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Academic Profile

Vincent Mousseau (they/he/iel) is a Black queer scholar whose research examines how Black queer and trans communities produce alternative infrastructures of care beyond institutional systems. Their work engages critical Black studies, social work, and health research to develop speculative care as a framework for analyzing community survival, kinship, and health. Methodologically, their research draws on feminist, abolitionist, and community-engaged approaches to study forms of care that exceed legibility within dominant institutional frameworks.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Health (2022–2026, expected)

Dalhousie University, Kjiptuk (Halifax, NS)

Dissertation title: *Illegible, Not Invisible: Speculative Care, Fugitive Methodologies, and Health Beyond Recognition*

Supervisor: Terrence O. Lewis, PhD RSW

Committee Members: OmiSoore Dryden, PhD and Barbara Hamilton-Hinch, PhD

Master of Science in Social Work (2020–2022)

Université de Montréal, Tiohtià:ke (Montréal, QC)

Research Topic: Black LGBTQ+ identity development in Québec

Dean's Honour List

Co-Supervisors: Edward Ou Jin Lee, PhD and Annie Pullen Sansfaçon, PhD RSW

Bachelor of Social Work (2017–2020)

McGill University, Tiohtià:ke (Montréal, QC)

Dean's Honour List

Scholarships and Awards

Finalist, Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Scholarship

Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation, 2024

Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), September 2022

President's Award

Dalhousie University, September 2022

Master's Research Scholarship

Fonds de recherche du Québec—Société et culture (FRQSC), September 2021

Laurent McCutcheon Scholarship

Fondation Émergence, May 2021

Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master's

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), September 2020

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Mousseau, V. (in press). Fugitive Cartographies: Black Queer Drift as Method, Memory, and Refusal. *Capacious: Journal for Emerging Affect Inquiry*.

Mousseau, V. (2025). Ballroom as Speculative Care: Black Queer Kinship and Health Beyond Recognition. *L'Esprit créateur*.

Mousseau, V. (2025). Cartographier les soins fugitifs: dérives noires, mémoire et résistance queer à Tiohtià:ke. *Histoire engagée*.

Lusikila, C., & **Mousseau, V.** (2022). Au-delà de la question culturelle: pour une intervention conscientisée aux réalités sociohistoriques des populations Noires de Montréal. *Intervention*.

Theses

Mousseau, V. (2022). *À l'intersection des expériences: mieux comprendre le développement identitaire des populations Noires LGBTQ+ du Québec*. Master's Thesis, Université de Montréal.

Teaching and Pedagogical Experience

Co-Instructor

Critical Clinical Practice Foundations for Social Work Intervention (SLWK 5003)
Dalhousie University, School of Social Work, Fall 2022

Co-designed course materials and assignments; led weekly class discussions; independently evaluated written work; provided structured feedback and academic mentorship in hybrid learning environments.

Guest Lectures

Travail social interculturelle critique et antiraciste (TRS2850)
Université du Québec à Montréal, School of Social Work, Winter 2026

Invited lecture on Africentric social work practice; designed session integrating assigned readings and facilitated seminar-style discussion on anti-racist and decolonial frameworks in practice.

Respecting Diversity in Human Relations (AHSC 311)
Concordia University, Department of Applied Human Sciences, Winter 2025

Delivered lecture on anti-Blackness; structured interactive discussion linking theoretical frameworks to applied case analysis in human relations contexts.

The Idea of Race in Philosophy, Literature, and Art (CTMP 2115)
University of King's College, Winter 2023

Delivered lecture on Afropessimism, abolition, and Black joy; facilitated close reading and critical discussion at the intersection of race theory, aesthetics, and political thought.

Homosexualité et société (SHM4000)
Université du Québec à Montréal, Faculty of Social Sciences, Fall 2022–2025 (annually)

Invited annually to design and deliver lecture modules on intersectionality and LGBTQ+ issues; facilitated extended seminar discussions and assessment-based engagement.

Teaching Assistantships

Sexualités, genres et travail social (SVS 6426)
Université de Montréal, School of Social Work, Winter 2022

Travail social, sexe et genre (SVS 2110)
Université de Montréal, School of Social Work, Winter 2022

Selected Conferences and Presentations

Invited Talks

Kiki as Resistance: Shaping Black Queer and Trans Identities

McGill Libraries, Tiohtià:ke (Montréal, QC), October 2023

Bien intervenir auprès des communautés Noires LGBTQ+ du Québec

Research Chair on Sexual and Gender Diversity, Université du Québec à Montréal, Tiohtià:ke (Montréal, QC), September 2021

Oser contester : Tournant vers nos racines radicales pour adresser l'inclusion raciale

CBRC Summit 2020: Resistance and Responsibility, Vancouver, BC, November 2020

Refereed Conference Presentations

Vers une intravention des soins kiki : réimaginer la santé mentale pour les communautés noires queer et trans

CBRC Summit 2025: Convergence and Emergence, Tiohtià:ke (Montréal, QC), November 2025

"I Have a Right to Be Happy, to Flourish, and to Assert My Own Identity": Black LGBTQ+ Identity Development in Quebec

5th International Conference on Sexuality and Social Work, Glasgow, Scotland, July 2023

« Un souper presque parfait » : Construisons la résilience Noire à travers la communauté

Let's Talk About Racism in Social Work! — Colloquium on Anti-Racist Initiatives in Social Work Education in Québec, Tiohtià:ke (Montréal, QC), 2022

Co-presented with Caroline Keisha Foray, Charlène Lusikila, and Jessica Gilles

Projet Kominote : Bien intervenir auprès des hommes GBTQ+ Noirs de Montréal

CBRC Summit 2020: Resistance and Responsibility, Vancouver, BC, November 2020

Du sang à donner : Favoriser la recherche axée sur les personnes Noires et l'engagement communautaire

Acfas Conference, Université du Québec en Outaouais, Gatineau, QC, May 2019

Co-presented with Edward Ou Jin Lee, OmiSoore Dryden, and Laurent Lafontant

Les défis quant aux contributions à la recherche des milieux universitaires, communautaires et institutionnels auprès des personnes LGBTQ migrantes, ethnicisées et racisées

Acfas Conference, Université du Québec en Outaouais, Gatineau, QC, May 2019

Co-presented with Edward Ou Jin Lee, Marianne Chabat, Jade Almeida, Maxime Faddoul, and Olivier Roy

Community and Public Presentations

Practicing Care Without Permission: Ballroom, Kiki, and Collective Resistance
Public Lecture Series, Kjiptuk (Halifax, NS); Epektuk (Charlottetown, PE); Tiohtià:ke (Montréal, QC), March 2026

Pride Supremacy: Our Struggles. Your Victories. Our Challenges.
International LGBTTIQA2S Rights Conference, Montréal, QC, August 2017

Professional Experience

Registered Social Worker (2021–2026)

Independent Practice, Tiohtià:ke (Montréal, QC)

Deliver trauma-informed, anti-oppressive counselling to 2SLGBTQ+, Black, and racialized clients, integrating Afrocentric and harm reduction frameworks. Provide consultation and reflective supervision, and design practitioner training on equity-oriented care, crisis response, and inclusive practice.

Registered Social Worker (2020–2021)

Clinique médicale l'Actuel, Tiohtià:ke (Montréal, QC)

Delivered psychosocial support and crisis intervention in HIV and sexual health settings. Collaborated on interdisciplinary care and facilitated patient navigation and mental health referrals using a strengths-based, evidence-informed approach.

Project Officer, Kominote (2020)

RÉZO, Tiohtià:ke (Montréal, QC)

Coordinated and evaluated a community-based initiative on mental and sexual health among Black GBTO+ men in Montréal. Developed interventions and curricula aligned with community needs, and collaborated across stakeholders to support program delivery, data collection, and knowledge mobilization.

Research Assistant, #GotBlood2Give Project (2018)

Ontario HIV Treatment Centre, Tkaronto (Toronto, ON)

Conducted qualitative research on barriers to blood donation among queer and racialized communities; supported ethics, data collection, and analysis, and trained research assistants in trauma-informed interviewing.

Academic and Professional Service

Mentor, Africentric Social Work Cohort (2023–2025)

School of Social Work, Dalhousie University

Peer Reviewer (2024)

JMIR Nursing

Summit Planning Committee (2021–2022)
Community-Based Research Centre

Vice President, Internal (2017–2019)
McGill Social Work Student Association

Community Engagement

Facilitator, QTBIPOC Unburdening Space (2024–2025)
Peer support group, Tiohtià:ke (Montréal, QC)

Facilitator: Community Support Sessions (2023)
Peer support group, Tiohtià:ke (Montréal, QC)

Co-Facilitator, Anxiety Management Group for 2SLGBTQ+ Youth (2020)
Project 10, Tiohtià:ke (Montréal, QC)

Lead Organizer, Service Providers' Summit on QTBIPOC Health and Well-Being (2019)
McGill University & Nova Scotia Youth Project, Kijipuktuk (Halifax, NS)

Professional Licensure

Ordre des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec
Since 2020

Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers
Since 2021

Nova Scotia College of Social Workers
Since 2021

Languages

English – Native proficiency

French – Native proficiency

Italian – Intermediate proficiency