

## **Jama Shelton, MSW, PhD**

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### CURRENT POSITION

- 2018 **Assistant Director**, The Silberman Center for Sexuality and Gender  
Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College
- 2016 **Assistant Professor**, Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College

### EDUCATION

- 2013 **Doctor of Philosophy**  
The Graduate Center of the City University of New York  
Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College  
Dissertation Title: *There's no place like home? The experiences of unstably housed transgender and gender non-conforming youth.*  
\*Recipient of the 2013 Paul Monette-Roger Horwitz Dissertation Prize  
\*2014 Society for Social Work and Research Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention
- 2005 **Certificate in Field Instruction**  
School of Social Work, New York University
- 2004 **Master of Social Work**  
School of Social Work, New York University
- 1997 **Bachelor of Arts**  
University of the South; Sewanee, TN

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Transgender youth homelessness
- Cisgenderism in social systems
- Community planning processes to address youth homelessness
- Digital community organizing
- LGBTQ youth homelessness service provision
- Arts based research methods
- Participatory action research

### FUNDED RESEARCH

- 2018 **Shelton, J.** & Cooper, S. (Co-PIs). *Understanding the role of sexual agency in the lives of homeless and unstably housed LGBTQQ youth.* CUNY Interdisciplinary Research Grant. Total direct support: \$36,608 over 1 year.

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- 2018 Shelton, J. & Dodd, S. (Co-PIs). *Developing a Youth-led National LGBTQ Youth Homelessness Research Agenda*. Annie E. Casey Foundation and The True Colors Fund. Total direct support: \$20,000 over 1 year.
- 2018 Abramovich, A. & **Shelton, J.** (Co-PIs). *Understanding the Long-Term Health Effects of Family Rejection on Queer and Transgender Women*. The Women's XChange, Women's College Hospital Research Institute. Total direct support: \$15,000 over 1 year.
- 2017 **Shelton, J.** & Dodd, S. (Co-PIs). *Exploring gendered pregnancy norms with butch-identified lesbians and genderqueer individuals*. PSC-CUNY. Total direct support: \$3,248 over 1 year.
- 2017 **Shelton, J.** (PI). *Homeless youth risk and resilience survey: New York City*. Supported with start up funds.
- 2015 Ferguson, K. & **Shelton, J.** (Co-PIs). *Technology use among LGBTQ homeless young adults: Enhancing the quality and quantity of research data using a technology-based, peer researcher model (T-PRM)*. Funded by the Hunter College Presidential Fund for Faculty Advancement. Total direct support: \$2,000 over 1 year.
- 2014-2015 Choi, S., Wilson, B., **Shelton, J.**, & Gates, G. (Co-PIs) *Serving our youth: The needs and experiences of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth experiencing homelessness*. Funded by the Palette Fund. Total direct support: \$5,000 over 1 year.
- 2012 **Shelton, J.** (PI) *There's no Place Like Home? The experiences of transgender and gender non-conforming youth experiencing homelessness*. City University of New York Doctoral Student Research Grant. Total direct support: \$1,000.
- 2010 **Shelton, J.** (PI) City University of New York Doctoral Student Research Grant. Dissertation research support and conference attendance. Total direct support: \$1,000.

GRANT APPLICATIONS (in progress or not awarded)

- 2018 Canadian Observatory on Homelessness & A Way Home Canada. **Shelton, J.** (International Partner). *Making the Shift: Youth Homelessness Solutions Impact Accelerator*. National Centres of Excellence of Canada. \$75,000,000 over 5 years. (Under review).
- 2018 **Shelton, J.** (PI) & Dechants, J. *Innovative Solutions to LGBTQ Youth Homelessness: A National YPAR Project*. Annie E. Casey Foundation. \$150,000. (In progress).
- 2018 Santa Maria, D., Begun, S., Hsu, H., Bender, K., **Shelton, J.**, Narendorf, S., Petering, R., Ferguson-Colvin, K., & Barman-Adhikari, A. (Co-PIs). *Pregnancy*

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*ambivalence among homeless young adults: Implications for healthcare practice and prevention.* American Institutes for Research. \$25,000. (Not awarded)

- 2017 **Shelton, J.** (PI). *#saythisinstead: Addressing transbias in language.* Roddenberry Foundation Fellowship. \$50,000. (Not awarded)
- 2017 Abramovich, A. & **Shelton, J.** (Co-PIs). *Understanding the Long-Term Health Effects of Family Rejection on Queer and Transgender Women.* The Women's XChange, Women's College Hospital Research Institute. \$15,000. (Not awarded)
- 2017 Cooper, S. & **Shelton, J.** (Co-PIs). *Understanding sexual agency's role in homeless and unstably housed LGBTQ youth's lives.* CUNY Interdisciplinary Research Grant. \$39,735. (Not awarded)
- 2017 **Shelton, J.** (PI). Presidential Fund for Faculty Advancement. *Evaluating prevention and early intervention models for LGBTQ youth homelessness.* Presidential Fund for Faculty Advancement. \$2,175. (Not awarded)

#### ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2017 - **REALYST Co-Lab Member.** REALYST is a national collaborative of academic and community partners that uses research to inform innovative policies, programs and services aimed at ending homelessness and housing instability among young people. We believe that understanding youth homelessness helps communities create effective solutions for preventing it.
- 2017 **Co-Investigator.** *Homeless youth risk and resilience survey: A multi-city study of youth homelessness.*
- 2016 **Principal Investigator.** *Asking street-based youth about sexual orientation and gender identity.* Postdoctoral project.
- 2015 **Co-Investigator.** *Creating LGBTQ-affirming programs for homeless youth: The True Inclusion Assessment tool.* Postdoctoral project.

#### PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Shelton, J.,** DeChants, J., Bender, K., Hsu, H., Narendorf, S., Ferguson, K., Petering, R., Barman-Adhikari, A., & Santa Maria, D. (in press). Homelessness and housing experiences among LGBTQ youth and young adults: An intersectional examination across seven U.S. cities. *Cityscape.*
- Santa Maria, D., Flash, C., Narendorf, S., Barman-Adhikari, A., Petering, R., **Shelton, J.,** Hsu, H., & Bender, K. (2018). Knowledge and attitudes about PrEP among homeless young adults: Findings from 7 U.S. cities. *Journal of Adolescent Health.*
- Rodriguez, M. & **Shelton, J.** (in press). Social media and social work. *Encyclopedia of Social Work.*

- Shelton, J.** & Dodd, S. (accepted for publication). Beyond the binary: Addressing cisnormativity in the social work classroom. *Journal of Social Work Education*.
- Shelton, J.**, Kroehle, K., & Andia, M. (under review). The trans person is not the problem: Brave spaces and structural competence as educative tools for trans justice in social work. *The Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*.
- Santa Maria, D., Gallardo, K., Narendorf, S., Petering, R., Barman-Adhikari, A., Flash, C., Hsu, H., **Shelton, J.**, Ferguson, K., & Bender, K. (under review). Implications for PrEP uptake in young adults experiencing homelessness: A mixed methods study. *AIDS Education and Prevention*.
- Wagaman, A., **Shelton, J.**, & Carter, R. (under review). "I'm totally transariffic": Exploring resilience among transgender and gender expansive youth in community-based contexts. *Child and Youth Services*.
- Shelton, J.** (under review). Transgender and Gender Expansive Youth. In *At the Intersections II: A collaborative report on LGBTQ youth homelessness*, Price, C., Wheeler, C., Shelton, J., & Maury, M. (Eds.). True Colors Fund and the National LGBTQ Task Force.
- Shelton, J.** (under review). Research and Data. In *At the Intersections II: A collaborative report on LGBTQ youth homelessness*, Price, C., Wheeler, C., Shelton, J., & Maury, M. (Eds.). True Colors Fund and the National LGBTQ Task Force.
- Shelton, J.** (under review). Shifting the Narrative. In *At the Intersections II: A collaborative report on LGBTQ youth homelessness*, Price, C., Wheeler, C., Shelton, J., & Maury, M. (Eds.). True Colors Fund and the National LGBTQ Task Force.
- Shelton, J.**, Poirier, J., Wheeler, C., & Abramovich, A. (2018). Reversing erasure of youth and young adults who are LGBTQ and access homelessness services: Asking about sexual orientation, gender identity, and pronouns. *Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Child Welfare*, special issue of *Child Welfare*, 96(2), 1-28.
- Poirier, J. & **Shelton, J.** (Eds.). (2018). *Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity/Expression, and Child Welfare*, special issue of *Child Welfare Journal of Policy, Practice and Program*.
- Shelton, J.** (2018). LGBT youth homelessness: What are you going to do about it? *Public Integrity*, 1-4.
- Wagaman, A., **Shelton, J.**, & Carter, R. (2018). Queering the social work classroom: Strategies for increasing inclusion of LGBTQ people and experiences. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*. 1-17.
- Shelton, J.** & Bond, L. (2017). "It just never worked out": How transgender and gender expansive youth understand their pathways into homelessness. *Families in Society*, 98(4), 235-242.

- Shelton, J.,** Wagaman, A., & Small, L. (2017). "I'm more driven now": Resilience and resistance among transgender and gender expansive youth experiencing homelessness. *Today's Transgender Youth: Health, Well-being, and Opportunities for Resilience*, special issue of *International Journal of Transgenderism*.
- Shelton, J.** (2017). *Social Work Practice with LGBT Youth*. In Mallon, G. (ed.) *Social Work Practice with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People*. New York, NY: Routledge Press.
- Abramovich, A. & **Shelton, J.** (Eds.). (2017). *Where am I going to go? Intersectional approaches to ending LGBTQ2S youth homelessness in Canada and the US*. Toronto, ONT: Canadian Homelessness Research Network Press.
- Abramovich, A. & **Shelton, J.** (2017). Where are we now? In Abramovich, A. & Shelton, J. (Eds.), *Where am I going to go? Intersectional approaches to ending LGBTQ2S youth homelessness in Canada and the US*. Toronto, ONT: Canadian Homelessness Research Network Press.
- Shelton, J.** & Abramovich, A. (2017). The way forward. In Abramovich, A. & Shelton, J. (Eds.), *Where am I going to go? Intersectional approaches to ending LGBTQ2S youth homelessness in Canada and the US*. Toronto, ONT: Canadian Homelessness Research Network Press.
- Shelton, J.,** Price, C., & VanCleeve, P. (2017). Authentic youth and young adult partnerships: Broadening the narrative of LGBTQ youth homelessness. *Journal of Family Strengths*, 17(2), 1-10.
- Shelton, J.** (2016). Reframing risk for transgender youth experiencing homelessness. *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services*. 28(4), 277-291.
- Shelton, J.** (2016). Shifting the Narrative. In *At the Intersections: A collaborative report on LGBTQ youth homelessness*, Price, C., Wheeler, C., Shelton, J., & Maury, M. (Eds.). True Colors Fund and the National LGBTQ Task Force.
- Price, C., Wheeler, C., **Shelton, J.**, & Maury, M. (Eds.). (2016). *At the Intersections: A collaborative report on LGBTQ youth homelessness*. True Colors Fund and the National LGBTQ Task Force.
- Shelton, J.** (2015). Transgender youth homelessness: Understanding programmatic barriers through the lens of cisgenderism. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 59, 10-18.
- Shelton, J.** & Winkelstein, J. (2014). Librarians and Social Workers: Working Together for LGBTQ Youth. *Young Adult Library Services*, Fall 2014, 20-23.
- Shelton, J.,** Sabatino, C., Winterkorn, G., Brigham, F. & Gay, H., (2011). Providing to one's own community: A panel discussion. *The Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health*, 15(2), 211-217.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

**Shelton, J.** (in preparation). Sexuality. In J. Bertherton & N. Pleace (eds.), *Routledge Handbook of Homelessness*.

**Shelton, J.** & Pucci-Garcon, T. (in preparation). Homelessness among transgender and non-binary individuals. In S.K. Kattari, N.E. Walls, L. Kattari, & M.K. Kinney (eds.), *Social Work and Health Care with Transgender/Non-Binary Individuals and Communities*.

**Shelton, J.** (in preparation). Homeless youth service providers perceptions of LGBTQ inclusion.

Narendorf, S., Bender, K., Minott, K., **Shelton, J.**, & Santa Maria, D. (in preparation). Experiences of discrimination among young adults experiencing homelessness: Relation to mental health.

Abramovich, A. & **Shelton, J.** (in preparation). Identifying obstacles to accessing mental health services by LGBTQ2S youth experiencing homelessness through Brokered Dialogue.

**Shelton, J.** & Abramovich, A. (in preparation). Arts-based research methods with queer youth experiencing homelessness.

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

**Shelton, J.** (2018, February). The ConneQT - Point Source Youth Pilot Program: Process Evaluation.

**Shelton, J.** (2017, Autumn). Addressing LGBT youth and young adult homelessness in the United States. *Homeless in Europe, The Magazine of FEANTSA - The European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless*, 4-6.

Abramovich, A. & **Shelton, J.** (2017, May 17). Where am I going to go? What am I going to do? The Homeless Hub, Canada. <http://homelesshub.ca/blog/where-am-i-going-go-what-am-i-going-do>

Abramovich, A. & **Shelton, J.** (2017, May 15). Where do youth go when their families reject them? Huffington Post, Canada. [http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/alex-ilona-abramovich/day-against-homophobia-transphobia\\_b\\_16614690.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/alex-ilona-abramovich/day-against-homophobia-transphobia_b_16614690.html)

Price, C., Wheeler, C., **Shelton, J.**, Ellasante, I. (Spring 2017). LGBT youth homelessness: Considerations for child welfare workers. *Child Welfare* 360.

Choi, S.K., Wilson, B.D.M., **Shelton, J.**, & Gates, G. (2015). *Serving our Youth 2015: The Needs and Experiences of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Youth Experiencing Homelessness*. Los Angeles: The Williams Institute with the True Colors Fund.

**Shelton, J.** & Abramovich, A. (2015, June 19). We must remember homeless LGBTQ2S youth during pride. Huffington Post Impact, Canada. [http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/alex-ilona-abramovich/homeless-lgbtq2s-youth\\_b\\_7620060.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/alex-ilona-abramovich/homeless-lgbtq2s-youth_b_7620060.html)

- Shelton, J.** (2015, January 9). The True Youth Count Toolkit: A resource for your PIT count. United States Interagency Council on Homelessness blog. <http://usich.gov/blog/the-true-youth-count-toolkit>
- Shelton, J.** (2014). TGNC young people and housing instability. In *Trans Bodies, Trans Selves*. Oxford University Press.
- Shelton, J.** (2014, October 16). LGBT youth homelessness is not an us/them issue. Huffington Post Gay Voices. [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jama-shelton/lgbt-youth-homelessness-i\\_b\\_5991742.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jama-shelton/lgbt-youth-homelessness-i_b_5991742.html)
- Lowrey, S. & **Shelton, J.** (2014, June). Homeless to hero series. *The Advocate*. <http://www.advocate.com/authors/sassafras-lowrey-and-jama-shelton>
- Shelton, J.** (2014, February 5). How to keep LGBT youth from becoming homeless. Family and Youth Services Bureau, National Clearinghouse on Families and Youth podcast. <http://ncfy.acf.hhs.gov/media-center/podcasts/ncfy-voices-how-keep-lgbtq-youth-becoming-homeless>
- Shelton, J.** (2013, September 12). Including LGBT youth in the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act reauthorization. United States Interagency Council on Homelessness blog. [http://usich.gov/blog/RHYA\\_reauth](http://usich.gov/blog/RHYA_reauth)
- Shelton, J.** (2013, July 30). Homeless gay and transgender youth count! United States Interagency Council on Homelessness blog. [http://usich.gov/blog/homeless\\_gay\\_and\\_transgender\\_youth\\_count](http://usich.gov/blog/homeless_gay_and_transgender_youth_count)
- Shelton, J.** (2013, May 22). Ending LGBT youth homelessness: Forty to None Project's multi-pronged approach. Huffington Post Gay Voices. [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jama-shelton/ending-lgbt-youth-homelessness-forty-to-none-projects-multi-pronged-approach\\_b\\_3273593.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jama-shelton/ending-lgbt-youth-homelessness-forty-to-none-projects-multi-pronged-approach_b_3273593.html)
- Shelton, J.** (2013, April 10). Organizing a new national movement to end LGBT youth homelessness. Huffington Post Gay Voices. [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jama-shelton/organizing-a-new-national\\_b\\_2992298.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jama-shelton/organizing-a-new-national_b_2992298.html)
- Shelton, J.** (2011). *Social media and homeless youth services*. In J. Bolas (Ed.). State of the City's Homeless Youth Report. The New York City's Association of Homeless and Street-Involved Youth Organizations.
- Shelton, J.** & Nolan, T. (2009). *Lesbian, gay, bi and transgender youth issues*. In J. Bolas (Ed.). State of the City's Homeless Youth Report. The New York City's Association of Homeless and Street-Involved Youth Organizations.
- Shelton, J.** & Wood, F. (2012, 2009). *Transgender youth*. In J. Bolas (Ed.). *State of the City's Homeless Youth Report*. The New York City's Association of Homeless and Street-Involved Youth Organizations.

**Shelton, J.** (2008). Redefining realities through self-representational performance. In S. Driver (Ed.) *Queer Youth Cultures: Performative and Political Practices*. Susan Driver (ed). SUNY Press, 69-86.

**Shelton, J. & Tully, B.** (2007). *Permanent housing*. In State of the City's Homeless Youth Report, James Bolas (ed). The New York City's Association of Homeless and Street-Involved Youth Organizations.

#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

2018 Nominee, Society for Social Work and Research Deborah K. Padgett Early Career Achievement Award

2018 Pride Watch List, City & State New York

2018 Presidential Travel Award, Hunter College, CUNY

2017 Faculty Research Fellow, Hunter College, CUNY

2017 Presidential Travel Award, Hunter College, CUNY

2016 CSWE Council on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (CSOGIE) Scholarship Award, Honorable Mention

2016 Selected for recognition in special poster session "Adolescence in Diverse Contexts," Society for Research on Adolescence

2015 Mid-Career Exemplary Social Work Leader Award of the National Association of Social Workers – New York City Chapter

2015 Arnold Grossman Outstanding Faculty Service to the LGBTQ Community Award, New York University LGBTQ Student Center

2015 Dedicated and Deserving Social Work Award, Social Work Today

2014 Featured Emerging Scholar Spotlight, Society for Research on Adolescence

2014 Featured in Next Generation of Stonewall, NYC Pride Guide

2014 Society for Social Work and Research Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention

2013 Paul Monette-Roger Horwitz Dissertation Prize, Center for LGBTQ Studies

2013 Distinguished Alumni Award, New York University School of Social Work

2013 40 Under 40, Advocate Magazine

2013, 2012 Faculty Marshall (student elected), Hunter College School of Social Work

2011 Selected Participant, EARA/SRA Summer School, University of Arizona

2009 Honorable Mention, NASW Emerging Leaders Award

2007-2012 Fellowship Recipient, City University of New York Graduate Center

2003 Fellowship Recipient, New York University School of Social Work

1998 Assistant Tennessee Williams Fellow, University of the South

#### ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2015-2016 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow** McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research, New York University Silver School of Social Work

2010-2011 **Graduate Assistant**  
Office of the Provost, Hunter College, New York City

2009-2015 **Adjunct Professor** New York University School of Social Work



MSW courses:  
Advanced Social Policy, LGBTQ Issues

BSW courses:  
Homelessness

2008-2014 **Adjunct Professor** Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College

MSW Courses:  
Social Work Practice  
Human Behavior in the Social Environment I & III  
Ways of Knowing: Social Work and the Arts  
Professional Seminar

2008-2016 **Field Instructor** Hunter College School of Social Work

2005-2013 **Field Instructor** New York University School of Social Work

#### JURIED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Harner, V., Dziengel, L., Wagaman, A., **Shelton, J.**, McInroy, L., & Dodd, S. "Cisgender, Transgender, Bigender, Nonbinary, Genderfluid in Social Work... What's it about? Let's Talk!" Council on Social Work Education Annual Meeting. Orlando, FL. November 2018.

Rodriguez, M. & **Shelton, J.** "Incorporating Digital Organizing Tools into the Macro Classroom: A Hands-on Approach." Council on Social Work Education Annual Meeting. Orlando, FL. November 2018.

Petering, R., Hsu, H., Barman-Adhikari, A., Santa Maria, D., **Shelton, J.**, Bender, K., Narendorf, S., & Onasch-Vera, L. "Involvement in gun violence and PTSD among young adults experiencing homelessness." American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo. San Diego, CA. November, 2018.

**Shelton, J.** "Holistic Policy Approaches to Addressing Trans Youth Homelessness." True Colors Fund Impact Summit. Atlanta, GA. October 2018.

**Shelton, J.** "Safe Spaces are not Enough." True Colors Fund Impact Summit. Atlanta, GA. October 2018.

**Shelton, J.** & Dodd, S.J. "Beyond the Binary: Addressing Cisnormativity in the Social Work Classroom." Social Work and Sexualities International Conference. Montreal, Quebec. August 2018.

Santa Maria, D., Flash, C., Narendorf, S., Barman-Adhikari, A., Petering, R., **Shelton, J.**, Hsu, H., & Bender, K. "Knowledge and Attitudes about PrEP and nPEP among a 7-City Sample of Homeless Young Adults." Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine Conference. Seattle, WA. March 2018.

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- Shelton, J.**, Wagaman, A., Small, L., & Abramovich, A. “‘I’m More Driven Now’: Resilience and Resistance Among Transgender and Gender Expansive Youth Experiencing Homelessness.” Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, D.C. January 2018.
- Shelton, J.** & Ferguson, K. “Perception of Barriers to and Supports for Exiting Homelessness Among Homeless Young Adults.” Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, D.C. January 2018.
- Wagaman, A., **Shelton, J.**, & Carter, R. “Building Connections, Resisting Constrictions: Transgender Youth and Mechanisms for Resilience.” Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, D.C. January 2018.
- Narendorf, S., Bender, K., Minott, K., **Shelton, J.**, & Santa Maria, D. “Experiences of Discrimination Among Young Adults Experiencing Homelessness: Relation to Mental Health.” Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, D.C. January 2018.
- Narendorf, S., Bender, K., Ferguson, K., **Shelton, J.**, Petering, R., Hsu, H., Santa Maria, D. “Establishing a National Research Collaborative to Examine Risk and Resilience Among Homeless Young Adults in Seven U.S. Cities.” Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, D.C. January 2018.
- Santa Maria, D., Flash, C., Narendorf, S., Barman-Adhikari, A., Petering, R., Bender, K., Ferguson, K., Hsu, H., **Shelton J.** “Development of a Nurse Case Management HIV Prevention Intervention for Homeless Young Adults.” Association for Nurses in AIDS Care National Conference. Dallas, TX. November 2017.
- Shelton, J.** “Beyond the binary: Understanding cisnormativity.” True Colors Fund 40 to None Summit. Philadelphia, PA. October 2017.
- Shelton, J.** & Baker, A. “I don’t want to say the wrong thing: Asking SOGI and pronoun questions.” True Colors Fund 40 to None Summit. Philadelphia, PA. October 2017.
- Shelton, J.** “‘It just never worked out’: How transgender and gender expansive youth understand their pathways into homelessness.” Diversity in Organizations, Communities, and Nations Annual Conference. Toronto, ON. July 2017.
- Shelton, J.** & Abramovich, A. “Providing affirming services to LGBTQ2S youth experiencing homelessness.” Diversity in Organizations, Communities, and Nations Annual Conference. Toronto, ON. July 2017.
- Shelton, J.** & Wheeler, C. “They should just ask: Sexual orientation, gender identity, and pronouns among homeless youth.” Society for Social Work and Research. New Orleans, LA. January 2017.
- Wagaman, A., **Shelton, J.**, & Carter, R. “Queering the social work classroom: Strategies for Increasing Inclusion of LGBTQ People and Experiences.” Council on Social Work Education Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA, November 2016.

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Poirier, J. & **Shelton, J.** “Building inclusive and affirming communities: Ending LGBTQ youth homelessness.” Diversity in Organizations, Communities, and Nations Annual Conference. Granada, Spain. July 2016.

**Shelton, J.** & Winkelstein, J. “Safe in the stacks: Public libraries serving LGBTQ homeless youth.” Public Library Association Annual Conference. Denver, CO. April 2016.

**Shelton, J.** “The other side of risk: Reframing homelessness for transgender and gender non-conforming young people.” Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, D.C. January 2016.

**Shelton, J.** “Preventing LGBTQ youth homelessness: An update from the LGBTQ youth homelessness prevention initiative.” 2015 Runaway and Homeless Youth Grantee Conference, Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center. New Orleans, LA. November 2015.

**Shelton, J.** “Understanding programmatic barriers for homeless transgender youth through the lens of cisgenderism.” Council on Social Work Education Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. October 2015.

Maury, M. & **Shelton, J.** “Fostering resilience in homeless youth.” Human Rights Campaign Foundation Time to Thrive Conference. Portland, OR. February 2015.

**Shelton, J.** & Poirier, J. “Communities coming together to prevent LGBT youth homelessness.” Human Rights Campaign Foundation Time to Thrive Conference. Portland, OR. February 2015.

**Shelton, J.** “Finding a gender home: Gender identity assertion and housing status among unstably housed transgender youth.” Society for Social Work and Research. New Orleans, LA. January 2015.

**Shelton, J.** “Transgender youth: Understanding and addressing systemic barriers to create inclusive spaces.” 2015 Runaway and Homeless Youth Grantee Conference, Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center. Phoenix, AZ. November 2014.

**Shelton, J.** “Preventing LGBT youth homelessness: Early reports from a new pilot initiative.” 2015 Runaway and Homeless Youth Grantee Conference, Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center. Phoenix, AZ. November 2014.

**Shelton, J.** & Winkelstein, J. “Safe in the stacks: Community spaces for homeless LGBT youth.” Institute for Children, Poverty, & Homelessness Beyond Housing Conference. NYC. January 2014.

**Shelton, J.** & Winkelstein, J. “Safe in the stacks: Community spaces for homeless LGBT youth.” Creating Change Conference. Houston, TX. January 2014.

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- Shelton, J. & Silva, C.** “Building a national movement to end LGBTQ youth homelessness.” Creating Change Conference. Houston, TX. January 2014.
- Shelton, J.** "The other side of risk: Reframing housing instability for transgender and gender nonconforming young people." American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. November 2013.
- Shelton, J.** “The experiences of unstably housed transgender and gender non-conforming (GNC) youth.” Philadelphia Trans Health Conference. Philadelphia, PA. June 2013.
- Shelton, J. & Winkelstein, J.** “Safe in the stacks: Community spaces for homeless LGBT youth.” American Library Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. June 2013.
- Shelton, J.** “There’s no place like home? The experiences of unstably housed transgender and gender non-conforming (GNC) youth.” Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference. San Diego, CA. January 2013.
- Shelton, J., Aidala, A., & Ziv, T.** “Sexual/gender identity, trauma and HIV/AIDS: Intersecting risk for LGBTQ homeless youth.” American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. October 2012.
- Shelton, J., Sabatino, C. & Winterkorn, G.** “TRANSformative social work: A new theory of practice for working with transgender communities.” Philadelphia Trans Health Conference, Philadelphia, PA. June 2012.
- Shelton, J., Sabatino, C. & Winterkorn, G.** “No blank slates: Challenging gender/heteronormativity through transformative practice.” TransFormations: Clinical Perspectives on Transgender Experience and Cultural Contexts, Institute for Contemporary Psychotherapy, NYC. February 2012.
- Shelton, J. & Winterkorn, G.** “Radical practice: Challenging hetero/gender normativity.” Social Welfare Action Alliance 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Meeting and Conference, Washington, DC. June 2011.
- Shelton, J., Sabatino, C. & Winterkorn, G.** “No Blank Slates: Challenging Traditional Practice Norms.” Philadelphia Trans Health Conference, Philadelphia, PA. June 2011.
- Shelton, J., Sabatino, C. & Winterkorn, G.** “Providing to one’s own community: A panel discussion on the challenges and rewards for practitioners using their gender identity and experience to inform their work with clients in the trans community.” RISE Social Justice Conference, NYC. October 2010.
- Shelton, J., Sabatino, C. & Winterkorn, G.** “Providing to one’s own community: A panel discussion on the challenges and rewards for practitioners using their gender identity and experience to inform their work with clients in the trans community.” Philadelphia Trans Health Conference, Philadelphia, PA. June 2010.
- Shelton, J., Sabatino, C., Winterkorn, G., Brigham, F. & Gay, H.** “Providing to one’s own

community: A panel discussion on the challenges and rewards for practitioners using their gender identity and experience to inform their work with clients in the trans community.” 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trans-Clinical Symposium, Institute for Contemporary Psychotherapy, NYC. February 2010.

**Shelton, J. & Brigham, F.** “Shifting Identities: Going beyond the physical and material.” Translating Identity Conference, University of Vermont. October 2009.

#### JURIED POSTER PRESENTATIONS

**Shelton, J. & Dodd, S.** “Beyond the binary: Addressing cisnormativity in the Social Work classroom.” Council on Social Work Education. Dallas, TX. October 2017.

**Shelton, J., Gopalan, P., Manacop, M., & Mercado, M.** “Assessing LGBTQ inclusive and affirming practices in homeless youth programs.” Society for Social Work and Research. New Orleans, LA. January 2017.

**Shelton, J. & Ferguson, K.** “I use it every day. Technology use among LGBTQ young adults experiencing homelessness.” Society for Research on Adolescence. Baltimore, MD. April 2016.

**Shelton, J. & Ferguson, K.** “Technology use among LGBTQ young adults experiencing homelessness.” Society for Social Work and Research. Washington, D.C. January 2016.

**Shelton, J.** “Understanding programmatic barriers for homeless transgender youth through the lens of cisgenderism.” Society for Social Work and Research. New Orleans, LA. January 2015.

**Shelton, J.** “Understanding programmatic barriers through the lens of cisnormativity.” Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Austin, TX. March 2014.

**Shelton, J.** “Gender identity assertion among unstably housed transgender youth.” Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, Austin, TX. March 2014.

**Shelton, J.** “Identity affirming care for LGBTQ youth: Improving access and outcomes.” SAMHSA Treatment for Homeless Technical Assistance Workshop, Washington, DC. August 2012

**Shelton, J.** “Leaving their birth assigned homes & birth assigned gender behind: The role of gender management in identity assertion for homeless transgender youth” Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Annual Meeting, Houston, TX. November 2011.

**Shelton, J.** “Homeless LGBTQ HIV+ youth: Outreach, engagement, best practices.” North American HIV & Housing Research Summit, New Orleans, LA. September 2011.

**Shelton, J. & Gay, H.** “Creating community connections: Homeless LGBTQ youth.” SAMHSA Treatment for Homeless Technical Assistance Workshop, Baltimore, MD. May 2011.

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

**Shelton, J.** “Getting what we deserve?” JASMYN Annual Coming Out Day Breakfast. Jacksonville, FL. October 2017.

**Shelton, J.** “Public libraries and LGBT youth homelessness.” The Center for Literacy, Education & Employment (CLEE), University of Tennessee, Knoxville. School of Information Sciences. March 2016. Keynote.

**Shelton, J.** “Community solutions for preventing and ending LGBT youth homelessness.” Homeless Children’s Education Fund 6th Annual Summit. Pittsburgh, PA. November 2015. Keynote.

**Shelton, J.** “Understanding structural barriers for LGBT youth experiencing homelessness.” Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness 22nd Annual Conference on Ending Homelessness. Phoenix, AZ. October 2015. Keynote.

**Shelton, J.** “Access to care for transgender youth experiencing homelessness.” National Healthcare for the Homeless Council Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. May 2015. Keynote.

INVITATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

**Shelton, J.** “LGBTQ and Racial Equity in Youth Homelessness Research.” A Way Home America: State of the Movement. Washington, D.C. July 2018.

**Shelton, J.,** Lewis, G., Bernad, R., & Sigsworth, T. “LGBTIQ Youth Homelessness.” European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless Policy Conference. Berlin, Germany. June 2018.

**Shelton, J.** “LGBTQ youth homelessness: Structural barriers and innovative responses.” University of Connecticut Rainbow Center Out to Lunch Series. Storrs, CT. April 2018.

**Shelton, J. & VanCleeve, P.** “Spotlight: LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness.” National Alliance to End Homelessness Children, Youth, and Families Conference. Houston, TX. February 2017. Panelist.

**Shelton, J.,** McMillan, L. & Thibaudeau, E. “More than learning acronyms: What does a youth homelessness system that is truly LGBTQ-affirming look like?” National Alliance to End Homelessness Children, Youth, and Families Conference. Washington, D.C. July 2015. Panelist.

**Shelton, J.** “Human needs of street youth.” International Summit on the Legal Needs of Street Youth. London, England. June 2015. Panelist.

**Shelton, J.** “Communities coming together to prevent LGBT youth homelessness.” National Stonewall Educational Symposium. Ft. Lauderdale, FL. May 2015. Lead presenter.

- Shelton, J.** “Trauma of LGBT displacement in the US and abroad.” McSilver Symposium. Brooklyn, NY. April 2015. Panelist.
- Shelton, J.** and Wood, C. “Saving LGBT homeless youth with technology.” South by Southwest. Austin, TX. March 2015. Panelist.
- Shelton, J.** “LGBTQ affirming care across the RHY continuum.” National Alliance to End Homelessness Children, Youth, and Families Conference. New Orleans, LA. February 2014. Panelist.
- Shelton, J.** “Host home models for homeless youth.” National Alliance to End Homelessness Children, Youth, and Families Conference. New Orleans, LA. February 2014. Moderator.
- Shelton, J.** “Incorporating youth data.” National Alliance to end Homelessness Conference. Washington, DC. July 2013. Panelist.
- Shelton, J.** “Using data to size and scope the issue of youth homelessness.” National Alliance to End Homelessness’ National Conference on Ending Family and Youth Homelessness, Seattle, WA. February 2013. Panelist.
- Shelton, J.** “Homeless LGBTQ youth: How you can help.” National Educator Conference Focused on LGBTQIA Youth, San Diego, CA. February 2013. Lead presenter.
- Shelton, J.** “LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness: Context, content and confidence.” The Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center, Cleveland, OH. August 2012. Lead presenter.
- Shelton, J.** “LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness: Context, content and confidence.” The Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center, Manchester, NH. May 2012. Lead presenter.
- Shelton, J.** “Addressing LGBTQ issues as precipitators of homelessness.” Meeting the Challenge: Educating the Homeless Children in Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, PA. April 2012. Lead presenter.
- Shelton, J.** “LGBT identities in adolescence and emerging adulthood.” University of Tennessee, Knoxville. September 2011. Guest Lecturer.
- Shelton, J.** “Strengths based case management principles and practices.” SAMHSA Treatment for Homeless Technical Assistance Workshop, Baltimore, MD. May 2011. Lead Presenter.
- Shelton, J.** “Bridging communities: Forum on homelessness and hunger.” Grand Central Neighborhood & New York University, NYC NY. November 2010. Panelist.

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**Shelton, J.** “Discussing gender.” Unity through Multicultural Education meeting, New York University. New York, NY. October, 2010. Guest Lecturer.

**Shelton, J.** “Adolescent sexuality.” New York University School of Social Work Post-Masters Training Program. NYC, NY. December 2009. Guest Lecturer.

**Shelton, J. & Hartman, E.** “Understanding heterosexism and its relevance to clinical practice with LGBT youth.” The Coalition of Behavioral Health Agencies; NYC, NY. October 2007. Guest Lecturer.

**Shelton, J.** November 2006 “Meeting the needs of homeless LGBT youth in the public policy arena.” New York University Wagner School of Public Policy, NYC, NY. November 2006. Panelist.

**Shelton, J.** “Healthcare access for LGBT youth.” Columbia University School of Public Health Queer Health Conference. NYC, NY. March 2006. Panelist.

#### SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL

2018 - Assistant Director, Silberman Center for Gender and Sexuality  
 2018 - Professional Seminar Committee  
 2017- Student Awards Committee  
 2017- Community Organizing Committee  
 2016-2017 Child Welfare Field of Practice Committee

#### SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

2018 - Faculty Delegate Assembly  
 2013- Executive Committee, LGBT Social Science and Public Policy Center at Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College  
 2010-2013 Graduate Student Representative to Faculty Steering Committee, LGBT Social Science and Public Policy Center at Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College

#### SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

2018 Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of Children and Poverty  
 2018 Ad hoc reviewer, The Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research  
 2018 Ad hoc reviewer, Social Work in Health Care  
 2018 Ad hoc reviewer, Emerging Adulthood  
 2017 Ad hoc reviewer, Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research  
 2017-2018 Board of Directors, Callen-Lorde Community Health Center  
 2016- Editorial Board, Harrington Park Press  
 2015-2017 Expert Panel, Ethics in HIV Prevention Research Involving LGBT Youth. Center for Ethics Education, Fordham University. Dr. Celia Fisher, PI  
 2014- Advisory Board Member, AFFIRM: Gender Identity, Diversity, and Health, LGBT Health Initiative, Division of Gender, Sexuality, & Health Department of Psychiatry and the School of Nursing, Columbia University Medical Center. Dr. Walter Bockting, PI



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- 2012-2016 Emerging Scholar Committee Representative, Society for Research on Adolescence
- 2012 NYC Administration for Children's Services LGBTQ Training Academy Task Force
- 2010-2012 Board of Directors, Live Out Loud
- 2010 Member, NYC Transitional Aged Youth Housing Working Group
- 2010 Steering Committee Member, New Yorkers for Safe Transit
- 2007 Participant, NYC Transgender Adolescent Health and Mental Health Working Group
- 2005-2013 Member, Association of Homeless and Street-Involved Youth Providers

#### NATIONAL SERVICE

- 2018 Expert Consultant, Youth Outcomes Project, Chapin Hall, The University of Chicago
- 2017- Member, Council on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression (CSOGIE), Council on Social Work Education
- 2017- Planning Committee Member, Point Source Youth National Symposium on Solutions to End Youth Homelessness
- 2014-2017 Technical Expert Panel, 3/40 BLUEPRINT: Creating the Blueprint to Reduce LGBTQ Youth Homelessness, Family & Youth Services Bureau, Jane Addams College of Social Work, the Center for the Study of Social Policy, HRC Foundation. Dr. Alan Detlaff, PI
- 2014-2016 Member, SAMHSA's National Workgroup to Address the Needs of Children and Youth Who Are LGBTQI2-S and Their Families
- 2008-2010 Member, National Alliance to End Homelessness LGBT Youth Working Group

#### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

- 2018- Scientific Committee Member, Social Work and Sexualities International Conference
- 2018- Advisor, European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless LGBTIQ Youth Homelessness Research Initiative

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for Social Work and Research  
 Council on Social Work Education  
 Caucus of LGBT Faculty and Students in Social Work

#### PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

- 2018 **Consultant, Youth-led Community Strategic Plan Development**  
 Advocates for Richmond Youth, Richmond, VA
- In partnership with Advocates for Richmond Youth, developed a day long strategic planning meeting for 100 community members interested in addressing LGBTQ youth housing stability
  - Facilitated strategic planning meeting

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- Developed and facilitated an educational workshop for local philanthropic organizations about LGBTQ youth housing stability in Richmond and across the country

2017

**Consultant, National Youth Homelessness Priority Setting**

A Way Home America, Washington, D.C.

- Developed a day long priority setting workshop agenda for members of A Way Home America, a national initiative to build the movement to prevent and end homelessness among young people
- Facilitated priority setting workshop

2017

**Consultant, ConneQT Pilot Process Evaluation**

Point Source Youth, New York City

- Designed process evaluation for the ConneQT: Point Source Youth Pilot Program
- Conducted interviews with program participants and program staff
- Analyzed interview data
- Produced evaluation report

2013-2016

**Deputy Executive Director & Forty to None Project Director**

True Colors Fund, New York City

- Established organization's research agenda and research collaborations
- Developed instruments to assess homeless youth service providers' level of LGBT-inclusive and affirming care
- Provided technical assistance to individuals and communities re: agency data collection efforts and inclusive policies
- Researched, identified, and wrote grants to fund agency programs
- Planned first White House Policy briefing on Youth Homelessness
- Collaborated with federal administration (HUD, ACYF, USICH, DOL, DOE, OJJDP) to launch LGBT youth homelessness prevention initiative
- Conducted LGBT Rural Summit Series in collaboration with the USDA Office for Civil Rights
- Drafted non-discrimination language for inclusion in the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act
- Organized annual national summit on LGBT youth homelessness
- Launched first national day to raise awareness about LGBT youth homelessness, reaching 1.7 million people in 31 countries via social media

2012

**Consultant for Youth Count! Pilot Initiative**

True Colors Fund, New York City

- Developed questions to assess sexual orientation and gender identity for the Federal Youth Count! Pilot Initiative
- Collaborated with Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness to develop recommended survey for participating communities
- Advised federal administration on including LGBT youth in efforts to count homeless youth

- 2012 **Consultant, Transgender Training Group**  
Callen-Lorde Community Health Center, New York City
- Facilitated focus groups and round tables
  - Analyzed qualitative data
  - Developed and facilitated training seminar for increasing transgender awareness and inclusion
- 2010-2013 **Coordinator of Research, Evaluation, and Training**  
The Ali Forney Center, New York City
- Designed agency's data collection instruments and database system
  - Set agency's research and assessment priorities
  - Trained agency staff on assessment tools and database
  - Produced evaluations for Federal and local grants (including SAMHSA, HHS, HUD, OVW)
  - Managed internal and external training requests and technical assistance related to program development and data collection
  - Developed program model for a Host Home Program
- 2009 - 2010 **Survey Administrator**  
Yale University Health, Emotion, and Behavior Laboratory, New Haven
- Responsible for survey administration to middle school students and teachers to evaluate emotional literacy in the classroom curriculum
- 2006 **Research Consultant**  
Gay and Lesbian Alliance against Defamation (GLAAD) New York
- Conducted qualitative research for development of GLAAD's youth media program
  - Developed interview questions, created and maintained project timeline, conducted focus groups, analyzed data, and made programmatic recommendations
- 2005-2010 **Director of Housing**  
The Ali Forney Center, New York City
- Led the nation in the development of LGBT specific homeless youth services
  - Developed agency's first transitional living program for LGBT youth experiencing homelessness
  - Managed 9 scatter site apartments and supervised 45 staff
  - Wrote policy and procedure manuals for program clients and for employees
  - Developed templates for organizations around the country seeking to develop similar programs
  - Represented the agency at local and national conferences
- 2004-2005 **Client Services Manager**

The Ali Forney Center, New York City

- Responsible for a case load of up to 18 youth
- Provided individual crisis management, supportive counseling, and case management services
- Facilitated support groups and recreational activities

2000-2004 **National Project Manager/Assistant Director**

National Turned Up Volume, New York, Houston, and Boston

- Developed and facilitated video making, writing, performance, and media literacy workshop for LGBT youth
- Directed multi-media self-representational productions with LGBT youth

2000-2002 **Volunteer Community Arts Programmer**

Houston Area Teen Coalition of Homosexuals (HATCH) Houston

- Founded and implemented program to expose LGBTQ young people ages 13-22 to art/media making as a tool for education and community activism