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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D.           **May 2021 (expected), University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA**

M.S.W.           **August 2017, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA**

B.S.           **May 2011, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO**  
Major: Psychology

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Autism Spectrum and Related Disorders  
Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Across the Lifespan  
ASD Diagnosis and Access to Treatment  
Caregiving and Burden  
Family Support  
Mental Health Policy

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Present           ***Clinical Interventionist***  
Principle Investigator: Carla A. Mazefsky, Ph.D.  
*Center for Excellence in Autism Research, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA*

Present           ***Graduate Student Researcher***  
University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work

2016-2018       ***Graduate Student Assistant***  
University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work

2014-2015       ***Clinical Research Coordinator***  
Principle Investigator: Carla A. Mazefsky, Ph.D.  
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, John  
Merck Inpatient Program, Pittsburgh, PA

2010-2011       ***Research Assistant***  
Principle Investigator: Matthew Rhodes, Ph.D.  
Department of Psychology, Fort Collins, CO

## PUBLICATIONS

**MacKenzie, K. T.**, Mazefsky, C. A., Minshew, N. J., & Eack, S. M. (2019). Family perspectives on social-cognitive impairment in verbal individuals with autism spectrum disorder. *Families in Society*. 100(4), 442-452. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1044389419852865>

## PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

**MacKenzie, K.T.** & Eack, S.M. (2020). Interventions to Improve Outcomes for Parents of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Meta-Analysis. *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders (JADD)*

## PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

**MacKenzie, K.T.** & Eack, S.M., Cognitive, Behavioral, and Social Contributors of Quality of Life for Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

**MacKenzie, K.T.** & Eack, S.M., The Process of Obtaining a First Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder: Findings from a National Study.

**MacKenzie, K.T.** & Eack, S.M., National Characteristics of Obtaining a First Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder: Sociodemographic Correlates and Relationship to Quality of Pediatric Care.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**MacKenzie, K.T.** & Eack, S.M (2018) *Interventions to Improve Outcomes for Parents of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Meta-Analysis*. Poster presented at Society for Social Work Research (SSWR) in San Francisco, CA and International Association for Autism Research (INSAR) in Montreal, Quebec.

**MacKenzie, K.T.**, Mazefsky, C.A., Minshew, N.J., & Eack, S.M. (2017). *Family Perspectives on Social-Cognitive Impairment in Verbal Individuals with Autism*. Poster presented at Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR), Washington DC.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2019      **Teaching Fellow**, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work  
Course: *Introduction to Social Work Research*

Spring 2019    **Teaching Assistant**, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work  
Course: *Policy Analysis*

Fall 2018      **Teaching Assistant**, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work  
Course: *Social Work with Groups*

Fall 2017      **Guest Lecturer**, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work  
Course: *Human Behavior in the Social Environment*

## PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

- 2020-Present ***Clinical Interventionist***, Center for Excellence in Autism Research, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2018-2019 ***Social Work Multidisciplinary Team Member***, Children's Hospital, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2017 ***Intern Autism Specialist***, Wesley Spectrum Services, Cranberry, PA
- 2015-2016 ***Intern Family Liaison***, Pressley Ridge School for Autism, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2012-2014 ***High School Program Manager***, Alexander Leigh Center for Autism, Crystal Lake, IL
- 2011-2012 ***ABA Skills Coach***, Alexander Leigh Center for Autism, Crystal Lake, IL

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2018-2019 ***Fellow***, LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities and Related Disorders), Children's Hospital, University of Pittsburgh
- 2017 ***Achievement in Pedagogy***, University of Pittsburgh Teaching Center
- 2016 ***Merit Scholarship Award***, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work

## ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2020 ***Founding Member, Anti-Racist Doctoral Program Student Committee***  
University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2018-2019 ***Vice President, Doctoral Student Organization (DSO)***  
University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2016-2019 ***Founding Member, Coalition for Engaged Social Work***  
Pittsburgh, PA

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Ad-Hoc Reviewer

Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders (JADD)  
Families in Society

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Social Work Research (SSWR)  
International Society for Autism Research (INSAR)