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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**EDUCATION**

- 2018                    Doctor of Philosophy, Family Therapy  
Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL  
Dissertation: *How Did I Get Here? Critical Relationships in the  
Trajectory of Prescription Opioid Abuse*
- 2007                    Master of Arts, Mental Health Counseling  
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
- 2002                    Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Social Science  
State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY

**APPOINTMENTS**

- 2020 -                    Assistant Professor  
Abraham S. Fischler College of Education and  
Department of Human Service  
Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2018 -                    Adjunct Faculty  
Department of Family Therapy  
Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2018 - 2020            Assistant Research Scientist  
Center for Applied Research on Substance Use and Health Disparities  
Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2018 - 2020            Adjunct Faculty  
School of Criminal Justice  
Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL

**RESEARCH**

**Active**

- 2020 -                    Program Evaluator, "Postdoctoral Training in General, Pediatric and  
Public Health Dentistry and Dental Hygiene," Health Resources and  
Service Administration (D88HP201261100, Romer Ocanto, PI).
- 2016 -                    Program Evaluator, "Predoctoral Training in General, Pediatric, and  
Public Health Dentistry and Dental Hygiene," Health Resources and

Service Administration (D85HP30826, Romer Ocanto, PI).

### Completed

- 2015 -2020 Program Evaluator, "Pediatric Dentistry and AEGD Residency Collaborative on Autism Spectrum Disorder," Health Resources and Service Administration (D88HP20126, Romer Ocanto, PI).
- 2018 - 2019 Assistant Research Scientist, "Cross-National Survey of Pharmaceutical Diversion," Denver Health and Hospital Authority (Steven P. Kurtz, PI).
- 2018 - 2019 Co-Investigator, "Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy (EFP) on Adolescent Males Committed to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice," Quell Foundation Grant (Shelley Green, PI).
- 2014 - 2018 Senior Research Associate, "Cross-National Survey of Pharmaceutical Diversion," Denver Health and Hospital Authority (Steven P. Kurtz, PI).
- 2015 - 2017 Co-Investigator, "Evaluation of SAMHSA Targeted Capacity Expansion Program: Substance Abuse Tx for Minorities at High-risk for HIV," Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (5H79TI024444-03, Stacey Hyde, PI).
- 2015 - 2016 Research Associate, "Informal Markets for Antiretroviral Medications Used for HIV Prevention," President's Faculty Research Development Grant, Nova Southeastern University (Mance E. Buttram, PI).
- 2013 - 2014 Senior Research Associate, "The Diversion of Antiretroviral Medications to Street Markets," National Institute on Drug Abuse (R01DA023157, Hilary L. Surratt, PI).
- 2012 - 2013 Senior Research Associate, "Case Management Alternatives for African American Women at High Risk for HIV," National Institute on Drug Abuse (R01DA013131; Hilary L. Surratt, PI).
- 2011 - 2012 Project Director, "The Diversion of Antiretroviral Medications to Street Markets," National Institute on Drug Abuse (R01DA023157, Hilary L. Surratt, PI).
- 2009 - 2011 Project Director, "Understanding the Scope and Magnitude of Prescription Drug Diversion," National Institute on Drug Abuse, (R01DA021330, Steven P. Kurtz, PI).

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020 - Assistant Professor  
Abraham S. Fischler College of Education and  
Department of Human Services  
Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL

- 2018 - 2020      Assistant Research Scientist  
Center for Applied Research on Substance Use and Health Disparities  
Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2011 - 2018      Senior Research Associate  
Center for Applied Research on Substance Use and Health Disparities  
Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2009 - 2011      Research Associate II  
Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies, University of Delaware, Coral  
Gables, FL
- 2009 - 2010      Research Associate I  
Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies, University of Delaware, Coral  
Gables, FL
- 2008 - 2009      Research Specialist  
Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies, University of Delaware, Coral  
Gables, FL
- 2007 - 2008      Research Assistant  
Department of Psychology, University of Miami, Miami, FL
- 2006 - 2007      Independent Qualitative Research Study  
The Development of Self Esteem Among Chronic Patients: A  
Psychoeducational Group Approach  
Lynch School of Education, Counseling, Developmental and  
Educational Psychology, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
- 2005 - 2007      Research Assistant  
Lynch School of Education, Counseling, Developmental and  
Educational Psychology, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
- 2005 - 2006      ROAD (Reaching Out About Depression) Volunteer  
Advocate ROAD Research Project  
Lynch School of Education, Counseling, Developmental and  
Educational Psychology, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA
- 2000 - 2001      Research Assistant  
Family Violence Lab, Department of Psychology,  
State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY

## **TEACHING**

### **Graduate Courses**

- Winter 2022      Research Methods I (CJI 0706), School of Criminal Justice,  
Nova Southeastern University
- Winter 2022      Foundations in Family, Diversity, and Conflict Resolution (HCP 520),  
Department of Justice and Human Services, Nova Southeastern  
University
- Winter 2022      Foundations in Assessment and Case Planning (HCP 0550),  
Department of Justice and Human Services, Nova Southeastern  
University

Fall 2021	Foundations in Assessment and Case Planning (HCP 0550), Department of Justice and Human Services, Nova Southeastern University
Fall 2021	Qualitative Methods (CJI 0705), School of Criminal Justice, Nova Southeastern University
Fall 2021	Public Policy & the Child & Youth Care Field for Program Administrators (HCP 6820), Department of Justice and Human Services, Nova Southeastern University
Summer 2021	Foundations in Child Development (HCP 0530), Department of Justice and Human Services, Nova Southeastern University
Winter 2021	Research Methods I (CJI 0706), School of Criminal Justice, Nova Southeastern University (2 sections)
Winter 2021	Foundations in Family, Diversity, and Conflict Resolution (HCP 520), Department of Justice and Human Services, Nova Southeastern University
Winter 2021	Foundations in Child Development (HCP 0530), Department of Justice and Human Services, Nova Southeastern University
Fall 2020	Psychopharmacology of Illicit and Licit Drugs (CJI 6510), School of Criminal Justice, Nova Southeastern University
Fall 2020	Foundations in Assessment and Case Planning (HCP 0550), Department of Justice and Human Services, Nova Southeastern University
Summer 2020	Substance Abuse Treatment in the Community (HCP 6530), Department of Justice and Human Services, Nova Southeastern University
Summer 2020	Advanced Addictions Treatment (SFTM 5365), Department of Family Therapy, Nova Southeastern University
Winter 2020	Research in Marriage and Family Therapy (SFTM 5350), Department of Family Therapy, Nova Southeastern University
Fall 2019	Foundations in Family, Diversity, and Conflict Resolution (HCP 520), Department of Justice and Human Services, Nova Southeastern University
Summer 2019	Substance Abuse/Addictions and Critical Issues in Systems Theories (SFTM 5311), Department of Family Therapy, Nova Southeastern University
Summer 2019	Advanced Addictions Treatment (SFTM 5365), Department of Family Therapy, Nova Southeastern University
Winter 2019	Survey Issues in Criminal Justice (CJI 0510), School of Criminal Justice, Nova Southeastern University

Winter 2019 Grant Writing and Funding Opportunities (DMFT 5340),  
Department of Family Therapy, Nova Southeastern University

### **Undergraduate**

Fall 2020 Research Methods in Criminal Justice (CRJU 4500), School of  
Criminal Justice, Nova Southeastern University

Spring 2002 Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Crime, Department of Sociology,  
State University of New York at Stony Brook

### **COMMITTEES AND MENTORSHIPS**

2021 Marisa Chanin & Nicole Etcheverry, Nova Southeastern University,  
*Children with autism spectrum disorder behavioral assessment based  
on parent-identified perception of child's behavior during the initial  
visit in the dental setting: A retrospective pilot study and data analysis.*

Joanna Theodorou, Nova Southeastern University, *Examining the role  
of caregiver oral health literacy.*

Narges Atabakhsh, Nova Southeastern University, *Caregivers  
perception towards systemic desensitization for ASA I and II patients.*

Jatinder Dillon, Nova Southeastern University, *Knowledge and  
awareness of parents about dental trauma in children.*

2020 Toni Marie-Small, Nova Southeastern University, *Transitioning from  
individualized pediatric dental care of children with autism spectrum  
disorder at the Mailman Segal Dental Clinic to traditional dental settings.*

2019 Shikha Sharma, Nova Southeastern University, *Effectiveness and  
sustainability of ABA desensitization in the dental treatment of children  
with ASD.*

2017 Noah Turk, Nova Southeastern University, *Characteristics associated  
with successful dental treatment in children with autism spectrum  
disorder.*

### **EDITORIAL**

Reviewer *AIDS and Behavior; Drug and Alcohol Dependence; The  
Qualitative Report; Journal of Adolescent Health; AIDS Care*

2009 Independent Contractor  
McGraw Hill Publishing Company, Education Division, New York, NY

2008 Independent Contractor  
McGraw Hill Publishing Company, Education Division, New York, NY

2004 Assistant to the Editor  
Journal of Infant, Child, and Adolescent Psychotherapy

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2018 - Staff Therapist  
Serenity Counseling Center  
Stuart, Florida
- 2014 - 2017 Staff Therapist  
Fresh Start Life Solutions  
Davie, Florida
- 2014 - 2015 Behavioral Specialist, Flipany (Florida Introduces Physical Activity and Nutrition to Youth), Health Kids Broward / Kids THRIVE  
Wilton Manors, FL
- 2014 - 2015 Doctoral Student Intern Therapist  
Sunrise Middle School  
Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2013 - 2016 Graduate Student Family Therapist  
Brief Therapy Institute  
Nova Southeastern University  
Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2007 - 2008 Youth Therapist, Family Intervention Team  
Henderson Mental Health Center  
Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2006 - 2007 Master Student Intern Therapist  
Schiff Day Treatment Center  
Cambridge, MA
- 2002 - 2005 Educator  
Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence  
Hempstead, NY
- 2002 - 2005 New York State Certified SAFER (Survivor Advocate for Emergency Rooms) Volunteer Advocate  
Nassau County, NY

**PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

- Ocanto, R., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Chung, J., Sheehan, T., Padilla, O, Brimlow, D. (2020). "The development and implementation of a training program for pediatric residents working in a special needs dental clinic." *Journal of Dental Education*, 84(4), 397-408.
- Surratt, H.L., Kurtz, S.P., Buttram, M.B., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Pagano, M.E., Cicero, T. J. (2017). "Heroin use onset among nonmedical prescription opioid users in the club scene." *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 179, 131-138. PMID: PMC5599357.
- Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Surratt, H.L., O'Grady, C.L, Kurtz, S.P. (2017). "Examining the relationship between social context and prescription opioid initiation routes among young adults entering medical detoxification." *Journal of Alcoholism and Drug Dependence*, 5(6), 288.

Surratt, H.L., Kurtz, S.P., Buttram, M.B., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Pagano, M.E., Cicero, T. J. (2017). "Heroin use onset among nonmedical prescription opioid users in the club scene." *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 179, 131-138.

Tsuyuki, K., Pitpitan, E.V., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Urada, L.A., Kurtz, S.P., Stockman, J.K., Surratt, H.L. (2017). "Substance use disorders, violence, mental health, and HIV: Differentiating a syndemic factor by gender and sexuality." *AIDS and Behavior*, 21(8), 2270-2282.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Surratt, H.L., O'Grady, C.L., Kurtz, S.P. (2016). "Finding what works: Predicting health or social service linkage in drug using, African American female sex workers in Miami, FL." *Health Care for Women International*, 37(7), 744-759.

Surratt, H.L., Kurtz, S.P., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Chen, M. (2015). "Environmental influences on HIV medication adherence: The role of neighborhood disorder." *American Journal of Public Health*, 105(8), 1660-1666.

Surratt, H.L., O'Grady, C.L., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Kurtz, S.P. (2015). "Medication adherence challenges among HIV positive substance abusers: The role of food and housing insecurity." *AIDS Care*, 27(3), 307-314.

Surratt, H.L., Kurtz, S.P., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Cicero, T.J., Tsuyuki, K., O'Grady, C.L. (2015). "Pain treatment and antiretroviral medication adherence among vulnerable HIV-positive patients." *AIDS Patient Care and STDs*, 29(4), 186-192.

Tsuyuki, K., Surratt, H.L., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, O'Grady, C. L., Kurtz, S.K. (2015). "The demand for antiretroviral drugs in the illicit marketplace: Implications for HIV disease management among vulnerable populations." *AIDS and Behavior*, 19(5), 857-868.

O'Grady, C.L., Surratt, H.L., Kurtz, S.P., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.** (2014). "Nonmedical prescription drug users in private vs. public substance abuse treatment: A cross sectional comparison of demographic and HIV risk behavior profiles." *Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy*, 9(9).

Surratt, H.L., O'Grady, C.L., Kurtz, S.P., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Chen, M. (2014). "Outcomes of a behavioral intervention to reduce HIV risk among drug-involved female sex workers." *AIDS and Behavior*. 18(4), 726-739.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, & Surratt, H.L. (2014). "HIV stigma among substance abusing people living with HIV/AIDS: Implications for HIV treatment." *AIDS Patient Care and STDs*, 28(8), 1-10.

Buttram, M.E., Kurtz, S.P., Surratt, H.L., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.** (2014). "Health and social problems associated with prescription opioid misuse among a sample of substance-using MSM." *Substance Use & Misuse*, 49(3), 277-284.

Surratt, H. L., O'Grady, C.L., Kurtz, S.P., Buttram, M.E., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.** (2014). "HIV testing and engagement in care among highly vulnerable female sex workers: Implications for Treatment as Prevention Models." *Journal of Health Care for the Poor & Underserved*, 25.3(3), 1360-1378.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Surratt, H.L., Kurtz, S.P., Buttram, M.E. (2013). "The under treatment of pain: A prescription for opioid misuse among the elderly?" *Pain Medicine*. 14(11), 1719-1729.

Surratt, H.L., Kurtz, S.P., Cicero, T.J., O'Grady, C., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.** (2013). "Antiretroviral medication diversion among HIV-positive substance abusers in South Florida." *American Journal of Public Health, 103*(6), 1026-1028.

Kurtz, S.P., Surratt, H.L., Buttram, M.E., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Chen, M. (2013). "Interview as intervention: The case of young adult multidrug users in the club scene." *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment, 44*(3), 301-308.

Ibanez, G.I., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Rigg, K.K., Mooss, A.D. (2013). "Diversion of benzodiazepines through healthcare sources." *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs, 48*(1), 48-56.

Cicero, T. J., Kurtz, S.P., Surratt, H.L., Ibanez, G.E., Ellis, M., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Inciardi, J.A. (2011). "Multiple determinants of specific modes of prescription opioid diversion." *Journal of Drug Issues 41*(2), 283-304.

Kurtz, S.P., Surratt, H.L., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.** & Mooss, A. (2011). "Benzodiazepine dependence among multidrug users in the club scene." *Drug and Alcohol Dependence, 119*(1-2), 99-105.

Levi-Minzi, M., & **Shields, M.A.** (2007). "Serial sexual murderers and prostitutes as their victims: Difficulty profiling perpetrators and victim vulnerability as illustrated by the Green River Case." *Brief Treatment and Crisis Intervention, 7*(1), 77-89.

#### PEER REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Chung, J.D., Telesco, G., Ocanto, R. (2021). *Use of a sociodrama activity to address the treatment needs of children with special health care needs (SHCN)*. Presentation made as part of "Developing Cultural Sensitivity: Short Talks" at the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Conference, (virtual), March 13-16.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Jones-Chung, J., Padilla, O., Ocanto, R. (2021). *Assessing a training program aimed at treating special needs patients*. Virtual Poster presentation, International Association for Dental Research.

Rinard, L., Chung, J., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, & Ocanto, R. (2021). *Barriers to oral health care of preschool aged children with ASD*. Virtual Poster presentation, International Association for Dental Research.

Naguib, M., Ocanto, R., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.** & Chung, J. (2021). *Dental student attitudes towards treating patients with special healthcare needs*. Virtual Poster presentation, International Association for Dental Research.

Theodorou, J., Chin, J., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Chung, J., Ocanto, R. (2021). *Examining the role of caregiver oral health literacy*. Paper presented at Postgraduate Research Day, Fort Lauderdale, FL, June 2021.

Dhillon, J.; Chung, J.D., Ocanto, R.; Padilla, O., **Levi-Minzi M.A.** (2021). *Knowledge and awareness of parents about dental trauma in children*. Paper presented at Postgraduate Research Day, Fort Lauderdale, FL, June 2021.

Atabakhsh, N., Ocanto, R.; Chung, J.D., **Levi-Minzi M.A.**, Padilla, O. (2021). *Caregivers perception towards systemic desensitization for ASA I and II patients*. Paper presented at Postgraduate Research Day, Fort Lauderdale, FL, June 2021.



Chung, J., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Hall, S., Padilla, O., Ocanto, R. (2019). *Examining the impact of clinical observation on the beliefs of general dentistry students in regard to working with patients with SHCN*. Poster presented at the National Oral Health Conference, Memphis, TN, April 15-17.

Mascarenhas, A.K., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Ocanto, R., Jones-Chung, J. (2019). *Evaluating a predoctoral didactic training program to address childhood obesity*. Poster presented at the American Association for Dental Research, Vancouver, BC, June 19-22.

Chung, J., Padilla, O., Sheehan, T., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, & Ocanto, R. (2019). *Caregiver collaborations: Role of the family in improving dental hygiene*. Presentation at the Centers for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD), Orlando, FL.

Chung, J., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, & Ocanto, R. (2019). *Effects of training program for children with autism spectrum disorder*. Poster presented at the American Dental Education Association Conference, Chicago, IL, March 16-19.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Chung, J., Miller, M., Cundy, K., Chin, J., Padilla, O., & Ocanto, R. (2019). *Parent attitudes toward SDF as an alternative treatment for cavities*. Poster presented at the American Dental Education Association Conference, Chicago, IL, March 16-19.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Martin, G., Buttram, M.E., Kurtz, S.P. (2019). *Street prices of prescription opioids diverted to the illicit market: Examining trends over time in Ontario*. Poster presented at the Issues of Substance Conference 2019, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, November 25-27.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Margolin, Z.R., Wogenstahl, K., Martin, G., Buttram, M.E., Kurtz, S.P. (2019). *Examining prescription opioid diversion cases and cases involving illicitly manufactured opioids in Canada*. Poster presented at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence seventy-ninth Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, June 15-19.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Chung, J., Padilla, O., Ocanto, R. (2018). *Evaluating a special needs dental curriculum: Pilot assessment of program impact*. Poster presented at the American Dental Education Association Conference, Orlando, FL, March 17-20.

Miller, M., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Chin, J., Ocanto, R. (2018). *Parents of non-special needs children and their attitude towards silver diamine fluoride as an alternative treatment approach for carious lesions*. Paper presented at HPD Research Day, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 2018.

Cundy, K., L., Chin, J., Ocanto, R., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, & Chung, J. (2018). *Parents of children with autism spectrum disorder and their attitudes toward silver diamine fluoride as a different treatment modality for carious lesions*. Poster presented at the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Honolulu, Hawaii / HPD Research Day, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 2018.

Godoy, D.C., Ocanto, R., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Chung, J. (2018). *Identifying helpful tools used by pediatric dental residents performing restorative procedures on children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in a dental clinic setting*. Poster presented at the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Honolulu, Hawaii, May 24-27.

Sanchez, N., Larumbe, J., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Kilinc, E. (2018). *Oral health care awareness, knowledge and attitudes among caregivers of pediatric cancer patients*. Poster presented at the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Honolulu, HI, May 24-27.

- Ocanto, R., Chung, J., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Padilla, O., Perez, S., Turk, N. (2018). *Characteristics associated with successful dental treatment in children with autism spectrum disorder*. Poster presented at the National Oral Health Conference, Louisville, Kentucky, April 16-18.
- Chung, J., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Ocanto, R. (2018). *Characteristics associated with prior dental visit among special needs children*. Poster presented at the American Association for Dental Research, Fort Lauderdale, FL, March 21-24.
- Jones-Chung, J., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Padilla, O., & Ocanto, R. (2018). *Assessing knowledge of behavior guidance techniques among pediatric dental residents*. Poster presented at the American Dental Education Association Conference, Orlando, FL, 2018.
- Jones-Chung, J., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Ocanto, R. & Rambo, A. (2018). *Connecting the pieces: An appreciative inquiry of a didactic training module for pediatric dentistry residents treating children with ASD and their families*. Paper presented at HPD Research Day, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 2018.
- Kim, K., Ocanto, R., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Chung, J. (2018). *The potential effects of parental acculturation on the oral health status of children with autism spectrum disorder*. Poster presented at the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Martin, G., Kurtz, S.P., Dziadkowiec, O., Le Lait, M.C., Margolin, Z., Rosen, T., Green, J.L., Dart, R.C. (2017). *The opioid epidemic in Canada: Trends in diversion of commonly abused prescription drugs in Ontario*. Poster presented at the Issues of Substance 2017: Addiction Matters conference in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, November 13-15.
- Turk, N., Ocanto, R., Padilla, O., & **Levi-Minzi, M. A.** (2017). *Characteristics associated with successful dental treatment in children with autism spectrum disorder*. Poster presented at the International Conference on Dentistry and Oral Health, Valencia, Spain, September 14-16.
- Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Jones-Chung, J., Padilla, O., Ocanto, R. (2017). *Evaluating a special needs clinic: Preliminary assessment of parent satisfaction*. Poster presented at the International & American Associations for Dental Research (IADR) Conference, San Francisco, California, March 22-25.
- Jones-Chung, J., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Ocanto, R. (2017). *Evaluation of a special needs curriculum: Using outcomes for ongoing program modification and development*. Poster presented at the Health Professions Educational Research Symposium (HPERS), Fort Lauderdale, FL, January 21.
- Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Jones-Chung, J., Padilla, O., Ocanto, R. (2017). *Evaluating a special needs dental clinic at Nova Southeastern University: The importance of incorporating qualitative data*. Paper presented at the TQR Eighth Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL, January 12-14.
- Levi-Minzi, M.A.**, Buttram, M.E., Kurtz, S.P. (2016). *Health characteristics and sexual risk behaviors among young adult prescription opioid misusers in the club scene: Examining the role of gender*. Poster presented at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence Seventy-eighth Annual Meeting, Palm Springs, California, June 11-16.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.,** Buttram, M.E., Kurtz, S.P. (2016). *Health characteristics and sexual risk behaviors among young adult prescription opioid misusers in the club scene: Examining the role of gender.* Poster presented at the International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Working Group (InWomen), Palm Springs, California, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Buttram, M. E., Kurtz, S.P., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.** (2016). *The Diversion of ARVs from HIV-positive to HIV-negative MSM for HIV prevention.* Poster presented at the International Symposium on HIV and Emerging Infectious Diseases, Marseilles, France, May 25-27.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.,** O'Grady, C.L., Surratt, H.L., Kurtz, S.P. (2015). *Examining the relationship between social context and prescription opioid initiation routes among young adults entering detoxification.* Poster presented at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence Seventy- seventh Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona, June 13-18.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.,** Tsuyuki, K., Surratt, H.L. (2015). *Risk and protective factors associated with ARV adherence among aging, indigent, substance abusing people living with HIV.* Paper presented at the HIV/AIDS Workgroup at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence Seventy-seventh Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona, June 13-18.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.,** Tsuyuki, K., Surratt, H.L. (2015). *Risk and protective factors associated with ARV adherence among aging, indigent, substance abusing people living with HIV.* Poster presented at the Nova Southeastern University GREAT GEC's 2015 Interprofessional Geriatrics Training Institute, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, April 30-May 1.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.,** Surratt, H.L., Kurtz, S.P. (2015). *The use of qualitative research in large quantitative studies: Capturing the subtleties.* Paper presented at the TQR Sixth Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, January 8-10.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.,** Surratt, H.L. (2014). *HIV stigma among substance abusing Indigent PLWHA: Implications for HIV treatment and ARV adherence.* Paper presented at the Ryan White Service Provider Forum, Miami, Florida, October 28, 2014.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.,** Surratt, H.L. (2014). *HIV stigma among substance abusing PLWH: Implications for HIV treatment, ARV adherence and diversion.* Poster presented at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence Seventy-sixth Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 14-19.

Tsuyuki, K., Surratt, H.L., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.,** O'Grady, C. L. (2014). *Who in the world buys ARVs on the black market? The impact of drug use and ARV diversion on adherence.* Poster presented at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence Seventy-sixth Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 14-19.

Chenail, R.J., Ilic, D., **Levi-Minzi, M.A.** (2014). *Focusing on focus in solution-focused brief therapy.* Presentation at the 2014 Solution-Focused Expo, Orlando, Florida, February 14-16.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.,** Surratt, H.L. & Kurtz, S.P. (2013). *Sex trading, substance abuse, and mental health problems among indigent HIV positive women: Implications for HIV treatment, adherence, and diversion.* Poster presented at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence Seventy-fifth Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, June 16-20.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.,** Surratt, H.L. & Kurtz, S.P. (2013). *Sex trading, substance abuse, and mental health problems among indigent HIV positive women: Implications for HIV treatment, adherence, and diversion.* Poster presented at the International Women's and Children's Health and Gender Working Group (InWomen), San Diego, California, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.** (2013). *A Case for systemic interventions for schizophrenia*. Paper presented at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Winter Interdepartmental Symposium, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL, February 10.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.** (2013). *Under treatment of pain: A prescription for opioid misuse among the elderly?* Paper presented at the Faculty Symposium, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, February 7.

O'Grady, C.L., Surratt, H.L., Kurtz, S.P. & **Levi-Minzi, M.A.** (2012). *HIV risk behaviors among nonmedical prescription drug users in public and private substance abuse treatment facilities*. Poster presented at the XIX International AIDS Conference AIDS 2012, Washington, DC, July 21-26.

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## INVITED PRESENTATIONS/PANELS

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.** (2021). *Stigma among substance using, indigent PLWHA: Implications for HIV treatment and ARV adherence*. Paper presented at the Southern HIV & Alcohol Research Consortium (SHARC) Stigma Working Group, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Levi-Minzi, M.A.** (2021). *Drug use and mental health among youth in Broward County*. Presentation for the United Way of Broward County's Youth Action Team, April 1.

Cofacilitator, Sociodrama presentation, (2021). *Cultural Competency*. Performed March 17<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.

Cofacilitator, Sociodrama presentation, (2021). *Once an addict, always an addict*. Performed March 11 via Zoom.

Cofacilitator, Sociodrama presentation, (2021). *Behind the Mask: A sociodrama about child protection and awareness*. Performed January 27<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.

Cofacilitator, Sociodrama presentation, (2020). *Trigger Zone: A Sociodrama program on relapse prevention*. Performed March 18<sup>th</sup> via Zoom.

## **HONORS**

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| 2014 | ARSH Early Career Investigator Award  |
| 2013 | NIDA (National Institute on Drug Abuse) Women & Sex/Gender Junior Investigator Travel Award |
| 2002 | Psi Chi Honor Society in Psychology   |
| 2000 | St. John's University Women in Science Award  |

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Psychological Association  
American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy  
American Society of Addiction Medicine  
College on Problems of Drug Dependence  
American Dental Education Association (ADEA)

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

State of Florida Registered Intern, Mental Health Counseling (IMH6633)  
CPR and AED Certified  
CFARS (Children's Functional Assessment Rating Scale)  
CITI certified in The Protection of Human Research Subjects