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Education

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education (In Progress)
Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Master of Arts in Student Development Administration, 2014
Seattle University, Seattle, Washington

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, 2011
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California

Professional Experience

Research Assistant, Pathways Programs August 2021 – Present
Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Graduate Assistant, Student Success Initiatives May 2023 – August 2023
Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Graduate Assistant, New Student Orientation May 2022 – August 2022
Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

Assistant Director of Residential Education, Office of Residential Life and Learning July 2017 – July 2021
Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts

Area Coordinator/Intercultural Program Coordinator, Office of Residential Life July 2014 – June 2017
Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts

Graduate Program Coordinator, Health and Wellness Promotion August 2012 – May 2014
Seattle University, Seattle, Washington

Software Engineer, Enterprise Software Ecosystem October 2011 – June 2013
NetApp, Sunnyvale, California

Teaching Experience

Convener, Bailey Scholars Program, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan Fall 2023
ANR 310: Integrated Learning Seminar I

Course Development Graduate Assistant, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan Summer 2023
EDUC 785: Academic Affairs in Higher Education

Instructor, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan Spring 2023
EAD 315: Student Leadership Training

Instructor, Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts Fall 2014 – Spring 2017
EDUC 020: Foundations of Leadership

Chapters in Edited Volumes

Soltis, B. M. (forthcoming). Reflections of a multiracial father-scholar. In P. A. Sasso, D. Dos, & M. D. Nour (Eds.), *Blurring the boundaries and binaries: Belonging, gender, & mixed heritages in higher education in the United States*. Information Age Publishing.

Sasso, P. A., & Soltis, B. M. (forthcoming). Beyond “logic:” The college multiracial masculinities developmental pathways model. In P. A. Sasso, D. Dos, & M. D. Nour (Eds.), *Blurring the boundaries and binaries: Belonging, gender, & mixed heritages in higher education in the United States*. Information Age Publishing.

Soltis, B. M. (2023). I am from mixedness. In H. H. White & M. H. Mantos (Eds.), *Transracial adoptee and multiracial perspectives: Navigating higher education spaces as our authentic selves* (pp. 20–24). NASPA.

Soltis, B. M. (2016). Between the model minority myth and Whiteness. In M. Jeffries, & M. Dimmett (Eds.), *Family: An iBook devoted to stories about multiracial/transracial families* (pp. 38–40). NASPA. https://www.naspa.org/images/uploads/kcs/MRKC_Family.pdf

Book Reviews

Soltis, B. M. (forthcoming). Review of *Identity interconnections: Pursuing poststructural possibilities in student affairs praxis* by A. A. Ashlee & L. D. Combs (Eds.), *Journal of Critical Scholarship in Higher Education and Student Affairs*.

Soltis, B. M. (2023). Review of *Writing your journal article in twelve weeks: A guide to academic publishing success* (2nd ed.) by W. L. Belcher. The Manual, 22, 12.

Soltis, B. M. (2022). Review of *Preparing for higher education’s mixed race future: Why multiraciality matters* by M. P. Johnston-Guerrero, L. D. Combs, & V. K. Malaney-Brown (Eds.), *The Manual*, 18, 10.

Conference Papers

Soltis, B. M., & Stone-Sewalish, C. (accepted/2023). *Leadership or labor? Resident Assistant pathways to unionization* [Work in progress presentation]. Association for the Study of Higher Education. Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States.

Soltis, B. M. (2023). “*We stand in solidarity with...*”: *An analysis of university public responses to anti-Asian hate* [Roundtable presentation]. American Educational Research Association. Chicago, Illinois, United States.

Soltis, B. M. (2023). *Who is Asian anyways? Asian identity, multiraciality, and generational proximity* [Paper presentation]. Asian Pacific American Studies Symposium. Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, United States.

Other Writing, Publications, and Media

Soltis, B. M. (forthcoming). “*I can get through anything*”: *Persistence of sophomore students of color through crisis*. University Innovation Alliance.

Soltis, B. M. (forthcoming). *Envisioning student success for sophomore students of color*. University Innovation Alliance.

Soltis, B. M. (forthcoming). *What I learned from presenting during the last timeslot at AERA*. The Pen.

Soltis, B. M., & McCacy, D. (forthcoming). Returning to academia: Tracing pathways from Student Development Administration to doctoral education. *MAGIS: A Student Development Journal*, 17.

Soltis, B. M. (2023, June 12). *A loving critique*. NASPA. <https://www.naspa.org/blog/a-loving-critique>

Soltis, B. M. (2023). *Multiraciality at a crossroads: Reinforcing racial categories or challenging racial boundaries?* American Journal of Education Forum. <https://www.ajeforum.com/multiraciality-at-a-crossroads-reinforcing-racial-categories-or-challenging-racial-boundaries-by-brendon-m-soltis/>

Soltis, B. M. (2022). Considering the implications of assessment metrics for practitioners. *MAGIS: A Student Development Journal*, 16, 35–40.

Soltis, B. M. (2015, September 8). *Am I half-privileged?* NASPA. <https://www.naspa.org/blog/am-i-half-privileged>

Soltis, B. M. (2014). New directions for alcohol interventions as sanctions. *MAGIS: A Student Development Journal*, 8, 112–132.

Professional Presentations

Sasso, P. A., & Soltis, B. M. (2023). *Exploration of critical multiracial masculinities*. 3rd Annual Institute for Critical Perspectives & Practices on College Masculinities. Coalition of Men and Masculinities, Association for College Personnel Administrators.

Soltis, B. M., Singh, H. V., & Ramón, J. A. (2023). *Disrupting monoracial-only paradigms: Analyzing student affairs programs, processes, and policies using MultiCrit*. National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Conference. Boston, Massachusetts, United States.

Zamora, E., Soltis, B. M., Ellingwood, J., & Wright, N. (2023). *A practitioner's guide to multiraciality research in higher education*. National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Conference. Boston, Massachusetts, United States.

Potter, H. D., & Soltis, B. M. (2023/Cancelled). *Space and place: Discussing experiences across borders of adoptees and multiracial identities* [Preconference session]. National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Conference. Boston, Massachusetts, United States.

Soltis, B. M. (2023). *Disrupting discourses in multiraciality: Heritage, identity, and generational proximity*. HALE Graduate Research Colloquium. East Lansing, Michigan, United States.

Hood, A., Wellman, S., Smitgen, M., Shackleford, L. J., Rodezno, S., & Soltis, B. M. (2023). *The academic musings of an MSU Ph.D. program cohort: Community, challenges, and chutzpah (extreme self-confidence or audacity)*. HALE Graduate Research Colloquium. East Lansing, Michigan, United States.

Soltis, B. M. (2022). *Responding to anti-Asian hate during the pandemic*. National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Region IV-West & East Joint Conference. Chicago, Illinois, United States.

Soltis, B. M., & Singh, H. V. (2022). *An analysis of university public responses to anti-Asian hate* [Research talk]. Asian Pacific American Studies Symposium. Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, United States.

Yamamura, E., Harden, Y., Blackstad, A., Blakeney, E., Benavides, V., & Soltis, B. (2014). *Community college partnership for equity & diversity: Best practices for graduate student community-based learning*. National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Conference. Baltimore, Maryland, United States.

Grants and Fellowships

Bailey Scholars Graduate Fellowship, Michigan State University. 2023–2024. \$2500 to support development as a convener of a learning community and co-researcher.

Donald W. Maine Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Higher Education Administration, Michigan State University. 2023–2024. \$3500 to aid completion of a doctoral degree in Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education.

Summer Research Fellowship, Michigan State University. 2023. \$7,000 to support an analysis of recommendations to support multiracial students in college from 2000–2022.

Doctoral Research Fellowship, University Innovation Alliance. 2022–2023. \$10,000 to support a study examining the experiences of sophomore students of color.

Summer Research Development Fellowship, Michigan State University. 2022. \$6,000 to support a scoping literature review of multiraciality in higher education.

Service

University Service

- Career Center Search Committee, Tufts University, 2019
- Professional Development Committee, Tufts University, 2018–2019
- Diversity and Inclusion Task Force, Wheaton College, 2016–2017
- Staff of Color Association Co-Chair, Wheaton College, 2015–2017
- Employee Environment Committee Member, Staff Council, Wheaton College, 2015–2017
- Identity-based Student Organization Advisor, Wheaton College, 2015–2017

American Educational Research Association (AERA)

- Graduate Student Committee, Qualitative Research Special Interest Group, 2022–2023

Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE)

- Annual Conference Program Reviewer, 2023

National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA)

- Research Co-Coordinator, Transracial Adoptee & Multiracial Knowledge Community, 2023–Present
- Knowledge Community Publication Committee, 2023–2024
- Multiracial Advocacy & Education Coordinator, Transracial Adoptee & Multiracial Knowledge Community, 2022–2023
- National Conference Program Reviewer, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022
- Region IV-E Conference Program Reviewer, 2022
- Region IV-E Research and Practice Grant Reviewer, 2022
- New Professional Mentor Institute Planning Committee, 2018
- Multiracial Knowledge Community Region 1 Representative, 2016–2018

Other Professional Organization Service

- Membership Coordinator, Boston Area College Housing Association, 2019–2020

Editorial Boards

- New Professional and Graduate Student Board, *Journal of Student Affairs Research and Practice*, 2023–Present
- Reviewer, *Journal of College and University Student Housing*, 2022–Present
- Associate Editor, Student Board, *American Journal of Education*, 2023–Present
- Reviewer, Student Board, *American Journal of Education*, 2022–Present
- Reviewer, *MAGIS: A Student Development Journal*, 2013–2014

Professional Affiliations

- Alpha Sigma Nu (ASN) Honors Society
- American Educational Research Association (AERA)
- Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE)
- Critical Mixed Race Studies (CMRS)
- National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA)