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RESEARCH PROGRAM

Licensed clinical social worker with domestic and global professional work and research experience. Research interests include risk and protective factors of mental illness among displaced populations, with emphasis on intervention and implementation research. Other research interest includes secondary traumatic stress, burnout, vicarious trauma and vicarious posttraumatic growth among service providers who work with traumatized and displaced populations.

EDUCATION

PhD Candidate	Columbia University School of Social Work Concentration in Advance Practice	Anticipated graduation: May 2021
MSW	Boston College School of Social Work Concentration in Clinical Global Practice	May 2010
BS	University of Connecticut Major: Psychology; Cum Laude New England Scholar (2006)	May 2008

EXPERIENCE

Research

2017 – present	Graduate Research Assistant Columbia University School of Social Work. Social Intervention Group Project Title: Advancing Solutions in Policy, Implementation, Research, and Engagement for Refugees (ASPIRE) PIs: Drs. Nabila El-Bassel & Neeraj Kashual
2012-2014	Research and Scientific Writing Intern & Project Coordinator Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health Project Title: Mental health screening in Haitians: Building links between primary care providers and community-based organizations Co-PIs: Drs. Linda Marc, Marcia Testa, & Astrid Desrosiers
2007-2008	Research Assistant University of Connecticut Department of Psychology Topic: Religion and spirituality among congestive heart failure patients. PI: Dr. Crystal Park

Practice

2016-2017	Director of Cultural Broker Program for Refugees Jewish Family Service of Western MA, Springfield, MA Directed and managed a culturally diverse professional and paraprofessional team that provided behavioral health services (case management, in-home therapy, and domestic violence intervention) for refugee and asylum seekers in Western Massachusetts.
2014-2016	Coordinator of Refugee Mental Health Services Jewish Family Service of Western MA, Springfield, MA Managed and supervised a team of paraprofessionals that provided behavioral health case management for refugee and asylum seekers in Western Massachusetts.

- 2011-2015 Emergency Services Mental Health Crisis Clinician
Behavioral Health Network Inc., Springfield, MA
Provided crisis intervention and counseling for clients struggling with acute mental illness, substance use, suicidal/homicidal behaviors, and/or psychosis.
- 2010 HIV/AIDS Social Work Intern
Bhubezi (Ndlovu Care Group) Community Health Center. Mpumalanga, South Africa
Conducted voluntary counseling and treatment (VCT), adherence counseling, and home visits for HIV/AIDS clients.
- 2008-2009 Psychiatric Social Work Intern – Geriatric Inpatient Psych Unit
Quincy Medical Center Department of Psychiatry, Quincy, MA
Assisted with psychosocial evaluations, case management, advocacy, and facilitated weekly activity group within the 22-bed inpatient psychiatric unit.

Teaching & University Service

- Fall 2013 Guest Lecturer. Social Work with Individual and Families. Elms College. Chicopee, MA
- 2009 HIV/AIDS Awareness Committee Student Leader.
Boston College Graduate School of Social Work. Boston, MA.

PUBLICATIONS

- Brooks, M. A.**, Dasgupta, A., Şahin-Taşğın, N., Meinhart, M., Tekin, U., Yüksek, D., Kashual, N., & El-Bassel, Nabila. (in preparation). Examining the gendered mental health of service providers working with Syrian refugees in Istanbul, Turkey: secondary traumatic stress, depression and anxiety.
- Brooks, M. A.**, Meinhart M., Samawi, L., Mukherjee, T., Jaber R., Alhomsh, H., Kashual, N., Al-Qotob, R., Khadra, M., El-Basel, N. & Dasgupta, A. (in preparation). Examining prevalence rates and exploring predictors of post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and anxiety among a sample of Syrian refugee women in Jordan.
- Frounfelker, R. L., Miconi, D., Farrar, J., **Brooks, M. A.**, Rousseau, C., & Bentancourt, T. S. (2020). Mental Health of Refugee Children and Youth: *Epidemiology, Interventions, and Future Directions*. *Annual Review of Public Health*, 41, 159-176. [doi:10.1146/annurev-publhealth-040119-094230](https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-publhealth-040119-094230)
- Parker, S., **Brooks, M. A.**, Desrosiers, A., Piton, J., Testa, M. A., & Marc L. G. Report: Mental Health Screening for Haitians: Building Links between Primary Care Providers and Community Based Organization. Funded by Harvard Catalyst through the Community Health Innovation Program, 2012-2013.
- Lombe, M., Newransky, C., Stokes, C., & **Brooks, M. A.** (2010). Exploring Moderating Effects of Violent Conflict on Household Welfare in a Resource Constrained Environment: The Case of Sub-Saharan Africa. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 36(4), 289-302. [doi:10.1080/01488376.2010.493852](https://doi.org/10.1080/01488376.2010.493852)
- Park, C. L., **Brooks, M. A.**, & Sussman, J. (2009, 3rd Quarter). Dimensions of Religion and Spirituality in Psychological Adjustment in Older Adults Living with Congestive Heart Failure. In A. Ai & M. Ardel (Eds.), *The role of faith in the well-being of older adults: Linking theories with evidence in an interdisciplinary inquiry*. Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers.

PRESENTATIONS

Brooks, M. A. & Project ASPIRE. (2019, May) *Mental health outcomes among Syrian refugee women in Jordan and service providers in Turkey*. Poster session presented at Columbia University Committee on Forced Migration, New York, NY.

Reiniger, K., **Brooks, M. A.**, Ahmed, Y., & Dulal, P. (2017, May). *Refugee families supporting resilience*. Workshop session presented at Western New England University, Springfield, MA.

Park, C. L., Sussman, J., **Brooks, M. A.**, Gagne, M., Sebben, M., & Edmondson, D. (2008, August). *Spiritual Struggle in Advanced Heart Failure Patients: Correlates and Consequences*. Paper session presented at American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Boston, MA.

Park, C. L., Sussman J., & **Brooks M. A.** (2007, November). *Religious/Spiritual Predictors of Post-traumatic Growth in Heart Failure Patients*. Poster session presented at Culture, Diversity, Social Issues and Public Policy, 23rd ISTSS Meeting, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.

LICENSURE / PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, (License #117559), Commonwealth of Massachusetts