

# Greer A. Hamilton, MSW

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## **EDUCATION**

### *Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work*

Boston University School of Social Work  
Currently enrolled (expected May 2023)

Dissertation: On Belonging: An exploration into how neighborhood change is embodied by residents of Buffalo, New York

Committee: Margaret Lombe (Chair), Linda Sprague Martinez (First Reader), Melvin Delgado, Sam Teixeira, Felice Amato

### *Dual Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Health and Human Services and Master of Social Work*

University at Buffalo, State University of New York  
May 2016

Research interests: Racial justice, urban governance, reproductive justice, community engagement, community-engaged research, community and economic development, arts-based methods, placemaking, place keeping, critical race theory, and Black feminism.

## **ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS**

2020-present    Affiliate, Boston University Center for Antiracist Research

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2021                Association for Community Organization and Social Action (ACOSA) Doctoral Student Award.

## **GRANT FUNDED RESEARCH**

July 2021-present	Supplement Candidate, NIDA Diversity Supplement Project on Municipal Drug Policy. HEALing Communities Study (HCS-MA), Massachusetts. National Institute of Health and Substance Abuse Mental Health Administration. PI: Jeffrey Samet, \$135,600.
April 2021-August 2021	Research Assistant, Using Community Storytelling to Understand Vaccine Hesitancy in Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Communities. Boston University CTSI Community Engagement Program. PI: Katherine Gergen-Barnett, \$100,000.

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October 2020- January 2022	Doctoral Research Assistant, Boston University Diversity & Inclusion Process Evaluation for the Office of the Vice President and Associate Vice Provost for Community & Inclusion, Crystal Williams.
June 2020-present	Research Assistant, Sustainable Air Quality in Affordable Housing (SAQIAH). Department of Housing and Urban Development. PI: John Durant.
June 2020-August 2020	Public Policy Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston: Fellowship placement with MassDevelopment Transformative Development Initiative (TDI) Program, \$7,000.
September 2019-present	Doctoral Research Assistant, HEALing Communities Study (HCS-MA), Massachusetts. National Institute of Health and Substance Abuse Mental Health Administration. PI: Jeffrey Samet, \$89,000,000.

### **ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (NOT FUNDED THROUGH GRANTS)**

July 2022- present	Harm Reduction in Massachusetts: An Oral History Project. Project Co-Directors: Greer Hamilton and Corinne Beaugard.
June 2021- August 2021	Boston Medical Center, Grayken Center Substance Use Disorder and Antiracism Project. Director: Dr. Miriam Komaromy.
June 2021- present	Puppetry for Social Action. PI: Greer Hamilton and Co-PIs: Linda Sprague Martinez and Felice Amato. [Project was delayed due to health problems, restarting Spring 2023]
July 2020- June 2021	Green Rules Everything Around Me (G.R.E.A.M Study): Racism, Public-Private Partnerships, Environmental Gentrification, the redesign of LaSalle Park, and COVID-19 (Buffalo, NY). PI: Greer Hamilton and Co-PI: Linda Sprague Martinez (Advisor).

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

1. Chatterjee, A., Glasgow, L., Bullard, M., Sabir, M., **Hamilton, G.A.**, Chassler, D., Stevens-Watkins, D. J., Walters, S. T., Goddard-Eckrich, D., Rodgers, E., Chaya, J.,

- Rodriguez, S., Gutnick, D., Oga, E., Salsberry, P., Sprague Martinez, L. (2022). Racism and the opioid epidemic can we avoid repeating historical mistakes? *The American Journal of Public Health*, 112, 204-208. <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2021.306572>
2. Sprague Martinez L., Rapkin, B., Young, A., Freisthler, B., Glasgow, L., Hunt, T., Salsberry, P., Oga, E., Bennet-Fallin, A., Plouk, I., Drainoni, M., Freeman, P., Surratt, H., Gulley, J., **Hamilton, G.**, Bowman, P., El-Bassel, N., Battaglia, T. (2020). Community engagement to implement evidence-based practices in the HEALing communities study. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 217. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2020.108326>
  3. Ely, G. E., Hales, T. W., Jackson, D. L., Maguin, G., & **Hamilton, G.** (2017a). The undue burden of paying for abortion: An examination of abortion fund cases. *Social Work in Health Care*, 56(2), 99-114.
  4. Ely, G. E., Hales, T. W., Jackson, D. L., Maguin, G., & **Hamilton, G.** (2017b). Where are they from and how far must they go? Examining location and travel distance in U.S. abortion fund patients. *International Journal of Sexual Health*, 29(4), 313-324. [doi.org/10.1080/19317611.2017.1316809](https://doi.org/10.1080/19317611.2017.1316809)
  5. Ely, G. E., Hales, T.W., Jackson, D. L., Bowen, E. A., Maguin, E. & **Hamilton, G.** (2017c). A trauma-informed examination of the hardships experienced by abortion fund patients. *Health Care for Women International*, 38(11), 1133-1151. [doi:10.1080/07399332.2017.1367795](https://doi.org/10.1080/07399332.2017.1367795)
  6. Ely, G. E., Hales, T. W., Jackson, D. L., Maguin, G., & **Hamilton, G.** (2016). Poverty and the art of financing abortion: and exploration of abortion funding assistance cases in the United States. *Contraception*, 94(4), 397. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.contraception.2016.07.057>

### **Manuscripts Under Review**

1. Tang Yan, C., **Hamilton, G. A.**, Young, A. N., Libsch, E. A., Harris, A., Gergen-Barnett, K., Sprague Martinez, L. “We did that ourselves”: Findings of a process evaluation of community-based participatory research engaging youth of color in health research and action. [Journal of Community Practice]
2. **Hamilton, G. A.**, Sprague Martinez, L., Barocas, J. A., Chassler, D., Murphy, S. M., Ryan, D., Amuchi, B., Bullard, M., McSwiggan-Hong, J., Briden, C., Alonzo, J., Bowman, P., Lisanti-Park, A., Wheeler, M., Laudate, A., Samet, J. H., Battaglia, T. The process and cost of launching a community advisory board for the HEALing Communities Study in Massachusetts. [BMC Public Health]

## **Manuscripts in Progress**

1. **Hamilton, G.A.**, Hodgkin, D., Briden, C., Samet, J., Sprague Martinez, L., The Urgency of Centering Harm Reduction in Local Governments Response to Opioid Use. [Target Journal: American Journal of Public Health]
2. **Hamilton, G.A.**, What is puppetry doing in community practice? [Target Journal: Journal of Community Practice]
3. **Hamilton, G. A.** “The People’s Park”: The implications of public park redesign on resident and stakeholders’ perceptions of park and neighborhood change. [Target Journal: City & Community]
4. Thurber, A., Krings, A., **Hamilton, G.A.**, Sawyer, J., Guitterez, M. Place-based harms. [Target Journal: Journal of Social Work]

## **ACADEMIC CONFERENCES**

### **Peer-Reviewed Presentations**

1. **Hamilton, G.**, Beaugard, C., Langis, G. (2022, October). The Harm Reduction Movement in Massachusetts: An Oral History. *13<sup>th</sup> National Harm Reduction Conference*.
2. **Hamilton, G.** (2022, October). Exploring Race, Resistance, and Renaissance in the Rustbelt City of Buffalo, New York. *2022 Oral History Association Annual Meeting [withdrew]*
3. Hudda, N., Durant, J. L., **Hamilton, G.** (2022, February) Sustainable Air Quality in Near Highway Affordable Housing. *2022 BuildingEnergy Boston Conference and Trade Show, Northeast Sustainable Energy Association*.
4. Alvarez, X., Hall, E., **Hamilton, G.**, & Spindle-Jackson, A. (2022, January). Reconnecting People and Places: Social Infrastructure's Role in Community Health. Roundtable accepted for the 2022 *Society for Social Work Research Conference [withdrew due to COVID-19]*.
5. Tang Yan, C., Morris, K., **Hamilton, G.**, Toraif, N., Brinkerhoff, C., & Tracy, N. (2022, January). Contesting Social and Racial Justice Frameworks in Knowledge Production Across Places, Experiences, and Community-Based Participatory Strategies in Social Work Research. Roundtable accepted for the 2022 *Society for Social Work Research Conference [withdrew due to COVID-19]*.
6. Hudda, N., **Hamilton, G. A.**, Meglio, D., Zamore, W., Reisner, E., & Durant, J. L. (2021, August). Sustainable Air Quality in Near Highway Affordable Housing: A multiple

stakeholder engagement study in Somerville, MA. Oral presentation accepted for the 2021 *International Society of Exposure Science Annual Meeting*.

7. Tang Yan, C., **Hamilton, G.**, Dimitri, N., & Young, A. (2021, January). Examining Participatory Approaches to Youth & Community-Led Health Promotion Strategies through a Critical Race Theory Lens. Roundtable accepted for the 2021 *Society for Social Work Research Conference*.
8. **Hamilton, G.** (2020, August). Green Rules Everything around Me (G.R.E.A.M): Racism, the Built Environment, and Philanthropy. Paper accepted as part of the Critical Dialogue: Pollution and Public Health in Low Income Communities for the 2020 *Society for Social Problems Annual Meeting* [Critical Dialogue canceled due to COVID-19].
9. **Hamilton, G.** (2020, August). Green Rules Everything around Me (G.R.E.A.M): Racism, Environmental Gentrification, and the Built Environment. Paper accepted as part of the Public Housing and Public Parks Informal Discussion Roundtable for the 2020 *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting* [Canceled due to COVID-19].
10. Ely, G. E., Hales, T., Jackson, D. L., Maguin, E., & **Hamilton, G.** (2017, January). Access to choice: Differences between adolescent and adult abortion fund patients. Paper accepted as part of a symposium for *Society of Social Work and Research*.
11. Ely, G. E., Jackson, D. L., Hales, T., Maguin, E., & **Hamilton, G.** (2016, November). Poverty and the art of financing abortion: An exploration of abortion funding assistance cases in the United States. Poster accepted for the *North American Forum on Family Planning*.

## **Session Organizing**

1. Session Co-Organizer, Mobilization and Reproductive Justice in the Post-Roe Era: Old Debates, New Hurdles, planned for the *Society for the Study of Social Problems 2023 Annual Meeting*
2. Session Organizer and Moderator, Using and creating art to respond to social problems (Thematic), planned for the *Society for the Study of Social Problems 2023 Annual Meeting*
3. Session Moderator, Critical perspectives on sociology and social welfare/work's role in recognizing and responding to pressing social problems (Critical Dialogue), planned for the *Society for the Study of Social Problems 2023 Annual Meeting*
4. Session Co-Organizer and Moderator, Social Infrastructure and Race in Changing Climate (Critical Dialogue), planned for the *Society for the Study of Social Problems 2022 Annual Meeting*

5. Session Organizer and Moderator, Providing Solutions: Community Driven Policy (Critical Dialogue), planned for the *Society for the Study of Social Problems 2022 Annual Meeting*

## **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Audio Publications**

1. **Hamilton, G.** Interviewer. Exploring the Integration of Social Workers into the Library Setting. in SocialWork® Podcast Series School of Social Work - University at Buffalo. 2019 May 20. <https://www.insocialwork.org/episode.asp?ep=264>

### **Creative Work**

1. **Hamilton, G.** Beaugard, C. (ongoing). Voices of Harm Reduction. <http://www.voicesofharmreduction.com>
  - This is a digital archive of oral history interviews conducted with activists, politicians, and direct service workers that helped shape the harm reduction movement in Massachusetts.
2. Hamilton, G. (ongoing) On Belonging Buffalo. <https://www.onbelongingbuffalo.com>
  - This is the public outreach and events component of my dissertation research.
3. Harrop, E., **Hamilton, G.**, Sawyer, J., Gerstenblatt, P. (2022, January). Creating Visual Narratives of Justice and Resistance: A Participatory Workshop on Applied Arts Methodologies. Workshop accepted for the *Society for Social Work Research Conference [withdrew due to COVID-19]*.
4. Allen, L., Holton, B., **Hamilton, G.** (April 4, 2020). Parks and Re-Creation. This puppetry piece was a visual adaptation of Hamilton's G.R.E.A.M. Study. <https://www.greerahamilton.com/puppetry>

### **Educational Courses**

1. Belkin-Martinez, D., **Hamilton, G.A.**, & Toraif, N. (2021). *Understanding Structural and Institutional Racism: An Introduction*. Boston University School of Social Work. Original course developers. <https://thenetwork.bu.edu/offering/understanding-structural-institutional-racism/>

### **Guest Lectures, Workshops, and Events**

1. 2022, Co-Presenter, Supporting Clients in Field Placement in a post-Roe world, Smith College School of Social Work (September 29, 2022).
2. 2022, Panelist, Policy Faculty Roundtable on Current Events, Smith College School of Social Work (June 29, 2022).

3. 2022, Convener, Perspectives on Abolition: Social Work's Role in and Response to the Abolitionist Movement, Doctoral Student Panel, Society for Social Work Research (January 15, 2022).
4. 2021, Moderator, Criminal Justice & The Overdose Crisis, HEALing Communities Study, Massachusetts (December 9, 2021).
5. 2021, Guest lecturer, "Social Work and Systems Perspective", Touro College School of Social Work, Human Behavior Social Environment (September 26, 2021)
6. 2022, Convener, Hiring Equity: Stories from the Frontline, HEALing Communities Study, Massachusetts (January 29, 2022).
7. 2020, Presenter, MassDevelopment Lunch & Learn Series, Racial Equity and the Built Environment (July 1, 2020).
8. 2020, Participant, Boston University Cross University Doctoral Puppet Slam, Puppet Show entitled "Parks and Re-Creation".
9. 2019, Panelist, Young Alumni's Panel, University at Buffalo School of Social Work (March 11, 2019)
10. 2019, Guest lecturer, "The Nuts & Bolts of Coalition Building", University at Buffalo School of Social Work (March 4, 2019 & July 11, 2019)

## **Reports**

1. **Hamilton, G. A.** (2020). *Transformative Development Initiative Inclusive Leadership Framework*. MassDevelopment's Transformative Development Initiative. Unpublished Report.
2. **Hamilton, G.A.** (2020). *Black Massachusetts Coalition Blueprint Report Objectives*. Black Economic Council of Massachusetts. Unpublished Report.
3. **Hamilton, G.A.** (2020). *Black Massachusetts Coalition Action Plan Framework*. Black Economic Council of Massachusetts. Unpublished Report.

## **StoryMaps**

1. **Hamilton, G.A.** Foss Park: Air Quality Measurements at Foss Park, Somerville (in development). Tufts University Air Pollution Monitoring Laboratory (TAPL). <https://arcg.is/ruq08> [In Progress]

**TEACHING AND ADVISING**

Fall 2022 <sup>+</sup>	Co-Instructor From Choice to Justice: The Politics of the Abortion Debate (Elective) Hampshire College
Fall 2022	Advisor Community-Based Anti-Racist Experience (Required) Smith College School of Social Work [Advised 12 MSW students between September 2022-April 2023 around their macro placements with racial justice organizations across the United States.]
Summer 2022	Section Facilitator Mental Health and Social Policy (Required) Boston University School of Social Work
Summer 2022	Instructor Gentrification, Urban Renewal and Social Policy (Elective) Smith College School of Social Work
Summer 2022	Instructor Agency and Community Practice (Required) Smith College School of Social Work
Fall 2021	Instructor Communities and Organizations (Required) Boston University School of Social Work
Summer 2021	Instructor Health Equity (Elective) Boston University School of Social Work
Summer 2021	Section Facilitator Racial Justice and Cultural Oppression (Required) Boston University School of Social Work
Spring 2021	Teaching Fellow for Professor Melvin Delgado Organizational Behavior and Culture (Elective) Boston University School of Social Work
Fall 2020	Instructor Theories of Human Behavior and Development (Required) University at Buffalo, SUNY School of Social Work

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Spring 2019 <sup>+</sup>	Instructor Social Media for Social Change (Elective) University at Buffalo, SUNY School of Social Work
Spring 2019*	Instructor Nuts and Bolts of Coalition Building (Elective) University at Buffalo, SUNY School of Social Work
2017-2019	MSW Field Educator & Supervisor The John R. Oishei Foundation's Mobile Safety-Net Team University at Buffalo, SUNY School of Social Work

\*I created and developed the course for Spring 2019, however, due to low enrollment the course was not offered.

<sup>+</sup>Undergraduate level course

### **POST-MSW PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

2018-present	Co-Founder Hamilton Wilson Student Support Fund University at Buffalo, SUNY Buffalo, NY
2017-2019	Community Impact Coordinator The John R. Oishei Foundation's Mobile Safety-Net Team Buffalo, NY
2017	Consultant Erie Niagara Area Health Education Center Buffalo, NY
2016-2017	Program Manager Erie Niagara Area Health Education Center Buffalo, NY
2016	Project Manager New York State Area Health Education Center System Statewide Office University at Buffalo, SUNY Buffalo, NY
2016	Project Outreach Coordinator New York State Area Health Education Center System Statewide Office University at Buffalo, SUNY Buffalo, NY

## **Greer A. Hamilton, MSW**

2015-2016 Informational and Referral Specialist I  
2-1-1 of Western New York  
Buffalo, NY

### **SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY**

2022-present Boston University School of Social Work, Co-Creator and Co-Coordinator for the Reproductive Justice and Social Work: A Learning Community

2022-present Boston University School of Social Work, Coordinator for the 2022-2023 Emerging Scholars Programming, *Climate Justice: The Role of Social Work*

2022- present Boston University School of Social Work, MSW application review

2020-present Boston University School of Social Work, Member, Equity & Inclusion Committee

2020- 2021 Boston University, Provost's Grad Student Advisory Board, School of Social Work PhD representative

### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

2021-present Society for the Study of Social Problems, Membership and Outreach Committee: Graduate Student Representative

2021-present Society for the Study of Social Problems, Co-Chair, Division of Sociology and Social Welfare

2021-2022 Society for Social Work and Research Doctoral Student Committee, Conference Sub-Committee Member

### **SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC**

2022- present Eastern Massachusetts Abortion Access Fund, Board of Directors

2020-2021 Boston Women's Fund, Allocations Committee Member

### **RELEVANT TRAININGS**

2022 European Drug Summer School, Community Based Interventions to Drug Use

2022 Turning Archival Materials Into Stories, Maine College of Art and Design Continuing and Professional Studies

2022 Postpartum Doula Training, DONA International Certified Training

2021 Temple University, Policy Surveillance Program

## **Greer A. Hamilton, MSW**

2021	Oral History Summer School, Online Intensive
2020	The International Black Feminist Decolonial School [Unable to attend due to COVID-19]
2019	BYP 100 Black Brilliance Network
2019	Fund Development Bootcamp
2018	Birth Doula Training, DONA International Certified Training

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- International Federation of Social Workers
- Oral History Association
- Society for Social Work Research
- Society for the Study of Social Problems
- Social Work Action Network International