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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2024–Present **Assistant Professor**
The University of Hong Kong (HKU), Department of Social Work and Social Administration
- 2022–2023 **Postdoctoral Associate**
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, School of Social Work

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

- Registered Social Worker**, (Registration #: 34467), Hong Kong
- Licensed Master Social Worker**, (License #: 120512), State of New York

EDUCATION

- Ph.D.**, Columbia University School of Social Work, USA
- M.S.**, Columbia University School of Social Work, USA
- B.A.**, Emory University, USA

FUNDED RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2026–2027 **Principal Investigator**
Mapping the HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Care Continuum Among Men Who Have Sex with Men and Use Drugs (MSM-UD) in Kazakhstan: A Mixed Methods Study
Early Career Scheme, Research Grants Council #27616725
- 2025–2026 **Principal Investigator**
Prompting to Test: A Pilot Study of a Generative Conversational AI Intervention to Boost Readiness for Routine HIV Testing Among Men Who Have Sex with Men in Indonesia
Knowledge Exchange Impact Project Scheme, HKU #KE-IP-2025/26-57
- 2024–2025 **Principal Investigator**
Exploring Unmet Service Needs Across the HIV Prevention and Care Cascades Among Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) in Indonesia
Seed Fund for Basic Research for New Staff, HKU

RESEARCH COLLABORATION

- 2022–2023 **Postgraduate Research Collaborator**
Discrete Choice Experiment of PrEP Preferences Among Latino/x Sexual Minority Men
CFAR Adelante #P30AI050409 (PI: Robles)
- Development of an HIV Prevention Group Intervention for MSM Migrants in South Africa*
Rutgers Global Health Institute (PI: Alessi)
- 2016–2022 **Project Director**
Increasing Involvement of MSM in the Continuum of Care in Kazakhstan
NIDA #R01DA040513 (PI: Wu)
- 2019–2021 **Research Associate**
BeOnLine: A Platform to Expand HIV Testing Among Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) and Transgender Individuals in Kazakhstan
Elton John AIDS Foundation (PI: Wu)

MANUSCRIPTS: PUBLISHED

- Reeder, K. G., **Lee, Y. G.**, Sung, J., Vinogradov, V., Zhakupova, G., Mergenova, G., Davis, A., Paine, E. A., Primbetova, S., Terlikbayeva, A., Káli, S., Hunt, T., & Wu, E. (In press). Towards leaving no one behind: HIV infection among trans communities in Kazakhstan. *International Journal of Transgender Health*.
- Lee, Y. G.**, Vinogradov, V., Mergenova, G., Paine, E. A., Laughney, C. I., Reeder, K., Davis, A., Primbetova, S., Terlikbayeva, A., & Wu, E. (2025). COVID-19-related diminished peer HIV communication intentions among sexual and gender expansive individuals in Kazakhstan. *Health Education & Behavior*, 0(0). DOI: [10.1177/10901981251362813](https://doi.org/10.1177/10901981251362813)
- Laughney, C., **Lee, Y. G.**, Paine, E. A., Sandfort, T., & Wu, E. (2025). Child sexual abuse as a predictor of multiple forms of victimization among transgender adults in the United States. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 0(0). DOI: [10.1177/08862605251345466](https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605251345466)
- Vinogradov, V., **Lee, Y. G. (corresponding author)**, Zhakupova, G., Mergenova, G., Davis, A., Paine, E. A., Reeder, K., Laughney, C. I., Sung, J., Primbetova, S., Terlikbayeva, A., Sugarman, J., & Wu, E. (2025). Social impacts of multi-city HIV prevention research participation among sexual minority and gender expansive individuals in Kazakhstan. *JAIDS Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome*, 99, 239-247. DOI: [10.1097/QAI.00000000000003654](https://doi.org/10.1097/QAI.00000000000003654)
- Laughney, C. I., **Lee, Y. G.**, Paine, E. A., & Wu, E. (2025). Posttraumatic stress disorder mediating associations between child sexual abuse and substance use among transgender adults in the United States. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 95(1), 45-51. DOI: [10.1037/ort0000761](https://doi.org/10.1037/ort0000761)
- Alessi, E. J., Alexander, L., **Lee, Y. G.**, Fletcher, C., Aziz, A., & Zadeh, L. (2024). How do legal aid cuts in England and Wales impact LGBTQ+ people seeking asylum?: Perspectives from providers and directly affected people. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 1-6. DOI: [10.1007/s13178-024-01011-5](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13178-024-01011-5)
- Robles, G., **Lee, Y. G.**, Hillesheim, J., Brusche, D., Lopez-Matos, J., Cain, D., & Starks, T. J. (2024). Peer social support moderates the impact of ethnoracial discrimination on mental health among young sexual minority men of color. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 41, 2455-2477. DOI: [10.1177/02654075241245735](https://doi.org/10.1177/02654075241245735)
- Lee, Y. G.**, Alessi, E. J., Lynn, M., Starks, T. J., & Robles, G. (2023). Everyday discrimination and HIV testing among partnered Latino/x sexual minority men in the United States: A stratified analysis by birth location. *AIDS Education and Prevention*, 35, 376-389. DOI: [10.1521/acap.2023.35.5.376](https://doi.org/10.1521/acap.2023.35.5.376)
- Wu, E., **Lee, Y. G.**, Vinogradov, V., Kali, S., Yelkeyev, A., Goddard-Eckrich, D. A., Dasgupta, A., & Hess, L. (2023). Intervention adaptation and implementation method for real-world constraints and using new technologies. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 33, 562–570. DOI: [10.1177/10497315221120605](https://doi.org/10.1177/10497315221120605)
- Alessi, E. J., **Lee, Y. G.**, Chikalogwe, V. P., Tarusarira, W., Raymond, H., Lynn, M., & Kahn, S. (2023). Pilot study of an arts- and theatre-based HIV prevention intervention for men who have sex with men and transgender women migrants in South Africa: Acceptability, feasibility and preliminary efficacy. *Health Education Research*, 38, 392-411. DOI: [10.1093/her/cyad021](https://doi.org/10.1093/her/cyad021)
- Laughney, C. I., **Lee, Y. G.**, Mergenova, G., Vinogradov, V., Zhakupova, G., Paine, E. A., Primbetova, S., Terlikbayeva, A., & Wu, E. Earlier sexual debut as a risk factor for substance use among men who have sex with men (MSM) in Kazakhstan. *Global Social Welfare*, 11, 225-232. DOI: [10.1007/s40609-023-00298-3](https://doi.org/10.1007/s40609-023-00298-3)
- Laughney, C. I., **Lee, Y. G.**, Mergenova, G., Vinogradov, V., Zhakupova, G., Paine, E. A., Primbetova, S., Terlikbayeva, A., & Wu, E. (2023). Earlier sexual debut and anti-gay victimization among men who have sex with men (MSM) in Kazakhstan. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 38, 10795-10813. DOI: [10.1177/08862605231176800](https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605231176800)

- Laughney, C. I., **Lee, Y. G.**, Mergenova, G., Vinogradov, V., Zhakupova, G., Paine, E. A., Primbetova, S., Terlikbayeva, A., & Wu, E. (2023). Earlier sexual debut and exchange sex among men who have sex with men (MSM) in Kazakhstan. *Journal of Sex Research*, 60, 919-924. DOI: [10.1080/00224499.2023.2167064](https://doi.org/10.1080/00224499.2023.2167064)
- Paine, E. A., **Lee, Y. G.**, Mergenova, G., Vinogradov, V., Laughney, C. I., Davis, A., Terlikbayeva, A., Primbetova, S., Hunt, T., & Wu, E. (2023). Compounding vulnerabilities: Victimization and discrimination is associated with COVID-19 disruptions to HIV-related care among gay, bisexual, and other men and transgender and nonbinary people who have sex with men in Kazakhstan. *AIDS Care*, 35, 651-657. DOI: [10.1080/09540121.2022.2148956](https://doi.org/10.1080/09540121.2022.2148956)
- Lee, Y. G.**, Zhakupova, G., Vinogradov, V., Paine, E. A., Laughney, C. I., Reeder, K., Davis, A., Hunt, T., Mergenova, G., Primbetova, S., Terlikbayeva, A., & Wu, E. (2022). Polydrug use, sexual risk, and HIV testing among cisgender gay, bisexual, and other men and transgender and nonbinary individuals who have sex with men in Kazakhstan. *AIDS Education and Prevention*, 34, 413-426. DOI: [10.1521/aeap.2022.34.5.413](https://doi.org/10.1521/aeap.2022.34.5.413)
- Paine, E. A., **Lee, Y. G.**, Vinogradov, V., Zhakupova, G., Hunt, T., Primbetova, S., Terlikbayeva, A., El-Bassel, N., & Wu, E. (2021). HIV stigma, homophobia, sexual and gender minority community connectedness and HIV testing among gay, bisexual, and other men and transgender people who have sex with men in Kazakhstan. *AIDS & Behavior*, 25, 2568-2577. DOI: [10.1007/s10461-021-03217-9](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10461-021-03217-9)
- Aivadyan, C., **Lee, Y. G.**, El-Bassel, N., & Wu, E. (2021). Substance use and sexual risk behavior among Black men who have sex with men in New York City: Evidence for increased risk during young adulthood. *AIDS Education and Prevention*, 33, 73-87. DOI: [10.1521/aeap.2021.33.1.73](https://doi.org/10.1521/aeap.2021.33.1.73)
- Lee, Y. G.** (2018). Book review: *Best laid plans: Cultural entropy and the unraveling of AIDS media campaigns*, by T. E. McDonnell. *Journal of HIV/AIDS & Social Services*, 17, 421-422. DOI: [10.1080/15381501.2018.1451795](https://doi.org/10.1080/15381501.2018.1451795)
- Wu, E., Terlikbayeva, A., Hunt, T., Primbetova, S., **Lee, Y. G.**, & Berry, M. (2017). Preliminary population size estimation of men who have sex with men in Kazakhstan: Implications for HIV testing and surveillance. *LGBT Health*, 4, 164-167. DOI: [10.1089/lgbt.2015.0152](https://doi.org/10.1089/lgbt.2015.0152)

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Alessi, E. J., **Lee, Y. G.**, & Kahn, S. (2025). Applying a disaster justice lens to LGBTQ+ refugees in complex emergencies. In *Queering disasters, climate change and humanitarian crises* (pp. 127-145). Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore. DOI: [10.1007/978-981-96-3857-4_9](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-96-3857-4_9)

MANUSCRIPTS: UNDER REVIEW

- Yang, C., Huang, Y., Newman, P. A., & **Lee, Y. G.** Drug use at work among cisgender women, men, and transgender sex workers: A systematic mixed studies review and implications for health equity.
- Lee, Y. G.**, Vinogradov, V., Zhakupova, G., Mergenova, G., Yang, C., Laughney, C. I., Davis, A., Paine, E. A., Li, D., Reeder, K., Sung, J., Hunt, T., Primbetova, S., Terlikbayeva, A., & Wu, E. Minority stress and psychological distress among sexual and gender expansive people: Evidence from Kazakhstan. (Preprint: <https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/zbcnp>)
- Wu, E., **Lee, Y. G.**, Vinogradov, V., Zhakupova, G., Mergenova, G., Davis, A., Paine, E. A., Hunt, T., Reeder, K., Primbetova, S., Terlikbayeva, A., Laughney, C., Chang, M., Baisierkin, B., Abishev, A., Tukeyev, M., Abdraimov, S., Denebayeva, A., Kasymbekova, S., Tazhibayeva, G., & Kozhakmet, M. Increasing HIV testing among sexual and gender expansive men in Kazakhstan: A stepped-wedge randomized trial of a community-level intervention. (Preprint: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2024.08.01.24311235>)

MANUSCRIPTS: IN PREPARATION

- Lee, Y. G.**, Nevendorff, L., Reswana, W., Wong, T. Y., Wu, E., & Laughney, C. I. HIV testing and PrEP use among cisgender men not living with HIV who have sex with men in the Jakarta Metropolitan Area.
- Lee, Y. G.**, Nevendorff, L., Reswana, Xu, Y., Wong, T. Y., Laughney, C. I., & Wu, E. Men who have safe sex with men: an exploratory study with implications for STI prevention research

- Laughney, C. I., Nevendorff, L., Reswana, W., Wong, T. Y., Wu, E., & **Lee, Y. G. (corresponding author)**
Experiences of victimization and PrEP awareness and attitudes among men who have sex with men in the Jakarta Metropolitan Area
- Lee, Y. G.**, Vinogradov, V., Reeder, K., Davis, A., Paine, E. A., Laughney, C. I., Káli, S. V., Yelkeyev, A., Alipova, K., Suslov, S., Mergenova, G., Yang, X., Primbetova, S., Terlikbayeva, A., & Wu, E. Remote intervention facilitator training for remote intervention delivery: Model development and lessons learned
- Huang, Y. & **Lee, Y. G.** The Continuum of Violence: a qualitative synthesis of risk and protective factors of intimate partner violence among adult immigrant women
- Boyd, D., **Lee, Y. G.**, Freeman, J. Q., Raskin, A., Rodriguez, D., El-Bassel, N., & Wu, E. Partner violence: A significant part of a syndemic among Black men who have sex with men

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Freeman, J. Q., Li, X., Umutoni, V., **Lee, Y. G.**, Akhiwu, T. O., & Hoffman, H. J. (2025, November). *Relationships Between Long COVID and Mental Health Outcomes and Severity in the US Adult Population*. Oral presentation at the APHA 2025 Annual Meeting & Expo, Washington (DC), USA.
- Freeman, J. Q., Li, X., Umutoni, V., **Lee, Y. G.**, Akhiwu, T. O., & Hoffman, H. J. (2025, September). *Functional*. Poster presentation at the 18th AACR Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities, Baltimore (MD), USA.
- Wong, T. Y., Nevendorff, L., Reswana, W. & **Lee, Y. G.** (2025, September). *Exploring Correlates of Being Recently Untested for HIV Among Men Who Have Sex with Men in the Jakarta Metropolitan Area*. Poster presentation at INFECTION 2025 – Postgraduate Student Exchange Session, Hong Kong.
- Li, X., Bornstein, S., Altman, B., Xiang, Y., Umutoni, V., Freeman, J. Q., & **Lee, Y. G.** (2025, July). *Characteristics and Prevalence in HIV, Hepatitis B/C, and STDs Among Sexual Minority Men Who Inject Drugs in the US, 2021-2023*. e-Poster presentation at IAS 2025, the 13th IAS Conference on HIV Science, Kigali, Rwanda & Virtual.
- Li, X., Umutoni, V., Xiang, Y., Freeman, J. Q., & **Lee, Y. G.** (2025, July). *Depressive Disorder, HIV Testing, and High-risk Behaviors Among Transgender Persons in a US National Study*. Poster presentation at IAS 2025, the 13th IAS Conference on HIV Science, Kigali, Rwanda & Virtual.
- Wu, E., **Lee, Y. G.**, Vinogradov, V., Zhakupova, G., Mergenova, G., Davis, A., Paine, E. A., Hunt, T., Reeder, K., Primbetova, S., Terlikbayeva, A., Laughney, C., Chang, M., Baisarkin, B., Abihsev, A., Tukeyev, M., Abdraimov, S., Denebayeva, A., Kasymbekova, S., Tazhibayeva, G., & Kozhakmet, M. (2025, January). *A Stepped-Wedge Cluster Randomized Trial of Pride in HIV Care: A Crowdsourcing and Peer-Actuated Network Intervention to Increase Engagement in the HIV Care Continuum for Sexual Minority and Gender Expansive Men in Kazakhstan*. Symposium Paper presentation at the 29th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle (WA), USA.
- Lee, Y. G.**, Vinogradov, V., Mergenova, G., Paine, E. A., Laughney, C., Reeder, K., Sung, J., Davis, A., Primbetova, S., Terlikbayeva, A., & Wu, E. (2025, January). *COVID-19 Disruptions to HIV Prevention and Care Are Associated with Diminished Intention to Engage in Community Peer Outreach Among Sexual and Gender Expansive People in Kazakhstan*. Symposium Paper presentation at the 29th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle (WA), USA.
- Laughney, C., **Lee, Y. G.**, Mergenova, G., Vinogradov, V., Zhakupova, G., Paine, E. A., Primbetova, S., Terlikbayeva, A., & Wu, E. (2025, January). *HIV Risk Prevention Behaviors and PrEP Willingness Among Cisgender Men and Trans Individuals Who Have Sex with Men in Kazakhstan*. Symposium Paper presentation at the 29th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle (WA), USA.
- Reeder, K., **Lee, Y. G.**, Sung, J., Vinogradov, V., Zhakupova, G., Mergenova, G., Davis, A., Paine, E. A., Primbetova, S., Terlikbayeva, A., Kali, S., Hunt, T., & Wu, E. (2025, January). *Trans Health is Public Health: The Prevalence of HIV Among Trans and Gender Expansive People in Kazakhstan*. Symposium Paper presentation at the 29th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle (WA), USA.

- Laughney, C., **Lee, Y. G.**, Paine, E. A., Sandfort, T. G., & Wu, E. (2025, January). *Child Sexual Abuse as a Predictor of Specific and Cumulative Forms of Stigma-Related Victimization Among Transgender Adults in the United States*. Poster presentation at the 29th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Seattle (WA), USA.
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- Freeman, J. Q., Hara, J. H., Li, X., & **Lee, Y. G.** (2024, October). *Socioeconomic factors linked to refusals of treatment recommendations among men diagnosed with breast cancer*. Poster presentation at the APHA 2024 Annual Meeting & Expo, Minneapolis (MN), USA.
- Li, X., Freeman, J. Q., Xiang, Y., **Lee, Y. G.**, & Umutoni, V. (2024, March). *Sexual Minority Adults Experienced More Severe and Longer COVID-19 Symptoms Than Heterosexual Adults*. Poster presentation at the 2024 Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI), Denver (CO), USA.
- Li, X., Xiang, Y., Freeman, J. Q., & **Lee, Y. G.** (2024, March). *National HIV Testing Trends and Sociodemographic Correlates in Black Cisgender and Transgender Women*. Poster presentation at the 2024 Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI), Denver (CO), USA.
- Wu, E., **Lee, Y. G.**, Vinogradov, V., Zhakupova, G., Mergenova, G., Paine, E. A., Hunt, T., Reeder, K., Davis, A., Laughney, C. I., Primbetova, S., & Terlikbayeva, A. (2024, January). *Testing Community-Level Effects of a Crowdsourcing and Peer-Actuated Network Intervention on Internalized Homophobia and Transphobia and Psychological Distress Among Sexual and Gender Expansive Men in Kazakhstan*. Oral presentation at the 28th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington (DC), USA.
- Lee, Y. G.**, Alessi, E. J., Lynn, M., Starks, T., & Robles, G. (2024, January). *Everyday Discrimination and HIV Testing Among Partnered Latino/x Sexual Minority Men in the United States: A Stratified Analysis by Birth Location*. Oral presentation at the 28th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington (DC), USA.
- Lee, Y. G.**, Chikalogwe, V. P., Tarusarira, W., Raymond, H., Lynn, M., Kahn, S., & Alessi, E. J. (2024, January). *Pilot Study of an Arts and Theatre-Based HIV Prevention Intervention for Sexual and Gender Minority Migrants in South Africa: Acceptability, Feasibility, and Preliminary Efficacy*. Poster presentation at the 28th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington (DC), USA.
- Freeman, J. Q., Li, X., Akhiwu, T. O., & **Lee, Y. G.** (2023, December). *Associations between Virtual Care Access and Psychological and Mental Health Conditions Among Adults with Breast Cancer in the U.S.: A Population-Based Analysis*. Poster presentation at the 2023 San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, San Antonio (TX), USA.
- Robles, G., **Lee, Y. G.**, Hillesheim, J., Brusche, D., Lopez-Matos, J., Cain, D., & Starks, T. (2023, November). *Discrimination, Peer Social Support, and Mental Health in a Sample of Young Sexual Minority Men of Color*. Symposium presentation at the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies 57th Annual Convention, Seattle (WA), USA.
- Alessi, E. J., Alexander, L., **Lee, Y. G.**, Lynn, M., Aziz, A., Fletcher, C., & Zadeh, L. (2023, November). *How Do Legal Aid Cuts in the UK Impact LGBTQ+ People Seeking Asylum?: Perspectives from Providers and Directly Affected People*. Paper presentation at the 1st Queer(y)ing Asylum Symposium, The University of Nottingham, Nottingham, England.
- Alessi, E. J., Kahn, S., **Lee, Y. G.**, Tarusarira, W., & Chikalogwe Pilirani, V. (2023, November). *The Use of Arts- and Theatre-Based Methods to Facilitate Sexual Health and Wellness for Gay/Bisexual Men and Transgender Women Migrants*

in Cape Town, South Africa: Preliminary Findings from Externalize and Mobilize!. Paper presentation at the 1st Queer(y)ing Asylum Symposium, The University of Nottingham, Nottingham, England.

- Laughney, C. I., **Lee, Y. G.**, Mergenova, G., Vinogradov, V., Zhakupova, G., Paine, E. A., Primbetova, S., Terlikbayeva, A., & Wu, E. (2023, November). *Earlier Sexual Debut and Substance Use Among Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM) in Kazakhstan*. Poster presentation at the 2023 Annual Conference of The Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality (SSSS), New Orleans (LA), USA.
- Freeman, J. Q., Li, X., **Lee, Y. G.**, Scott, A., & Xiang, Y. (2023, October). *Impact of COVID-19 and Socioeconomic Status on Food Insecurity in the U.S. Adult Population: Analysis of the 2021 National Health Interview Survey*. Poster presentation at IDWeek 2023, Boston (MA), USA.
- Freeman, J. Q., Li, X., **Lee, Y. G.**, & Ahkiwu, T. (2023, October). *Associations of Socioeconomic Status and Care Access Measures with COVID-19 Testing in Patients with Breast Cancer*. Poster presentation at IDWeek 2023, Boston (MA), USA.
- Freeman, J. Q., **Lee, Y. G.**, & Li, X. (2023, October). *Telemedicine Use Disparities by Sexual Orientation and Socioeconomic Indicators in U.S. Adults with Cancers: A Population-Based Analysis*. Poster presentation at The Science of Cancer Health Equity in Sexual and Gender Minority Communities, New York (NY), USA.
- Freeman, J. Q., Li, X., & **Lee, Y. G.** (2023, September/October). *Prevalence of and Disparities in Food Insecurity Among Racial/Ethnic and Sexual Minority Adults With Cancers in the U.S.: Analysis of the National Health Interview Survey*. Poster presentation at the 16th American Association for Cancer Research Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved, Orlando (FL), USA.
- Vinogradov, V., **Lee, Y. G.**, Zhakupova, G., Mergenova, G., Davis, A., Paine, E. A., Reeder, K., Laughney, C. I., Primbetova, S., Terlikbayeva, A., Sugarman, J., & Wu, E. (2023, July). *Social Impacts of Multi-City HIV Prevention Research Participation Among Sexual and Gender Expansive Individuals in Kazakhstan*. e-Poster presentation at IAS 2023, the 12th IAS Conference on HIV Science, Brisbane, Australia.
- Freeman, J. Q., **Lee, Y. G.**, Li, X., Umutoni, V., Akhiwu, T. O., & Hara, J. H. (2023, June). *Racial/Ethnic Differences in Palliative Care Use Among Breast Cancer Patients by Metastatic Status: A National Cancer Database Analysis*. Poster presentation at the 2023 Society for Epidemiologic Research Annual Meeting, Portland (OR), USA.
- Laughney, C. I., **Lee, Y. G.**, & Wu, E. (2023, January). *Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) as a Mediator of Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) and Substance Use Among a National Probability Sample of Transgender and Gender-Expansive (TGE) Adults in the United States*. Poster presentation at the 27th Annual Conference of the Society for Social Work and Research, Phoenix (AZ), USA.
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- Vinogradov, V., **Lee, Y. G.**, Reeder, K., Mergenova, G., Kali, S., Yelkeyev, A., Davis, A., Alipova, K., Primbetova, S., Suslov, S., Terlikbayeva, A., El-Bassel, N., & Wu, E. (2022, January). *Remote Training for a Remotely Delivered HIV Preventive Intervention for Sexual and Gender Expansive Persons in Kazakhstan: Strategies and Lessons Learned*. Oral presentation at the 26th Annual Conference on the Society for Social Work and Research, Washington (DC), USA.
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- 2023 Rutgers University School of Social Work
SW502: *Human Behavior and the Social Environment* (MSW)

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| <i>International Journal of Social Welfare</i> | <i>Psychology, Health & Medicine</i> |
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| 2016–2022 | Graduate Research Fellowship , Columbia University School of Social Work |
| 2016 | Linda and Peter Hoffman Writing Award , Columbia University School of Social Work |
| 2007 | Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honor Society , Emory University |

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