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**Title of your research project.**

The Super-vision of Autoethnographic Dissertation Studies: Transformative Stories of the Supervisor and the Supervised Revealed

**Description of research. Please provide a few sentences that explain the question and the methods employed in this research project.**

The purpose of this research is to explore the supervision of dissertations, from the perspective of the supervisor and two supervisees who did dissertations that had an evocative autoethnographic component. Our collaboration highlights ways in which we've offered super-vision to each other (often unknowingly) in different aspects of our lives. We have also analyzed how we've developed a greater understanding of Transformative Learning as grounded in the visceral, the spiritual, and the relational that are intricately connected to the Big Questions of Love, Death, and life purpose.

**Did this project include Penn State students as researchers?**

No

**If yes to the above question, please state where it was published.**

Will be published in 2022 in Adult Learning which is an international, peer-reviewed, practice-oriented journal.

**What problem do you address with your research?**

We argue that autoethnography in context of scholarly writing encourages both an inner looking, and an outward looking that results in a super-vision, that is the result of the relationship between the supervisor and the supervisee, which evokes further insights, analysis, and reflexive stories.