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<p><i>Title of study</i></p>	<p>Exploring the impact of contemporary social discourses on the play of families with children at risk of play deprivation</p>
<p><i>Supervisor(s)</i></p>	<p>Jeanne Jackson (UCC), Sarah Kantartzis (QMU, Edinburgh)</p>
<p><i>Background/Abstract (350 words max)</i></p>	<p>Play deprivation occurs when children do not have the same freedom or capacity to access play opportunities on an equal basis to other children, due to cultural, social, and attitudinal barriers. Socio-cultural discourses about play are often adopted by parents, caregivers and teachers and used to guide the play opportunities provided for children. This becomes problematic when ideologies about play behaviour lead to play deprivation. Research that explores play from a gendered perspective, a category defined by the UNCR as having possible implications for play deprivation, is needed to progress the understanding of play diversity in families and communities. Using a critical analysis, this candidate's research will explore gender ideologies as they appear in children's play using the voices and observations of children, parents, caregivers and teachers.</p>

<p><i>Publications (e.g. articles, conferences etc)</i></p>	<p>Ergonomics and the standing desk https://content.iospress.com/articles/work/wor2736</p> <p>Physicians' Role in Patient Ergonomics: A Pilot Study https://search.proquest.com/docview/2195501884?accountid=14504</p>
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<p><i>Biography e.g. qualification/training/work history (200 words max)</i></p>	<p>Allison Mula received her BSc in Occupational Science, her MSc in Occupational Therapy, and minor in African American Studies from University at Buffalo in Buffalo, New York in 2012. She received her Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree from Boston University, Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences in 2019. For the previous 9 years she has worked as an acute care occupational therapist and ergonomic consultant in the Washington DC metro area in the United States.</p> <p>Being an Occupational Therapist and certified yoga instructor, have strongly influenced her understanding that a holistic lens is a crucial component of true health and wellbeing. Her minor in African American studies gave her the insight to understand that marginalized communities likely have limited access to services that embrace this approach. With this as a driving force for her work, she became involved as a volunteer with a community housing development where she conducted relaxation classes for the residents, and also served as a resource for a non-profit organization that provides services to individuals who have experienced trauma. Considering her passion for working with underserved communities, it was a natural transition to begin her exploration into her thesis topic, exploring the impact of contemporary social discourses on the play of families with children at risk of play deprivation.</p>
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