2020). Strategies for engaging current and former foster care youth in policy advocacy: Lessons from the New England Youth Coalition. *Child Welfare*, 97(6), 251-270.
18. Salazar, R.D., Ren, X., Ellis, T.D., **Toraif, N.**, Barthelemy, O.J., Nearing, S., Cronin-Golomb, A. (2017). Dual tasking in Parkinson's disease: Cognitive consequences while walking. *Neuropsychology*, 31(6), 613-623. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/neu0000331>

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

1. Sarantakos, S., **Toraif, N.**, Samimi, S. (under review). On the Possibilities of Anti-Carceral Pedagogy in Social Work Education.
Draft available upon request
2. **Toraif, N.**, Abrams, L., Bondoc, C.**, Reed, T.**, Barnert, E.S. (under review). Young adults' conceptions of health and well-being during reentry. *Health and Justice*.
Draft available upon request
3. **Toraif, N.**, Rocco, M., Mosher, M.***, Dakin, A.*, Tucker, C.*, Downes, A., Rajabiun, S., Wangari Walter, A., Sprague-Martinez, L.S. (under review). Bundled health interventions for Black women with HIV: Lessons learned for facilitating positive reentry experiences.
Draft available upon request
4. **Toraif, N.**, Gondal, N., Koley, G.**, Balch, J. (under review). Examining the use and limitations of Language Learning Models in qualitative social inquiry.
Draft available upon request. Gondal and Toraif share equal first authorship.
5. **Toraif, N.** (under review). In Search of Family: A phenomenology of dually-involved girls' and young women's experiences with the child welfare and juvenile legal systems.
Draft available upon request

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

1. **Toraif, N.**, Guz, S. Carceral seepage in family life: relational and temporal dimensions.
Draft available upon request
2. **Toraif, N.** Examining youth pathways into the juvenile legal system from the child welfare system: state, frontline practitioner, and youth perspectives.
Draft available upon request
3. **Toraif, N.** Black, Indigenous, and Young Adults of Color in reentry: Factors associated with positive reentry experiences.
4. **Toraif, N.**, Frisella, A.** Abolitionist Social Work: A scoping review of emergent theory and pedagogical approaches.
5. **Toraif, N.**, Young, A.** Typologies of youth engagement in juvenile justice: A scoping review.

* denotes community partner co-author

** denotes graduate student co-author

*** denotes undergraduate student co-author

REPORTS

Kambath, A., **Toraif, N.**, & Smith, S. S. (2024, August). *This is what thriving communities look like: Insights from residents of four Boston neighborhoods*. Roundtable on Racial Disparities in Massachusetts Criminal Courts, Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management, Harvard Kennedy School. <https://www.hks.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/2024-08/This-Is-What-Thriving-Communities-Look-Like.pdf>

Toraif, N., Chester, L. (2023, April). *Promising Practices: Pre-Arrest Diversion for Emerging Adults*. Columbia Justice Lab, Columbia University.
https://justicelab.columbia.edu/sites/default/files/content/EAJP%20Promising%20Practices%20Diversion%20Report%20FINAL%20-%20Lael%20E.H.%20Chester_0.pdf

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND APPOINTMENTS

- 2024- Principal Investigator, Examining the Contribution of Public Defender Teams in Supporting Multisystem Young Adults and Reducing Pathways to Incarceration (in collaboration with the Massachusetts Committee for Public Counsel Services)
- A mixed methods project examining the role of public defense teams in shaping young adults' social and legal outcomes.
 - Conducting a national scan of holistic, collaborative, and participatory defense initiatives, as well as emerging approaches for young adult justice (ages 18-25).
 - Funded by the University Research Foundation Grant at the University of Pennsylvania, \$42,849.
- 2023- Principal Investigator, Restorative Justice-based Diversion: Examining Youth and Community Long Term Well-Being (in collaboration with Collective Climb, Philadelphia, PA)
- A mixed methods, community-engaged project investigating the legal, psychological, and social long-term outcomes of a restorative justice-based diversion program for youth (ages 10-17) in Philadelphia.
- 2023- Co-Investigator (Principal Investigators: Amy Castro, Stacia West, Laura Abrams, Elizabeth Barnert), LA County BREATHE Expansion for Youth Aged out of Foster Care
- A qualitative project examining the experiences of young adults exiting the child welfare system, focusing on sources of social and economic support and strategies for navigating the transition.
 - Funded by County of Los Angeles, \$175,000.
- 2023- Qualitative Researcher, 15% Effort, (Principal Investigator: Paul Heaton, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School), Evaluation of Collaborative Public Defense

- A qualitative project and process evaluation examining the implementation, as well as the legal and social outcomes, of the Partner's for Justice Collaborative Defense client advocate program.
 - Funded by Arnold Ventures, \$408,482.
- 2022- Principal Investigator, Youth Reentry and Well-Being: A Longitudinal Mixed Methods Study of Asset-Based Outcomes in Youth Reentry (in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services)
- A community-engaged, longitudinal, mixed methods research project investigating the socio-ecological and psychological outcomes of youth exiting the Massachusetts juvenile legal system.
- 2021-2023 Graduate Research Assistant, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- Led community-engaged photovoice project on Massachusetts community members' conceptualizations of thriving neighborhoods and public safety with Dr. Sandra Susan Smith.
- 2020-2023 Research Fellow, Department of Youth Services, Boston, MA
- 2018-2023 Graduate Research Assistant, School of Social Work, Boston University, Boston, MA
- Research areas include: youth and young adult involvement with multiple systems including the child welfare, juvenile legal, and criminal legal systems; youth participation and civic engagement; online racial victimization and digital resistance to racism and other forms of oppression.
- 2020-2022 Graduate Fellow, Center for Antiracist Research, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2021 Graduate Fellow, Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future, Boston University, Boston, MA
- 2020 Rappaport Public Policy Summer Fellow, The Rappaport Institute, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA
- Served as the Rappaport Public Policy Fellow at the Office of the Child Advocate and the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS).
 - Developed Trauma-Informed and Responsive Guidelines and toolkits for multiple sectors including schools, courts, community, and healthcare settings and curricula for public defenders on adolescent development, Positive Youth Development, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), trauma, and racial justice.
- 2019-2020 Graduate Research Fellow, Center for Innovation in Social Work and Health, Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, MA
- Analyzed data from the BEST response team on youth mental health crisis response in Massachusetts schools.
 - Prepared national best practices for mental health crises responses in schools.

- Served as member of the Coalition for Mental Health and Crisis Intervention collaborating with interdisciplinary professionals and scholars across the Greater Boston Area.
- 2016-2018 Graduate Research Assistant, Interdisciplinary Evaluation Research, Tufts University, Medford, MA
- Conducted advanced statistical analyses using data from the Massachusetts Healthy Families Evaluation on maternal PTSD and child emotion regulation outcomes.
- 2015 Research Assistant, Center for Anxiety and Related Disorders, Boston University, Boston, MA
- Conducted qualitative research in project on young patients engaged in shared clinical decision-making processes.
- 2015 Research Assistant, Center for Translational Cognitive Neuroscience, Jamaica Plain Veteran's Administration, Boston, MA
- Conducted neuropsychological testing for veterans diagnosed with Alzheimer's and PTSD and advanced statistical analyses utilizing neuropsychological testing outcomes for a research study on memory outcomes for veterans receiving a memory intervention.
- 2012-2015 Research Assistant, Dr. Alice Cronin-Golomb's Vision and Cognition Laboratory, Boston University, Boston, MA
- Conducted advanced statistical analyses on gait and eye movement in patients with Parkinson's.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Child welfare and juvenile legal systems history, policy, and practice; race and racism in social service and criminal legal settings; abolitionist theory; social theory; qualitative methods and community-engaged approaches to research

TEACHING AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Spring 2025	Understanding Social Change, University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice
Spring 2024, 2025	Mass Incarceration and Abolitionist Theory, University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice
Fall 2023	American Racism and Social Work Practice, University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice
Summer 2023	Course and Curriculum Designer, Race, Ethnicity, and Health, Northeastern University Bouvé College of Health Sciences

Summer 2022,2023	Online Course Facilitator, Race, Ethnicity, and Health, Northeastern University Bouvé College of Health Sciences
Spring 2022	Adjunct Lecturer, Race, Ethnicity, and Health, Northeastern University Bouvé College of Health Sciences
Spring 2022	Instructor of Record, Introduction to Social Work Research I, Boston University School of Social Work
Fall 2021	Instructor of Record, Racial Justice and Cultural Oppression, Boston University School of Social Work
2021	Curriculum Designer, Youth Engagement, Advocacy, and Research, Massachusetts Mentoring Partnership
2021	Course and Curriculum Co-Designer, Institutional Racism, Boston University School of Social Work
Summer 2020, 2021	Course Facilitator, Racial Justice and Cultural Oppression, Boston University School of Social Work
2020	Graduate Teaching Fellow, Racial Justice and Cultural Oppression, Boston University School of Social Work

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND RESEARCH CONSULTING

2024–	Research Consultant, The Massachusetts Dually-Involved Youth Project, Office of the Child Advocate, Boston, MA
2024–	Research Consultant, Emerging Adult Justice, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Baltimore, MD
2021–	Group Facilitator and Research Consultant, Voices of Communities Impacted by the School to Prison Pipeline (VOICES) Advisory Board, EdLaw Youth Advocacy Foundation, Committee for Public Counsel Services, Boston, MA
2021–2024	Research Consultant, Emerging Adult Justice Project, Columbia Justice Lab, New York, NY Research areas include holistic defense for young adults involved with multiple systems, national pre-trial diversion programs, emerging best practices in pre-trial diversion for young adults, and the implementation of a developmental framework for youth and emerging adults across the criminal legal continuum.
2021- 2023	Research Analyst, Department of Youth Services, Boston, MA Led mixed methods research projects on youth dually-involved in the child welfare and juvenile legal systems; youth transitional

	clinical services; services for youth who identify as female; and YES and recidivism outcomes. • Produced research briefs for the Racial Equity and Inclusion Series on predictors of detention and commitment outcomes. • Developed mixed methods and qualitative research capacity.
2021 – 2022	Research and Program Evaluation Consultant, Massachusetts Mentoring Partnership, Boston, MA
2021	Research Consultant and Youth Group Facilitator, Bank of America Youth Leaders, Massachusetts Mentoring Partnership, Boston, MA
2020-2021	Graduate Research Fellow, Department of Youth Services, Boston, MA • Led mixed methods research projects on youth dually-involved in the child welfare and juvenile legal systems and helped develop the Department's research capacity, including research review processes and mixed methods/qualitative approaches to research.
2020	Rappaport Public Policy Summer Fellow, The Rappaport Institute, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA • Served as the Rappaport Public Policy Fellow at the Office of the Child Advocate and the Committee for Public Counsel Services. • Developed Trauma-Informed and Responsive Guidelines and toolkits for multiple sectors including schools, courts, community, and healthcare settings and curricula for public defenders on adolescent development, Positive Youth Development, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), trauma, and racial justice.
2017-2019	Graduate Fellow, Suffolk County Juvenile Probation Department and Lowell and Cambridge Juvenile Court, MA • Preliminary fact-finding intake forms for youth involved with the probation department or the Department of Youth Services.
Summer 2017	Tisch College Civic Engagement Scholar, The Children's Trust, Boston, MA • Prepared best practices and core competencies for family social workers and caseworkers in Massachusetts involved with the Healthy Families Program. • Conducted focus groups with families utilizing Healthy Families' services to improve program outcomes.
2017	Graduate Fellow, Child Protection Team at Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA • Analyzed data trends and prepared annual report for the Child Protection Team on child abuse and maltreatment reports, substantiated reports, and child outcomes.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Toraif, N., Guz, S. (accepted). *The Spatial and Temporal Logics of Carceral Seepage in Black Girls' and Women's Family Life*. Oral Paper at the 2026 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Toraif, N. Abrams, L., Barnert, E., West, S., Castro, A. (accepted). *Renegotiating Interdependence: Transition Age Youth's Mobilization of Guaranteed Income in the Transition from Foster Care*. Oral Paper at the 2026 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Young, A., Toraif, N. (accepted). *Mapping Youth Engagement in Juvenile Legal Systems: A Scoping Review*. Oral Paper at the 2026 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Toraif, N. (2025). *Interrogating Carceral Logics with Abolition Geography: A Place-Based Case Study Approach in Social Work and Social Policy Education*. Paper in Symposium titled *Anti-Carceral Approaches in Social Work Education: Exploring a Research Agenda to Support Transformation* at the 2025 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington.

Toraif, N. (2025). *"Keep Everything, Except the Jail:" Dually-Involved Youth and Young Adults' Experiences of Reactive Social Safety Nets across the Child Welfare to Juvenile Legal Continuum*. Poster Presentation at the 2025 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington.

Young, A., **Toraif, N.** (2025). *Community Advisory Committees in the Social Service Sector: Challenges and Opportunities for Meaningful Community Engagement*. Poster Presentation at the 2025 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington.

Toraif, N. (2024). *Author Meets Critics: Purgatory Citizenship: Reentry, Race, and Abolition* by Calvin J. Smiley. In Author Meets Critics Session at the 2024 American Society for Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California. (with James Binnall, Jasmine Kelekay, Reuben J. Miller, and Justin Piché).

Toraif, N. (2024). *Girls' Experiences of Relational Loss in the Child Welfare and Juvenile Legal Systems*. Paper at the 2024 American Society for Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California.

Toraif, N. (2024). *Multisystem Involved Youths' Experiences of Reactive Social Safety Nets within the Juvenile Legal System*. Paper at the 2024 American Society for Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California.

Toraif, N., Littman, D., Wagaman, M.A., Sharkey, C. (2024). *Affirming People and Welcoming Places: Examining supportive relationships and contexts for youth impacted by structural oppression*. Roundtable at the 2024 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Toraif, N., Young, A. (2024). *Facing Power Dynamics: Critical Considerations for Expanding Accessibility of Youth Participatory Projects*. Paper in Symposium titled *Ethics Against Extractivism: Reconsidering our Ethical Commitments and Research Praxis in Participatory Action Research* at the 2024 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Toraif, N., Washington, D., Guz, S., Muentner, L. (2024). *The Emotional and Psychosocial Impacts of Carceral Systems on Families*. Symposium at the 2024 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Toraif, N., Mueller, J. (2023). *Making Policing Obsolete: Abolitionist Strategies and Organizing from Social Work*. Paper at the 2023 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Toraif, N., Suslovic, B., Rasmussen, C., Allen, E. (2023). *Abolitionist Perspectives on Social Service: Excising Control from Care*. Roundtable at the 2023 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Carr, B., **Toraif, N.,** Huang, Y., Zaff, J., Lynch, A., Makarand, M., Pulido Pardo, V. (2023). *Flourishing Under Conditions of Extreme Adversity? Studies of Thriving Against the Odds*. Symposium at the 2023 Society for the Study of Human Development Annual Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Toraif, N., Tuchman, S., Young, A. (2023). *Group Home Fight or Flight: Youth, Social Worker, and Attorney Perspectives on the Loci of Crossover from the Child Welfare to the Juvenile Legal System*. Oral Paper Presentation at the 2023 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona.

Toraif, N., Young, A., Tuchman, S. (2023). *Dually-Involved Black and Latinx Youths' Narratives of Reentry in Massachusetts Post Involvement with the Juvenile Legal System*. Oral Paper Presentation at the 2023 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona.

Toraif, N., Young, A. (2023). *Lessons Learned: Engaging Youth in Research and Practice Advisory Roles across Six Youth Participatory Projects*. Oral Paper Presentation at the 2023 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona.

Toraif, N., Abrams, L., Reed, T., Bondoc, C., Barnert, L. (2023). *"I Don't Feel like Drugs Are Taking over Anymore": Transition Age Young Adults' Conceptualizations of Health and Well-Being during Reentry*. Poster Presentation at the 2023 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona.

Toraif, N. (2022). *Tracing the Cradle-to-Prison Pipeline: State Agency, Adult Stakeholder, and Youth Perspectives on Dually-Involved Black and Latinx Youths' Pathways into the Massachusetts Juvenile Legal System*. Oral Paper Presentation at the 2022 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.

Toraif, N., Augsberger, A., Young, A., Murillo, H., & Gergen-Barnett, K. (2022). *"Show Us through Your Actions": Youths' Practical Recommendations for Antiracist Praxis in Youth Participatory Action Research Projects*. Oral Paper Presentation at the 2022 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, Washington, D. C.

Toraif, N., & Young, A. (2022). *Teaching, Learning, and Bridging: Examining Graduate Student Researchers' Roles in Youth Participatory Action Research Projects*. Poster Presentation at the 2022 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, Washington, D. C.

Toraif, N., Young, A.N., Augsberger, A., Murillo, H., & Gergen-Barnett, K. (2022). *Facing Power: Navigating Power Dynamics in a Youth Participatory Action Research Project Situated within a Healthcare Setting*. Oral Paper Presentation at the 2022 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, Washington, D. C.

Tang Yan, C., Morris, K., Hamilton, G., **Toraif, N.,** Brinkerhoff, C., & Tracy, N. (2022). *Contesting Social and Racial Justice Frameworks in Knowledge Production Across Places, Experiences, and Community-Based Participatory Strategies in Social Work Research*. Roundtable at the 2022 Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Toraif, N., Augsberger, A., Young, A., Murillo, H., Bautista, R., Garcia, S., Sprague Martinez, L., & Gergen-Barnett, K. (2021). *How to Be an Antiracist: Exploring Youth of Color's Perspectives on Antiracist Participatory Research Methods in a Healthcare Setting*. Oral Paper Presentation at the 2021 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

Augsberger, A., Zeitlin, W., **Toraif, N.,** & Chontow, K. (2021). *Child Welfare Risk Factors and Program Interventions for Parents with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (I/DD): A Systematic Review of the Literature*. Virtual Poster at the 2021 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

Augsberger, A., **Toraif, N.,** Young, A., Dimitri, N., Pierre, J., Bautista, R., Le, C., Idahor, O., Sprague Martinez, L., & Gergen-Barnett, K. (2021). *Shining a Light on the Impact of COVID-19 on Communities of Color in the Greater Boston Area: A Photovoice Inquiry into Youth Conceptualizations of Health*. Symposium Paper at the 2021 Boston Area Research Initiative Conference, Boston, Massachusetts.

Toraif, N., & Mueller, J. (2021). *Making Policing Obsolete: Abolitionist Social Work and Emancipatory Responses to Social Problems*. Social Work, White Supremacy, and Racial Justice Symposium at the University of Houston School of Social Work, Houston, Texas.

Toraif, N., Augsberger, A., & Zeitlin, W. (2021). *A Systematic Review of the Literature on Parents with Intellectual Disabilities Involved with Child Welfare Systems*. Oral Paper Presentation at the 2021 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California.

Toraif, N. (2020). *Child Welfare Professionals' Strategies for Preventing Youth Cross-Over from Child Welfare to Juvenile Justice Systems*. Oral Paper Presentation at the 2020 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D. C.

Toraif, N., Smith, M., Beaugard, C., & Tan Yang, C. (2020). *Theoretical, Methodological, and Applied Learning: Engaging Doctoral Students in Qualitative Research Training*. Symposium at the 2020 Society for Qualitative Research in Psychology Annual Meeting, Cambridge, Massachusetts. (Conference canceled due to COVID-19)

Toraif, N., Horn, J.P., Augsberger, A., & Sprague Martinez, L.S. (2020). *Applying a Critical Framework to the Experiences of Youth Involved in a Multi-State Foster Care Youth Advisory Board*. Oral Paper Presentation at the 2020 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting, Washington, D. C.

Toraif, N. (2019). *Supporting parents with intellectual disabilities in the child welfare system*. Oral Presentation at Westchester Institute for Human Development Conference, Westchester, New York.

Toraif, N., Salazar, R.D., Ren, X., Ellis, T.D., Toraif, N., Barthelemy, O.J., Nearing, S., & Cronin-Golomb, A. (2015). The Effect of Dual-Tasking on Cognition and Gait in Parkinson's Disease. Poster session presented at the Annual Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society, Boston, Massachusetts.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, AND TRAININGS

"How are the Young People? Looking for Justice in Failing Systems" *University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice*. SP2 Speaker Series. November, 2023.

"Youth and Young Adults' Experiences in the United States Child Welfare System, Juvenile Legal System, and at the Intersections of the Cradle to Prison Pipeline" *University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice*. Online Lecture. April, 2023.

"Doing Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis: Research with Black and Latina Girls and Young Women Involved with the Child Welfare and Juvenile legal Systems" *Boston University School of Social Work*. Online Lecture. March, 2023.

"Dually-Involved Black and Latino Youth and Young Adults Experiences of the Child Welfare System, Juvenile Legal System, and Community Reentry" *Boston University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences*. Online Lecture. March, 2023.

"Youth and Young Adults' Experiences in the United States Child Welfare System, Juvenile Legal System, and at the Intersections of the Cradle to Prison Pipeline" *University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work*. Online Lecture. March, 2023.

"Abolishing Carceral Social Work: The Child Welfare System" *Lecture by Dr. Alan Dettlaff, Equity and Inclusion Speaker Series, Boston University*. Commentator on Online Lecture. September, 2022.

"Trauma-Informed Legal Representation and Advocacy: Trauma-Informed and Responsive Organizational Frameworks" *Mental Health Advocacy Program, Health Law Advocates*. Online Training. August, 2022.

"Trauma-Informed Legal Representation and Advocacy: Understanding and Responding to Trauma" *Mental Health Advocacy Program, Health Law Advocates*. Online Training. July, 2022.

"Nearing the Abolitionist Horizon Via Professionalized Social Change Work" *Lecture by Dr. Sophia Sarantakos, Equity and Inclusion Speaker Series, Boston University*. Commentator on Online Lecture. April, 2022

"Understanding Racism in the Lives of Children and Youth: Where does it happen and what do we do about it?" *Mental Health Advocacy Program, Health Law Advocates*. Online Training. February, 2022.

"Youth Engagement and Participation: Assessing Readiness." *Massachusetts Mentoring Partnership*. Online Training. January, 2022.

"Deep Dives: Youth Engagement and Participation." *Massachusetts Mentoring Partnership*. Online Training. December, 2021.

"The Color Lines of the United States Child Welfare System: Historical Perspectives and Deconstructing Dominant Narratives." *Court Improvement Program, Department of Children and Families, Department of Youth Services, Family Resource Center, Committee for Public Counsel Services, and Administrative Office of the Trial Court*. Keynote Lecture for Training Series on Racial Equity and Inclusion. November, 2021.

"An Introduction to Research Design." *Massachusetts Department of Youth Services*. Online Lecture. April, 2021.

"Policing and the School-to-Prison Pipeline: Consequences and Alternatives." *Boston University School of Public Health*. Online Lecture. April, 2021.

"Ethical Considerations in Research and the Role of the Institutional Review Board." *Massachusetts Department of Youth Services*. Online Presentation. March, 2021.

"Ethical Considerations in Social Work and Social Service Research." *Simmons University School of Social Work*, Boston MA. Online Lecture. February, 2021.

"Ethical Considerations in Qualitative Research." *Boston University School of Social Work*, Boston MA. Online Lecture. February, 2021.

"Community-Based Participatory Research, Youth-Adult Participation, and Youth Participatory Action Research." *Family Medicine Seminar, Boston Medical Center*. Virtual Presentation. August, 2020.

"Black Lives Matter: Social Work Responses on Racial Justice." *Social Work Action Network*. Virtual Panel. August, 2020.

"Youth-Adult Participation, Youth Participatory Action Research, and Youth Advisory Boards." *The Office of the Child Advocate*. Virtual Presentation. July, 2020.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY-ENGAGED SERVICE

2025-	Doctoral Program Committee, Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, MA
2025-	Research Advancement Committee, Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, MA
2023-	Department of Youth Services Statewide Special Populations Research Subcommittee, Boston, MA
2021-	Board Member, Cradle-to-Prison Advisory Group, Northeastern School of Law, Boston, MA
2024-2025	Doctoral Program Governance Committee, University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice, Philadelphia, PA

2023-2024	MSSP Governance Committee, University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice, Philadelphia, PA
2020-2023	Conference Committee Co-Chair, Society for Social Work and Research Doctoral Student Committee
2019-2020	Co-Director, Social Work Action Group (SWAG) at Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, MA

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Abolitionist Perspectives in Social Work
Child Welfare
Children and Youth Services Review
International Journal of Adolescence and Youth
Journal of Adolescent Research
Journal of Community Practice
Psychological Reports

LANGUAGES

English, native language
Arabic, native language
Farsi, professional working proficiency

AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association, member, 2023-present
American Society of Criminology, member, 2023-present
Society for Social Work and Research, member, 2019- present
Society for the Study of Human Development, member, 2023-present